

# Grant Funding Resource List

If you have a child with a special need or disability and are in need of financial assistance, you may be eligible for one or more of the following grants.



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## Adaptive Bicycles

**Vermont Ambucs** Therapeutic tricycles for individuals who are not able to ride a traditional bike. Open house with bike fitting in May of each year.

**McLindon Family Foundation** for children with special needs that want to ride a bike and need an adapted bicycle.

## Basic Needs

[Junior League of Champlain Valley](#) (VT) has a Diaper Bank that supports six local food shelves with bimonthly distributions: The Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf, Aunt Dot's and town food shelf programs in Williston, Richmond, Milton, and Hinesburg.

[Giving Angels Foundation](#) Provides grants up to \$500 for children under 21 who have a physical disability and from a low-income family. Grants can be used for equipment, medical supplies, essential family bills, specialized camps, and therapeutic toys.

[Modest Needs](#) provides emergency grants for income-eligible families.

## Camps and Respite

[Camp Ta-Kum-Ta](#) is a camp for Vermont and Northern New York children who have or have had cancer, and their families. This camp is provided at no cost to families.

[Healing Winds Vermont](#) provides individuals with cancer, and their loved ones, the therapeutic experience of sailing at no cost.

[A Mother's Rest](#) is on a mission to improve the emotional and physical health of caregivers through proactive, affordable, and restorative respite opportunities. Depending on funding, they may also have grants to help with the cost of summer camps.

[Believe in Tomorrow Children's Foundation](#) provides respite housing to accelerate the healing process by offering a relaxing and carefree retreat from the stresses of a serious illness. Children from any hospital, nationwide, who are facing a life-threatening illness are eligible for the program.

[David's Refuge](#) provides respite, resources, and support to parents and guardians of children with special needs or life-threatening medical conditions where they will be refreshed, restored, and renewed in their role as caregivers.

## Home Repairs and Modifications

[Chive Charities](#) (see detail under [Medical section](#))

[Rebuilding Together-Greater Burlington](#) volunteers help repair homes for VT families with limited resources. This may include building a ramp.

[Vermont Center for Independent Living The Home Access Program \(HAP\)](#) provides home entry and bathroom accessibility modifications for income-eligible Vermonters with physical disabilities. These modifications increase opportunities for participation in the community.

[Zoe's Race](#) is a Howard Center program to help families fund home modifications. Families must be receiving services from the Howard Center to be considered.

## Medical

[Lions Club](#) local chapter in VT will help people in need obtain eyeglasses.

[Medically Necessary Supplemental Fund](#) VFN provides income-eligible families of children with special health needs (birth to 21) with grants up to \$1,200 for their child's unmet medically necessary needs such as equipment, medications, travel, and therapies.

[Aubrey Rose Foundation](#) helps families with children who are currently living with a life-threatening medical condition. Grants are awarded based on need and are considered for outstanding medical bills that insurance will not cover.

[Chive Charities](#) spreads awareness by sharing stories for individuals with rare medical diagnoses, first responders, military families, and veterans, as well as providing grants to individuals and non-profit organizations.

[Cerner Charitable Foundation](#) funds treatment, travel expenses, and vehicle modifications not covered by insurance, for families with children under 18 years of age.

[Healthwell Foundation](#) provides financial assistance from one of their disease-specific funds for eligible people to help pay for coinsurance, copays, premiums, and deductibles for certain medications and therapies.

[The Maggie Welby Foundation](#) offers scholarships for children grades Kindergarten through twelfth grad who demonstrate a financial need.

[National Organization for Rare Disorders](#) for certain rare conditions, NORD's Patient Assistance Program includes free drug, co-pay and premium assistance, travel/lodging assistance for clinical trials, and expanded or emergency access.

[Needy Meds](#) provides a database to help families find scholarships for prescriptions, camps, and other diagnosis-specific assistance.

[PAN Foundation](#) provides financial assistance to underinsured individuals with certain chronic/rare diseases. The program can help pay for out-of-pocket medication costs, co-pays, insurance premiums, and travel expenses.

[Shriners Hospitals for Children](#) devoted to providing high-quality specialty medical care to the children and families who come to us, regardless of their ability to pay or insurance status.

[United Healthcare Children's Foundation](#) offers medical grants to help children 16 or younger gain access to health-related services not covered, or not fully covered, by their family's commercial health insurance plan. Families must be income eligible.

[The Weber Foundation of Helping Hands, Inc.](#) provides direct financial assistance to individuals and their families who are facing life-threatening illnesses or other catastrophic situations.

