

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

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## ALTSA: CCRSS #2020-031 INTRODUCING THE CCRSS STATE CIVIL PENALTY REINVESTMENT PROGRAM

Dear Certified Community Residential Services and Supports 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 clients in Certified Community Residential Services and Supports (CCRSS) settings.

RCW 71A.12.300 authorizes the Department of Social and Health Services to impose civil penalties against a CCRSS provider when they are in violation of the health and safety requirements found in Chapter 388-101 WAC, Chapter 388-101D WAC, Chapter 71A.12 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 CCRSS clients. The SCPRP has been set up to receive, review, and approve or deny grant applications to fund projects from this account.

CCRSS providers, stakeholders, and other organizations are invited to submit SCPRP grant applications. The application period will run annually from September 1 through October 31. Recommended project proposals include, but are not limited to, categories such as: The development and support of client or family councils; culture change and quality of life programs to transform a CCRSS setting 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 CCRSS providers and stakeholders for projects and programs that directly affect clients and will lead to improvement in the quality of care and quality of life for clients. Please note that projects are limited to 12 months in length and cannot be used to fund normal CCRSS setting 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.

For more information specific to CCRSS grants, please see the <u>SCPRP web page</u>. For questions about the program or to apply, please email <u>scprprogram@dshs.wa.gov</u>.

Sincerely

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