

HCBS Provider Capacity Grants for Rural and Underserved Communities

Seventy-one Minnesota organizations will be able to increase their capacity to serve older adults and people with disabilities in rural and underserved communities through the Home and Community-Based Provider Capacity Grants funded by the Minnesota State Legislature. Grants are awarded to new organizations looking to become an HCBS provider or to existing providers to expand their services or increase the number of people they serve. A total of \$8.9 million has been awarded for grant period of December 2024-June 2026. Over 230 applications were received for this specific round of grant funding.

Through these grants, organizations will increase their ability to provide HCBS in Minnesota to one or more of the following focus communities:

- American Indian and indigenous people Inclusive of Minnesota sovereign tribal nations;
- Asian and Pacific Islander;
- Black and African-born;
- Latine;
- Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, or questioning (LGBTQ+); and
- Rural and regional centers outside the seven-county metro area.

Expand their organization's ability to provide HCBS through one or more of the following programs:

- Alternative Care (AC) Program
- Brain Injury (BI) Waiver Program
- Community Access for Disability Inclusion (CADI) Waiver
- Community Alternative Care (CAC) Waiver
- Community First Services and Supports (CFSS)
- Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Program
- Elderly Waiver (EW) Program
- Essential Community Supports
- Housing Stabilization Services
- State Plan Home Care Services

Or, to expand an existing organization's service capacity by expanding into one or more Home and Community-Based Services that the organization did not previously offer before December 2024. See [here](#) for a full list of HCBS covered services in the Elderly Waiver and Alternative Care programs.

Grants are also available to fund organizations to become HCBS providers serving one or more of the programs listed above.

Grant recipients (listed by region) are:

Central Minnesota

A Home for the Day LLC \$78,504 A Home for the Day LLC is an adult day service provider in St. Cloud serving seniors with disabilities 55+. They offer a fun and safe “club” to do social activities providing meals, snacks, transportation, health monitoring and thematic programming, while their caregivers receive respite. Grant dollars are to change from residential zoning to increase capacity from 12 to 20 members. <https://ahomefortheday.com/>

Agan Home Care Inc \$145,984.00 Agan Home Care provides comprehensive care services to individuals with various needs, focusing on enhancing their quality of life through personalized care plans and professional support. Agan Home Care aims to expand its Integrated Community Services (ICS) and Housing Stabilization Services (HSS) to serve more people in rural and underserved areas of Minnesota, specifically in St. Cloud and surrounding counties. The project will enhance capacity to support individuals with disabilities, mental illness, and substance use disorders, helping them find and maintain housing. <https://www.aganhomecare.com/>

AJ Schmitz AFC \$126,208 AJ Schmitz AFC was founded in May 2020 and is located in Stearns County. They are licensed as a Family Adult Foster Home providing care to two male individuals with complex medical needs. With grant funding, they will include new licensure of Individualized Home Supports to meet needs of adults with complex needs in the community while in their own home. Additionally, providing a handicap accessible van and a wheelchair ramp will maintain functional capacity and provide individualized person-centered care of home and community-based service participants.

Brainerd Lakes Area Behavior Support \$70,014 offers individualized in-home behavior management, skill development, and Facilitated Person-Central Planning to children and adults in Crow Wing County and surrounding areas. Grant funding will support streamlining administrative and bookkeeping processes, provide supplies and additional training for Person-Centered Planning, as well as help cover travel time and expenses. These efforts will help expand service areas, shorten waitlists, and address the growing demand for specialized care in underserved rural communities. <https://www.brainerdbehaviorsupport.com/>

ConnectAbility of MN \$129,235 Waite Park based ConnectAbility of MN provides assistive technology/assessment, chore services, home/vehicle modifications, home-delivered meals, non-medical transportation, personal emergency response systems, specialized equipment/supplies, home modifications, transitional services across many regions of the state. Grant funds will support continued service expansion throughout the state by establishing a regional HCBS hub in Southeastern MN. <https://connectabilitymn.org/>

Credent Care LLC \$147,766 Credent Care’s mission is to empower individuals, particularly those from immigrant, minority, underserved, and rural communities, to live fulfilling and self-determined lives

through comprehensive, person-centered support. Grant funding will be to extend HCBS service to Benton, Wright, and Kandiyohi counties as well as broaden the HCBS offered.

