

## **CdLS Foundation Conference Funding Guide**

We would like everyone to have the opportunity to attend the CdLS Foundation National Family Conference, held in Tulsa, OK in June 2020 and are aware of concerns about being able to afford the full cost of attending. In response to these concerns, the staff has taken to the internet to seek sources of funding that you might be able to tap to help you fund your trip. We have identified a number of organizations that may offer grants to individuals and to families of children with developmental disabilities.

Our primary sources of information were *Wonder Baby.org*, a website published with the support of the Perkins School for the Blind and the CHARGE Syndrome Foundation.

The first link provides some wonderful information on ways to get money to purchase specific items such as iPads from insurance companies, schools, local charities, fundraisers, and grant applications to specified list of organizations: <http://www.wonderbaby.org/articles/ipad-funding-special-needs>

The second link gives more great hints on how to go about getting a sponsor/advocate and writing a successful proposal letter to request financial aid for attending conference: <http://www.wonderbaby.org/articles/conference-fundraising#proposal>

We enclosed a sample letter specifically focusing on obtaining funding to attend the 2020 CdLS Foundation National Family Conference. We also created an Excel spreadsheet that you can download and use to calculate your family's travel and conference costs. Your detailed, categorized conference related expenses can then be attached to your funding applications and letters.

Also listed are organizations that offer grants to individuals and families. Some have significant geographic limitations while others have national and international service coverage. Where possible, we provide a brief description of these organizations and how to contact them. The first section of this list shows organizations that serve the entire US; the organizations listed in the second section serve only the noted geographic areas.

Continue with plans for fundraisers and feeding piggy banks to save money for the conference but don't overlook the possibility of getting one or more grants to help cover those expenses. Even if a letter you send doesn't result in financial aid for Conference, it has served another purpose: educating people about CdLS and how it affects an individual and their family!

*Thank you to the CHARGE Syndrome Foundation for providing the information enclosed in this fundraising toolkit!*

## Now it is *your* turn.

Get organized to apply for one or more grants to attend the conference:

1. Start **NOW!**
2. Carefully read both the Wonder Baby Newsletter articles referenced above.
3. Print a copy of the second one, ***Beyond Bake Sales: How to Raise Money So You Can Attend a Family Conference***, to use as a quick reference.
4. Find a sponsor/advocate for your family, as recommended.
5. Do financial homework. Go to **Hotwire, Expedia, Orbitz** and similar sources to get a sound estimate of your airfare costs. Will an airport shuttle or taxi meet your needs, or do you have a specific need to rent a vehicle? If so use these same websites to get estimates for the cost of the rental vehicle and factor this into your transportation costs. Are you a lifetime member of the Foundation? If so, this will reduce conference fees by 10%. **Download** the Excel worksheet from the website to calculate your family's cost to attend the conference. You will need to be able to provide this documentation with your grant requests.
6. **Download** the list of granting agencies from the Foundation's website and read it carefully
  - a. Identify the organizations that you want to contact.
  - b. Go to their websites and read them carefully. Is there a formal application process? Do you need to submit proof of financial need? Do they require letters of reference from professionals to substantiate your need for conference attendance?
  - c. Assemble the required supporting documentation and have it ready when each agency opens its application period or when you make contact with your local organizations. Do NOT wait until the application period starts to begin this project.
  - d. Mark your calendar with the dates on which you can make application and carefully follow their instructions when you assemble your package for submission. **Don't get your request rejected on a technical or clerical oversight like missing a deadline or not including requested information!**
7. Download the sample grant proposal letter from the Foundation's website. Use it as a starting point to create the one you will use for your family's needs.
8. Send this letter to as many source agencies as are available in your city, state and region. This might result in partial funding from multiple agencies that can add up to significant funding of your costs.

**Good luck with your grant applications! See you in Tulsa in 2020!**

## **SAMPLE GRANT REQUEST LETTER**

Dear XX:

I am writing to ask for your financial assistance in providing travel and conference funding so that I (*or my family and I*) may attend the **Cornelia de Lange Syndrome (CdLS) Foundation National Family Conference, June 25-28, 2020 in Tulsa, OK.**

