Grants & Financial Assistance for Individuals

Financial challenges often accompany life with a disability. While managing and improving someone’s health condition is the primary focus, there are so many other considerations. For many, the challenge to pay expenses related to medical bills, housing, transportation, assistive technologies and more can be overwhelming. Fortunately, there are a number of ways to help bridge the financial gap between what health insurance will pay and what you actually need to heal, live, and thrive.

Q: Should I use a crowdfunding site such as GoFundMe?

Often there is a network of relatives, friends and neighbors who are eager to help but need an established and trustworthy resource to assist with managing fundraising. Several organizations, such as Help Hope Live, offer a community-based fundraising platform while assisting with tax and asset-based assistance program implications. The money raised can pay for expenses including out-of-pocket costs for medications, DMI, home health care, physical therapy, wheelchair-accessibility modifications, innovative treatments, medical travel and temporary relocation, even emergency living assistance. If you use a fundraising app, please explore the tax and financial ramifications beforehand so that you do not lose any income-based benefits.

Q: How do I pay for outpatient treatments not covered by insurance?

Insurance usually covers both outpatient care and inpatient treatment. However, many
insurers limit the number of physical or occupational therapy visits per year. Since coverage options can vary a great deal from one insurance plan to the next, it’s a good idea to work with the treatment center to make sure the full scope of treatment is covered by your policy. Outpatient treatment is a broad term, and some policies may not cover certain programs. Many facilities extend payment plan options to clients who need financial assistance. Money raised through community support can also help cover these costs. Transportation costs can be another consideration if the facility is far from home.

Potential Sources of Financial Assistance:

- Medicare
- Veteran programs (Department of Veterans Affairs)
- State assistance programs (Medicaid, Children’s Health Insurance Programs)
- Private insurance including Affordable Care Act insurers
- National and local non-profit organizations and foundations
- Other options (crowdfunding, reverse mortgage, life settlement, long-term insurance, catastrophic coverage from a credit card, vocational rehabilitation)

Q: How do I pay for inpatient rehabilitation?

Some people purchase supplemental insurance coverage, commonly referred to as “Medigap” coverage, to fill in where Medicare coverage ends. You can also contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) office for potential options. A few rehab centers offer scholarships for current patients or alumni. Money raised through community support can also help cover these costs.

Q: How to pay for durable medical equipment (DME)?

Medicare will only provide DME coverage for doctors and suppliers who meet their strict standards. Often, Medicare and supplemental insurance contribute to a portion of the cost and the individual may pay a portion. In addition to the assistance programs offered in every state, both national foundations and local non-profits can assist with either financial support or free, long-term loans. Local equipment loan closets may be able to loan you equipment if you can’t afford to buy it. DME purchases are tax deductible. Talk to a DME supplier or financial advisor about other ways to help manage your payments.

Q: How do I pay for home modifications?

Medicare and most private insurance typically do not pay for home modifications. See if your state’s vocational rehabilitation services will pay for lifts or elevators. If your injury was work-related, workers’ compensation would pay for any medically necessary modifications to your home. If you were the victim of a crime, your state may cover some home modifications from its crime victim compensation fund. You should seek out any equipment loan closets to see if
they have stair lifts or temporary ramps. Many states offer disability assistance programs and the U.S. Department of Agriculture offers Rural Repair and Rehabilitation Grants to improve safety and remove health hazards for people living with a disability. Home Depot, Lowe’s and Habitat for Humanity have programs to support community-based home modification initiatives with grants and other resources for homeowners. Renters may need to request that their landlord work with these organizations. Some non-profits, such as Rebuilding Together, offer assistance in the form of financial aid or volunteer labor.

**Q: Does the Reeve Foundation offer direct financial support to individuals?**

Unfortunately, the Reeve Foundation is unable to give financial support to individuals. To best serve the entire paralysis community, the Reeve Foundation focuses on supporting non-profits organizations (rather than individuals) that offer life-changing programs through both local and national resources. Often our funding of these organizations results in the reduction or elimination of program costs for participants to help ease financial burdens and enable individuals to enjoy greater independence and quality of life.

