

ENHANCING QUALITY OF LIFE

in

VERMONT'S NURSING HOMES

The purpose of the Enhancing Quality of Life (EQL) grant program is to fund projects, which are designed to improve and enhance nursing home residents' quality of life. Successful proposals will demonstrate how they satisfy the selection criteria as outlined in this RFP.

Timeline

November 15, 2009	Notice of grant opportunity available
February 15, 2010	Proposals due to the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living
March 1, 2010	Committee selects grant recipients
March 8, 2010	Names of grant recipients are released
May 1, 2010	Grant agreements are completed

Selection Committee

Staff from the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living and at least two members of the Advisory Board for the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living (DAIL) and a Nursing Home Resident Council President will comprise the selection committee. Any DAIL Advisory Board members involved in the development of a grant application may not serve on the selection committee.

Grant Details

Up to \$200,000 will be available to fund projects that will starting May 2010. Projects will be funded for one year, with the possibility of a multi-year grant agreement depending upon the scope of the project.

Although DAIL is not limiting the dollar amount of the grant requests, the goal is to fund as many qualified projects as possible.

Funds will not be granted:

- to continue programs already in place;
- to solve any issue of regulatory non-compliance; or
- for capital investments.

Submittal Information

Proposals must be received at DAIL no later than 4:30 p.m., February 15, 2010. All proposals will be date and time stamped upon receipt.

Mail or deliver your proposal to:

Brendan Hogan,
Deputy Commissioner
Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living
103 South Main Street
Waterbury, VT 05671-1601

Proposal Content

Your proposal should:

1. Describe the proposed project.
2. Explain how the proposed project will improve or enhance the quality of life for nursing home residents.
3. Identify who will benefit from the project; e.g. residents with Alzheimer's Disease or other types of dementia, or to all residents in a nursing home(s): also whether this project will apply to one nursing home or multiple nursing homes,
4. Describe how you will measure the success of your project.
5. Describe how you have involved residents, family members and staff in creating your proposal.
6. For non-nursing home applicants, describe how you have included nursing home management in the development of your proposal and describe how you will work with the nursing homes to implement the proposed project.
7. Describe how your proposal involves the greater community in the life of the residents by either bringing the community into the nursing home or involving residents in the life of the community outside of the nursing home.
8. Describe how your project could be replicated in other nursing homes.
9. Explain whether you plan to sustain this project after the initial year of funding.
If not, why not? If yes, how?

10. Please provide a budget for your project. This can be fairly simple. If you will be using funds from other sources, please indicate that, too.

Selection Criteria and Values

Taking into account geographic diversity, the Selection Committee will use the following criteria in making their choices.

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| ➤ Potential for enhancing quality of life of residents | 35 points |
| ➤ Method for measuring success of project | 15 points |
| ➤ Input from residents, family, nursing home staff and nursing home management | 20 points |
| ➤ Resident involvement with the Community | 15 points |
| ➤ Feasibility of replicating project or disseminating information to other facilities | 15 points |

If you have any questions, please contact Brendan Hogan at 241-2326 or via e-mail at brendan.hogan@ahs.state.vt.us