

Resources and Grants to Assist Families

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The Arc of Prince George's County

Who?

- Families of children with a disability diagnosis between birth and 21 years old.

What?

- Linkage to community resources including DDA and waiver programs.
- Referrals from birth – 21
- Programs for Transitioning Youth and their families
 - Ready@21
 - Benefits Enrollment Center
 - Transition 101

Contact:

The Arc Building
1401 McCormick Drive
Largo, MD 20774
Phone: 301-925-7050

<https://www.thearcofpgc.org>

Also provide many more services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities over the age of 21.

Lollipop Kids Foundation

Who?

- Any child with a disability

What?

- Equipment Closet
- Summer Accessible Sailing
- Sensory Friendly Haircuts
- LolliFIT
- Support & Play Groups
- Outings & Socials

Contact:

Lollipop Kids Foundation
7901 Beechcraft Avenue, Unit V
Gaithersburg, MD 20879

(202) 640-2035

info@lollipopkidsfoundation.org

<https://www.lollipopkidsfoundation.org/contact-us/>

The Coordinating Center Family Resource Fund

Who?

- Clients of the Coordinating Center's **Children Community Services Division**
- Families of children and youth with special health care needs) on Medicaid Community First Choice (CFC)
- Have used the maximum amount of Medicaid funding in their equipment budget

What?

- Critical/Safety Need – up to \$500 per year
- Housing Stability (rent, security deposit or utilities) – \$500 one time grant
- Quality of Life – up to \$300 per year

Contact:

The Coordinating Center

8531 Veterans Highway

Millersville, MD 21108

Phone: 410-987-1048

Fax: 410-987-1685

<https://www.coordinatingcenter.org/programs-services/family-resource-fund/>

Bello Machre

Who?

- Individuals on Medicaid Community First Choice (CFC) receiving attendant services and supports who are not receiving DDA services
- Have a support planner through The Coordinating Center
- Have used the maximum amount of funding in their equipment budget

What?

- Up to \$500 for equipment needs and modifications

How?

- Three estimates from different providers
- Supporting documentation from a medical provider (primary care doctor, physical therapist, or other specialist)

Contact:

Kathy Buss

Service Outreach Coordinator

443.702.3012

Serving people throughout Maryland

www.bellomachre.org

Jewish Community Services

Who?

- Anyone who is a client (don't need to be Jewish)
- Must go to the screening process

What?

- Help locating and obtaining special equipment
- [Employment Support Services](#) through the Ignite Career Center
- [Community-Based and Residential Services](#)
- [College Scholarship Opportunities](#)

Contact

Jewish Community Services

5750 Park Heights Avenue

Baltimore, MD 21215

(410) 466-9200

<https://jcsbalt.org/services/disabilities-support/>

The Jill Fox Memorial Fund

Who?

- Individuals with unmet medical and healthcare needs not paid for by medical insurance, government agencies, health associations, community organizations, public or personal resources.

What?

- Between \$500 - \$2,000 depending on the need and equipment

Contact:

The Jill Fox Memorial Fund, Inc.

101 W. Mt Royal Avenue

Baltimore, Maryland 21201

TEL: 410-369-9322

www.jillfoxfund.org

E-Mail: info@jillfoxfund.org

Alyssa V Phillips Foundation

Who?

- Individuals with Cerebral Palsy (“CP”) who want to maximize their independence.

What?

- \$5,000.00 per year, with a lifetime maximum of \$10,000.00
- Denied by insurance
- Documented medical necessity from healthcare provider.

Contact:

- <https://www.alyssavphillipsfoundation.com/contact>

Disability Partnerships

Who?

- Persons with physical disabilities

What?

- adaptive equipment for both the home and office

Contact:

9466 Georgia Avenue #2054
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910
tmgallman@disabilitypartnerships.org
(301) 246 - 6884
<https://www.disabilitypartnerships.org/contact>

The Eric Fund

Who?

