**Did You Know?**

**What is a civil penalty and what is the State Civil Penalty Reinvestment Program?**

*Civil penalties are fines imposed by the Department of Social and Health Services on Certified Community Residential Services and Supports (CCRSS) providers that do not meet federal or state health and safety standards. When these fines are collected, they are deposited in an account with the state treasurer. The funds from this account may only be used to promote the quality of life and care of CCRSS clients. These funds are distributed through a grant process called the State Civil Penalty Reinvestment Program or SCPRP.*

**How Does This Work?**

*CCRSS providers, stakeholders, and other organizations are encouraged and invited to submit SCPRP grant applications for the development and implementation of quality improvement initiatives that directly or indirectly benefit CCRSS clients. Organizations that may qualify for use of SCPRP grant funds include but are not limited to: consumer advocacy organizations, CCRSS associations, ombuds programs, universities, private contractors, non-profits and for-profit corporations.*

**Can SCPRP funds pay for normal CCRSS operations?**

*No. SCPRP grants are only available for initiatives that are outside the scope of normal facility operations. They cannot be used to fund goods or services that the applicant already offers or is required to provide by state or federal law or regulation.*

**How many SCPRP grants have been awarded in Washington State?**

*This program began in September of 2020. As of this writing, one grant has been funded. The list of grants can be found at* [*https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/residential-care-services/ccrss-state-civil-penalty-reinvestment-program*](https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/residential-care-services/ccrss-state-civil-penalty-reinvestment-program)*.*

*Other examples can be found on the* [*adult family home SCPRP website*](https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/adult-family-home-state-civil-penalty-reinvestment-program) *or the* [*nursing home civil money penalty program website*](https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/civil-money-penalty-cmp-funds)*.*

**When are applications accepted/when is the application period?**

*Due to limited funds, the application period is September 1 through October 31.*

**Who decides if the grant is awarded?**

*Applications are reviewed by the SCPRP Committee. The committee is comprised of the Director of Residential Care Services (RCS) as well senior staff at RCS and the Policy Program Manager.*

**Who can I contact for additional information?**

*Libby Wagner is the Policy Program Manager responsible for receiving applications. If you have ideas for a grant, questions, or need assistance, please contact her at* [*scprprogram@dshs.wa.gov*](mailto:scprprogram@dshs.wa.gov)*.*