**Funding Sources for Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles**

* There are a variety of options to consider when you’re looking for financing to purchase a wheelchair accessible vehicle. Many grants are applicable to buying new or used wheelchair-accessible vans, or to converting a van. The latter includes lowered flooring, access ramps, different styles of wheelchair lifts, turning automotive seating systems, adaptive driving hand controls and other equipment and modifications. Please note that an all-wheel drive vehicle cannot be converted.
* The resources listed below can provide a starting point for your search. You may also consider grants based upon diagnosis. For example, organizations such as the Muscular Dystrophy Association or United Cerebral Palsy may offer unique opportunities.
* Reach out to your Care Manager for help navigating this process. Also feel free to contact Maddy Locastro, Equipment Coordinator at the Golisano Center for Special Needs, for assistance with your search!
  + Email: [locastrm@upstate.edu](mailto:locastrm@upstate.edu)
  + Phone: 315-209-3697

**Getting Started**

* [The Mobility Resource](https://www.themobilityresource.com/financing-handicap-accessible-vehicles/state-grants/)
  + The Mobility Resource provides information and resources regarding adaptive vehicle modifications. They created a database of grants for wheelchair accessible vehicles which you can search as well.
* [National Mobility Equipment Dealers Association](https://nmeda.org/) (“NMEDA”)
  + NMEDA provides adaptive transportation solutions for you, your family or caregivers. Through the use of mobility equipment, NMEDA Dealer Members provide independence and the ability to get behind the wheel. With equipment installed by a dealer who participates in [NMEDA’s Quality Assurance Program](https://nmeda.org/qap/), a wheelchair accessible or modified van, truck or car can provide the assurance you need to feel confident and secure on the road.

**Dealerships in our Region for Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles**

* [Agor Enterprises, Inc.](https://www.agorenterprises.com/) (Rochester)
  + Address:

951 Panorama Trail South

Rochester, New York 14625

* + Phone: 585-385-2556
* [Agor Enterprises, Inc.](https://www.agorenterprises.com/) (Syracuse)
  + Address:

1241 Erie Boulevard West

Syracuse, New York 13204

* + Phone: 315-510-4272
* [MobilityWorks](https://www.mobilityworks.com/) (Albany)
  + Address:

1892 Central Avenue

Suite 25

Albany, New York 12205

* + Phone: 888-473-5402
* [MobilityWorks](https://www.mobilityworks.com/) (Buffalo)
  + Address:

3560 Sheridan Drive

Amherst, New York 14226

* + Phone: 716-342-3530
* [Tim’s Trim, Inc.](https://www.timstrim.com/) (Rochester) {note: for hand controls}
  + Address:

25 Bermar Park

Rochester, New York 14624

* + Phone: 585-429-6270
* [United Access](https://www.unitedaccess.com/) (Rochester)
  + Address:

3760 West Henrietta Rd.

Rochester, New York 14623

* + Phone: 877-501-8267
* [United Access](https://www.unitedaccess.com/) (Syracuse)
  + Address:

2211 Erie Boulevard East

Syracuse, New York 13224

* + Phone: 877-501-8267

**Grants & Funding Sources for Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles**

* [Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation](http://www.acces.nysed.gov/vr) (ACCES-VR)
  + ACCES-VR is a primary resource for New York State residents with disabilities seeking employment. This agency offers an array of services and support related to employment. If this means you need a wheelchair van, a grant may be available through this agency.
  + For more information contact:
    - Email: [accesadm@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:accesadm@mail.nysed.gov)
    - Phone: 315-428-4179
* [Center for Assistive Technology](http://sphhp.buffalo.edu/cat.html) (CAT)
  + CAT is run by the University of Buffalo’s School of Public Health and Health Professionals. CAT strives to educate people about assistive technologies and to increase access among those who need it. The Center does not directly provide disability grants or other funding, but its variety of services and resources make it a go-to reference for information about help affording a handicap van.
  + For more information contact **Kimberly Naus**:
    - Email: [ksnaus@buffalo.edu](mailto:ksnaus@buffalo.edu)
    - Phone: 716-836-1350
* [Disabled Children’s Relief Fund](https://www.publicsafetygrants.info/GrantDetails.aspx?gid=33794)
  + The Disabled Children's Relief Fund (DCRF) provides disabled children with assistance to obtain wheelchairs, orthopedic braces, walkers, lifts, hearing aids, eyeglasses, medical equipment, physical therapy, and surgery. Blind, Deaf, Amputees, and children with Cerebral Palsy, Muscular Dystrophy, Spastic Quadriplegia, Encephalitis, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Spina Bifida, Down's Syndrome, and other disabilities receive assistance. DCRF focuses special attention on helping children throughout the U.S. that do not have adequate health insurance, especially the physically challenged.
  + For more information contact:
    - Phone: 516-377-1605
* [Equipment Loan Fund for the Disabled](https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/nyscb/programs/equipment-loan-fund.php)
  + The New York State Office of Children and Family Services' Equipment Loan Fund for the Disabled can help you purchase equipment that will improve the quality of your daily life.
  + The Equipment Loan Fund allows you to borrow up to $4,000, with an interest rate of 4%, and can be used to purchase wheelchairs, wheelchair van lifts, ramps, and adaptive equipment.
  + For more information contact:
    - Email: [ocfs.sm.ELF@ocfs.ny.gov](mailto:ocfs.sm.ELF@ocfs.ny.gov)
    - Phone: 518-474-0197
* [Ford Accessibility Program](https://www.fordupfits.com/accessibility/accessible-vehicles)
  + The goal of the Ford Accessibility Program is to make it easier for persons with disabilities to get on the road. That's why we offer a wide variety of adaptable vehicles to meet different needs, budgets and personalities. To get things started, we're offering up to a [$1,000 reimbursement](https://www.fordupfits.com/accessibility/reimbursement-assistance) on adaptive equipment, or up to $200 for alert hearing devices, lumbar support or running boards\*. And then we'll provide something equally important-guidance at every turn. We'll help you select, purchase and adapt a vehicle that fits your needs-so you can claim your driving independence.
  + For more information contact:
    - Email: [accessibility@fordprogramhq.com](mailto:accessibility@fordprogramhq.com)
    - Phone: 1-888-848-3673
* [General Motors Mobility Reimbursement](https://www.gmfleet.com/vehicles/upfit-applications/accessible-vehicles)
  + General Motors Fleet is proud to help put accessibility in reach for every driver. With 60 vehicles from four distinct brands, we’ve got the versatility, features and capability to help meet almost any accessibility need. Not only do we provide outstanding vehicle options, we’ll also help you start the process with guidance on adaptive equipment† and financial assistance. It’s our way of helping everyone, and their businesses, to keep moving forward.
  + Receive up to $1,000† when you add eligible accessibility-related equipment to your new Chevrolet, Buick, Cadillac or GMC vehicle. Or receive up to $1,200† when you have qualifying adaptive equipment installed (or reinstalled) on an eligible purchased or leased new Express or Savana van.
* [Honda Customer Mobility Assistance Program](https://automobiles.honda.com/mobility-assistance)
  + The Honda Customer Mobility Assistance Program is proud to support the mobility needs of drivers and passengers with physical disabilities. Honda will provide a reimbursement of up to $1,000 to each eligible, original retail customer for expenses incurred to purchase and install qualifying adaptive vehicle equipment on any eligible purchased or leased Honda vehicle.
  + For more information contact:
    - Phone: 800-999-1009
* [National Disability Institute](https://www.nationaldisabilityinstitute.org/financial-wellness/assistive-technology-loan-program/)
  + The National Disability Institute’s Assistive Technology Loan Program provides referrals for assistive technology grants and funding for hearing and vision aids, standing wheelchairs, home and vehicle modifications and business equipment.
  + For more information contact **Laurie Schaller**:
    - Email: [lschaller@ndi-inc.org](mailto:lschaller@ndi-inc.org)
    - Phone: 202-449-9521
* [MobilityWorks Foundation](https://www.themobilityworksfoundation.org/)
  + MobilityWorks is a non-profit organization that provides financial assistance and/or equipment to selected individuals requiring adaptive vehicles or driving aids. The Foundation’s goal is to make the world accessible for individuals with physical disabilities and their families.
  + For more information contact:
    - Email: [support@themobilityworksfoundation.org](mailto:support@themobilityworksfoundation.org)
    - Phone: 1-866-723-5991
* [Magic Mobility Wheelchair Van Assistance Program](https://www.specialkidsfund.org/wheelchair/)
  + The Magic Mobility Wheelchair Van Assistance Program through the Special Kids Fund handles donations and processes requests for accessible vehicles for children and adults nationwide. To be eligible for a vehicle, families must demonstrate that they do not have the resources to afford a vehicle on their own. They will also be required to carry car insurance, register the vehicle, and pick it up from the donor. [Click here to request a vehicle](https://www.specialkidsfund.org/Wheelchair/#RequestVehicle).
  + For more information contact:
    - Email: [Info@SpecialKidsFund.org](mailto:Info@SpecialKidsFund.org)
    - Phone: 732-397-5056
* [Ralph Braun Foundation Grants](https://nmeda.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/webinar-2016funding-ralphbraunfoundation.pdf)
  + Currently the Ralph Braun Foundation operates under funding cycles. These cycles are generally open for two months at a time during which individuals can apply online. They must be working with a certified NMEDA dealer to establish a solution that will meet their needs. The Ralph Braun Foundation targets individuals who have gathered most of their funding and just need some assistance. The Foundation will fund 25% of the cost of the lift or conversion with a cap of $5,000.
  + For more information contact **Carolyn Watts**:
    - Email: [carolyn.watts@ralphbraunfoundation.org](mailto:carolyn.watts@ralphbraunfoundation.org)
* [Spinal Cord Opportunities for Rehabilitation Endowment](https://scorefund.org/) (SCORE)
  + Grants available at ranging amounts to cover any accessible cost. Preference given to young people who are injured while participating in athletics.
* [Toyota Mobility Assistance Program](https://www.toyotamobility.com/financial-assistance)
  + This program provides cash reimbursement of up to **$1,000** of the cost of any **aftermarket adaptive equipment or conversion**, for drivers and/or passengers, when installed on any eligible purchased or leased new Toyota vehicle.
  + Under this program, the cash reimbursement will be provided for the exact cost you paid to purchase and install qualifying adaptive driving or passenger equipment for transporting persons with physical disabilities. This offer applies to all purchased or leased new Toyota vehicles.
  + For more information contact:
    - Phone: 800-331-4331
* [Travis Roy Foundation Quality of Life Grant Program](https://www.travisroyfoundation.org/sci/grants/grants-to-survivors/)
  + The Quality-of-Life Grant funds adaptive equipment and technology and home modifications for quadriplegics and paraplegics. Applicants **must** be paralyzed from a **physical spinal cord** injury to qualify for consideration. People with paralysis due to a congenital or other health condition are not eligible. The average grant request is $3,500. **The maximum grant awarded is $5,000**. There is no minimum.
  + For more information contact:
    - Email: [info@travisroyfoundation.org](mailto:info@travisroyfoundation.org)