- 0-65 years of age.
- Has a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act
- Lives in the Washington DC metro area.

What?

- Up to \$20,000 in technology and/or non-medical equipment info@ericfund.org
- Directly issues checks to manufacturers or retailers.

Contact:

The Eric Fund
P.O. Box 65188,
Washington DC 20035,
Info@ericfund.org
<https://www.ericfund.org/>

The Tyler Schrenk Foundation

Who?

- People with disabilities who want to live independently.

What?

- Technology devices that are not covered by health insurance.

Contact:

<https://www.thetsf.org/>

PO Box # 2579

Woodinville, WA 98072

The IMAGE Center for People with Disabilities

Who?

- all ages with any type of disability.

What?

- funding assistance for equipment (up to \$5,000)
- Custom Solutions are created by engineers who are supported by OTs, PTs, student engineers, 3D printing specialists, welders, and other professionals.

Contact:

Stephanie Schwartz

Program Support Specialist

300 E. Joppa Road, Suite 312

Towson, MD. 21286

sschwartz@imagemd.org

(O) 443-275-9395

Italian Catholic Federation

Who?

- Instructor of Person with Disabilities
- Parent/Guardian of Child/Youth with Disabilities
- Children/Youth with Disabilities
- Adult with Disabilities

What?

- Funds to individuals with disabilities to lead fuller, more independent lives, and to find greater inclusion within their communities.

Contact:

8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110
Oakland, CA 94621
(510) 633-9058
1-888-423-1924
<https://www.icf.org/charity/>

Shared Horizons

Who?

- Parents who want to financially support a disabled child after they die.

Contact:

Tresa Welch
Deputy Director
4301 Connecticut Avenue NW
Suite 140
Washington, DC 20008
Tel: 202-448-1460 Ext.
twelch@shared-horizons.org
<http://www.shared-horizons.org>

What?

- Manages pooled special needs trust.
- Personal Support Facilitation
 - Links to community resources, services, and supports.
 - Holistic approach to each person's desired outcomes and goals.
 - Regular home visits and phone calls.
 - Attend Individual Education Plan and Individual Support Plan and other important meetings.
 - Help people access housing, employment, transportation, education, relationships and more.
 - Planning for your family member's needs and carrying out appropriate expenditures on his/her behalf.

Joni & Friends International

Who?

- People who need wheelchairs

What?

- Wheelchairs
- Family retreats

Contact:

Joni and Friends International Disability
Center

(818) 707-5664

[https://www.joniandfriends.org/ministries/
wheels-for-the-world/](https://www.joniandfriends.org/ministries/wheels-for-the-world/)

Blood Brothers Foundation

Who?

- People with a permanent, physical disability documented by a physician.
- Financial need

What?

- Vehicle modifications from an NMEDA certified shop
- Grants up to \$3,000

Contact:

PHONE: (720)-830-5352

EMAIL: bloodbrothersfoundation@gmail.com

LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY HEALTH: PossAbilities

What?

- \$1,000 -15,000
- Equipment to improve quality of life
- Accessibility grants (Not to exceed \$15,000)
- Educational scholarships
- Social outings
- Travel to and/or participation in sporting events
- Other needs specific to the disabled population

Who? Preference given to those who:

- Live in California
- Attend their events (attendance at annual awards banquet required).

Contact:

Christine Nieto

Program Assistant – Community Outreach & Patient Experience

LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY HEALTH

25455 Barton Rd., Suite #109A,

Loma Linda, CA, 92354

909-558-6384 office or ext. 66384

<https://teampossabilities.org/grants-scholarships/>

Friends of Man

Who?

- People of all ages with disabilities

What?

- Prostheses
- Wheelchairs
- Medical Equipment
- Mobility Equipment

Contact:

Friends of Man
P.O. Box 937
Littleton, Colorado 80160-0937
(303) 798-2342
<https://www.friendsofman.org/>

Giving Angels Foundation

Who?