<https://www.credentcare.com/>

Discovery Horse L.L.C. \$149,964 Discovery Horse, LLC, founded in 2013, is a behavioral health and mental wellness agency located at Dandelion Farm in Fort Ripley that provides a comprehensive range of services, including 24-Hour Emergency Assistance, In-Home Supports, Family Training & Counseling, Specialist Services and Transportation. Grant funding will be to expand The Hub, Discovery Horse's HCBS program, to neighboring counties, including Mille Lacs County and the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe. The Hub is an intensive family program that focuses on parents and caregivers. <https://www.discoveryhorse.com/>

Homebase Housing Services Inc. \$149,992 Homebase Housing Services Inc. is a dedicated, disabled-veteran owned organization based in Crow Wing County specializing in providing Housing Stabilization Services and Transitional services to vulnerable populations, including disabled, elderly, homeless or at-risk individuals, and those from diverse communities such as American Indian, Black/African American, and LGBTQ+ populations. Grant funding to expand current services to 11 additional rural counties. <https://homebasemn.com/>

Lakes and Pines Community Action Council, Inc. \$149,904 Lakes and Pines is a nonprofit Community Action Council run by a 21-member Board of Directors that includes a third of the Board members representing the communities served (lived experience). Grant dollars are to hire a Housing Services Stabilization Manager to develop program compliance, internal tools and processes, policies and procedures, to ensure service delivery meets regulatory standards and the provision of quality of services as well as purchase a billing software for Housing Stabilizing Services. Lakes and Pines serves Aitkin, Carlton, Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs and Pine Counties. www.lakesandpines.org

Monarch Support Services \$150,000 Monarch Support Services is a woman owned business and has been an approved DHS provider for Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) Provider Eligibility and Compliance Services since March 7, 2022, providing 24-hour Emergency Assistance, Housing Stabilization Services, and Consultation Services. Grant funding will be to hire 4+ additional Housing Coordinators to serve in rural Minnesota, as well as expand Transitional Services to purchase an enclosed trailer to assist clients with moving.

Sisu Living LLC \$92,447 Sisu provides 245D services, offering 24 Emergency Assistance, Homemaking, and Individualized Home Support with and without training, and they have two Integrated Community Support settings in the St. Cloud and surrounding communities. Funding will revitalize their affordable housing setting to become more accessible for aging in place while expanding capacity by reaching out to those who have historically been underserved. <https://sisulivingllc.com/>

Superior Support Services LLC \$149,960 Superior Support Services LLC, a proud woman-owned provider of Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) in Isanti County, is dedicated to empowering individuals through a comprehensive range of Housing Stabilization Services, including consultation, transition, and

sustained support. This funding will enable the expansion of HCBS, bringing hope and stability to Isanti County and the surrounding rural communities. <https://superiorsupportservices.org/>

Wright County Community Action \$144,640 Wright County Community Action is the state-designated agency that provides poverty-fighting services to the communities in or near Wright County. Grant funding will be to become a licensed HCBS provider and create foundational structures to enhance success for clients eligible for HCBS services. <https://www.wccaweb.com/>

Northwest Minnesota

CCRI, Inc \$150,000 Moorhead-based CCRI provides HCBS to adults and children with disabilities. Grant funds will purchase two accessible vehicles which will increase capacity for CCRI to increase their 24-hour care program and safely transport individuals with complex needs. <https://ccrimoorhead.org/>

Polk County Developmental Achievement Center \$147,600 Polk County DAC has two day programs facilities, one in Crookston and in East Grand Forks. They have been approached by Marshall County to serve people in the Warren and Argyle area. Grant funds will purchase a new bus that is handicapped accessible to transport people receiving services from Warren to their East Grand Forks day program and into the community. www.polkcountydac.com

Sahi Health Services \$128,049 Sahi Health Services is a minority owned agency that provides basic 245D services, developing customized programs for the people they serve. Sahi Health Services is adding Integrated Community Supports to their 245D license in the Bemidji area and will use grant funds to build this capacity. <https://sahihealthservices.com/>