I (*or my son/daughter*) was born with CdLS. Cornelia de Lange Syndrome (CdLS) is a genetic disorder present from birth, usually not inherited. It is usually due to an acquired change (mutation) in one of seven important developmental genes at or shortly after conception. It causes such a broad range of potential physical, cognitive and medical challenges that it is now known as the CdLS spectrum disorder. CdLS does not discriminate— it affects both genders equally and it's seen in all races and ethnic backgrounds. The occurrence of CdLS is estimated to be 1 in 10,000 live births, but because it is so variable, could remain undiagnosed. In our case, CdLS has affected me (*my child*) in the following ways. (*Insert a description of the physical, behavioral, educational challenges encountered and what you/your child have done to overcome them*). (*Hint: try to focus on the positive things & not the negative. You aren't asking for sympathy here; you are asking for funding to help you do one more positive thing related to CdLS.*)

Because the syndrome is so rare, the CdLS families are often widely dispersed in each state and most only have an opportunity to meet at these conferences. We also have the opportunity to learn from a wide range of professionals from all over the country who are knowledgeable about CdLS and its medical, educational, social, and developmental challenges. For most people diagnosed with CdLS, Conference represents their only opportunity to interact with peers who cope with similar challenges.

Conference is designed to support my (*our*) entire family. Conference provides families the opportunity to share personal experiences and make connections with others who face similar challenges. Parents and caregivers can attend more than a dozen educational seminars and family workshops, participate in roundtables, and hear from keynote speakers on topics ranging from behavior to special education advocacy. Individuals with CdLS receive free, private, head-to-toe consultations with physicians and allied health professionals who are distinguished in their specialties and who have expertise in the treating of children with CdLS.

The cost for me/our entire family to attend Conference will place a significant financial burden on my family. The detailed costs of attending the National Family Conference are detailed in Attachment 1. I(*we*) have also applied to (*list other agencies you have contacted*) and have held (*plan to hold*) the following fundraisers to help defer these costs (*describe the remaining gap between the costs and your resources*) but we will still need and appreciate any help you are able to provide.

You can also view additional information about CdLS and the CdLS Foundation National Family Conference at the CdLS Foundation website, [www.CdLSusa.org](http://www.CdLSusa.org).

My contact information is: XX

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

**Attachment 1 Early Bird Registration  
Breakdown of Estimated Costs to Attend the National Family Conference**

**SAMPLE –Family of 4**

*Modify to reflect your actual expenses or use the Excel worksheet to create your own*

Transportation (round trip)

Airfare	\$400.00	X	4 (number of people flying)	=	\$1,600.00	
Shuttle/Taxi to/from airport					74.00 44.00	
Rental Car	\$375.00					
<b>TOTAL TRANSPORTATION COSTS</b>						<b>\$1,748.00</b>

Conference Registration

Adult	370.00	X	2	=	\$740.00	
Individual with CdLS	No charge	X	1	=	0	
Person Providing Care	250.00			=	0	
Banquet ONLY (Adult)	55	X		=		
Banquet ONLY (Child)	35	X		=		
Child 3-17	190.00	X	1	=	\$190.00	
<b>TOTAL REGISTRATION COSTS</b>						<b>\$930.00</b>

Kids Explore Program

Child 3-5		X	1	=		
Child 6-10		X		=		
Child 11-16		X		=		
<b>TOTAL KIDS EXPLORE COSTS</b>						

Hotel

Marriott Tulsa Hotel	125.00 per night	X	4	=	500.00	
<b>TOTAL HOTEL COSTS</b>						<b>\$500.00</b>

<b>GRAND TOTAL OF CONFERENCE 2019</b>						<b>\$3,123.00</b>
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*Please note this is a sample breakdown, amounts reflected above may not be the true costs for the items listed.*

## National Organizations that Offer Assistance to Families and Individuals with Disabilities

Contact any agencies you have identified as potentially helpful as soon as possible!

**Your State Deafblind Project** may have funding for conference attendance  
<https://nationaldb.org/members/list?type=State+Project>

**The Arc** [www.thearc.org](http://www.thearc.org) serves people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Contact your local chapter to get information on submitting a grant request.

**Easterseals** <http://www.easterseals.com> provides opportunities for people of all ages with a range of disabilities to achieve their full potential. Together, we're changing the way the world defines and views disability. Contact your local Easterseals to get more details about the services available in your community.

**The Elks** support benevolent, educational, and patriotic community-minded programs in such fields as benefitting physically handicapped children. <http://www.elks.org/lodges/>

**Jewish Community Centers** <https://jcca.org/find-a-jcc/>  
Contact your local JCC to find out if they have a local grant program. Use the link to search for a center in your community.

