



Funding Guide

We would like everyone to have the opportunity to attend a CHARGE Syndrome Foundation Conference and are aware of concerns about being able to afford the full cost of attending the conference. In response to these concerns, the Board 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 source of information was *Wonder Baby.org*, a website published with the support of the Perkins School for the Blind.

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 a conference: <http://www.wonderbaby.org/articles/conference-fundraising#proposal>.

Using this article as a guide, we developed a sample letter specifically focusing on obtaining funding to attend the 2019 CHARGE conference (pages 3-5 of this document; also available as an editable word document at <https://www.chargesyndrome.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/2019-sample-request-letter.docx>) We hope that you will find it a good starting place for your own letter. 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. <https://www.chargesyndrome.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/2019-Conference-Expenses.xlsx>

We also researched 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 beginning on page 6 of this document. 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 the conference, it has served another purpose: educating people about CHARGE Syndrome and how it affects an individual and their family!

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 Dallas in August.

SAMPLE GRANT REQUEST LETTER

Dear _____:

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 **CHARGE Syndrome Foundation Conference, August 2-5 in Dallas, Texas.**

I (*or my son/daughter*) was born with CHARGE Syndrome. CHARGE syndrome is a recognizable (genetic) pattern of birth defects, which occurs in about one in every 9,000-10,000 births worldwide. It is an extremely complex syndrome, involving extensive medical and physical difficulties that differ from child to child. In our case, CHARGE 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 CHARGE.*)

Because the syndrome is so rare, the CHARGE 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 world who are knowledgeable about CHARGE syndrome and its medical, educational, social, and developmental challenges. For most people diagnosed with CHARGE, the conference represents their only opportunity to interact with peers who cope with similar challenges.

Further, this conference is designed to support my (*our*) entire family. The conference provides "camp" experiences for children with CHARGE and their siblings while their parents attend conference sessions. In addition, "Sibshops" are led by trained counselors who provide a safe and fun environment for siblings, 8 years and older, to meet their peers and share their life experiences and the emotions that stem from having a family member who has the multiple physical and developmental disabilities specific to CHARGE.

The CHARGE Syndrome conference always provides information on cutting edge medical, educational, genetic, and behavioral research and provides an opportunity to speak directly with the researchers as to ways to apply their research specifically to (*my/my child's needs*). It strengthens our family's bond with the worldwide CHARGE community of individuals and families who strive daily to deal with the challenges that CHARGE Syndrome brings. Spending a weekend with others with CHARGE (*or other parents of children and young adults with CHARGE*) is invaluable.

The cost for me/*our* entire family to attend the conference will place a significant financial burden on my family. The detailed costs of attending the CHARGE Syndrome 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.

SAMPLE GRANT REQUEST LETTER

After the conference I will be happy to share what I've learned with your organization. I would be happy to speak to your group following the conference with a description of the program and to share information about multi-sensory impaired children/adults in general. I also hope to share the many things I learned at the conference with other parents in the community.

You can contact _____ at _____ to obtain additional information about me/my family and how beneficial attending this conference will be. *[Note: If you include this sentence, you should have already contacted a teacher, therapist, physician, etc. who has agreed to serve as your sponsor/advocate.]* You can also view additional information about CHARGE syndrome and the conference at the CHARGE Syndrome Foundation website, www.chargesyndrome.org.

My contact information is: _____.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Attachment 1

Breakdown of Estimated Costs to Attend the CHARGE Syndrome Conference

SAMPLE –Family of 4

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

<https://www.chargesyndrome.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/2019-Conference-Expenses.xlsx>

Transportation (round trip)

Airfare	\$400.00	x	4 <i>(number of people flying)</i>	=	\$1,600.00	
Shuttle/Taxi to/from airport https://www.hiltonanatolehotel.com/directions/ Dallas/Ft. Worth Airport, each way					74.00	
Dallas Love Field, each way					44.00	
Rental Car	\$375.00					
Total Transportation Costs						\$1,748.00