Walker Adult Day Services \$149,999 Serving the Walker area since 2009, Walker Adult Day Services will partner with Living at Home of the Park Rapids Area and a private for-profit Adult Day Health, to expand Adult Day and other Senior Services for older adults living in Hubbard County. <http://www.walkeraduldayhealth.com/>

Northeast Minnesota

Absolute PCA LLC \$75,675 Located in Grand Rapids, Absolute PCA provides HCBS including homemaker services, ICLS, night supervision, PCA and respite. They plan to use grant funds to hire, develop training, and expand services to rural northern MN, including Tribal Nations in the region. www.absolutepca.org

Access North Center for Independent Living of Northeastern Minnesota \$149,999 Access North supports people to lead self-directed lives in the community. Programs and services include independent living skills training, personal & systems advocacy, peer mentoring & group support, prevention of premature nursing home placement, 245D HCBS, PCA, assistive technology, ramps & comprehensive home modifications. Access North will use grant funds to develop wraparound services to build referral and service capacity within the region. www.accessnorth.net

Aitkin County CARE, Inc. \$149,194 A 501c3 located in Aitkin providing programs to older adults, adults managing disabilities and their caregivers. The mission of CARE is to enhance and promote independence, dignity, value, and well-being of older adults and those who care for them. Grant

funding will be used to purchase one ADA compliant side entry conversion van and two mid-sized SUVs to increase capacity of offering rides for older community members who need to attend health related appointments, social connectedness events and access resources needed for vibrant aging in their homes. <https://aitkincountycare.org/>

Arrowhead Community Employment, LLC \$149,626 ACE provides basic support, in-home support, data services, and employment services. The people they serve are individuals with moderate to severe intellectual disabilities who desire and would benefit from activities in the community. Grant funds will increase capacity to transport people to their service settings by purchasing two wheelchair accessible vehicles. ACE serves the Duluth and surrounding rural areas. <https://acemployment.org/>

Lighthouse Center for Vital Living \$150,000 Based in Duluth, The Lighthouse services include occupational therapy, assistive technology, caregiver support, independent living services, and activities to overcome social isolation. Grant funds will support expansion of organizational capacity, establish partnerships and purchase additional assistive technology devices. <https://www.lcfvl.org/>

Winter Family Care, LLC \$148,821 Winter Family Care provides HCBS basic support services, intervention support services, in homes services, residential supports and services, and employment services in Lake and St. Louis counties. They intend to hire for and increase their capacity to provide Positive Support Services for people who are at risk of crisis or out of home care. <https://winterfamilycare.com/>

South Central Minnesota

Aging Services for Communities Aging Services for Communities (ASC) \$120,213 ACS, located in Le Sueur County, helps low-income senior citizens and disabled persons age gracefully in their own homes. ASC coordinates volunteer drivers for people who need non-emergency transport to medical, dental, and mental health appointments, and homemakers who ensure homes are clean and safe. Grant funds will be used to bolster their existing homemaking and transportation services and expand care selections by adding companionship services for seniors who are lonely or isolated, and respite services for caregivers who need breaks. <https://aging-services.org/>

STEP Inc. \$149,923.00 Step Inc. is a Fairmont based provider of services for people with disabilities, including Day Training and Habilitation and other employment services. Will use grant funding to expand Individualized Home Supports services in Martin, Faribault, and Watonwan counties, purchase a vehicle to transport their consumers utilizing IHS services, and implement Electronic Visit Verification software and technology. <https://www.stepinc.org/>

EON Inc. \$149,398 EON Inc. is a New Ulm based employee-owned provider in multiple locations in Greater Minnesota of services for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, including Community Residential Services, Individualized Home Supports, Employment Services, Assisted Living, Home Care and Respite services, among others. We will be using the grant funding to renovate and make accessible a transitional home for children with long-term, complex behavioral needs, and implement Alternative Overnight Supervision Technology (AOST) for multiple Community Residential Settings in Greater Minnesota. <https://theon.com/>

Southwest Minnesota

Bethesda Day Break \$90,850 Willmar-based Adult Day Services provider, offering respite solutions for family caregivers and daily support options for adults, including those living with Alzheimer's Disease, other dementias, chronic conditions, and persons living with disabilities. Bethesda is excited to announce the expansion of their transportation services, made possible through this grant funding. With the addition of an accessible van, they can now serve participants beyond Willmar city limits and surrounding communities, ensuring safe, reliable transportation to and from their facility, and to special activities. To learn more about Bethesda Day Break's program and how they can support you or your loved one, please visit their website at www.bethesdawillmar.com.

