Funding options

## Pediatric or adult grants (1-3)

1. **Challenged Athlete Foundation** Stepping in where medical treatment, rehabilitation and health insurance ends, <u>Access for Athletes</u> provides such equipment as adaptive sports wheelchairs, handcycles, and mono skis. After being awarded grants for new adaptive sports equipment <u>including beach wheelchairs</u>, prosthetics and/or training and competition expenses, participants in the program can pursue a full and active life that includes sports. Operates on annual grant cycle. The 2015 Application will <u>open September 1, 2015</u>.

**2.** <u>Kelly Brush Foundation</u> Individual Grant Program awards grants to individuals with paralysis due to a spinal cord injury (SCI). The purpose of the individual grant program is to increase participation in adaptive sports and recreation activities and improve the quality of life for individuals living with SCI. The individual grant program allows economically disadvantaged individuals with SCI to purchase adaptive sporting equipment such as a mono ski or a hand cycle. In order for an individual to qualify for the grant he or she must be living in the United States and must supply the Foundation with information about their spinal cord injury, details on their source of income, and a description of the type of equipment they are seeking.

Grant cycle is once annually in the late fall/early winter. <u>CLICK HERE FOR GRANT APPLICATION</u>

Individuals applying for a grant must reside in the United States.

Applicants must demonstrate financial need.

Assistance is awarded to paraplegics or quadriplegics paralyzed due to a spinal cord injury (*Please Note:* paralysis must be due to a spinal cord <u>injury</u>; paralysis due to other causes, such as MS or spina bifida, is not eligible).

Individuals may only apply for adaptive sports or recreational equipment (i.e. monoski, handcycle). Applications for adaptive equipment that does not fall into the sports and recreation category will not be considered.

If awarded a grant the individual must supply the Kelly Brush Foundation with pictures of equipment purchased and a description of how the grant enriched the individuals quality of life.

# 3. <u>Travis Roy Foundation</u>

Grants awarded on a quarterly basis.

ONLY individuals with spinal cord injury due to an accident

Require three price estimates

### Pediatric grants (4-8)

**4.**<u>The Wheel to Walk Foundation</u> is a non-profit organization that helps children and young adults (21 years and younger) with disabilities obtain medical equipment or services that is not provided by their insurance companies. We purchase items such as shower chairs, therapy bikes, special beds, communication devices, speech therapy and wheelchairs (to name a few), which insurance companies have denied. Our organization strongly believes that no child or young adult with special needs go without items that could improve the quality of his or her daily life.

Wheel to Walk Foundation PO Box 20146 Portland, Oregon 97294 Phone: 503.257.1401 email: info@wheeltowalk.com

5. The mission of the **Gia Nicole Angel Foundation** is to enhance the daily functioning of a child with special needs and his or her family by awarding assistance through the purchase of a specific item or items. This includes children with any physical disability (such as, but not limited to: spina bifida, paralysis, missing limbs) or illness (such as, but not limited to: cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, cancer).

Funds are awarded on a case by case basis with preference given to lower income and single parent families. Families who wish to receive assistance must complete an application and demonstrate financial need. Applications are accepted throughout the year!

**6.**<u>Kya's Krusade</u> is a comprehensive resource center, serving children and families affected by physical disabilities, specializing in Arthrogryposis and other less publicized physical disabilities. We offer education and assistance for children from diagnosis through 18 years of age. We strive to form a diverse community network and provide opportunities to enable equal access to all available informational, emotional, medical and financial sources of support. Kya's Krusade provides two types of Financial Assistance Grants to help families with expenses not covered by insurance for adaptive equipment up to \$1,000. (Possible partial coverage)

7. The **Maggie Welby Foundation** 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. Organizations that directly benefit children can also receive grants on an annual need. \$250-\$2,500

8. **Sunshine Foundation**'s sole purpose is to answer the dreams of chronically ill, seriously ill, physically challenged and abused children, ages three to eighteen, whose families cannot fulfill their requests due to the financial strain that child's illness may cause. <u>Criteria</u> for assistance

9. <u>Variety Kids on the Go!</u> exists to help children with physical challenges obtain confidence, freedom and independence by funding durable medical equipment for those with the greatest financial

need. This includes wheelchairs, walkers, van lifts, house ramps, adaptive car seats & strollers, specially -equipped bicycles & tricycles, bath equipment, stair lifts and <u>other items necessary to</u> <u>increase a child's access to and participation in the community</u>. Variety may offer to pay for a percentage of a piece of equipment, based on the family's income.

### Children with life threatening illness: (10-15)

- 10. <u>http://www.ped-onc.org/cfissues/maw.html</u> website with a list of wish granting foundations.
- 11. Childrens Dream Fund
- 12. Deliver the Dream

13. Make-a-wish foundations: There are many of these that operate locally. (do an internet search for "Children's wish foundation" and choose one near the child's residence)

14. Wishes and More for Minnesota and bordering states -age range up to 19

#### Fund raising (16-18)

16. <u>The Kiddie Pool</u> is a new program that works like a fundraiser. Your family joins the program and a custom webpage is created for your child with special needs. Included on the webpage is a photograph of your child, your child's story, products desired for your child and fun facts about your child. This webpage is designed to be shared with friends and family through an email campaign. Once friends and family members visit your child's webpage, they can read about your child and learn about the products he/she needs. They can then make a donation for your child that will be put into an account on <u>Adaptivemall.com.</u> You will receive an email each time someone has donated to your child's fund so that you can keep track of where you are with your goal. Once your child has received enough donations, you can redeem them for the products desired.

17. <u>HelpHOPELive</u> is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that helps patients and families facing transplantation catastrophic trauma or non-traumatic injury afford uninsured medically related expenses through grass-roots fundraising. HelpHOPELive provides the consultation needed to raise funds to bridge the gap between what health insurance will pay and what is actually needed to heal, live and thrive. Patients, their families and community volunteers are given the tools to launch and sustain successful fundraising campaigns, providing:

expert fundraising guidance and ongoing support; fiscal accountability in the collection, management and disbursement of funds raised; tax deductibility for donors.

Call us: 800.642.8399. HelpHOPELive Online Application

## 18. <u>Go Fund Me</u>