**Kiwanis Clubs** <https://www.kiwanis.org>  
Individual Clubs can apply for grants from the International Foundation. Go to website for information on how to locate a club in your area and review the types of grants that local clubs have sponsored in the past.

**Knights of Columbus** <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/todays-knights/what-we-do.html>  
Charitable activities encompass an almost infinite variety of local, national, and international projects from international charitable partnerships with Special Olympics, the Global Wheelchair Mission and Habitat for Humanity to our own Food for Families and Coats for Kids projects and other purely local charities.

**Lions Clubs** are known as "knights of the blind," focusing on programs and services for the blind and visually impaired. A Lions club in or near your community may sponsor a program that provides assistance for the purchase of eyeglasses, hearing aids, health-related services, scholarships or educational needs: <https://directory.lionsclubs.org/?language=EN>

**The Maggie Welby Foundation** <http://maggiewelby.org/Grants.html> offers grants for children and families that have a financial need for a particular purpose. Grants may extend to children and families in need of help with bills, athletic opportunities, medical needs, or an opportunity that a child would not otherwise have. All grants are awarded to the family, but are paid directly to the specific purpose for which the grant was applied.

**The Morgan Project** <http://themorganproject.org> provides the tools for a therapeutic and fun experience to children with physical and developmental needs. Also, explore their Disability Resources Database <http://themorganproject.org/resources/>

**My Goal** <http://mygoalautism.org/mygoal-resources/>



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MyGOAL Inc. is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization that exists to provide assistance to caregivers of individuals on the Autism Spectrum. The primary focus of MyGoal is to help families with little economic power access the same therapies and programs as those with financial capabilities. Use the link to contact this organization for information on when the grant application forms will be made available on their website. This grant is offered in the Spring.

**National Grange** <http://www.nationalgrange.org/our-values/programs/>

Grange members participate in big and small projects, partner with other community organizations, they fundraise for various causes within their community and nationally. Serving our communities whether it is helping our neighbor in need or bake sale to raise money for the local school, you can always count on the Grange being involved. Use the link to locate a group near you.

**Optimist Club** <http://optimist.org/default.cfm>

Each Optimist Club determines the needs of the young people in its community and conducts programs to meet those needs. Every year, Optimists conduct 65,000 service projects and serve well over six million young people. Use the link to locate a club near you.

**Variety – the Children’s Charity’s** <http://usvariety.org/grants/> purpose is to serve children who are less fortunate – children who live and grow up with a serious illness, disability or disadvantage.

**Independent Order of Odd Fellows**

<http://www.ioof.org/IOOF/OurWork/IOOF/OurWork.aspx?hkey=0d5b4bfa-677a-4ab5-b15d-d54aacb81c9c>

Go to the webpage to locate points of contact in your state. Any assistance you can obtain apparently will come from the local/regional organization.

**Altrusa International** <http://altrusa.org/Get-Involved/Club-District-Locations.aspx>

Civic-minded people who are interested in creating better communities. Last year, Altrusans proudly gave over a million volunteer hours around the world, including clubs in the United States, Puerto Rico, Canada, England, Bermuda, Ireland, India, Scotland, New Zealand and Russia. Projects/donations seem to be handled as the local level. Use the link to locate a group near you.

**The June Brandy Foundation** helps families with children who are suffering with pediatric illness, disease, disability, or other serious health conditions. Contact [junebrandyfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:junebrandyfoundation@gmail.com).

**Pioneer** <http://www.pioneersvolunteer.org/>

Pioneers is a network of volunteers who effect immediate, tangible change in local communities, in partnership with their sponsors. Use the link to locate a group near you.

<http://snap4kids.org/index.html> provides modest grants to families in need.

<http://www.aubreyswarriorsfoundation.org> provides financial assistance to families going through hardship due to illness

<http://www.handstoangels.org> helps families of children with rare genetic disorders

<http://www.prayerchild.org> provides assistance to children with disabilities to enhance quality of life

<https://www.firsthandfoundation.org> **First Hand** provides funding for individual children with health-related needs when insurance and other financial resources have been exhausted

<https://www.tpahq.org/scholarshiptrust/> **The Travelers Protective Association of America** established the TPA Scholarship Trust to provide financial aid to children and adults who are deaf or have a hearing





impairment. This program provides assistance for mechanical devices, medical or specialized treatment or specialized education to those who demonstrate financial need.

[www.friendsofman.org](http://www.friendsofman.org) grants for therapy, equipment, and other needs. Must have a sponsor, such as an agency or social worker, apply.

