

## **Possible payment sources for adaptive recreation equipment**

**2022**

1. **Private pay** – It is not uncommon to purchase bikes privately, and some families and individuals have successfully held fundraisers or saved up for the bike over time. Most suppliers are willing to work on a payment plan to spread the cost out over several months. Discuss this with your supplier.
2. **Medicaid HCBS** – If you or your child is served by the Home and Community Based Services Medicaid Waiver, this may be a potential funding source for a recreation/therapeutic bike. Please discuss this with your case manager.
3. **Reach your Potential** - [www.reachyourpotential.org](http://www.reachyourpotential.org)  
Reach Your Potential (RYP) is committed to helping individuals who are physically challenged experience more independent, fulfilling, and meaningful lives. Similar to commercial community fundraising sites like GoFundMe but does not charge a fee for what they do.
4. **Travis Roy Foundation** – [www.travisroyfoundation.org](http://www.travisroyfoundation.org)  
This foundation is specifically for individuals with spinal cord injury. To download application and read about this foundation
5. **Cerner Charitable Foundations (formally First Hand Foundation)** –  
<https://www.cernercharitablefoundation.org/>  
This foundation funds equipment not covered by insurance for children and youth age 18 and under.
6. **Friends of Man** – <http://www.friendsofman.org/>  
Based in Colorado, this foundation provides funding for adults and children with disabilities and special needs. Go to their website at for application information.
7. **Wheel to walk foundation** - <http://www.wheeltowalk.com/index.htm>  
A foundation for children under age 12.
8. **Local resources** – depending on where you live, local service clubs sometimes contribute to helping individuals obtain specialized bikes.
9. **Veterans Affairs** 406-493-3700
10. **Vocational Rehab** 329-5400
11. **Tom Thompson** – Executive Director of an organization that assists you to submit individual application to pay for all accessible devices. He can be reached at:  
Disability Services of America  
[tomskilaw@gmail.com](mailto:tomskilaw@gmail.com) 406-214-2948

**12. Mary and Marshall Brondum Foundation** – <http://www.brondumfoundation.org/>

The Marshall & Mary Brondum Special Assistance Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable foundation funded by Marshall Brondum. The Foundation's purpose is to financially aid individuals whose needs are not or cannot be met by already existing charities and/or agencies. These needs may be (but are not limited to) medical, adaptive life-style, and financial. The Foundation may also support other charities whose purpose and functions are similar to the Brondum Foundation. The Foundation primarily serves the State of Montana.

**13. Challenged Athletes Foundation** - <http://www.challengedathletes.org/>

It is the mission of the Challenged Athletes Foundation (CAF) to provide opportunities and support to people with physical challenges, so they can pursue active lifestyles through physical fitness and competitive athletics. The Challenged Athletes Foundation believes that involvement in sports at any level increases self-esteem, encourages independence and enhances quality of life. Grant applications are usually only accepted September through November!

**14. Kelly Brush Foundation** - <http://kellybrushfoundation.org/>

The Kelly Brush Foundation has two passions: helping people thrive by incorporating sports and recreation into their lifestyle and preventing injuries in the sport of ski racing. We provide grants to purchase adaptive sports equipment for recreation and competition alike, with preference to those applicants who demonstrate a desire to achieve an active lifestyle but with financial limitations. We help break down the financial barrier to living an active lifestyle! The summer grant application period closes on September 30<sup>th</sup> and Spring grant application are accepted through March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**15. PossAbilities at Loma Linda University** - <http://www.teampossabilities.org/>

The vision of PossAbilities is to provide all individuals with disabilities the opportunity to discover the boundless ways to find joy and satisfaction in a meaningful life. We feel strongly that every individual has the opportunity to make their community a better place. Leadership comes from the disabled and the able-bodied alike, working together to enable and empower one another. By making our own community stronger, we lead by example to share our vision nationwide.

**16. High Fives Foundation** - <https://highfivesfoundation.org/>

The High Fives Foundation supports the dreams of mountain action sports athletes by raising injury prevention awareness while providing resources and inspiration to those who suffer life altering injuries.

**17. I Run for Bob Foundation** - <http://irunforbob.com/>

Our Mission is to improve quality of life and provide otherwise inaccessible experiences to individuals and families whose lives have been affected by a life altering injury or disability. The application process is a one-page form designed to be as simple as possible. Please complete to the best of your ability and include a personal photo and any other information you feel is important to your request. We prefer a referral from a physician or physical/occupational therapist. This grant program is designed to be the funding of last resort. Please exhaust all other funding options before applying. We will work with other funding agencies and offer partial grants to purchase equipment.

**18. Jayden Fred Foundation** - <https://jadynfred.org/>

The Jady Fred Foundation was established May 25, 2001. Jady was a special person to everyone who had the opportunity of knowing her. The purpose of the Jady Fred Foundation is to emulate

her kind and caring ways by providing assistance to children who have needs just like those needs that Jadyne and her family faced.

**19. Hope Health Live** - <https://helphopelive.org/>

Since 1983, we have helped thousands of people raise millions of dollars for Help Hope Live to pay a wide range of expenses, including out-of-pocket costs for: medications, durable medical equipment, home health care, wheelchair-accessibility modifications, physical therapy, innovative treatments, medical travel and temporary relocation, even emergency living assistance. Our program has also helped thousands pay it forward and assist others with their medical expenses.

**20. The Montana Assistive Technology Loan Program (MATL)** - <https://matl.ruraldynamics.org/>

In partnership with Rural Dynamics, Inc., MonTECH offers financial loans for assistive technologies, adaptive equipment, home and vehicle modification, and adaptive recreation equipment! Because many banks will not finance loans to make these purchases, MATL provides a friendly loan application process and low-interest loans (0-\$1500, 0% interest; \$1501-\$50,000, 3.5% interest). Go online to apply today. [If you need assistance filling out your application, contact the MATL team at Rural Dynamics: (406) 403-9397 or MonTECH's Julie Williams at <mailto:julie.williams@mso.umt.edu>].

***These are grants known to us, but this list is not exhaustive.***