

Attn: Family Caregivers, Partners, and Collaborators

Subject: RCAW Statement on pausing Respite Grant Programs effective immediately

The Respite Care Association of Wisconsin (RCAW) is committed to supporting family caregivers across our state. Unfortunately, due to the recent <u>federal funding freeze memo issued</u> by the Executive office of the President Office of Management and Budget dated 1.27.25, our respite grant programs are temporarily on hold until further notice.

The following respite programs will be impacted:

- 1. Caregiver Respite Grant Program
- 2. Supplemental Respite Grant Program
- 3. Group Respite Grant Program
- 4. StartUP Grant Program

This sadly includes applicants who were approved for funding are on hold, as well as those who currently have applications in process.

We recognize the vital role respite care plays in the well-being of caregivers and their loved ones, and we are actively monitoring the situation while advocating for the swift restoration of these essential funds. We encourage caregivers and supporters to stay informed and join us in voicing the importance of continued funding for respite care services.

Please check our website at <u>www.respitecarewi.org</u> as we will provide updates as soon as we get them. In the meantime, we appreciate your patience and continued support. We are in this with you!

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