



Respite Care Program Grants

Alabama Lifespan Respite (ALR) is looking to fund direct respite care programs specifically for underserved populations. Respite is a temporary short-term relief/break for caregivers of individuals with special needs.

The Respite Care Program Grants will be available once a year, as funding allows, to increase direct respite care services to existing and start-up programs that provide services to underserved populations. Priority is given to programs serving rural communities, Hispanic/Latino and/or African American families, and children at risk for abuse and neglect. Other populations will be considered as well. A program is eligible to apply for this grant if they will be providing direct respite care as of March 1, 2022.

ALR is able to offer these grant funds through the Federal Lifespan Respite Grant program in partnership with the Alabama Department of Senior Services. Proposals will be peer reviewed.

CRITERIA FOR 2022 Respite Care Program Grants

- The program must provide respite care in Alabama
- Grant requests should be \$2,000 or less
- Direct respite care hours will be provided March 1–Dec. 31, 2022
- Grant funds should be used for direct respite services. Examples include:
 - Covering the program fees for individuals in the identified populations
 - Creating new respite programs that target an underserved population
 - Expanding existing programs to underserved populations
 - Staff costs, program supplies, activities, rental space, etc. that relate to providing respite to underserved populations.

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 5, 2022 – Grant Application released

Feb. 15, 2022 – Grant applications due by 5 p.m.

March 1, 2022 – Grant Awards will be announced

July 31, 2022 – Progress Report Due (1–page reporting on impact, participants served, and hours of provided respite care)

Any questions can be directed to Tracy Cieniewicz at tracyc@ucphuntsville.org.

APPLICATION

Please respond to the following questions in a document no longer than 4 pages (includes the cover page). **Please email your application to ALR Director Tracy Cieniewicz at tracyc@ucphuntsville.org.** Put Respite Care Program Grant Application in the subject line.

Cover Page:

- Agency Name/ Program Name and year established
- Agency Mailing Address
- Contact Name, Email, Phone Number
- Agency website and/or social media links
- Amount Requested
- Identify if this is a start-up program or an existing program
- Client Age: Children, Adult, Elderly, ALL
- Client Population and Disabilities Served
- Summary of Request (one paragraph summary of request, no more than 250 words)

Pages 2-3 – Answer the Following Questions

1. Describe the respite program that will use these funds.
2. Describe how these funds will be used to increase respite care services to your identified underserved population.
3. Write 1-3 measurable outcomes related to respite for underserved populations (serving caregivers, direct service hours, number of participants, etc.).
4. If this is a start-up program, please describe your sustainability plan for the new program.
5. How many people do you estimate will be touched by these grant funds?
6. How many hours of direct respite service do you plan on providing because of these funds?
7. Please provide contact information for three references.

Page 4: Include a budget of how grant funds will be spent.

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