Sources: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Help Hope Live, U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development

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**Resources for Financial Assistance & Grants for Individuals**

**For People with Spinal Cord Injuries:**

**Help Hope Live**

[https://helphopelive.org/](https://helphopelive.org/)

Two Radnor Corporate Center
100 Matsonford Road, Suite 100
Radnor, PA 19087
Phone: 800-642-8399

Help Hope Live is a nonprofit organization that provides fundraising help to patients and families who are raising funds for uninsured medically related expenses related to transplantation or catastrophic injury such as spinal cord injury or traumatic brain injury. They provide bill pay support. Because Help Hope Live maintains discretion over the funds you or your family raise, your eligibility for Medicaid coverage is unlikely to be jeopardized. You should check with your state Medicaid office to be sure.

**Be Perfect Foundation**

[https://beperfectfoundation.org/](https://beperfectfoundation.org/)

720 Indigo Ct.
Pomona, CA 91767
Phone: 909-621-9309
The Be Perfect Foundation is a non-profit organization with a mission to provide direct financial and emotional aid to individuals living with paralysis. BP promotes a holistic, exercise-based therapy approach to recovery. BP offers scholarships for activity-based therapy at Project Walk to qualified recipients. They also provide funds to those who can’t afford wheelchairs, car adaptations, high medical bills, and general daily medical necessities.

**Blood Brothers Foundation**
[http://www.bloodbrothersfoundation.org/](http://www.bloodbrothersfoundation.org/)
PO Box 217
Henderson, CO 80640
Phone: 720-413-1899
Blood Brothers Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization whose mission is "to transform the lives of individuals living with a spinal cord injury by restoring physical freedom, mobility and independence." They provide support to individuals living with spinal cord injuries by funding vehicle modifications. They assist individuals with adaptive devices for vehicles including hand controls, lifts, steering devices and ramps.

**The Cindy Donald Dreams of Recovery Foundation**
2230 Towne Lake Parkway
Bldg 200 Suite 110
Woodstock, GA 30189
Phone: 770-675-6565
E-mail: info@dreamsofrecovery.org
Dreams of Recovery focuses on three major factors involved in the lives of individuals with spinal cord and brain injuries: (1) granting financial support for individuals to participate in approved therapy programs which are not covered by insurance, (2) granting individuals equipment to improve daily life, and (3) granting approved institutions necessary funding to conduct scientific research to find a cure for paralysis.

**DiDonato Paralysis Foundation**
[https://www.didonatofoundation.org/grants](https://www.didonatofoundation.org/grants)
40 Carriage Hill Road
Gorham, Maine 04028
Offers grants to individuals who live in Maine, New Hampshire & Massachusetts and have paralysis. Examples of eligible items include upgrade and maintenance of wheelchairs, vehicle modifications (i.e., hand controls or lifts), small home modifications including ramp and lift installation, computers, and other adaptive equipment. Grants are given quarterly and for a maximum of $2,500.

**Durrie Vision: Focus on Independence**
[https://durrievision.com/about-durrie-vision/](https://durrievision.com/about-durrie-vision/)
8300 College Boulevard, Suite 201
Overland Park, KS 66210
Phone: 913-491-3330
E-mail: info@durrievision.com
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The Focus on Independence program provides free laser or surgical vision correction to people with disabilities who don’t have the dexterity to put on glasses or insert contacts.

**Gridiron Heroes Spinal Cord Injury Foundation**
https://www.gridironheroes.org/
P.O. Box 507
Schertz, TX 78154
Gridiron Heroes provides immediate as well as long-term resources and support to individuals sustaining catastrophic spinal cord injury through activities associated with high school football.

**HeadNorth Fund at Sharp Healthcare Foundation**
https://give.sharp.com/headnorth
8695 Spectrum Center Blvd.
San Diego, CA 92123
Phone: 619-814-1236
HeadNorth’s financial assistance helps to purchase necessary equipment and services to promote an active and productive lifestyle. Grant funding can be used toward wheelchairs, exercise equipment, computers, car and home modifications and physical therapy. Grants are awarded to legal resident of greater San Diego County. Applicants can re-apply after one full year has passed from their original application date. Grants are given on a quarterly basis.

