

Funding and Support Resources

National Funding

Vocational Rehabilitation

“The Vocational Rehab office is a powerful resource for people looking to secure assistance for purchasing an accessible vehicle. They can also provide support in areas of employment, finding jobs, and more. Get back out there, contact your Vocational Rehab office today!”

Check your state’s website for assistance

NMEDA

Website gives information on rebate, funding, vendors for assessible vehicles. “Every year in mid-April, NMEDA launches [National Mobility Awareness Month](#) where you can enter to win an online promotion that gives away wheelchair accessible vehicles. The promotion is sponsored by [Chrysler](#), [Toyota Mobility](#), [Chairiot](#), [BraunAbility](#), [VMI](#) and [ElDorado Mobility](#).”

Website: <https://nmeda.com/how-to-buy/rebates/>

Website: <https://nmeda.com/how-to-find-funding-for-your-mobility-vehicle/>

Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund: must search your state

Website: <https://www.nashia.org/StatePrograms.asp>

Website (PDF): https://www.nashia.org/pdf/trust_fund_overview_listing_of_states_slv.pdf

Andee’s Army

“Our vision is to create a community where every child and youth lives fully in the wake of brain and spinal cord injuries. To that end, Andee's Army is proud to manage our Patient Assistance Grant Program, offering tailored to the unique individual recovery of each patient applicant. Past grants have covered occupational, physical and speech therapies, durable equipment, assistive technology, home health aid, basic home modifications as well as other specialized therapy and care.” Lifetime grant amount of \$10,000. Must have been injury prior to 23rd birthday. May assist with vehicles or modifications.

Website: <https://www.andeesarmy.org/grants>

Salvador Foundation-

Must be a Shepherd Center patient, \$5000/year, \$20,000 max, Will cover same resources as Andee’s Army except therapy services, must show financial need.

Contact your case manager at Shepherd Center for more details

National Organization for Vehicle Accessibility (NOVA)

“Provides grants for accessible vans, wheelchair lifts, scooter or truck lifts, or car top carriers. The foundation will help with 25% of the cost with a cap of \$5,000. Aid is given based on financial need.”

Website: <https://novafunding.org/>

MobilityWorks Foundation

“Non-profit organization that will provide financial assistance and or equipment to selected individuals requiring adaptive vehicles or driving aids... The Foundation’s goal is to make the world accessible for physically challenged individuals and families. The Foundation will provide financial assistance and or equipment to selected, qualified applicants requiring adaptive vehicles or driving aids. “

Phone: 1-866-723-5991

Website: <http://www.themobilityworksfoundation.org/>

The Ralph Braun Foundation

“Organization dedicated to assisting folks with purchasing mobility transportation equipment. The Ralph Braun Foundation was created for a simple purpose: to assist those with mobility needs through education, information and product acquisition.”

Phone: 574-946-4139 x 3378

Website: <http://www.wheel-life.org/ralph-braun-foundation-grants-for-adapted-vehicles-with-andrea-vrobel/>

The Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation

“The Reeve Foundation cannot award grants to individuals, but the Information Specialist Team at the Paralysis Resource Center (PRC) can help individuals identify resources that can provide financial assistance.”

Phone # 1-800-225-0292

Website: <https://www.christopherreeve.org/>

Travis Roy Foundation

“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.”

Phone #: (617)619-8257

Fax #: (617) 227-0781

Website: <https://www.travisroyfoundation.org/sci/grants/>

Bryon Riesch Paralysis Foundation

“For people suffering from SCI or paralysis, a grant up to \$10,000 for a specific need item.”

Phone#: (262) 547-2083

Website: <https://brpf.org/>

Joni and Friends

“The Christian Fund for the Disabled (CFD) is a \$1,500 maximum grant for an individual with a disability-related need. The individual must be sponsored by a church that is willing to match funds received through the grant.”

Phone #: 1-818-707-5664

Website: <https://www.joniandfriends.org/>

Special Kids Fund

“To be eligible for the Special Kids Fund, a family must demonstrate they do not have the resources to afford a vehicle on their own. The family must also have a good driving record, carry car insurance, register the vehicle, and pick it up. Nationwide program for children and adults. Apply via their website.”

Website: <http://www.specialkidsfund.org/wheelchair/>

HelpHOPELive

“HelpHOPELive helps patients who have exhausted all other resources by awarding them a one-time grant for fundraising and providing other financial services. HelpHOPELive can help people mobilize their communities to raise funds for uninsured expenses related to catastrophic injury, including, but not limited to, vehicle modifications.”

Phone #: 1-800-642-8399

Website: <https://helpholive.org/>

Blood Brothers Foundation

“501(c)3 non-profit organization that provides financial support for vehicle modifications for individuals living with spinal cord injuries.”