## Medical Equipment and Assistive Tech

[Vermont Assistive Technology Program](#) provides equipment demonstrations, a loan program for equipment trials, and a Funding Guide to help locate alternative funding options. VATP also hosts an AT Exchange where users can sell or give away pre-owned durable medical equipment.

[Vermont Center for Independent Living Sue Williams Freedom Fund](#) provides funding for services and equipment to help people with disabilities achieve or maintain independence in their own homes.

[Go Baby Go](#) provides modified ride-on-cars to young children who experience limited mobility. Depending on the year, St. Michael's College in VT has a Go Baby Go community organization.

[JJ's Toys for Friends](#) is a foundation providing toys and assistive devices to children with special health or developmental needs, with both new and gently used equipment.

[My Gym Challenged America](#) accepts applications for children with chronic illness or who have a physical, cognitive, or developmental disability. Grants up to \$500 for therapies, assistive devices, medical equipment, or sensory items.

[National Organization for Vehicle Accessibility](#) for individuals with disabilities that have secured most of the funding needed for vehicle modification, and just need a little additional help to achieve their mobility goals.

[Santa's Little Hackers](#) makes modifications to toys for children that have varying abilities so that all children can access toys independently.

[Special Kids Fund](#) provides help to children, adults, and disabled veterans with accessible vans.

[Wheelchairs 4 Kids](#) provides children with physical disabilities with wheelchairs, home, and vehicle modifications, as well as assistive devices such as gait trainers, standers, hoist lifts, etc. Provides fun events for children in wheelchairs and donates gently used equipment.

## Speech and Language Disorders

[Small Steps in Speech](#) will help cover therapies, treatments, and communication devices for children ages 3-22 with speech and language disorders.

## Service Dogs

[Assistance Canine Training Services](#) is an all-volunteer organization that trains Service Dogs. Applicants are 16 or older and have a qualifying mobility disability. Dogs are currently \$5,000. North Conway, NH.

[Canine Assistant](#) covers medical, food, and training costs for service dogs. Places free service dogs with children and adults with a physical disability, seizure condition, Type 1 Diabetes, or other special need can apply. 5+ year waitlist. Travel to Milton GA for training.

[Canine Companion for Independence](#) Trained service dogs for children with physical or cognitive disabilities aged five or older. Adults with physical disability or hearing impaired.

[Canines for Disabled Kids](#) provides scholarships from \$250 to \$5,000 for children up to age 18 who have a physical or psychological disability, or who are on the Autism Spectrum.

[Guiding Eyes for the Blind](#) (based in NY) provides trained dogs to people who are aged 16+, blind and visually impaired. They offer a variety of programs and there is no cost for their services to people who are blind and visually impaired.

[NEADS](#) (based in Princeton, MA) trains Service Dogs and Assistance Dogs to meet the needs of people with a variety of disabilities or hearing loss, including children with disabilities. Clients do not pay a fee for their dogs, but instead, they work alongside NEADS staff to raise funds (with a minimum required amount) to help support the organization.

## Travel

**TIP** - Families can contact airlines to see if there are any donated airline miles that can be used towards a flight for medical appointments.

[Angel Flight NE](#) offers free flights and ground transportation for children and their families traveling for medical care. They arrange with private pilots or commercial airlines for national flights.

[Curb Free Foundation](#) provides the opportunity for wheelchair users to reach their dream destinations with travel grants.

[Children's Flight of Hope](#) provides air transportation for children in need of specialized medical care who also need financial assistance. For most families, they reserve tickets on commercial airlines for the child and one adult companion to travel for treatment.

[Hospitality Homes](#) provides free short-term housing in volunteer host homes and donated apartments for families and friends of patients seeking care at Boston, MA-area healthcare organizations.

[Mercy Medical Angels](#) Free Non-Emergency Medical Transportation for on-going or critical treatment. Assistance for transportation on the ground with gas cards, bus, or train tickets or in the air with flights flown by volunteer pilots or the commercial airlines.

[Miracle Flights](#) provides commercial flights for all ages for life changing medical care or to train or retrieve a service dog. Must be income eligible.

[Patient Airlift Services Northeast](#) free air transportation for individuals receiving medical care for acute or chronic health conditions in the northeast.

[Wings Flights of Hope](#) Helps people including children, patients, and troops with free air transportation on small private planes in the Northeast for medical care.

## Wish Programs

[Catch-A-Dream Foundation](#) provides hunting and fishing experiences to children 18 and under with a life-threatening illness.

[Cherished Creations](#) provides Dream wishes for seriously ill children. They also provide Support wishes to fulfill the practical needs of seriously ill children to help them live better lives.