**Joseph S. Groh Foundation**
https://www.josephgrohfoundation.org/
Phone: 214-998-9749
E-mail: jgrohfoundation@gmail.com
Dedicated to providing financial support to employees, former employees, family members of employees and former employees of the construction and HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) industries who have suffered permanent spinal cord injuries or other permanent and life altering disabilities.

**Kelly Brush Foundation**
https://kellybrushfoundation.org/
Three Main St., Suite 105
Burlington, VT 05401
Phone: 802-846-5298
Email: betsycabrera@kellybrushfoundation.org
The Kelly Brush Foundation Individual Grant Program allows economically disadvantaged individuals with SCI to purchase adaptive sporting equipment such as a monoski or a handcyle.

**Moving with H.O.P.E.**
https://www.movingwithhope.org/
30 Controls Dr.
Shelton, CT 06484
Phone: 203-513-8424
Email: info411@movingwithhope.org
Moving with Hope is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for persons with neurological disorders and early onset long term illnesses. They provide financial
support, grants, and scholarships to regional clinics that offer affordable, activity based recovery solutions. They also provide low- to moderate-income families opportunities for long term recovery that are not usually available to them.

New Perspective Foundation
https://newperspectivefoundation.org/
12850 Highway 9, Suite 600-239
Alpharetta, GA 30004
Email: newperspectivefoundation@gmail.com
New Perspective Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that helps individuals in Ohio and Florida who are currently hospitalized due to a spinal cord injury. They accomplish this by assisting their family and friends with airfare, gasoline, and or lodging expenses, so they can travel to support the hospitalized individual in his or her time of need.

Rally4Reilly & Friends
https://www.rally4reilly.org/wellness-grants
5245 Guessman Ave.
La Mesa, CA 91942
Email: mark@rally4reilly.org
The Rally4Reilly Wellness Fund provides financial support to people affected by spinal cord injuries. Grants are awarded quarterly and are contingent upon available funds. Approved applicants, many of whom have no insurance or inadequate coverage, will receive an annual grant that can be used for a variety of items and services such as wheelchairs, vans, ramps, voice-activated systems, in-home help, and bills.

Sacramento Spinal Foundation
https://www2.sacspinalfoundation.org/
1420 Merkley Ave., Suite #3
West Sacramento, CA 95691
Phone: 916-952-4786
Email: sacspinalfoundation@gmail.com
The Sacramento Spinal Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the lives of individuals with spinal cord injuries and their families in Sacramento and Yolo counties. Their goal is to raise awareness, provide resources and financial assistance to SCI individuals for home safety improvements, smarthome technologies, personal care and intensive physical and occupational therapy. The financial assistance is only available to residents of Sacramento and Yolo counties in California who are spinal cord injured.

SCORE (Spinal Cord Opportunities for Rehabilitation Endowment)
https://scorefund.org/
30 Monument Square
Suite 220
Concord, MA 01742
Phone: 323-655-8298
E-mail: questions@scorefund.org
SCORE gives grants to assist with the out-of-pocket costs for items such as home modifications, vehicle adaptations and medical co-payments. Preference is given to young people who are
injured while participating in sports.

**Sterling Thomas Push Push Pray Foundation**  
[https://www.pushpushpray.org/grant-eligibility-and-guidelines](https://www.pushpushpray.org/grant-eligibility-and-guidelines)  
9524 E. 81st Street, Suite B1617  
Tulsa, OK 74133  
Phone: 918-250-3709  
Email: info@pushpushpray.org  
Sterling Thomas Push Push Pray is a 501 (c)(3) foundation with the mission to inspire hope, empower and enrich the quality of life of individuals living with spinal cord injury. They help survivors with responding to and overcoming the many challenges of facing disability providing the knowledge and tools needed to move forward, thrive and adapt to a changed way of life. Their focus is on promoting: Hope, Dignity, Support, Navigation, Education, Quality of Life, Physical Activity, Mobility, Accessibility and Inclusion. They provide small grants ($2,000 or less) for assistive technology, therapeutic equipment and therapeutic recovery/exercise.