Quality Home Health Care Inc. \$105,948 Quality Home Health Care, Inc provides comprehensive care designed to enhance the independence and well-being of individuals. With this grant Quality Home Health Care plans to expand their reach to more individuals in rural and underserved communities, specifically within Steele, Waseca, and Rice Counties, by expanding existing services, reaching underserved areas, enhancing operational efficiency, and increase staffing.

<https://www.qhcareinc.com/>

Rock County Opportunities (RCO) \$150,000 RCO, a Luverne based nonprofit provider offering a variety of services, including day support, enrichment, prevocational, and employment support services, to individuals with varying disabilities. Grant funding will be used to enhance and expand services to individuals and families in Rock and surrounding counties. RCO will purchase a wheelchair accessible van, expand their Individualized Home Supports, Homemaker and Chore services, and implement a fully integrated software that allows RCO to securely store and manage documentation, track attendance, submit billing, and meet Electronic Visit Verification requirements. <http://www.rockcountyopp.org>

Treasured Family Home Care, \$41,183 Treasured Family Home Care, a Tracy based provider, is a recently established home care agency providing Personal Care Assistance (PCA) services to people with disabilities in southwest Minnesota. Will use grant funding to secure 245D licensure to expand homemaking, chore services and other HCBS, and hire and train additional caregivers. <https://www.treasuredfamilyhomecare.com/>

Southeast Minnesota

Adapta \$150,000 Adapta is an HCBS provider located in Rochester that promotes the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of individuals with brain injuries, mental health conditions, and substance use disorders, in addition to a variety of health concerns. Grant funds will expand transportation services to their residents with a goal to increase resident access to services as well as increase opportunities for community integration by providing barrier free transportation.

<https://www.adaptamn.org/>

Great River Homes, Inc. \$111,938 Great River Homes provides residential and in-home support services to people with disabilities living in rural Wabasha County. With this grant, Great River Homes is continuing to develop innovative services to assist people to explore, plan, find and secure community integrated employment. Great River Homes will address transportation issues faced by people they serve who are trying to secure and maintain employment. <https://www.greatriverhomes.org/>

Sunshine Group Living \$81,092 Sunshine Group Living is a registered provider of HCBS services in Rochester MN. Sunshine Group Living has a 245D basic and intensive license to provide Basic and Support Services including 24-hour emergency assistance, adult companion services, homemaker, individual community living support, individualized home support, night supervision, and in-home or out-of-home respite care as well as integrated community support services. With this grant Sunshine Group Living plans to expand services to clients with physical disabilities by making their building more accessible and ADA-compliant. www.sunshinegroupliving.com

Wabasha County Development Achievement Center Inc. \$108,381 The Wabasha County Developmental Achievement Center (DAC) is a day service provider located in downtown Wabasha, Minnesota. They have provided individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities services like exercise therapy, functional skill training, life enrichment activities, job skill training, on-site production work, and community employment support. With this grant funding Wabasha County DAC intends on hiring a coordinator of community life engagement to bolster service recipient's community engagement opportunities by expanding volunteer and social opportunities. <https://www.wabashadac.com>

Metro

Several metro-based providers listed below are utilizing grant funds to expand HCBS to non-metro counties. Information detailed in individual profiles.