[Do it for the Love](#) brings people with life-threatening illnesses, children with severe challenges and wounded veterans to live concerts.

[Dream Foundation](#) fulfills dreams to adults, 18 and older, that have a limiting illness with a life expectancy of nine months or less.

[Hunt of a Lifetime](#) grants hunting and fishing dreams for seriously ill children to the age of 21.

[Mahana Magic](#) provides support to Vermont children who have a parent or caregiver who has been diagnosed with cancer. They offer programs at no cost to families.

[Make-A-Wish Vermont](#) grants wishes to make life better for kids with life-threatening medical conditions and critical illnesses.

[The Marty Lyons Foundation](#) grants wishes to children ages 3-17 who have been diagnosed with a terminal or life-threatening disease. Child must be receiving treatment in Massachusetts or one of the other participating states. There is no VT chapter.

[Outdoor Dream Foundation](#) grants outdoor adventures to children who have been diagnosed with terminal or life-threatening illnesses.

[Project Angel Fares](#) provides all travel expenses to visit Morgan's Wonderland, an all-accessible amusement park.

[Sunshine Foundation](#) provides grants for children that are chronically ill, seriously ill, physically challenged, and abused, ages 3-18 from all over the country.

## Diagnosis/ Condition Specific

### Autism

[Flutie Fund](#) (VFN) Families who have children birth to age 22 with an autism diagnosis may request up to \$200 for needed equipment, respite, camp, therapies, emergency childcare, or to attend a conference related to their child's diagnosis.

[Autism Care Today! Autism Care and Treatment](#) strives to provide necessary services so that each child with autism can reach his or her highest potential.

[Danny's Wish](#) provides free iPads to income eligible families of nonverbal or minimally verbal children over the age of 3 with an autism diagnosis.

[Doug Flutie Foundation](#) meets families' needs by ensuring access to services, active lifestyles, and adult independence.

[MyGoal Autism](#) Grant Award Program provides need-based funding for treatments (including vitamins and other nutritional needs); enrichment and educational needs that are not otherwise covered.

[National Autism Association, Give A Voice Program](#) provides communication devices to individuals with autism who are non-verbal or minimally verbal, and whose communication challenges put them at increased risk of injury or harm.

### Cancer

[Alex's Lemonade Stand](#) provides emotional, financial, and logistical support to childhood cancer families. Their Travel for Care Program helps to offset travel expenses for families who must travel to receive potentially lifesaving treatment for a child.

[Andrew McDonough B+ Foundation](#) provides financial assistance to families of children with cancer for prescription medications not covered by insurance, travel to and from treatment, mortgage payments/rent, groceries and much more.

[Cancer Patient Support Foundation](#) provides emergency funding for patients with cancer and their families; all other funding options must be exhausted. Applications are submitted by a patient's social worker or medical provider.

[Clayton Dabney Foundation](#) helps income-eligible families with a child in the last stages of cancer to make lasting memories by providing wishes, gifts, special events, family travel and financial assistance with household expenses. Patient must be referred by a hospital or hospice care facility.

[Family Reach](#) provides financial assistance to families with a child or parent with cancer for mortgage, rent, auto, utilities, transportation, lodging, daycare, and other expenses.

[Feel Better Friends](#) sends children with cancer and other illness a crocheted doll stuffed with love and well wishes.

[Go 4 The Goal](#) wish granting, assistance with medical and household bills, travel for treatment, tuition assistance for education and enrichment activities. Requires referral from social worker or child life specialist.

[Jesse Rees Foundation the Year of Joy Program](#) provides a year of hope, joy and love for children and their families with cancer.

[Leukemia & Lymphoma Society](#) offers financial assistance with insurance premiums and co-pays for specific blood cancers.

[Love Your Melon](#) an apparel brand dedicated to giving a free hat to children with cancer.

[Lucy's Love Bus](#) delivers comfort to children with cancer by paying for integrative therapies that help to balance traditional cancer care. \$500 incremental grants for children and young adults living in or being treated in New England.

[The Magic Yarn Project](#) provides homespun yarn wigs embellished to resemble princesses, for children fighting cancer.

[Mission for Maureen](#) provides financial assistance to families who are burdened by the costs of brain cancer treatment.

[National Children's Cancer Society](#) provides financial assistance for travel, lodging and other expenses.

[Pinky Swear Foundation](#) financial assistance for families of children with cancer to help with rent, mortgages, car payments and car repairs, groceries, gas, childcare and more.

[Stupid Cancer](#) provides a list of resources/organizations that provide financial assistance.

## Cardiac Care

[Eli's Heart](#) assists families with travel expenses for medical care.