**Triumph Foundation**  
28711 Avenue Hopkins, Unit 5  
Valencia, CA 91355  
Phone: 661-803-3700  
Email: info@Triumph-Foundation.org  
Triumph’s KMF Grants helps individuals get necessary adaptive equipment for activities of daily living, make home modifications for wheelchair accessibility, enable them to return to work reintegrating back into the community, and maintain therapeutic activities for health and wellness. Open to U.S. citizens but priority is given to residents of Southern California.

**For people with multiple sclerosis:**

**Multiple Sclerosis Association of America (MSAA)**  
[https://mymsaa.org/](https://mymsaa.org/)  
375 Kings Highway North  
Cherry Hill, NJ 08034  
Phone: 856-488-4500, 800-532-7667 (Toll-free)  
Email: MSquestions@mymsaa.org  
MSAA lends equipment, cooling vests, and books through their lending library. They also have an MRI Fund to assist people with their MRIs. Please contact MSAA about qualifications for any of these programs.

**Patient Advocate Foundation—Co-Pay Relief: Multiple Sclerosis**  
[https://copays.org/funds/multiple-sclerosis/](https://copays.org/funds/multiple-sclerosis/)  
Patient Advocate Foundation’s (PAF) Co-Pay Relief Program (CPR) provides financial assistance to financially and medically qualified patients, including those insured through federally administered health plans such as Medicare, for co-payments, co-insurance and deductibles required by a patient’s insurer for pharmaceutical treatments and/or prescription medications prescribed to treat and/or manage his/her disease.
For people with ALS, Friedreich’s ataxia, and some types of muscular dystrophy:

**ALS Family Charitable Foundation**
https://alsfamily.org/
One Trowbridge Rd., Suite 322
Bourne, MA 02532
Phone: 508-759-9696
Email: ALSFamily@aol.com
The ALS Family Charitable Foundation is dedicated to raising funds to provide patient services for those living with ALS and to support cutting edge research to cure ALS in the future. They help ALS patients and their families with in-house grants. Their services are open to New England area families and include support for respite, college scholarships, summer camp, back to school shopping, utility bills, vacations and so much more.

**ALS Recovery Fund**
https://www.alsrecovery.org/
One Grove Isle Drive #1602
Coconut Grove, FL 33133
Phone: 305-971-5416
The ALS Recovery Fund is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization that is committed to creating public awareness, promoting research and education, and raising funds for patient care and research in order to find a cure for this life threatening disease. The ALS Recovery Fund seeks to aid families impacted by ALS by providing financial assistance to those in need of equipment and/or supplies. The Patient Care Fund is available to all residents of Miami-Dade, Broward, Monroe and Palm Beach County in Florida diagnosed with ALS.

**Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA): Equipment Assistance**
http://www.mdausa.org/services/equipment-assistance
161 N. Clark, Suite 3550
Chicago, IL 60601
Phone: 800-572-1717 (Toll-free)
E-mail: mda@mdausa.org
MDA’s national equipment program helps provide good-condition, gently used wheelchairs and other medical equipment, such as shower chairs, hospital beds, walkers, canes, communication devices and similar items, when available and as feasible.

For people with syringomyelia and/or chiari malformation:

**American Syringomyelia & Chiari Alliance Project (ASAP)**
https://asap.org/
P.O. Box 1586
Longview, TX 75606-1586
Phone: 903-236-7079, 800-ASAP-282 (Toll Free)
E-mail: info@asap.org
Bobby Jones Open grants of up to $1,000.00 are available for ASAP members to assist with the purchase of adaptive equipment and assistive devices. College scholarships are available to ASAP members and students with a parent affected by SM and/or CM.
For people with post-polio syndrome:

Post-Polio Health International
https://post-polio.org/
50 Crestwood Executive Center, Suite 440
Saint Louis, MO 63126
Phone: 314-534-0475
E-mail: info@post-polio.org
Post-Polio Health International offers assistance of up to $500 for orthotics or modified shoes for polio survivors.

For people with acute flaccid myelitis (AFM):

Acute Flaccid Myelitis Association
https://www.afmanow.org/support
Email: info@afmanow.org
Grants of up to $1,000 are awarded on a monthly basis. They will be evaluated based on necessity and urgency of need. Grants can be used for equipment, medical costs, respite care and any other associated costs with an Acute Flaccid Myelitis diagnosis.