- Special needs children with a physical disability or illness aged 21 or younger
- Income < \$50,000

What?

- up to \$500 maximum one-time grant
- life-changing equipment, medical supplies, essential family bills, specialized camps, and therapeutic toys

Contact:

Giving Angels Foundation
1461 Golden Drive
Dresher, PA 19025
grants@givingangelsfoundation.org
267-332-1320

Joshua Harr Shane Foundation

Who?

- A person with special needs or severe illness
- Doctor must provide verification

What?

- Special Needs programs such as horseback riding, theater, ski lessons, necessary special needs equipment, special needs schooling, special needs sports, and activities both in and out of school.
- Financial assistance for medical treatment, treatment related expenses and financial aid for experimental treatments.

Contact:

<https://joshuaharrshane.org/>

First Hand Foundation

Who?

- Children with disabilities < 18 years old
- Low income after medical expenses

What?

- Treatment: Clinical procedures, medicine, therapy, prosthesis, etc.
- Equipment: Wheelchairs, assistive technology equipment, care devices, hearing aids, etc.
- Displacement: Lodging (only if charitable housing is unavailable), gas (\$0.33 per mile), parking and transportation related to a child's care
- Vehicle modifications: Lifts, ramps and transfer boards

Contact:

2800 Rockcreek Parkway

Kansas City, MO 64117

816-201-1569

<https://www.firsthandfoundation.org/>

Dreamscape Foundation

Who?

- People with all types of disabilities, especially visual impairments

What?

- Assistance in obtaining funding for assistive technology to increase independence

How?

- Individual/family must be represented by a nonprofit organization working with caseworkers or clinical professionals.

More Information:

<https://dreamscapefoundation.org/>

CHIVE Charities

Who?

- Individuals with rare medical conditions

What?

- Therapy equipment & sessions not covered by insurance
- Handicap accessible home & car modifications
- Mobility items
- Purchasing of developmental & learning devices
- Other medical needs as recommended by a medical professional

Contact:

<https://chivecharities.org/>

The Morgan Project

What?

- A comprehensive list of organizations that assist families and individuals in a wide range of capacities

Where?

- <http://themorganproject.org/resources/>

Critical Medical Needs Program

Passed into Law 2019

Works with Existing State Agencies in Expedited Manner

Partners

Office of Home
Energy Program
(OHEP)

Office of
Peoples
Counsel
(OPC)

Department of
Housing and
Community
Development
(DHCD)

