

You Deserve the Correct Equipment

UsersFirst believes you should receive the correct equipment that works for you through your insurance company. However, if your insurance does not fund a portion of your wheelchair, there may be other sources that can help you with payment of those items. Here are some resources.

National Resources (Listed Alphabetically):

- **Bellows Fellow (United Cerebral Palsy Foundation)**
 - www.ucp.org
 - find local chapter and apply there, application form available online.
- **Brighter Tomorrow Grant (Multiple Sclerosis Society)**
 - www.msfocus.org/programs_events/prog_grants_bwmg.html
 - provides \$1000 (i.e. seat elevators)
- **Elks Lodge**
 - www.elks.org/lodges/
 - search by zip or city for local lodge
- **Kiwanis Clubs**
 - www.kiwanis.org/clubloc/
 - search for your local chapter
- **Knights of Columbus**
 - www.kofc.org/
 - find a local "agent" for assistance
- **Lions Clubs**
 - www.lionsclubs.org
 - again, search by state to find local chapter
- **Make a Wish Foundation**
 - www.wish.org
 - for life-threatening conditions (i.e. SMA would, CP would not qualify)
- **MDA**
 - www.mda.org
 - assist with cost of repairs
- **NOCK (National Organization Caring for Kids)**
 - www.nockonline.org
- **Rotary Clubs**
 - www.rotary.org
 - find local club by city name
- **United Way**
 - apps.liveunited.org/myuw/
 - find local chapter by zip code

State Resources:

- **Tech Act projects** (<http://www.ataporg.org/stateatprojects.asp>)
 - look for state specific foundations

Other ideas:

- **Fundraisers**
 - raise money through churches and school
- **Contributions**
 - people can seek contributions from large sports teams, or businesses/local businesses