For people with disabilities (not condition or disease specific):

Bryon Riesch Paralysis Foundation
https://brpf.org/
P.O. Box 1388
Waukesha, WI 53187-1388
Phone: 262-547-2083
Email: info@brpf.org
BRPF provides scholarships to individuals suffering from paralysis or families with a parent dealing with a neurological disorder.

Challenged Athletes Foundation (CAF)
https://www.challengedathletes.org/
9591 Waples Street
San Diego, CA 92121
Phone: 858-866-0959
E-mail: caf@challengedathletes.org
Stepping in where medical treatment, rehabilitation and health insurance ends, Access for Athletes provides such equipment as adaptive sports wheelchairs, handcycles, mono skis and sports prosthetics.

College Football Assistance Fund
https://www.cfafund.org/
8930 West Sunset Road
Suite 240
Las Vegas, NV 89148
Phone: 877-352-6224
A non-profit organization dedicated to the support of football players who have sustained serious injuries through college football. Assistance is provided to ease the burden of medical costs associated with injuries such as joint replacement, spine treatment, neurological care and other related expenses.

**Compassion Can’t Wait (formerly Andre Sobel River of Life Foundation)**
https://compassioncantwait.org/
P.O. Box 69A
West Hollywood, CA 90069
Phone: 310-276-7111
E-mail: info@compassioncantwait.org
Compassion Can’t Wait provides emergency assistance within 24 hours to single caregivers of children with catastrophic or life threatening illnesses who are in financial crises. Referrals come through pre-selected pediatric medical facilities.

**Fighting Back Scholarship Program**
https://www.fightingbacksp.org/
400 East King St.
Malvern, PA 19355
610-688-8868
Fighting Back provides financial assistance for post-rehabilitative exercise to individuals who have suffered a life changing illness or injury.

**First Hand Foundation**
https://www.cernercharitablefoundation.org/
2800 Rockcreek Parkway
Kansas City, MO 64117
Phone: 816-221-1024
The First Hand Foundation, established by the Cerner Corporation, assists individual children with health-related needs when insurance and other financial resources have been exhausted.

**Fred’s Footsteps**
https://fredsfootsteps.org/
940 Haverford Rd., Suite CC-1
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010
Phone: 484-368-3602
Provides funding to residents of some New Jersey and Pennsylvania counties who have a child under the age of 18 with a disability or illness. The family must show financial need. Please see http://www.fredsfootsteps.org/apply-for-support/funding-guidelines/ for more details on applying. Applications must be submitted by a hospital social worker.

**Friends of Man**
https://www.friendsofman.org/
P.O. Box 937
Littleton, CO 80160-0937
Phone: 303-798-2342
Friends of Man helps people of all ages with a large variety of needs including mobility equipment.
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(prostheses, wheelchairs, van lifts and modifications, ramps, home modifications), medical equipment and procedures, hearing aids, dentures, glasses, short-term day care, prescriptions, COBRA/health insurance, and basic needs such as clothing for children or food. Applications are accepted only from referring professionals (health care and social workers, clergy, counselors, etc.).

**Giving Angels Foundation**
https://givingangelsfoundation.org/
1461 Golden Drive
Dresher, PA 19025
Phone: 215-429-9996
E-mail: grants@givingangelsfoundation.org
The Giving Angels Foundation (formerly Gia Nicole Angel Foundation) provides assistance for the purchase of a specific item or items to enhance the daily functioning of a child (under 21) with special needs and his or her family. Eligible children include those with any physical disability or an illness such as cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, or cancer. There is an application form to fill out and family income qualification.

**Harry Gregg Foundation**
https://harrygreggfoundation.org/
One Verney Drive
Greenfield, NH 03047
Phone: 603-547-3311, ext. 1490
Email: hgf@crotchedmountain.org
The Harry Gregg Foundation provides financial assistance to improve the lives of people in New Hampshire with physical, intellectual, or emotional disabilities. Funds may be requested for many purposes including: costs of medical, dental, vision, hearing, or therapy treatments not covered by insurance or other programs; specialty equipment, services or supplies; modifications to living area, workplace or vehicle; respite services and recreational activities; and vocational, educational or driver training.

