**Autism Spectrum Disorders**

**Are There Grants I Can Apply For?**

All too often, parents of children with ASD incur unexpected and immense out-of-pocket costs for treatments and services. Unfortunately, in many cases insurance companies do not cover these expenses. Through the generosity of foundations and, sometimes, public funding, applicable grants might help parents offset these costs.

**Read each option carefully and understand that specific criteria pertain to each. Please note that this is not an exhaustive list, and information is subject to change.**

**Act-Today for Autism**

19019 Ventura Blvd. Suite 200

Tarzana, CA 91356; 818-705-1625.

<http://www.act-today.org/act-today-grant-program.php>

Awards grants up to $5000 to families, with priority given to those with a household income under $100,000. Funding may be used for ABA, speech, OT, medications, & home safety devices.

**Asperger/Autism Network Family Grant Programs**

617-393-3824.

[www.aane.org/aane\_services/grant\_programs.html](http://www.aane.org/aane_services/grant_programs.html)

Offers the Rainy Day Fund for Adults with Asperger Syndrome in crisis ($50-$100) or Family Grants. Sponsored for a child with Asperger Syndrome or closely related disorders, such as PDD-NOS or high functioning autism

**Children’s Charity Fund**

6623 Superior Ave Suite B,

Sarasota, FL 34234;

800-643-5787.

[www.childrenscharityfund.org](http://www.childrenscharityfund.org)

Provides funds for medical or educational supplies, open to all incomes

**Autism Speaks**

<http://www.autismspeaks.org/family-services/community-connections/financial-assistance>

Maintains a database of local and national foundations and agencies that offer grants and support for families who are dealing with an autism diagnosis.

**Individual Development Accounts**

<http://www.cfed.org/programs/idas/directory_search/>

IDAs are special savings accounts that match the deposits of low and moderate income people to save towards the purchase of a lifelong asset, such as a home.

**National Autism Association**

877-622-2884.

www.nationalautismassociation.org/family-support/programs/helping-hand/

Provides a one-time grant up to $1,000 to families whose household earns less than $50,000 to help support medical treatment, lab testing, supplements or therapy ONLY.

**Social Security Disability Insurance**

800-772-1213.

<http://www.socialsecurity.gov/disability/disability_starter_kits_child_eng.htm>

Provides benefits to families because of a child’s disability, depending on income.

**Wish Upon a Hero Foundation**

856-874-4444.

1640 Nixon Drive, Suite 336

Moorestown, NJ 08057

[info@wishuponahero.org](mailto:info@wishuponahero.org)

Individuals and families with financial need may submit “wishes” to this organization, which provides grants and other forms of charity to chosen applicants.