

STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES Aging and Long-Term Support Administration PO Box 45600, Olympia, Washington 98504-5600

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ALTSA: CCRSS #2024-025 STATE CIVIL PENALTY REINVESTMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION PERIOD OPEN

Dear Certified Community Residential Services and Supports Provider:

We are writing to encourage you to apply for a grant from the State Civil Penalty Reinvestment Program (SCPRP). The application period is open from September 1 through October 31. The SCPRP allows funds collected as civil money penalties to be reinvested into activities that improve the quality of life and care for clients in Certified Community Residential Services and Supports (CCRSS) settings. CCRSS providers, stakeholders, and other organizations are invited to submit SCPRP grant applications.

RCW 71A.12.300 authorizes the Department of Social and Health Services (department) to impose civil money penalties against a CCRSS provider when they are noncompliant with 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. The SCPRP has been set up to distribute state civil penalty funding through a grant process.

Recommended project proposals include, but are not limited to, activities such as:

- Development and support of client or family councils;
- Culture change and quality of life programs to create a more client-focused setting with respect to choice, dignity, respect, self-determination, and purposeful living;
- Quality assurance and performance improvement initiatives;
- Staff training and development programs to increase proficiency and awareness of client needs;
- Meaningful activity programs for clients.

We are seeking SCPRP grant applications from providers and stakeholders for projects and programs that directly affect CCRSS clients. Please note that projects are limited to 12 months in length and cannot be used to fund normal operations, to provide goods or services 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 in CCRSS settings at this time. For more information, please see the <u>SCPRP website</u>. For questions about the program, please email <u>scprprogram@dshs.wa.gov</u>.

Thank you for your continued commitment to client health and safety.

Sincerely,

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Amy Abbott, Director Residential Care Services

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