**Helping from Heaven: The Lexi Kazian Foundation**
http://helpingfromheaven.org/
Based in Illinois, this non-profit foundation is able to help families with children who have special needs by providing grants for therapy and equipment.

**I'm Able Foundation**
https://imablefoundation.org/programs/
1007 Hill Ave., Bldg. 17
Wyomissing, PA 19610
Phone: 1-877-595-3505 ext. 4
Email: info@imablefoundation.org
Offers grants for adaptive sports equipment to people with physical disabilities.

**The Independence Fund**
https://independencefund.org/
9013 Perimeter Woods Dr. Suite E
The Independence Fund was founded in August 2007 with a mission statement of providing veterans injured in the Global War on Terror with the tools, therapies, and guidance that they otherwise may not be receiving. Currently, the Independence Fund provides funding for adaptive bikes only for veterans with mobility injuries.

**InvoTek: Be ExtraordinaryTM program**  
[https://www.invotek.org/blogs/client-projects](https://www.invotek.org/blogs/client-projects)  
310 Towson Ave.  
Fort Smith, AR 72901  
Phone: 479-310-5483  
E-mail: info@be-x.org

InvoTek develops technology and computers for people with disabilities. Through the Be ExtraordinaryTM program people with a disability contact InvoTek and tell them a goal they want to accomplish (go to school, work, manage their family’s finances, etc). If InvoTek accepts them in this program, there is a section of their website called “People who need funding” where people can donate to their cause.

**Joni and Friends**  
[https://www.joniandfriends.org/](https://www.joniandfriends.org/)  
30009 Ladyface Ct.  
Agoura Hills, CA 91301  
Phone: 818-707-5664

The Christian Fund for the Disabled (CFD) is a $1,500 maximum grant program administered by Joni and Friends. CFD provides one-time grants to qualifying individuals in cooperation with (i.e., endorsement by) churches or Christian organizations. Requests must reflect a disability-related need. It is beneficial for the applicant to receive matching funds from their endorsing organization.

**Kya’s Krusade**  
947 E. Johnstown Rd., #143  
Gahanna, OH 43230  
Phone: 614-750-2198  
Email: info@kyakrusade.org

Children under the age of 18 with a confirmed diagnosis of a life-long physical disability affecting the child’s motor skills, for which physical/occupational therapy is part of the treatment regimen, are eligible to receive financial assistance of up to $1,000.

**Lex-Care, Inc.**  
[http://www.lexcare.org/](http://www.lexcare.org/)  
P.O. Box 1328  
Lexington, KY 40588  
Phone: 859-699-9859  
E-mail: gethelp@lexcare.org

Lex-Care maintains a fund to assist Kentucky residents with financial and material needs (but not medications) when no other source is available. The fund is supported solely by private
contributions. To receive support, the referral must come from a social service worker.

**Medicare Interactive: Help Paying for Prescription Drugs**
Extra Help is a federal program to assist people with low income with their drug costs. It is also known as the Part D Low Income Subsidy.

**Mississippi Paralysis Association, Inc. (MPA)**
[https://www.msparalysis.org/](https://www.msparalysis.org/)
350 W. Woodrow Wilson Ave., Suite 130
Jackson, MS 39213
Phone: 601-326-2654
Provides quality of life grants, sports grants, and scholarships for people living with paralysis. Please contact them for details.

**Modest Needs Foundation**
[https://www.modestneeds.org/index.asp](https://www.modestneeds.org/index.asp)
33 Irving Place
New York, NY 10003, FL5
Phone: 844-667-3776
E-mail: general.questions@modestneeds.org
The Modest Needs Foundation’s Independent Living grants help people who are permanently unable to work (or their caregivers) afford accessibility equipment or similar medical expense that is not covered by insurance, unusually high utility bills when electricity is required for medical equipment, and auto repairs necessary for travel to medical appointments. Other grant programs include Self-Sufficiency grants (to help people afford short-term emergency expenses), Bridge grants (to help newly employed people avoid eviction), and New Employment grants (to help unemployed people obtain marketable certifications or training).