<http://givingangelsfoundation.org> **Gia Nicole Angel Foundation** assists special needs children with a physical disability or illness.

[www.handstoangels.org/contact.html](http://www.handstoangels.org/contact.html) grants to support the identification and eventual prevention of rare, genetic disorders, and to provide financial assistance to families coping with the many complications of these disorders.

<http://www.joniandfriends.org> **Christian Fund for the Disabled**

Your local community service organizations may also be able to assist:

- Jaycees <https://jci.cc/usa>
- Rotary International <https://www.rotary.org/en>
- Pilot International <http://www.pilotinternational.org/supporting-those-that-care-for-others/>
- Loyal Order of the Moose <http://www.mooseintl.org/index.php/about/>
- Key Clubs <https://www.keyclub.org/contact-us/>

Also contact:

- College Student Organizations • Sororities and Fraternities • Hospital Auxiliaries • Local Unions
- Catholic Charities • Lutheran Social Services • Special Interest Groups • Churches

Crowdfunding is an option:

- Go Fund Me <https://www.gofundme.com/> (You Caring, Generosity, Crowdrise)
- Fundly <https://fundly.com/>
- FundRazr <https://fundrazr.com/>
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Wish Granting Foundations might also be able to help:

- **Make-A-Wish** has been granting wishes for 30 years. Find your local chapter here: <https://wish.org/local-chapters>
- **A Special Wish Foundation, Inc.** <http://www.aspecialwishfoundation.org> is a non-profit charitable organization dedicated to granting the wishes of children under the age of 21 and diagnosed as having a life-threatening disorder.
- **The Marty Lyons Foundation** <https://martylyonsfoundation.org> grants wishes in 10 states: Alabama, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas and Virginia.
- **The Sunshine Foundation** makes dreams come true for chronically ill, seriously ill, physically challenged and abused children ages three to eighteen in Colorado, Delaware, Florida, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. <https://www.sunshinefoundation.org>
- **Dream Factory** [www.dreamfactoryinc.org](http://www.dreamfactoryinc.org) grants wishes to critically and chronically children.
- **Kids Wish Network** <https://www.kidswishnetwork.org/about/> grant recipients have faced remarkable challenges in their young lives and are in need of hope.

## Agencies Serving Specific States and Counties Cities in USA

**The Different Needz Foundation** <http://www.differentneedzfoundation.org/>

The Foundation has approved grants for services and equipment. The Foundation's reach includes recipients in Ohio, Wyoming, Massachusetts, Florida, Maryland, Indiana, and California.

**Hanna & Friends** <https://www.hannahandfriends.org/>

Hanna & Friends provides funding for a program called Hannah's Helping Hands, which funds quality of life grants for families that care for children and adults with special needs in Rhode Island, New Jersey, New York, Florida, Indiana and the Michiana area.

**The ATI Foundation** [www.atipt.com](http://www.atipt.com) is committed to aiding children with physical impairments in need of medical resources, equipment, and funding to enhance and sustain a better quality of life. The child must live in Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Pennsylvania or Wisconsin.

**The Ingeborg A. Biondo Memorial Foundation** <http://www.biondofoundation.org/> financially assists developmentally, neurologically and physically challenged individuals in the tristate area of Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey.

State	Organization
<b>AL</b> West-central region	Community Service Programs of West Alabama, Inc. Provides resources and services, which resolve immediate needs and lead to long term self-sufficiency in low-income and vulnerable populations <a href="http://www.cspwal.com">www.cspwal.com</a>
<b>CA</b> Alpine, Colusa, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Sierra, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba counties	Alta California Regional Center, Inc. Provides services to persons, age three and above, with a developmental disability pursuant to the Lanterman Act <a href="http://www.altaregional.org">www.altaregional.org</a>
<b>CA</b> El Monte, Glendora, Monrovia, and Pomona districts of Los Angeles County	San Gabriel Pomona Regional Center Service, support and advocacy for people with Developmental Disabilities and their families. <a href="http://sgprc.org/">http://sgprc.org/</a>
<b>CA</b> Del Norte, Mendocino, Lake, and Humboldt counties	Redwood Coast Developmental Services Corporation Not-for-profit corporation providing services through a contract with the California Department of Developmental Services 1116 Airport Park Blvd., Ukiah, CA 95482-5997 <a href="http://www.redwoodcoastrc.org/">http://www.redwoodcoastrc.org/</a>
<b>CA</b> San Luis Obispo County	Jack's Helping Hand provides assistance and programs to children with cancer and special needs. <a href="http://www.jackshelpinghand.org">www.jackshelpinghand.org</a>
<b>CA</b> San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Amador, Calaveras and Tuolumne counties	Valley Mountain Regional Center, Inc. Serving children and adults with developmental disabilities <a href="http://www.vmrc.net">www.vmrc.net</a>