Accord \$149,851 Accord is an HCBS organization located in the Metro and serves clients throughout Minnesota. Accord aims to enhance and innovate services across their current HCBS programs by promoting community integration and inclusion using person-centered principles. This will be achieved through certifying a Person-Centered Thinking Trainer (PCTT) and using the Personal Outcome Measure (POM) tool to help people identify their goals and integrate goals into support plans. <https://accord.org/>

Advance Care and Recreation Center \$148,204 Established in 2020, Advance Care and Recreation Center is dedicated to serving underserved communities, particularly African-born immigrants, and refugees. Their mission is to deliver high-quality, culturally competent healthcare services tailored to the unique needs of these communities, and primarily operate in Hennepin and Ramsey counties, offering a comprehensive adult day program that includes personal care assistance, health education, and community outreach. They aim to enhance transportation services by purchasing a van to enhance the mobility of clients and hire a driver to improve health outcomes for vulnerable seniors in the African born communities. <https://www.mnarcs.com/>

Affinity Residential Care LLC \$150,000 Affinity Residential Care LLC, doing business as Affinity Care MN, a woman- and African American-owned HCBS provider, offers culturally specific residential and community-based services in the Twin Cities Metro Area. Services offered include Community Residential Services, Integrated Community Supports, Housing Stabilization Services, Positive Behavior Supports, and Specialist Services. Grant funds will support the expansion of Positive Support Services, Specialist Services, and a new In-Home Crisis Respite service offering. Grant funds will also support the development of specialized training programs and the creation of standard operating procedures to ensure high-quality, person-centered care. These initiatives will strengthen the capacity to deliver

consistent, culturally responsive services and improve outcomes for those served.

www.AffinityCareMN.com

AFK Home Health Care \$131,510 AFK Home Healthcare is a licensed Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) provider, serving Dakota and Hennepin counties. They provide HCBS for neurodivergent people and people experiencing mental health difficulties, particularly individuals who sometimes display challenging behaviors that can make it difficult for them to find and keep community-based services and supports. AFK Home Healthcare will use grant funds to expand its capacity to provide culturally responsive HCBS services in the Somali language and cultural communities. Additionally, they will provide specialized training to improve compliance processes, purchase a vehicle to transport people receiving services, and hire a full-time Social Worker.

Aimcare, LLC \$149,764 Aimcare is an HCBS licensed provider that specializes in providing services for members of the East African community in the Twin Cities, particularly the Oromo, Ethiopian, and Somali communities in Anoka, Dakota, Hennepin and Ramsey Counties. Aimcare provides a wide-range of HCBS services, including Homemaker, Individualized Community Living Supports (ICLS), Individualized Home Supports, Independent Living Skills (ILS), In-Home Family Support, Night Supervision, Personal Care Assistance, Personal Support, and Respite. Aimcare will use this grant to hire an Intake and Client Coordinator and provide staff training to enhance compliance, develop internal tools and increase operational efficiencies to provide services to existing clients. <http://www.aimcarellc.com/>

Anishinaabe Endaad LLC \$150,000 Anishinaabe Endaad is dedicated to providing hope, growth, and opportunities for Native American men and women seeking recovery in Minnesota. They offer culturally specific permanent supportive housing to primarily Native American men and women with substance use and mental health disorders who are experiencing homelessness or transitioning from correctional institutions. Grant funding was used to purchase a company vehicle and hire an additional Housing Stabilization Services (HSS) Case Manager to transport HSS clients in White Earth to their appointments. <https://www.endaad.com/>

Bestview Care Options \$148,627 Incorporated in 2018, Bestview Care Options is a 245D licensed organization, located in Roseville, MN, currently providing ICLS, IHS, SILS, Home Maker Services, and Behavioral Supports in Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, and Washington Counties. Their mission is to empower all people, taking a person-centered approach in providing services, enhancing equity, and providing a platform for innovation and inclusion. Grant dollars will be used to obtain one Karen speaking full-time equivalent (FTE) case aid, one FTE Somali speaking case aid, obtain a training manual system, and to develop a more accurate billing system. www.bestviewcare.com

Care Community Services, LLC \$149,977 Care Community Services is an HCBS provider currently serving the metro and 53 counties in greater Minnesota with a variety of services, including Housing Stabilization, Moving Home Minnesota, Relocation Services Coordinator and Transitional services. With this grant, Care Community Services will expand their reach to communities in rural Minnesota, specifically Clay County, Kanabec, Calton and Itasca counties. <https://www.carecommunityservices.com/>

