

# AT Grants for Individuals

## Various Assistive Technology Needs

### Bellows Fund

Bellows Fund grants are for individuals with any disability. Applicants must demonstrate financial need. The applicant reaches out to their UCP affiliate about their need for assistance in purchasing adaptive equipment, and the UCP affiliate will submit the funding application and supporting materials to the chair of the Bellows Fund committee on the person's behalf. Eligible projects would include assistive communication devices, orthotic devices, wheelchairs and scooters, home modifications (like a wheelchair ramp or stairlift), vehicle modifications (funds cannot be used to purchase vehicles, however), and repair of assistive technology equipment. Anyone who is interested in applying for Bellows Funds can get in touch directly with Alanna Boozer at [aboozer@ucpsc.org](mailto:aboozer@ucpsc.org) or 803-926-8878.

### Variety The Children's Charity

Variety focuses on multiple unmet needs of children who are sick, disadvantaged or live with disabilities and other special needs. SC does not have a local Variety chapter. To apply for Variety the Children's Charity funding write to [info@usvariety.org](mailto:info@usvariety.org).

## iPads

### [SC Equipment Distribution Program's iPad Project](#)

iPad available for those who meet eligibility requirements who have moderate to severe hearing loss or who are speech impaired. The iPad is programmed with communication apps. iPad case is included.

### [Danny's Wish](#)

The Danny's Wish iPads for Autism Campaign provides free iPads to families of nonverbal children with Autism, providing the gift of speech and communication. Applications are submitted to a lottery and are awarded each April.

### [Giving Angels Foundation](#)

The Giving Angels Foundation's mission is to enhance the daily functioning of a child under 21 years old with a physical disability from a lower income family by awarding grants for life-changing equipment, medical supplies, essential family bills, specialized camps, and therapeutic toys.

## [Act Today](#)

Autism Care Today grants are designed to provide access to individuals and families affected by Autism Spectrum Disorders. Grant payments will be made directly to pre-approved treatment providers, assessors or materials vendors.

## [Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism](#)

The goal of the program is to help fill the financial and technological gap for schools and organizations that assist individuals with autism. Applications will be considered for any technology tools and/or training that improve learning outcomes or performance.

## **AAC Apps**

### [Small Steps in Speech-Grant for Assistive Technologies or iPad software \(Not iPad\)](#)

Small Steps in Speech offers grants to help pay for assistive technology devices or AAC apps.

## **Recreation**

### [Challenged Athletes Foundation](#)

CAF offers grants to athletes with permanent physical disabilities to help with adaptive sporting equipment.

## **Adapted Bikes**

### [Great Bike Giveaway](#)

Friendship Circle works with adaptive bike companies from around the world to provide adaptive bikes to children and teens with special needs. The Great Bike Giveaway provides three ways a child can receive a bike: most votes, random drawing, and fundraising.

## **Low Vision Devices**

### [Association for Blind Citizens Assistive Technology Fund](#)

The Assistive Technology Fund (ATF) will cover 50% of the retail price of adaptive devices or software that help improve employment opportunities, increase independence, and enhance the overall quality of life for people who are legally blind.

## **Hearing Aids**

### [Hear Now Starkey Hearing Foundation](#)

Hear Now provides hearing aids for individuals with limited financial resources and limited family support.

### [Hearing Aid Project](#)

Hearing aids sold as low as 5% of regular cost.

## **Wheelchairs**

### [First Hand Foundation](#)

First Hand Foundation provides funding for wheelchairs, assistive technology equipment, care devices, hearing aids, etc. for children under 18 years of age.

### [Travis Roy Foundation](#)

Travis Roy Foundation provides grants for wheelchairs, vehicle modifications, and home modifications to individuals with spinal cord injury.

## **Vehicle Modifications**

### [First Hand Foundation](#)

First Hand Foundation provides funding for vehicle modifications: Lifts, ramps and transfer boards for children under 18 years of age.

### [Travis Roy Foundation](#)

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