

Grants that provide services to seniors and family caregivers continued:

Family Caregiver Support

Services provided to the caregiver of anyone 60 and older or grandparents raising grandchildren who are 55 and over. Services include caregiver support groups, caregiver education and training, counseling, respite and information and assistance accessing services.

ADRD Mini-Grants

Statewide grants that provide a maximum benefit of \$2500 per year per individual to pay for supplies or services that are not covered by other sources. ADRD mini-grants are distributed through the Alzheimer's Disease Resource Agency of Alaska (ADRAA).

Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC)

One stop information and referral source for seniors and individuals with disabilities seeking longer term care services stateside. This program is intended to link consumers, providers and state resources through the use of an electronic database, hard copy service directory, face to face referral, and integration of the newly adopted statewide 211 Social Services Information directory. (See Kjersti for details)

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Bridging the Gap with Grants

An Overview of DSDS Grants



General Information

Senior and Disabilities Services (SDS) distributes and manages grant funds to provide community based services to families and individuals experiencing Developmental Disabilities (DD), Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders (ADRD), seniors aged 60 and over, and /or frail or disabled seniors who need assistance in the home.

Grant funds are available to persons who are waiting or do not qualify Home and Community Based services under the Medicaid Waiver program, or who only require minimal supports that can be provided by the grants.

What services are offered and who is eligible?

Grants are categorized by the populations they serve and the services they provide. Grant funds are awarded to provider organizations throughout the state who are in turn responsible for providing community based services to families and individuals as identified in their grant proposal. Grants are awarded every three or four years through a competitive process.

Grants fund services to families and individuals experiencing developmental disabilities

The STAR Program

Short-Term Assistance and Referral (STAR) programs are available to individuals entering the developmental disabilities system. STAR program specialists assist families and individuals with applications, accessing available services and resources in their community, and/or limited assistance in crisis situations.

DD Community Grants

Statewide grants that address the needs of individuals and their families by providing a flexible menu of "habilitation" services or respite. Services that a person may receive vary depending upon the person's age and unique needs and include supported employment, care coordination, day habilitation, supported living skills or other. Specialized services include legal assistance, recreational habilitation, and behavior risk management.

DD Mini-Grants

Statewide grants that provide a maximum benefit of \$2500 per year per individual to pay for supplies or services that are not covered by other sources. DD mini-grant applications are reviewed and funding distributed through select STAR programs throughout the state.

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Nutrition, Transportation and Support Services

Statewide services provided mainly through local senior centers. Services are available to individuals 60 and older and include congregate and home delivered meals, transportation, homemaker, health promotion activities, legal services, statewide media services and community service programs such as Retired Senior Volunteers, Senior Companions and Foster Grandparents/Elder Mentor programs.

Senior In-Home Services

Statewide services that provide a flexible menu of services designed to meet the individuals and family needs. Service include care coordination, chore, respite and extended respite.

Adult Day Services

Day care services provided for adults primarily with ADRD in a group setting. Adult day services provide a variety of program activities designed to meet the individuals needs and interests of the participants.

ADRD Education and Support

Information provided to family members and individuals experiencing dementia. Services are provided by the Alzheimer's Disease Resource Agency of Alaska in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, and Mat-Su.