

South Dakota Department of Human Services Federal Funding Summary

Overview

The Department of Human Services received a total of \$5,500,000 in grant funding in response to COVID-19 covering Families First, CARES Act and Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) Critical Relief funds.

Families First Funds

Nutrition providers received a total of \$1,200,000 from the Families First funds. The funds were used to support nutrition services including nutritious meals, nutrition education and other appropriate nutrition services for older adults in order to maintain health, independence and quality of life. Meals and nutrition services were to be served in a congregate setting or delivered to the home.

Congregate Meals Award -	\$400,000
Home Delivered Meals Award -	\$800,000

A transfer request was submitted to ACL and approved to move all funds into the Home Delivered Meal Program.

Provider	Amount
Senior Citizens Services Inc	\$ 75,264.24
Bennett County Senior Citizens	\$ 26,827.20
Rural Office of Comm Srvc	\$ 46,740.48
Yankton Senior Citizens Center	\$ 16,660.97
Wheels & Meals Corporation	\$ 6,728.40
Ponderosa Apartments Inc	\$ 16,126.36
Area IV Senior Citizens	\$ 216,852.51
Huron Area Senior Center Inc	\$ 48,389.24
Rosebud Sioux Tribe	\$ 31,540.50
Interlakes Community Action PT	\$ 199,234.05
Mitchell-City of	\$ 48,883.45
Sisseton Wahpeton Sioux Tribe	\$ 5,182.65
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe	\$ 1,727.55
Western SD Senior Svcs Inc	\$ 459,842.40
Total Award	\$ 1,200,000.00

CARES Act Funds

The Department received a total of \$4,000,000 in CARES Act funds which were allocated into four different programs consisting of the Ombudsman Program, the Family Caregiver Support Program, Supportive Services and Nutrition.

Ombudsman Program Funds - \$100,000

The Ombudsman program consists of the State Long Term Care Ombudsman and six local Ombudsman personnel. The Ombudsman program provides advocacy, education, mediation and support to residents of Long-term care facilities. The program has minimal funding on an annual basis, that is completely expended for staff salaries. The CARES act funding was utilized as follows:

- I-pads for all Ombudsman staff to facilitate virtual visits with nursing home and assisted living residents.
- Ombudsman cards for every nursing home and assisted living resident in the state with a picture of their local Ombudsman and their work cell phone number. This card would be larger than a standard business card for ease of reading and would be a resource for each resident to keep in their room.
- Upgrades to Ombudsman cell phones to facilitate better communication.
- Purchase of I-pads as funding allows to create a Lending Library of I-pads that could be loaned to facilities to facilitate virtual visits during times of limited visitation. These purchases did not include assisted living facilities.
- Design advertisement for the Ombudsman program to increase public awareness.

Family Caregiver Support Program Funds - \$500,000

- Conduct 6 to 8 evidence- based classes by the end of the fiscal year in Aberdeen, Brookings, Pierre, Rapid City, Sioux Falls and Watertown.
- Build training teams for Stress Busting and Savvy courses by reaching out to former trainers to determine interest and need for retraining and conduct Train the Trainer for new lay facilitators.
- Enhance caregiver resources and outreach events.
- Increase volume of Caregiver Resource library.
- November caregiver event, spring caregiver events, health fairs and Parkinson's caregiver events.
- ALASD membership and conference (if held).
- Continue to foster relationships with community resources.
- Establish communication with hospice, nursing facilities, LTSS to identify needs.
- Work with area hospitals on caregiver education upon diagnosis.
- Assist communities with local caregiver fairs.
- Facilitate new MS caregiver's support groups with Avera.

Supportive Services Funds - \$1,000,000

To help a greater number of older adults’ shelter in place to minimize their exposure to COVID-19. These include personal care assistance, help with household chores and grocery shopping, transportation to essential services when necessary and case management.

Nutrition Services Funds - \$2,400,000

To support nutrition services including nutritious meals, nutrition education and other appropriate nutrition services for older adults to maintain health, independence and quality of life.

Expenditures of the Nutrition Services funds as of 8/31/2020:

Provider	Amount
Senior Citizens Services Inc	\$ 121,348.78
Bennett County Senior Citizens	\$ 11,274.19
Rural Office of Comm Svcs	\$ 91,800.00
Yankton Senior Citizens Center	\$ 15,577.03
Total Award	\$ 240,000.00

Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) Funds

The Department received funds in the amount of \$300,000 for ARDC which funds programs that both connect people at greatest risk to COVID-19 services needed to practice social distancing and seek to mitigate issues created by it, such as social isolation. Assistance with applications for services, care coordination, services that support people in returning home following hospitalization.