



Programs to help families with expenses

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LISS Funding (Low Intensive Support Services):

Not income based. Open to anyone in Maryland. It is a lottery to receive it. There are two rounds of funding each year for \$2,000.

Details here: <https://pcis.health.maryland.gov/liss-service/apply>

The Arc Baltimore Family Fund: The Arc Baltimore Family Fund is used by outreach staff to assist people with developmental disabilities or their families. As a flexible resource, the fund can be used for crises such as eviction prevention or utility turnoff, as well as needs not covered by insurance like some therapies, eyeglasses, wheelchair ramps, or other therapeutic equipment. It is also available to help with special needs to improve one’s life, such as an iPad, art lessons, or a gym membership for swimming.

To be eligible, applicants:

- Living with their family or on their own
- Someone in the family must have a documented intellectual/developmental disability
- Maximum of \$500 once per fiscal year
- May not be in the autism waiver or DDA services with another DDA provider
- Can be receiving DDA services if they are in limited services with The Arc Baltimore (not Community Living)
- Must complete the referral form and provide proof of disability
- The vendor must complete a W9 form (if not already in The Arc Baltimore system)
- If the Family Fund is paying a portion of the total cost, you must provide info on how the balance will be paid (family contribution, grant, insurance, energy assistance, etc)

Details here: <https://www.thearcbaltimore.org/resources/family-fund/>

The Arc Chesapeake Family Fund:

There are effective therapies, equipment, and learning opportunities not covered by insurance and out of reach financially for many families. The Family Fund was created in 2017 to help fill gaps in providing quality of life enrichment needs for youth under the age of 21.

To be eligible you must:

- Have a child with a disability, under the age of 21
- Reside in the state of Maryland and live in one of the counties supported by The Arc Central Chesapeake Region (Anne Arundel, Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne’s, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties)



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- Complete and submit the online application

Preference will be given to applicants that:

- Do not receive funding from the Developmental Disabilities Administration or Autism Waiver
- Are a current member of The Arc Central Chesapeake Region (to become a member, [click here](#))
- Have not received a grant from the Family Fund previously

Details: <https://www.thearcccr.org/familyfund/>

HealthWell Foundation: Provide financial assistance to help with:

- Prescription copays
- Health insurance premiums, deductibles and coinsurance
- Pediatric treatment costs
- Travel costs

Details here: <https://www.healthwellfoundation.org/patients/apply/>

Ray of Hope Grant from BelloMachre: The spirit of the grant is to help families with the cost of equipment, therapy, experiences, etc.. We are able to support folks with developmental disabilities of all ages.

To be eligible:

- The recipient should reside in Carroll, Frederick or Baltimore County
- May not receive any DDA Services.

The cap is \$500 annually. Our goal is to solve a problem if you will; purchase an item (tablet, computer, sensory toys, etc.), pay for a therapy not covered by insurance, pay for an experience/service (i.e. camp or class). The funds cannot be used for on-going typical expenses, i.e. childcare. Likewise, if a family has a great deal of medical debt it cannot be used as a payment towards that sum. Payment is always made directly to the vendor.

Details here: <https://bellomachre.org/rayofhope/>



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United Healthcare Childrens’ Foundation: The time to fully complete the actual online application will take approximately 20-30 minutes. We strongly encourage applicants to gather all required information and documentation outlined on the [grant eligibility](#) page prior to beginning the online application. Don’t wait, apply right away! Grants are available for medical costs incurred within 60 days of the time UHCCF determines the application to be complete. Grants are good for one year following the month in which they are approved.

To be eligible:

- Child must be 16 years of age or younger at the time of application.
- A family must not exceed the maximum eligible income as documented on IRS Tax Form 1040:
 - o Family Size of 2– \$55,000 or less
 - o Family Size of 3– \$85,000 or less
 - o Family Size of 4– \$115,000 or less
 - o Family Size of 5 or more– \$145,000 or less

Details here: <https://www.uhccf.org/>