Conference Registration*

Adult	325.00	x	2		\$650.00	
Child attending camp	325.00	x	1		\$325.00	
Child not attending camp <i>12 & younger</i>	225.00	x				
Person with CHARGE	no charge	x	1		\$0.00	
Conference Subtotal						\$975.00
10% Discount for CHARGE Syndrome Foundation Lifetime Members <i>(-97.50)</i>						
Total Conference Costs						\$975.00

Hotel

Hilton Anatole Hotel	169.00 <i>per night</i>	x	3 <i>Friday-Monday</i>	=	507.00	
Total Hotel Costs						\$507.00
GRAND TOTAL CONFERENCE 2019						\$3,230.00

*Registration fees include: "camp" activities for preteen children; conference sessions for adults and teens over 13; snacks and a light dinner on Thursday; breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks on Friday and Saturday; and breakfast on Sunday

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 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/>

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

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 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 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/>

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 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/>

Hannah & 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 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 tri-state area of **Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey.**

State	Organization
AL 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 www.cspwal.com
CA 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 www.altaregional.org
CA 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 http://sgprc.org/
CA 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 http://www.redwoodcoastrc.org/
CA San Luis Obispo County	Jack’s Helping Hand provides assistance and programs to children with cancer and special needs www.jackshelpinghand.org
CA San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Amador, Calaveras and Tuolumne counties	Valley Mountain Regional Center, Inc. Serving children and adults with developmental disabilities www.vmrc.net
CA 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 www.tri-counties.org/

State	Organization
<p>CA South Central Los Angeles</p>	<p>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 http://sclarc.org/</p>
<p>CT</p>	<p>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. www.ctchildren.org</p>
<p>FL</p>	<p>Florida Endowment Foundation for Vocational Rehabilitation Grants to disabled FL residents to become independent, productive, and self-supporting members of society www.abletrust.org/</p>
<p>GA</p>	<p>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. http://www.anchorofhopefoundation.org</p>
<p>GA</p>	<p>Georgia residents can receive up to \$2,500 for payment of therapeutic services or equipment. Application deadline March 31. http://www.kiddosclubhousefoundation.org</p>
<p>HI</p>	<p>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. www.ldahawaii.org</p>
<p>IL Peoria County</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>IL Chicago area</p>	<p>Dreams for Kids, Inc. Trains and mentors youth as social entrepreneurs, providing practical education, real world training and contemporary job skills as they create enterprises that provide solutions to society's critical social issues. www.dreamsforkids.org</p>
<p>KS Cloud County</p>	<p>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</p>

State	Organization
<p>KY 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>MD 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 fullcit@comcast.net</p>
<p>MI</p>	<p>Lions of Michigan Service Foundation, Inc. https://www.lmsf.net</p>
<p>MI</p>	<p>DB Central in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan – Central Michigan University https://www.cmich.edu/colleges/class/Centers/DBCentral/Pages/default.aspx</p>
<p>MI</p>	<p>Michigan Parents of Visually Impaired (MPVI) http://mpviweb.org/mpviw/index.html</p>
<p>MI</p>	<p>American Legion - https://www.michiganlegion.org/</p>
<p>MI</p>	<p>Children’s Special Health Care Services https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71547_35698-15087--,00.html</p>
<p>MN</p>	<p>https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/people-with-disabilities/services/home-community/programs-and-services/csg.jsp 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>MN</p>	<p>https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/people-with-disabilities/services/home-community/programs-and-services/fsg.jsp 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>MN</p>	<p>DeafBlind Technology & 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 celeach@crgrants.com DeafBlind Services Minnesota V 612-272-5233 ▪ FAX 612-872-0189</p>
<p>MN</p>	<p>http://www.dbproject.mn.org/aboutus.html 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 Deanna.Rothbauer@metroecu.org for more information.</p>

