

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION NORTHERN CALIFORNIA & NORTHERN NEVADA CHAPTER CAREGIVER RESPITE GRANT PROGRAM

The Northern California/Northern Nevada Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association offers a respite grant to individuals who reside in Northern California and are caring full time for a family member with Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder. 'Respite Care' is a service designed to provide a break, or time of caregiver relief, from the constant physical and emotional stress of caring for a person with Alzheimer's disease.

The program is funded through endowments from individual, foundation, community and government agency donors. This is a one-time only grant. Grant awards are typically \$1,000 per family to be used within a six-month period, however the total allotment and time frame may vary depending on individual circumstances. There is a wait list of 8 to 10 weeks once the application has been received in our office unless there is an urgent / emergency need for care.

The grant will only pay for in-home care, adult day care or temporary overnight care in a facility. It will not pay for any respite services the family has already received or any other expenses. It is the family's responsibility to arrange for respite care services and monitor expenses.

Respite grant funds are not given directly to the primary family caregiver. Payment for care services is made after an invoice or time sheet is submitted to the Alzheimer's Association, Northern California Chapter by the home care aide/home care agency, adult day care or residential care facility. Private home care aides must complete a W-9 Form.

To be eligible for our Caregiver Respite Grant, the following criteria must be met:

- » Primary family caregiver and person with dementia must live in Northern California
- » Person with dementia **must have Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder.**
- » Primary caregiver **must be providing substantial support** for the person with dementia and **living at the same address.**
- » Primary caregiver must be in need of respite or additional respite.
- » Primary caregiver and person with dementia has **low assets and inability to pay** for care.

If you meet all above criteria, the primary caregiver must FIRST CONTACT OUR 24/7 HELPLINE at 1.800.272.3900 before completing the application and submitting it to the Alzheimer's Association.

The Helpline clinician will provide a pre-screen for primary caregiver eligibility. If eligible, the primary caregiver will receive a phone call from a Family Care Specialist within a few days. The Family Care Specialist will review the grant process along with other helpful resources. If the primary caregiver meets further eligibility, the Family Care Specialist will send them a Caregiver Respite Grant application along with instructions how to submit the completed application. This is a one-time only grant