[Ethan M. Lindberg](#) provides grants for families traveling to Boston Children's Hospital for cardiac care.

## Deaf/ Hard of Hearing

[Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing](#) offers a variety of resources, including financial aid for members.

[CaptionCall](#) is a captioned telephone service available at no-cost to people with hearing loss.

[ClearCaptions](#) is a free phone captioning service that provides near real-time call captions of phone conversations for individuals whose hearing loss inhibits their phone use.

[Dorothy Ames Trust Fund](#) provides grants for purchase of hearing aids and auditory trainers for children that are deaf living in New England.

[Help Hear](#) provides high quality hearing aids for income-eligible families. Families must exhaust all other resources for payment.

[The Hike Fund](#) offers funding for children under the age of 20 who have a need for hearing aids or an assistive hearing device. Family annual income must be less than \$100,000.

[Miracle-Ear Children's Foundation](#) provides free hearing aids, services and support materials to children and adults with limited income, who are not receiving resources through Medicaid, insurance, or state or federal programs.

[Travelers Protective Society of America](#) financial aid for people that are deaf or hearing impaired to obtain hearing devices, specialized treatment, speech classes, note takers, interpreters and more.

## Diabetes

[NeedyMeds](#) has a list of resources for diabetes patients.

## Epilepsy and Seizure Disorders

[Epilepsy Foundation of New England](#) offers list of patient financial resources.

[Chelsea Hutchison Foundation](#) provides support and assistance for children and young adults with epilepsy, as well as seizure monitoring and seizure assistance dogs.

[The Danny Did Foundation](#) provides seizure/epilepsy devices to children in need.

[Josh Provides](#) grants for seizure response dogs, medical services, seizure detection and prediction devices, and other technologies not covered by insurance.

## Muscular Dystrophy and Muscle Disorders

[Jett Foundation](#) provides medical and accessibility equipment to families that have a child with Duchenne's muscular dystrophy that insurance won't cover.

[Laughing At My Nightmare](#) assists people living with muscular dystrophy by providing free adaptive and medical equipment to people in need.



[Never Give Up](#) is a fund from the Gwendolyn Strong Foundation for anyone with Spinal Muscular Atrophy to apply for iPads and iTunes gift cards to build app library.

[Team Joseph](#) provides personalized assistance to individuals and families affected by Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

## Traumatic Brain Injury/ Spinal Cord Injury

[Holton's Heroes](#) assists families affected by post birth traumatic brain injury with therapeutic tools and devices, enriching activities, educational information and resources for them and their loved ones.

[Kelly Brush Foundation](#) for those that have experienced a spinal cord injury and need adaptive sports equipment in order to lead an active life.

## Vermont Family Network (VFN) Grants

[Conference Fund](#) VFN offers a small grant to attend a conference related to their child's diagnosis.

[Support Group Fund](#) VFN grant of \$200 for parents interested in starting a new support group to help offset the costs of startup.

[VFN's Family Support Fund](#) Income-eligible families of children aged 0 up to 21, with special health care needs may apply for up to \$1,200 per year for self-identified respite needs or for assistance with unmet medical expenses.

## Additional Resources for Families

[Blanket Hugs](#) sends blankets and care packages to children with life- threatening illnesses.

[Challenged Athletes Foundation](#) Our mission is to serve people with physical disabilities through sport and fitness with meaningful grants.

[Do Not Pay In Full](#) is a blog resource list for funding sources and dream sites, run by a mom.

[Gracie's Gowns](#) offers free custom-made hospital gowns for children with chronic and life-threatening illnesses.

[Graham's Foundation](#) provides care packages for parents with premature babies in the neonatal intensive care unit.

[Icing Smiles](#) works with bakers to provide a free birthday cake to a child or sibling impacted by a serious illness.

[Shadow Buddies](#) sends a doll buddy to your child for emotional support in time of need.

[Songs of Love Foundation](#) free personalized songs written for children ages 1-21 who are facing life-threatening and life-limiting mental, emotional, and physical challenges.

[Sweet Dreams for Kids](#) donates free pajamas to children in hospitals.

[Team Impact](#) connects children with serious or chronic illness to local college athletic teams.

[Tubie Friends](#) free furry friends who have a feeding tube to help young children process.

[Tiny Superheroes](#) offers personalized superhero capes for children with an illness, medical condition or disability.

[USGS](#) provides a free, lifetime Access Pass to National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands for U.S. citizens who have a permanent disability. \$10 processing fee.

[Ween Dream](#) gives Halloween costumes to children who have unique challenges.

[Wishers and Dreamers](#) provides free hospital gowns for your child's doll, bear, or little buddy.



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