

**California Department of Aging**  
**Respite Purchase of Services Program Narrative**  
**Older Californians Act Community-Based Services Program**

**Program / Element / Component -- 40.90.60**

**Description**

This Respite Purchase of Services (RPOS) Program provides relief and support to caregivers in order to delay premature or inappropriate institutionalization of both the person receiving care and the caregiver.

The RPOS provides limited funding for purchasing short term in-home care; day care services such as Alzheimer’s Day Care Resource Center, Adult Day Care, and Adult Day Health Care; or 24-hour care at a licensed skilled, intermediate, or residential care facility.

Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) have the option of administering the RPOS through the local Linkages Program, providing the Program directly or contracting with a local agency. The RPOS Program is not limited to Linkages clients.

The amended State Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10 eliminated the equivalent of nine months of Older Californians Act (OCA) State General Fund (GF) for the RPOS Program in FY 2009-10 and all future GF. However, the statutory authority for the Program continues under the OCA.

**Benefits**

RPOS provides relief and support to caregivers, by providing short-term respite care that enables frail elderly and functionally impaired adults to remain living in their home.

**Eligibility**

<i>Income</i>	No income criteria
<i>Age</i>	18 and older
<i>Other</i>	The RPOS Program services may be provided to a caregiver that is primarily responsible for providing care to a frail elderly person or and adult with functional impairments who is at risk of institutional placement and is not receiving respite services from other programs. The caregiver or the client must reside in the AAA’s service area.

## Access

Information on the RPOS Program and how to access services is available through the statewide toll-free Senior Information Line at **1-800-510-2020** and the California Department of Aging (CDA) website at [www.aging.ca.gov](http://www.aging.ca.gov).

## Current Year Funding Information

<i>Source</i>	State GF, local funds, and in-kind contributions  The amended State Budget for FY 2009-10 eliminated the equivalent of nine months of OCA GF for the RPOS Program in FY 2009-10 and all future GF.
<i>Allocation Formula</i>	CDA distributes OCA Community-Based Services Program (CBSP) allocations uniformly to the AAAs, except when a specific allocation has been established through the legislative process.
<i>Match Requirements</i>	N/A
<i>Other Funding Information</i>	Allocated RPOS funds can be transferred to other CBSPs. AAAs can choose not to fund/administer the RPOS Program.
<i>Funding Cycle</i>	July 1 – June 30