

## EMERGENCY FUNDING RESOURCES

### **National Center on Deaf-Blindness:**

Staying on top of the continually changing information related to COVID-19 can be overwhelming. The resources on this page provide information to help families navigate health and benefits service systems.

<https://www.nationaldb.org/for-families/learning-resources/family-topics/services-during-pandemic/>

The **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)** program provides grant funds to states and territories to provide families with financial assistance and related support services. State-administered programs may include child care assistance, job preparation, and work assistance.

<https://www.benefits.gov/benefit/613>

**National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD)** offers support for certain medical expenses.

<https://rarediseases.org/for-patients-and-families/help-access-medications/patient-assistance-programs-2/#section-1>

### **NORD: Other Financial Assistance**

<https://rarediseases.org/for-patients-and-families/help-access-medications/financial-assistance/>

### **Government Benefits for Disaster Relief:**

<https://www.benefits.gov/categories/Disaster%20Relief> Disaster relief – US Government website

### **United Way – Focus on Education, Income and Health**

<https://www.unitedway.org>

### **Salvation Army – Covid-19, homeless shelters, food pantries, disaster relief, veteran’s services**

<https://www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/>

**Lions Clubs International:** Lions Clubs mostly focus on eyeglasses, screening, and vision care, they're rooted in local communities so they often are very aware of local resources and options.

**Helping Hands for the Blind** is a small non-profit specifically designed to help provide for expenses not covered by other programs including financial grants for blind students.

**American Printing House for the Blind (APH):** The [APH directory](#) is a good source for local agencies and programs.

**Modest Needs** can provide grants for some kinds of expenses - this is not focused on blindness or disability, but might be an option for some kinds of needs (specifically emergency needs or perhaps speciality equipment that would allow someone to attend school or work - they're focused on self-sufficiency support).

Check with a **Social Worker** from your local hospital or medical provider to connect to assistance programs. They are often very familiar with the best local resources.

### **The CHARGE Syndrome Foundation**

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