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<b>CA</b> San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura counties	Tri-Counties Association for the Developmentally Disabled, Inc. Provides supports and services for individuals with developmental disabilities <a href="http://www.tri-counties.org/">www.tri-counties.org/</a>
<b>CA</b> South Central Los Angeles	South Central Los Angeles Regional Center for Developmentally Disabled Persons. Contracts with DSS to coordinate services for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families 650 W. Adams Blvd., Bldg. 4, 3rd Fl., Los Angeles, CA 90007-2545 <a href="http://sclarc.org/">http://sclarc.org/</a>
<b>CT</b>	Cherish the Children Foundation assists children in Connecticut with needs that are not being met by traditional sources of funding or support. We may fill a special medical need or assist a family caring for a terminally ill child. <a href="http://www.ctchildren.org">www.ctchildren.org</a>
<b>FL</b>	Florida Endowment Foundation for Vocational Rehabilitation Grants to disabled FL residents to become independent, productive, and self-supporting members of society. <a href="http://www.abletrust.org/">www.abletrust.org/</a>
<b>GA</b>	Anchor of Hope offers grants to special needs children to help cover the costs of therapy, education, equipment, and other needs not covered by insurance or Medicaid. The maximum grant amount is \$250.00 per child per financial year. <a href="http://www.anchorofhopefoundation.org">http://www.anchorofhopefoundation.org</a>
<b>GA</b>	Georgia residents can receive up to \$2,500 for payment of therapeutic services or equipment. Application deadline March 31. <a href="http://www.kiddosclubhousefoundation.org">http://www.kiddosclubhousefoundation.org</a>
<b>HI</b>	Learning Disabilities Association of Hawaii Provides screening, identification, information, training and mentoring, and public outreach and advocacy for children and youth with or at risk of disabilities. <a href="http://www.ldahawaii.org">www.ldahawaii.org</a>
<b>IL</b> Peoria County	Grants for Blind residents of Peoria County Louis S. Oppenheim Trust c/o PNC Bank, N.A. P.O. Box 94651 Cleveland, OH 44101-4651
<b>KS</b> Cloud County	Cloud County Children's Trust Grants given only for exceptional children age 12 years and under with special needs to provide opportunities, education, therapy, special equipment and help not provided by insurance, governmental aid programs, or other charities. c/o Citizens National Bank 115 W. 6th St. Concordia, KS 66901-2815 Contact Person: Amy DeGraff Phone: (785) 243-3211



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<p><b>KY</b> Southeastern Region</p>	<p>Scott Rose Foundation, Inc Support for medical and general welfare needs of disabled and disadvantaged children and young adults living in southeastern Kentucky P.O. Box 5001 London, KY 40745-5001 Contact Person: Lawrence Kuhl, Treas. Phone: (606) 864-6235</p>
<p><b>MD</b> Montgomery and Prince George's counties</p>	<p>Full Citizenship of Maryland, Inc 4415 Queensbury Road Riverdale, MD 20737 Telephone: (301) 209-0696 For residents who live with mental or neurological impairments and disabilities. <a href="mailto:fullcit@comcast.net">fullcit@comcast.net</a></p>
<p><b>MI</b></p>	<p>Lions of Michigan Service Foundation, Inc. <a href="https://www.lmsf.net">https://www.lmsf.net</a></p>
<p><b>MI</b></p>	<p>DB Central in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan – Central Michigan University <a href="https://www.cmich.edu/colleges/class/Centers/DBCentral/Pages/default.aspx">https://www.cmich.edu/colleges/class/Centers/DBCentral/Pages/default.aspx</a></p>
<p><b>MI</b></p>	<p>Michigan Parents of Visually Impaired (MPVI) <a href="http://mpviweb.org/mpviw/index.html">http://mpviweb.org/mpviw/index.html</a></p>
<p><b>MI</b></p>	<p>American Legion - <a href="https://www.michiganlegion.org/">https://www.michiganlegion.org/</a></p>
<p><b>MI</b></p>	<p>Children's Special Health Care Services <a href="https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71547_35698-15087--,00.html">https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71547_35698-15087--,00.html</a></p>
<p><b>MN</b></p>	<p><a href="https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/people-with-disabilities/services/homecommunity/programs-and-services/csg.jsp">https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/people-with-disabilities/services/homecommunity/programs-and-services/csg.jsp</a> Consumer Support Grant is a self-directed grant available through the Counties. Once the grant is awarded, the caregiver/grant manager can request to the County to allocate some of the grant money to pay for conference registration, camp, and hotel. The person writing the request needs to clearly explain how paying for this will benefit the recipient of the grant.</p>
<p><b>MN</b></p>	<p><a href="https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/people-with-disabilities/services/homecommunity/programs-and-services/fsg.jsp">https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/people-with-disabilities/services/homecommunity/programs-and-services/fsg.jsp</a> Family Support Grants are available in some Counties in MN. They seem to be flexible funding. "The goal is to prevent or delay out-of-home placement of children with disabilities and promote family health and social well-being by providing access to family-centered services and supports."</p>
<p><b>MN</b></p>	<p>DeafBlind Technology &amp; Training Access Program (self-directed grant). DeafBlind(DB) adults and families with DB children who live in Minnesota and who need technology or other equipment and/or training in order to become more self-sufficient may be eligible." Contact: Christy Leach <a href="mailto:celeach@crgrants.com">celeach@crgrants.com</a> DeafBlind Services Minnesota V 612-272-5233 • FAX 612-872-0189</p>