Caremark Home Health Care \$49,149 Caremark Home Health Care specializes in providing healthcare services to individuals in long-term care facilities, assisted living facilities, and private residences in Dakota, Hennepin, Olmsted, and Ramsey counties. Their team delivers immediate and effective nursing,

tailored to meet patient's specific needs. With this project, Caremark plans to expand their HCBS by hiring and training multiple skilled nurses to meet the high demand. <https://caremarkus.com/>

Centro Tyrone Guzman \$77,837 Experienced provider of culturally appropriate, Spanish-language programming and services for Latine immigrant elders and caregivers/care partners based in Minneapolis. Funding will expand upon the current understanding of the community needs of the Latine community, conduct an analysis related to HCBS and develop a business plan for a minimum of two Home and Community Based Services. <https://www.centromn.org/>

Comfort Meals LLC \$96,210.55 Comfort Meals is a metro-based home delivery meal provider that providing culturally traditional food approved by a licensed nutritionist to HCBS participants. Grant funding is to purchase a commercial kitchen and equipment to expand operation for increase client capacity.

Compassion Home Care LLC \$149,127.00 Compassion Home Care is a 245D organization that currently serves 43 individuals, providing in-home services to people to meet their daily needs, and assist them in living successfully within the community primarily. Grant funding will be to create a crisis respite home in Ramsey County for girls aged 12 to 18 who require out-of-home care after being discharged from hospitals, substance abuse treatment programs, correctional facilities, and other programs.

DARTS \$129,066 DARTS has been a vital link for older adults and their caregivers in the metro, offering essential information and resources to help them remain independent and engaged. With grant funds, DARTS is enhancing the team's cultural humility with guidance from DEI experts and their DEI committee. Additionally, DARTS is increasing outreach efforts to the African American, Latine, and LGBTQ+ communities. <https://dartsconnects.org/>

Dependable Home Health Care \$140,184 Dependable Home Health Care (DHHC) is a provider of 254D disability services in Anoka, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington counties. It began with a parent's desire to support their son to live a full and independent life. From that desire, DHHC became a provider that strives to be a leader in person centeredness and providing individualized support for 220 people. DHCC will increase DEI training within the organization for all current and future staff. <https://dependable-care.com/>

FamilyMeans \$36,760 FamilyMeans mission is to strengthen communities by helping individuals and families through challenges in all life stages in Hennepin, Ramsey, and Washington counties. With this grant FamilyMeans will strengthen infrastructure that is critical to effectively serving, tracking, and retrieving payment for HCBS caregiver support services for underserved communities in Washington County and beyond. Specifically, FamilyMeans will implement a client management software system and plan for Electronic Visit Verification requirements. <https://www.familymeans.org/>

Fawkes Housing Services LLC \$49,998 Fawkes Housing Services is a minority and female-owned organization dedicated to providing essential Housing Stabilization Services to individuals and families in need. Grant funding is to enhance Housing Stabilization Services by increasing staff diversity and expanding services to reach more African American individuals in Anoka County. Additionally, the project includes purchasing a trailer to implement a new moving program, increasing access to supportive services, and fostering community partnerships to address disparities effectively.

Hmong Home Health Care, LLC \$147,367 Hmong Home Health Care (HHHC), was established to meet the home care needs of the Hmong population who have disabilities and older adults. With this grant HHHC plans to serve people in a variety of diverse communities within metro and rural areas. HHHC plans to hire a community outreach specialist to reach and serve more people and implement an extensive DEI training program for staff. <https://hmonghomehealthcare.com/>

Korean Service Center \$98,618 The Korean Service Center (KSC) specializes in assisting Korean immigrants in Minnesota. KSC provides two major programs: a Long-Term Care program and a Community Enrichment program. With this grant KSC plans to strengthen the care-giving support network and lay the foundation for a long-term solution to sustaining their programs. KSC will hire a person to focus on training and hire direct support staff to increase direct services to people on their waiting list. <https://www.kscmn.org/>