**M.O.R.G.A.N. Project**
[https://themorganproject.org/](https://themorganproject.org/)
4100 N. Wickham Rd. Suite 107A-202
Melbourne, FL 32935
E-mail: info@themorganproject.org
The M.O.R.G.A.N. Project supports parents and caregivers of special needs children through information, used equipment exchanges, and grants.

**National Council on Aging and USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology: Funding Sources for Home Modification**
[https://homemods.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/HomeMod_Funding_Sources_Grid.pdf](https://homemods.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/HomeMod_Funding_Sources_Grid.pdf)

**National Eye Institute: Financial Aid for Eye Care**
This page lists organizations that provide eye care or eyeglasses.

**Needy Meds**
https://www.needymeds.org/
This site has information about programs that help with the cost of prescription medicines.

**NonProfit Experts: Individual Assistance**
https://www.nonprofitexpert.com/individual-assistance/
Provides a variety of different types of financial assistance.

**Patient Advocate Foundation—Co-Pay Relief: Chronic Pain**
https://www.patientadvocate.org/connect-with-services/copay-relief/
Patient Advocate Foundation’s (PAF) Co-Pay Relief Program (CPR) provides financial assistance to financially and medically qualified patients, including those insured through federally administered health plans such as Medicare, for co-payments, co-insurance and deductibles required by a patient’s insurer for pharmaceutical treatments and/or prescription medications prescribed to treat and/or manage his/her disease.

**Passion 4 Kids**
http://passion4kids.org/
1345 Encinitas Blvd., #736
Encinitas, CA 92024
E-mail: info@passion4kids.org
A non-profit organization that helps families with children in desperate situations. To apply for assistance for your child, please e-mail them with your request.

**Road Scholar Caregiver Grant**
https://www.roadscholar.org/about/financial-assistance/caregiver-grants/
Phone: 617-457-5429
Email: scholarships@roadscholar.org
The Road Scholar is a non-profit organization which offers unpaid family caregivers a chance to receive a scholarship of up to $1,300 to take part in a Road Scholar educational travel program. The grant is for caregivers who are 50 and older and live in the United States. Please contact them for any other eligibility requirements.

**Road 2 Recovery Foundation**
https://road2recovery.com/
1084 N El Camino Real, Suite B-350
Encinitas, CA 92024
Phone: 760-436-1366
E-mail: info@road2recovery.com
Road 2 Recovery provides financial assistance to AMA licensed professional motocross/supercross riders who sustain career-ending injuries.

**Swim With Mike: Physically Challenged Athletes Scholarship Fund**
https://swimwithmike.org/
University of Southern California
3501 Watt Way
HER 203B
Los Angeles, CA 90089
Phone: 213-740-4155  
E-mail: swimwithmike@gmail.com  
Swim With Mike provides college scholarships to students who were/are athletes and sustained a life changing injury or illness.

**Tinina Q. Cade Foundation: Family Building Grant**  
[https://cadefoundation.org/grants/family-building-grant](https://cadefoundation.org/grants/family-building-grant)  
This grant provides up to $10,000 per funded family to help with costs of domestic adoption and medical fertility treatment. The grant is open to legal permanent U.S. residents with a diagnosis of infertility.

**UCP: Bellows Fund**  
1825 K Street NW  
Suite 600  
Washington, DC 20006  
Phone: 800-872-5827 (Toll-free)  
E-mail: info@ucp.org  
Each UCP affiliate gives out money from this fund to provide assistive technology devices to people with disabilities in financial need. You need to contact your local UCP office to apply.

**Wheel to Walk Foundation**  
[https://www.wheeltowalk.com/](https://www.wheeltowalk.com/)  
P.O. Box 20146  
Portland, OR 97294  
Phone: 503-257-1401  
E-mail: info@wheeltowalk.com  
Wheel to Walk helps children obtain products and services denied by their insurance companies. The foundation distributes funds directly to providers. Previous purchases include gait trainers, forearm crutches, wheelchairs, and speech therapy sessions.

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