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<b>MN</b>	<a href="http://www.dbproject.mn.org/aboutus.html">http://www.dbproject.mn.org/aboutus.html</a> Minnesota DeafBlind Project They have a Family Travel Scholarship. Funds are limited but asking early in the year and if it's the first time that you request this scholarship, puts you earlier on the list. Contact the project coordinator, Deanna Rothbauer, at <a href="mailto:Deanna.Rothbauer@metroecu.org">Deanna.Rothbauer@metroecu.org</a> for more information.
<b>MO</b>	Missouri Deaf-Blind Technical Assistance Project <a href="https://msb.dese.mo.gov/outreachservices/documents/FamilyInvolvementFund.pdf">https://msb.dese.mo.gov/outreachservices/documents/FamilyInvolvementFund.pdf</a>
<b>MO</b>	Missouri Statewide Parent Involvement Network <a href="https://msb.dese.mo.gov/outreach-services/documents/SOURCESOFFUNDING.pdf">https://msb.dese.mo.gov/outreach-services/documents/SOURCESOFFUNDING.pdf</a>
<b>MO</b> Lewis, Lincoln, Macon, Marion, Monroe, Montgomery, Pike, Ralls, Randolph, Shelby, St. Charles and Warren	North East Community Action Corporation Provides assistance to low income families. <a href="http://www.necac.org">www.necac.org</a>
<b>NC</b>	Easter Seals UCP North Carolina and Virginia, Inc. Services for adults and children with disabilities <a href="http://www.easterseals.com/NCVA/">http://www.easterseals.com/NCVA/</a>
<b>NH</b>	One Sky Community Services, Inc. <a href="http://www.oneskyservices.org">www.oneskyservices.org</a> Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services (BEAS) BEAS serves New Hampshire residents over the age of 60 and residents over the age of 18 who suffer from a chronic illness or disability. This is an excellent resource for information and all sorts of services and support. 129 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301 (603) 271-9203 or (800) 351-1888
<b>NH</b>	<a href="http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcbcs/beas/">http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcbcs/beas/</a> <a href="https://www.nh.gov/disability/">https://www.nh.gov/disability/</a> Governor's Commission on Disability This is an agency of the State of New Hampshire's government devoted to removing barriers from the lives of the state's disabled population. Contact this body with your questions about securing disability grants you can put toward a wheelchair van. 57 Regional Drive, Suite 1 Concord, NH 03301 (603) 271-2773 or (800) 852-3405