Lifeworks Services \$150,000 Lifeworks Services, Richfield based organization leveraging a decentralized workforce across Minnesota – serving people in 63 of the state’s 87 counties, working with individuals who access the Consumer Support Grant (CSG), Consumer Directed Community Supports (CDCS), PCA Choice, 245D Basic services such as Individualized Home Supports, (IHS), Respite, and Night Supervision. Will use grant funding to hire a bilingual Spanish-speaking Lead Navigator to do outreach in southern Minnesota to educate and onboard additional people to receive services. <http://www.lifeworks.org>

Livable Home Solutions \$96,835 Livable Home Solutions provides professional home modification assessments (HMA) and consulting services for people of all ages and abilities to make homes safe, functional, and livable. The Livable Home Solutions team combines their dynamic skills in occupational therapy, accessibility and aging in place while working with clients to create solutions to meet their needs. With this grant Livable Home Solutions will expand HCBS Home Modification services in across many regions of the state, including the metro and 40 counties in rural and regional centers outside of the Seven County Metro Area. www.livablehomesolutions.com

LiveLife Therapy Solutions \$125,800 LiveLife Therapy Solutions (LLTS), Inc. is a 245D licensed provider and contracted with MN State Vocational Rehabilitation Services, providing services across the state. Additionally, LLTS delivers assistive technology services to new populations. With this grant LLTS will expand their capacity to provide HCBS, in particular assessments and training related to the application and use of Assistive Technology by expanding their online referral and intake system and by formalizing training and development for therapists. <https://lifelifetherapysolutions.com/>

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota \$133,458 LSS offers a wide array of services, including specialized community supports (SCS), a unique housing and support option for children and adults who have not found successful long-term placement in traditional support settings and who have medical and behavioral challenges. Grant funds are being utilized for start-up costs for two SCS homes in Northern MN. <https://www.lssmn.org/>

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota \$149,276 LSS will use grant funding to procure and implement technology within their Unit Based Services to improve accessibility and functionality of the programs. The technology will increase efficiency, eliminate duplication of data input, and create a

single-source location to simplify required documentation and billing. Ultimately, LSS will be able to serve an expanded number of clients with the ability to shift focus from administrative services to direct support. Beltrami, Clay, Mower and Olmsted. This work will specifically impact Northwest and Southeast MN. <https://www.lssmn.org/>

Mary T. Associates, Inc. (MTAI) \$122,191 MTAI has been dedicated to enriching the lives of individuals receiving disability services since 1976. They currently support approximately 345 individuals with disabilities. Grant funding is to expand services to cover the region between Anoka, St. Cloud and North Branch, including the following counties: Sherburne, Stearns, Benton, Mille Lacs, Kanabec, Chisago, Isanti, Pine, Carlton, Aitkin, Crow Wing, Morrison. <https://marytinc.com/>

Metro Service Center Inc. \$149,994 Metro Service Center Inc. is a dedicated provider of in-home care services for low-income seniors and adults with disabilities. Services include comprehensive caregiver support, transportation assistance, and nutrition programs, all designed to meet the diverse needs of the community. With this grant Metro Service Center plans to expand their Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) by increasing their client base and enhancing the quality of care provided. Metro Service Center will hire and train additional caregivers, upgrade transportation and nutrition support services, and develop support programs for family caregivers. <https://www.mymetroservice.com/>

Metropolitan Community Services \$133,089 Metropolitan Community Services (MCS) provides comprehensive services include Home and Community-Based Services, 245D Services, Personal Care Assistance, Homemaking, Chore Services, Waivered Transportation, Non-Emergency Medical Transportation, MNsure Application Assistance, and Housing Resources. With this grant MCS plans to expand current HCBS services to reach additional people in need of HCBS from underserved communities in the Seven County Metro Area. MCS will hire additional staff, leading to improved quality assurance and increase direct services. <https://www.mcsmn.com/>

Midwest Medical and Rehabilitative Services LLC \$102,033 MMRS is a culturally specific agency that provides mental health, housing and waiver services. MMRS plans to launch a new line of service, Integrated Community Supports (ICS) tailored to the needs of the east African immigrant community in Willmar. <https://midwestrehab.com/>

Partners in Community Supports, Inc. \$149,925 PICS provides HCBS, community first services and supports, consumer support grant, consumer-directed community supports, individualized home supports and financial management services across the state. They will hire an education specialist and expand translated materials to ensure all populations, regardless of language background, can effectively self-direct their care. <https://www.lssmn.org/pics/>

Phoenix Cove Adult Day Center LLC \$149,938 Phoenix Cove Adult Day Center, LLC (PCADC) is dedicated to serving Asian elders, specifically Cambodian, Chinese, Karen, Lao and Chinese elders. PCADC's provides culturally competent services including adult day, non-emergency medical transportation and home delivered meals to Asian elders in Anoka, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, and Scott counties. With this grant, PCADC wants to double its licensing capacity for the adult day program and expand operational capacity.