State	Organization
MO	Missouri Deaf-Blind Technical Assistance Project https://msb.dese.mo.gov/outreach-services/documents/FamilyInvolvementFund.pdf
MO	Missouri Statewide Parent Involvement Network https://msb.dese.mo.gov/outreach-services/documents/SOURCESOFFUNDING.pdf
MO 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. www.necac.org
NC	Easter Seals UCP North Carolina and Virginia, Inc. Services for adults and children with disabilities http://www.easterseals.com/NCVA/
NH	One Sky Community Services, Inc. www.oneskyservices.org 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
NH	http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcbcs/beas/ https://www.nh.gov/disability/ 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
NH	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: www.gsil.org ; Email: info@gsil.org
NH	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 Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center. 1 Verney Drive Greenfield, NH 03047 (603) 547-3311 ext. 1490 or (800) 394-3311 ext. 1490 https://www.crotchedmountain.org hgf@crotchedmountain.org
NH	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. http://www.iod.unh.edu/Home.aspx (855) 374-9969 Assistive Technology

State	Organization
	Institute on Disability 10 West Edge Drive, Suite 101 Durham, NH 03824
NH	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 http://www.newenglandada.org/ and ADAinfo@NewEnglandADA.org
NH	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 above. http://www.servicelink.nh.gov/
NH	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 http://www.nhcdd.org/
NH	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 https://www.nh.gov/disability/silc/ info@silcnh.org
NH	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 http://education.nh.gov/career/vocational/ Lori.Temple@doe.nh.gov
NJ Bergen and Passaic counties	The Arc of Bergen and Passaic Counties, Inc. serves individuals with Developmental Disabilities and their families www.arcbergenpassaic.org

State	Organization
NJ	Jason's Dreams for Kids grants wishes for children in the NJ area diagnosed with life-threatening illnesses. http://jasonsdreamsforkids.org/#whoweare
NY	Make A Wish: Central NY http://cny.wish.org Hudson Valley http://hudson.wish.org Metro NY and Western NY http://metrony.wish.org/ Northeast NY http://neny.wish.org Suffolk County http://suffolk.wish.org/ Western NY/Rochester Regional Office http://wny.wish.org/
NY	Organizations and Foundations The Arc (NY): https://www.thearc.org/Page.aspx?&pid=321 Easterseals (NY): http://www.easterseals.com/newyork/connect-locally/new-york.html Elks Clubs (NY): https://www.elks.org/lodges/default.cfm JCC (NY): http://jcca.org/find-a-jcc/search/New+york Knights of Columbus (NY): https://www.newyorkknights.com/ Optimist International (NY Clubs) https://optimist.org/member/clubdirectory/city.cfm?country=US&state=NY
NY	Catholic Guardian Society and Home Bureau Serves families and individuals with Special Needs in NYC www.cgshb.org/
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. http://parkerspurpose.net/index.php?page=application-for-assistance
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. http://zanesfoundation.org/site/?action=who-can-benefit
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. https://bb4k.org/
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 www.jfsa-cleveland.org
OH Dayton area	Sightless Children Club, Inc. www.sightlesschildren.org
OR	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 http://www.bff.org/index.html
PA Philadelphia area	Fred's Footsteps provides financial assistance to Philadelphia area families during a child's illness http://www.fredsfootsteps.org

State	Organization
TN	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 - https://nashvillesertomaclub.org/
TN	Lions Club Resources for Blind and Hearing Impaired - https://directory.lionsclubs.org/?language=EN
TN	Our State Project: Roughly \$10,00 is available for families after other resources have been exhausted
WA Northeastern Region, Ferry, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Whitman and Stevens Counties	Rural Resources Community Action www.ruralresources.org
WI Waukesha County, WI	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 Application address: c/o JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., 2200 Ross Ave., 5th Fl., Dallas, TX 75201-2744 Tel.: (214) 965-2908
WI	http://wesp-dhh.wi.gov/wdbtap/ Wisconsin DeafBlind Technical Assistance Project. They may have funding or point families to sources of funding in the state.
Eastern Europe/Russia	Diema’s Dream Foundation serves mentally and/or physically disabled children in Eastern Europe and Russia for educational, medical, and other types of support https://www.guidestar.org/profile/36-4254630

Do you know of other funding sources? Send to: info@chargesyndrome.org.