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<b>NH</b>	<p>Granite State Independent Living (GSIL)            GSIL is a statewide nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote life with independence for people with disabilities and those experiencing the natural process of aging through advocacy, information, education, support and transition services.            21 Chenell Drive            Concord, NH 03301            (603) 228-9680 or (800) 826-3700            Website: <a href="http://www.gsil.org">www.gsil.org</a>; Email: <a href="mailto:info@gsil.org">info@gsil.org</a></p>
<b>NH</b>	<p>The Harry Gregg Foundation            This is a cross-disability charitable foundation providing direct financial aid to New Hampshire residents. It began in 1989, created in memory of its namesake, the founder of the Crotoned Mountain Rehabilitation Center.            1 Verney Drive            Greenfield, NH 03047            (603) 547-3311 ext. 1490 or (800) 394-3311 ext. 1490  <a href="https://www.crotchedmountain.org">https://www.crotchedmountain.org</a> <a href="mailto:hgf@crotchedmountain.org">hgf@crotchedmountain.org</a></p>
<b>NH</b>	<p>Institute on Disability (IOD) works to improve access to assistive technologies for disabled people living in New Hampshire. This is a good source of information about acquiring and using such technology in the state. It is affiliated with the University of New Hampshire.  <a href="http://www.iod.unh.edu/Home.aspx">http://www.iod.unh.edu/Home.aspx</a>            (855) 374-9969            Assistive Technology            Institute on Disability            10 West Edge Drive, Suite 101            Durham, NH 03824</p>
<b>NH</b>	<p>The New England Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Center serves persons with disabilities in New Hampshire. It works to preserve and increase the rights, independence, self-determination and quality of life of the state's disabled population.            180-200 Portland Street, Suite 1            Boston, MA 02114            (617) 695-1225 or (800) 949-4232  <a href="http://www.newenglandada.org/">http://www.newenglandada.org/</a> and <a href="mailto:ADAinfo@NewEnglandADA.org">ADAinfo@NewEnglandADA.org</a></p>



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<b>NH</b>	<p>New Hampshire Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs)            For the elderly and disabled living in New Hampshire, the state's ADRCs are available to provide information and assistance. Talk to a representative to learn about funding options for your handicapped-accessible vehicle. You can find your local office using the link.  <a href="http://www.servicelink.nh.gov/">http://www.servicelink.nh.gov/</a></p>
<b>NH</b>	<p>The New Hampshire Council on Developmental Disabilities (NHCDD)            NHCDD offers disability grants to individuals and organizations, along with many other types of assistance. State residents with a condition meeting the Federal guidelines for a developmental disability are eligible for help from the Council.            21 Fruit Street, Suite #22            Concord, NH 03301-2451            (603) 271-3236  <a href="http://www.nhcdd.org/">http://www.nhcdd.org/</a></p>
<b>NH</b>	<p>New Hampshire Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) is dedicated to helping the disabled lead more independent lives. It furthers this goal by providing reliable information, services and aid to state residents with disabilities.            Paula Ninivaggi            Statewide Independent Living Council            c/o Governor's Commission on Disability            57 Regional Drive            Concord, NH 03301            (603) 271-0476 or (800) 852-3405 ext. 0476  <a href="https://www.nh.gov/disability/silc/info@silcnh.org">https://www.nh.gov/disability/silc/info@silcnh.org</a></p>
<b>NH</b>	<p>New Hampshire Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)            Check in with the New Hampshire VR agency, which operates under the auspices of the state's Department of Education. It assists disabled state residents in securing employment. If a handicap van is necessary for you to find or to get to work, financial aid is available.            101 Pleasant Street            Concord, NH 03301-3860            (603) 271-3494  <a href="http://education.nh.gov/career/vocational/Lori.Temple@doe.nh.gov">http://education.nh.gov/career/vocational/Lori.Temple@doe.nh.gov</a></p>
<b>NJ</b> Bergen and Passaic counties	<p>The Arc of Bergen and Passaic Counties, Inc. serves individuals with Developmental Disabilities and their families  <a href="http://www.arcbergenpassaic.org">www.arcbergenpassaic.org</a></p>