Preferred Care Services \$130,685 Preferred Care Services is proud to introduce the Safe Passage Project, a transportation initiative designed to help clients who face challenges in getting to important destinations. The Safe Passage Project ensures that clients can stay connected to their communities and receive the care and services they need, all while prioritizing their comfort and safety. Preferred Care Services is committed to delivering personalized care that supports the health, independence, and well-being of their clients.

Prosper Health Care LLC \$131,889 Prosper Healthcare LLC is a provider of Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) based in Ramsey County founded in 2020 by a black immigrant woman who personally witnessed the impact of healthcare inequity on the minority communities. Funding will be used to strengthen operational capacity by hiring, retaining, and training culturally competent staff, leveraging technology, fully equipping the office, and fostering trust within priority populations.

<https://www.prosperhealthcarellc.com/>

Safeway Home Health Care \$101,160 Established in 2019 in Roseville, they are a non-medical home care agency providing in-home care services. Grant funding aims to significantly enhance service delivery by establishing formal partnerships with at least 20 East African community centers and faith-based organizations. This initiative will focus on creating culturally appropriate services through structured framework of identification, assessment, engagement, and collaboration. The goal is to strengthen community ties and expand Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) by integrating with local centers and leveraging their reach and influence within the community.

<https://www.safewayhhc.com/>

SEWA-AIFW \$149,997 SEWA-AIFW is a non-governmental, nonprofit 501c3 organization committed to bringing total family wellness to Asian communities. With this grant SEWA plans to enhance the capacity by training staff members to become proficient in Medical Assistance (MA) waivers and billing services to improve SEWA's ability to serve the targeted populations and maximize reimbursement for services provided. <https://www.sewa-aifw.org>

Smile Health Care LLC \$150,000 Smile Health Care (SHC) is an immigrant-owned and operated 245D licensed agency that provides home and community-based services to older adults and people with disabilities in Hennepin and Ramsey counties. With this grant SHC plans to increase its impact in people's lives by reaching a new priority population, adding Housing Stabilization Services, and offering services in new geographic locations. www.smilehealthcarellc.com

Sunset Care LLC \$150,000 Sunset Care LLC is a provider of HCBS Adult Day Services in St. Paul, primarily serving seniors and people with disabilities across the seven-county metro area and specializing in delivering culturally competent, person-centered services in a safe environment for underserved AAPI communities, specifically Southeast Asian groups such as Chinese, Vietnamese, and Hmong. Funding will be to expand the capacity of our Adult Day Service program to enhance access to quality, culturally specific HCBS services for the underserved community.

The Salvation Army \$19,855 The Salvation Army is involved in the work of ending homelessness and promoting housing stability by operating emergency overnight shelters, day shelters, transitional housing programs and permanent housing for older adults, and homeless individuals and families. With this grant The Salvation Army will develop capacity to provide Housing Stabilization Services (HSS), for their Plover Place permanent housing project in Duluth, MN. <https://salvationarmynorth.org/>

TRUST Incorporated \$149,455 TRUST Incorporated is a non-profit organization serving the South Minneapolis community since 1970. They support older adults and individuals with disabilities to help them live independently. Services include Chore Home Services, Home-Delivered Meals, Supportive Medical Equipment Loans, Transportation Assistance, and Transitional Moving Sales. TRUST also offers workshops for intergenerational learning to reduce isolation and foster community connections. With this grant, TRUST aims to hire multilingual specialists, schedulers, and drivers to better serve their community and overcome language barriers in accessing their programs and initiatives. For more information, visit <https://trustinc.org/>