

- What is the intended definition of "respite" in the GRG listed activities?

Respite care is temporary relief for primary caregivers, allowing them to rest, manage personal tasks, or take a break while ensuring their loved one continues to receive proper care.

Examples per the opportunity: At home/daycare, summer camp, sporting events, arts, childcare, plays/arts, activities

- Can the definition and use of "gap funds" be further expanded upon? For example, does this include client financial and/or emergency financial assistance?

Examples of Gap filling per the opportunity: Gap filling: Clothes, school supplies, computers, educational apps, school expenses, meal services, bedding, household goods, school activity fees, utility bills, transportation, school uniforms

- Is the Project Narrative a maximum of 5 double- or single-spaced pages in length?

Per the opportunity: Narrative shall be no more than 5 pages in length: Please select at least one of the following GRG services (respite, legal, support groups, counseling, and Gap Filling) and describe how you will provide services for GRG clients. Make sure to address all areas in the Deliverables and Milestones section in the Detail page of the application.

Typically, these would be double spaced if you use the attachment option when applying, though there are no rules saying they can't be single spaced. If you use the dialog box in Amplifund to submit the narrative, it will not allow double spacing.

- The Project Narrative instructions note "Make sure to address all areas in the Deliverables and Milestones section in the Detail page of the application." I'm afraid I can't find this section in the opportunity details page of the application. Can you please provide me with this information so we can be sure to include all requested information in our narrative?

The Deliverables and Milestone Section is under FY26 and FY27 Uniform Grant Agreement Opportunity, Exhibit B of the Detail page.

- If we provide gap filling assistance through our existing grandparents raising grandchildren program but are not planning to use this IDOA grant funds for this purpose,

do we need to provide the information requested under the “Gap Fund Detail Request” and our written procedures?

If you are not using Gap Filling as part of the state grant, you do not need to provide any information about Gap Filling.

- We host a monthly support group and provide childcare for the grandchildren while the grandparents meet. Does this meet the definition of Respite under this application?

Yes

- We bring in an outside therapist to provide counseling a few times a year at these meetings. Does this meet the definition of Counseling under this application?

Yes

- We have received IDOA funding for GRG through our local Area Agency on Aging (AgeOptions) but have not received funds directly from IDOA. In light of this, how should we answer the question “Have you previously received funding from the Illinois Department on Aging for relatives raising children?”

No

- When is the award announcement expected? The Opportunity Details page says May 2026.

We expect to announce awards mid-July.

- Through this program, we provide moving coordination and cover the costs of professional moves within Chicago. We recently updated program guidelines to specifically include grandfamilies where the grandparent has custody of grandchildren under the age of 18. We are considering applying for a GRG grant, and I wanted to know if our program would be considered eligible under the “gap-filling funds” category. Are you able to provide any guidance with this?

This grant is to provide services such as respite, legal, support groups, counseling, and gap filling. Funds are limited for this program. If there was a case that involved moving a grandfamily, it would be on a case-by-case basis