Phone: 720-413-1899

Website: <http://www.bloodbrothersfoundation.org/>

Chive Charities

“Targets 3 specific causes: rare medical diagnoses, first responders/veterans, and special education initiatives

Website: <https://chivecharities.org/recipient>

Allan T. Brown Foundation

Phone #: (212)944-8727

Fax #: (212)944-0021

Website: <http://www.atbf.org/>

GoFundMe and other crowdfunding options

Allows you to set up a fundraising account. The public is able to give funds towards the cause and the amount you have set up.

Funding for injury due to sports

Kelly Brush Foundation

“Through the Active Fund, we provide grants for individuals with paralysis caused by spinal cord injury to purchase adaptive sports equipment. We believe in the power of sport and

recreation to foster inclusion and overcome the barriers of paralysis. We have helped over 900 people from 48 states purchase handcycles, monoskis, sport chairs, racing chairs, hockey sleds, and much more.”

Phone #: (802)846-5298

Fax #: (802)864-9990

Website: <https://kellybrushfoundation.org/>

S.C.O.R.E Foundation

SCORE aims to assist young people who have been injured while participating in sporting events or athletic recreation. SCORE endeavors to improve the quality of life for people with a spinal cord injury, assisting with the substantial out-of-pocket costs associated with obtaining the best medical care, home amenities and transportation. The end goal is to facilitate rehabilitation and independent living.

Phone #: (310)943-4990

Fax #: (310)943-4995

Website: <https://scorefund.org/>

Life Rolls on Foundation

Adaptive surf and skate events

Phone#: (310) 807-5488

Website: <https://liferollson.org/>

Military

Semper Fund

“We provide direct financial assistance and vital programming for combat wounded, critically ill and catastrophically injured service members and their families during hospitalization and recovery.”

Website: <https://semperfund.org/get-assistance/assistance/>

Veterans Affairs: <https://www.research.va.gov/topics/sci.cfm>
https://www.sci.va.gov/Eligibility_and_Enrollment.asp

Wounded Warrior: <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/>

Georgia Resources

(Georgia)

FODAC

Phone #: (770) 491-9014

Website: <https://bepperfectfoundation.org/>

Jackson EMC Round up Foundation

Phone: (706) 367-6291

Website: <https://www.jacksonemc.com/foundation-apply>

Brain and Spinal Trust Fund Commission (Georgia and Florida)

Phone: (404) 651-5112

Website: <https://bsitf.georgia.gov/>

Other Resources

JAN (Job Accommodation Network)

“JAN provides free consulting services for all employees, regardless of the condition. Services include one-on-one consultation about all aspects of job accommodations, including the accommodation process, accommodation ideas, product vendors, referral to other resources, and ADA compliance assistance.” Website list resources on transportation and funding.

<https://askjan.org/index.cfm>

Brighter Tomorrow Grant

“The Multiple Sclerosis Foundation offers the Brighter Tomorrow Grant to provide goods/services to improve the quality of life of those with disabilities. Maximum award of \$1,000.”

Phone # 1-800-225-6495

Website: <https://msfocus.org/Get-Help/MSF-Programs-Grants/Brighter-Tomorrow-Grant>

Muscular Dystrophy Association

“The MDA National Equipment Program takes donations of gently used medical equipment and donates them to people who need them.”

Phone #: 1-800-572-1717

Website <https://www.mda.org/care/resource-list/equipment-assistance>

Grants.gov

A helpful website that contains a search engine to check the government's grant database. Use specific key words that meet your needs.

Phone #: 1-800-518-4726

Website: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>

Canadian Handicap Van & Wheelchair SUV Funding Grants International Inc.

“A Canadian tax refund agency established to help individuals with medical needs get past income tax refunds. You may be eligible for this service if you have a prolonged, restrictive impairment. Many have received thousands of dollars back in tax refunds after filling out eligibility forms.”

Be Perfect Paralysis Awareness Foundation

Phone #: (909) 593-9539

Website: <https://bepperfectfoundation.org/>

Project Walk foundation: Must research location in local areas

Other Websites

BraunAbility: <https://www.braunability.com/us/en/help-me-buy/grants-funding/nationwide-handicap-van-wheelchair-suv-funding.html>

Move Along enhancing mobility: <https://www.movealonginc.org/resources-3/>

Shirley Ryan Ability Lab: <https://www.sralab.org/lifecenter/resources/listing-grants-and-funding-sources-adaptive-sports-equipment-automotive>

SCI-Info-Pages: <https://www.sci-info-pages.com/support-and-financial-assistance/>

United Spinal Association: <https://askus-resource-center.unitedspinal.org/?pg=kb.page&id=2971>

Traumatic Brain Injury (provides funding and support resources):
<https://www.traumaticbraininjury.com/resources/>

The Mobility Resource (info on funding by state and vans for purchase):
<https://www.themobilityresource.com/financing-handicap-accessible-vehicles/state-grants/>