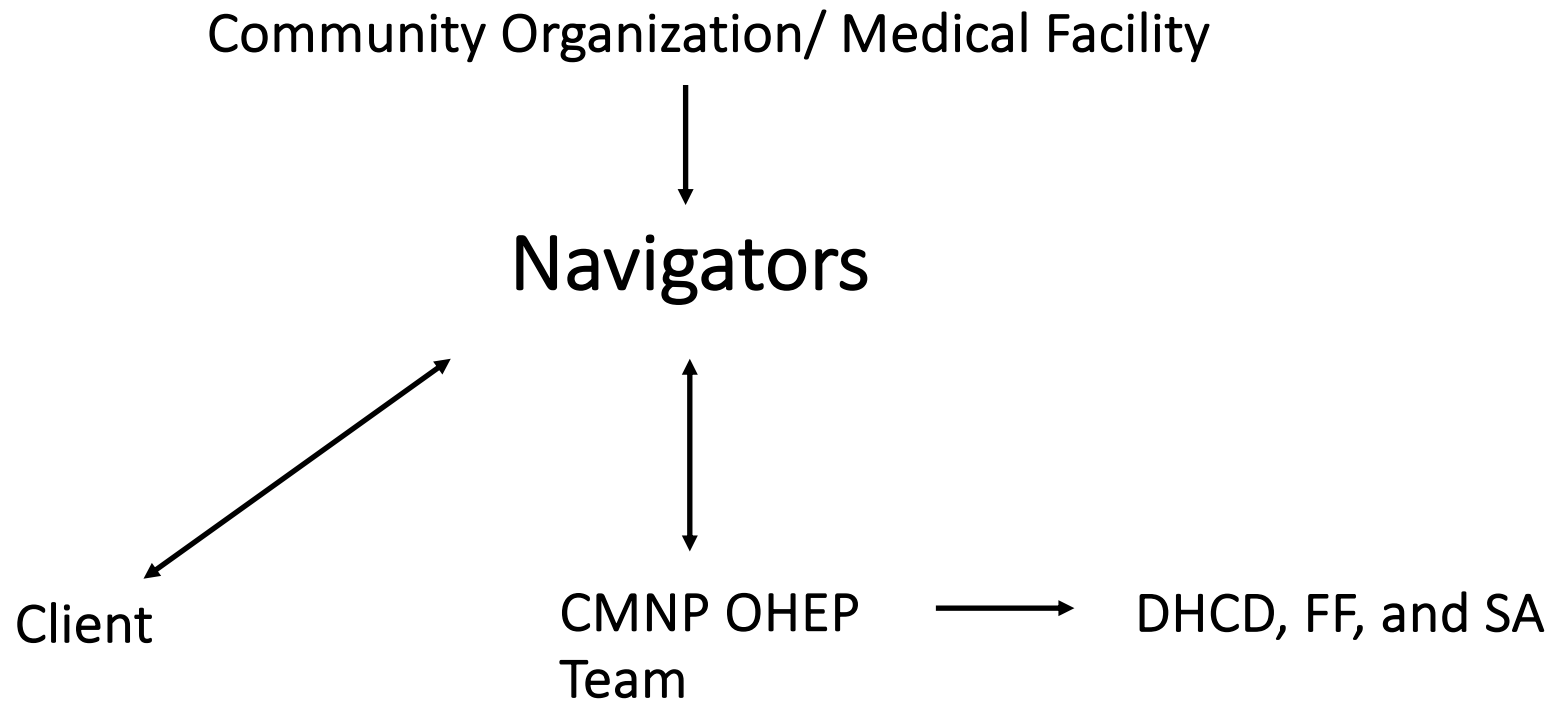
Utility
Companies

Fuel Fund/
Salvation Army
(FF/SA)

Critical Medical Needs Program Participation Requirements

- Same Household Requirements as OHEP Energy Assistance
- Medical/Emotional Challenges for any Household Member
- Physicians Certification Medical Necessity
- Work With Navigator

Critical Medical Needs Program Process



Post Secondary Education

Scholarships and Funding Grants

Maryland State Scholarships

State Financial Aid Programs

- Need-Based Grants
- Legislative Scholarships
- Career/Occupation-Based Grants & Scholarships
- <https://mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/descriptions.aspx>

Workforce Shortage Student Assistance Grant Program

- https://mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/pages/financialaid/programdescriptions/prog_wssag.aspx

Social Security Tuition Waiver

Who?

- Individuals with disabilities receiving SSI/SSDI
- Enrolled in up to 12 credits per semester post-secondary education at community college
- Certificate or degree program designed to lead to employment

What?

- Tuition waiver for one year including fall, spring, and summer semester.

How?

- Complete and submit FAFSA Application for financial aid assistance **by March 1st**.
- Obtain form from financial aid representative at college or university and send to the Social Security Administration representative
- Place a hold on your account to prevent you from been dropped from class rolls for late payment
- https://mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/ProgramDescriptions/prog_disabilities.aspx

Scholarship Databases

<https://www.scholarships.com/>

<https://charitysmith.org/>

<https://bold.org/>

<https://www.siliconvalleycf.org/scholarships>

Other Scholarships

<https://www.disabledperson.com/scholarships/30> - \$2,000 - due February 28th

<https://nfpaonline.org/Scholarships> - for youth adopted through foster care

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