

## STATE OF WASHIGTON DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

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## ALTSA: AFH #2020-025 INTRODUCING THE AFH STATE CIVIL PENALTY REINVESTMENT PROGRAM

Dear Adult Family Home Provider:

We are excited to announce a new program called the State Civil Penalty Reinvestment Program (SCPRP.) This program will allow funds collected as civil penalties to be reinvested into activities that improve quality of life and quality of care for residents in adult family homes (AFH).

RCW 70.128.160 authorizes the Department to impose civil penalties against an AFH provider when they are noncompliant with the health and safety requirements found in Chapter 388-76 WAC, Chapter 70.128 RCW, and other relevant federal, state, and local laws. These penalties are deposited into an account, which may be accessed to fund activities that promote the quality of life and quality of care of adult family home residents. The SCPRP has been set up to receive, review, and approve or deny grant applications to fund projects from this account.

Adult family home providers, stakeholders, and other organizations are invited to submit SCPRP grant applications. The application period will run annually from June 1 through July 31. Due to the current public health emergency, this year's application period was delayed until June 3. Recommended project proposals include, but are not limited to, categories such as: The development and support of resident or family councils; culture change and quality of life programs to transform an AFH to be more client directed with respect to choice, dignity, respect, self-determination, and purposeful living; dementia care; falls prevention; quality assurance and performance improvement initiatives; staff training and development programs to increase proficiency and awareness of client needs; and meaningful activity programs for clients.

We are seeking applications from AFH providers and stakeholders for projects and programs that directly affect residents and will lead to improvement in the quality of care and quality of life for clients. Please note that projects are limited to 18 months in length and cannot be used to fund normal AFH operations, for goods or services that the applicant already provides or is required to provide by state or federal law or regulation, or to supplement funding for services required by a Medicaid contract.

This program is only available for projects that benefit residents of adult family homes at this time. The program will be made available for clients of Certified Community Program Services and Supports (CCRSS) starting in September. Projects benefiting nursing home residents can apply for funding through the Nursing Home Grant Program found here. Other settings do not have reinvestment programs and are not eligible for this program.

For more information specific to AFH grants, please see the <a href="SCPRP website">SCPRP website</a> . For questions about the program or to apply, please email scprprogram@dshs.wa.gov. Thank you for your continued commitment to quality and community.

Sincerely,

Candace Goehring, Director

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