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NY	<b>Make A Wish:</b> Central NY <a href="http://cny.wish.org">http://cny.wish.org</a> Hudson Valley <a href="http://hudson.wish.org">http://hudson.wish.org</a> Metro NY and Western NY <a href="http://metrony.wish.org/">http://metrony.wish.org/</a> Northeast NY <a href="http://neny.wish.org">http://neny.wish.org</a> Suffolk County <a href="http://suffolk.wish.org/">http://suffolk.wish.org/</a> Western NY/Rochester Regional Office <a href="http://wny.wish.org/">http://wny.wish.org/</a>
NY	<b>Organizations and Foundations</b> The Arc (NY): <a href="https://www.thearc.org/Page.aspx?&amp;pid=321">https://www.thearc.org/Page.aspx?&amp;pid=321</a> Easterseals (NY): <a href="http://www.easterseals.com/newyork/connect-locally/newyork.html">http://www.easterseals.com/newyork/connect-locally/newyork.html</a> Elks Clubs (NY): <a href="https://www.elks.org/lodges/default.cfm">https://www.elks.org/lodges/default.cfm</a> JCC (NY): <a href="http://jcca.org/find-a-jcc/search/New+york">http://jcca.org/find-a-jcc/search/New+york</a> Knights of Columbus (NY): <a href="https://www.newyorkknights.com/">https://www.newyorkknights.com/</a> Optimist International (NY Clubs) <a href="https://optimist.org/member/clubdirectory/city.cfm?country=US&amp;state=NY">https://optimist.org/member/clubdirectory/city.cfm?country=US&amp;state=NY</a>
NY	Catholic Guardian Society and Home Bureau Serves families and individuals with Special Needs in NYC <a href="http://www.cgshb.org/">www.cgshb.org/</a>
OH	Parker's Purpose Foundation assists Ohio families with a minor (18 and under) with a life altering illness or disability that is in an immediate financial crisis due to unforeseen medical expenses. Up to \$1,000. <a href="http://parkerspurpose.net/index.php?page=application-for-assistance">http://parkerspurpose.net/index.php?page=application-for-assistance</a>
OH Northeast	Zane's Foundation serves families who have children with special needs and live in Northeast Ohio. May apply at any time. Applications are reviewed quarterly. <a href="http://zanesfoundation.org/site/?action=who-can-benefit">http://zanesfoundation.org/site/?action=who-can-benefit</a>
OH Cincinnati area	Building Blocks for Kids' mission is to improve the quality of life for children with health-related needs that are not being met due to a lack of insurance, government funding, and/or family resources in the Cincinnati area. <a href="https://bb4k.org/">https://bb4k.org/</a>
OH Erie and Eastern Ottawa counties	Paul Motry Memorial Fund c/o John Frankel 414 Wayne St., Sandusky, OH 44871-5001 Phone: (419) 627-3100
OH Northeast Region	The Jewish Family Service Association of Cleveland serves to strengthen families and individuals in both the Jewish and general communities in Northeast Ohio. <a href="http://www.jfsa-cleveland.org">www.jfsa-cleveland.org</a>
OH Dayton area	Sightless Children Club, Inc. <a href="http://www.sightlesschildren.org">www.sightlesschildren.org</a>





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<b>OR</b>	The Blanche Fischer Foundation makes direct grants on behalf of Oregonians with physical disabilities. The aid may relate directly to the disability or toward fostering personal independence <a href="http://www.bff.org/index.html">http://www.bff.org/index.html</a>
<b>PA</b> Philadelphia area	Fred's Footsteps provides financial assistance to Philadelphia area families during a child's illness <a href="http://www.fredsfootsteps.org">http://www.fredsfootsteps.org</a>
<b>TN</b>	Civitan Child Welfare Auxiliary, Inc. provides assistance for disabled children 16 years old or under who live in the immediate Chattanooga, TN, area. 3712 Anderson Ave. Chattanooga, TN 37412-1809 Contact Person: J. William Dietzen, Chair Application address: 1122 Hilldale Dr., Chattanooga, TN 37411
TN	Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities – will provide 2 scholarships of \$1,000 each.
TN	Sertoma Club of Nashville - <a href="https://nashvillesertomaclub.org/">https://nashvillesertomaclub.org/</a>
TN	Lions Club Resources for Blind and Hearing Impaired - <a href="https://directory.lionsclubs.org/?language=EN">https://directory.lionsclubs.org/?language=EN</a>
<b>WA</b> Northeastern Region, Ferry, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Whitman and Stevens Counties	Rural Resources Community Action <a href="http://www.ruralresources.org">www.ruralresources.org</a>
<b>WI</b> Waukesha County	The Margaret Wiegand Trust provides grants to legally blind persons for their educational needs, care, and maintenance. c/o JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. P.O. Box 3038 Milwaukee, WI 53201-1308 Contact Person: Anne McCullough Phone:(214) 965-2908 <b>Application address:</b> c/o JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., 2200 Ross Ave., 5th Fl., Dallas, TX 75201-2744 Tel.: (214) 965-2908
<b>WI</b>	<a href="http://wesp-dhh.wi.gov/wdbtap/">http://wesp-dhh.wi.gov/wdbtap/</a> Wisconsin DeafBlind Technical Assistance Project. They may have funding or point families to sources of funding in the state.

**Do you know of other funding sources? Send to: [info@CdLSusa.org](mailto:info@CdLSusa.org).**