



Other ALS Financial Resources

1. Ride for Life Grants

- Care for Life Grant:

Individuals with a confirmed medical diagnosis of ALS who do not have healthcare coverage for respite care are eligible for this grant. More info: <https://alsrideforlife.org/programs-assistance/care-for-life-grant-application/>

- Plan for Life Grant:

Provides a limited number of one-time only legal grants of up to \$1,500 toward the cost of legal services related to ALS. More info: <https://alsrideforlife.org/programs-assistance/plan-for-life/>

2. Alexa R. Good ALS Foundation

This foundation provides financial assistance and support to SC and NC residents who are stricken with ALS. This assistance may include, but is not limited to, purchase or rental of specialized equipment, sitters and direct assistance to families.

More info: www.alexargoodals.com Phone: (803)-327-2871

Contact: The ALS Association North Carolina Chapter Care Services representative at your clinic to assist you with this application.

3. HealthWell's ALS Fund

HealthWell provides up to \$15,000 in financial assistance to underinsured individuals living with ALS to help cover the cost of prescription drug copays or health insurance premiums (please note that the ALS Fund does not cover hospital visits or medical devices). To [qualify for a grant](#), applicants must have some form of health insurance (major medical or prescription drug) and an income that is less than [500% of the Federal Poverty Level](#). **More info:** [apply online](#) or by phone by calling (800) 675-8416 and receive instant notification of approval.

4. ALS Guardian Angels

The ALS Guardian Angels grant help families with expenses not covered by Medicare, Medicaid, insurance and other reimbursement programs. Recipients may apply for and receive grants up to \$1,500 each. Grant approval based on need and available funds.

More info: <http://www.alsguardianangels.com/what%20we%20offer.html>
<http://alsguardianangelsdev.com/grantrequest.aspx>

5. A Giving Spirit Foundation Grant

This grant serves mothers with dependent children living in the home who are suffering from a medically diagnosed, physically debilitating disease. Covers the greater Charlotte, NC service area.

More info: <https://www.agivingspiritfoundation.org/need-us>

6. The Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration (AFTD)

AFTD offers three types of grants (Respite, Travel and Quality of Life grants) to people in the FTD community.

More info: <http://www.theaftd.org/> and
<https://www.theaftd.org/living-with-ftd/resources/comstock-grants/>

7. Jim “Catfish” Hunter Foundation

This Foundation offers a grant intended to assist persons living with ALS and/ or caregivers. The grant assists with medical expenses, medical equipment, respite care, travel and/or other needs.

More info: <http://www.catfishfoundation.org/corner/application/>

8. CoopStrong Foundation

The CoopStrong is a non-profit organization formed to honor the memory of Nelson Cooper. CoopStrong seeks to support the fight against ALS by assisting local families living with the disease in the Greenville, NC area and supporting research.

More info: <https://www.coopstrong.org/>

9. Team Gleason

Team Gleason serves those living with ALS by providing access to innovative technology including getting assistance with an AAC device (Augmentative and Alternative Communication) and **power wheelchair seat elevator, anterior tilt, and/or attendant control.**

More info: <http://www.teamgleason.org/technologyfaq/>
http://www.teamgleason.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/tgif_application.pdf

10. ALS Care Fund (Respite Care Grant)

Patients regularly seen at Carolinas Neuromuscular/ALS-MDA Clinic, Atrium Health, may request a grant application from a clinic staff member. The amount varies according to level of need and available funds, can apply twice a year. **More info:** Shivangee Thorne, LCSW at Shivangee.Thorne@atriumhealth.org or 704-355-0784.

11. ALS Foundation for Life

Assists with the cost of home modifications, medical equipment, therapy services, respite care, transportation and ALS prescriptions based on funding availability and financial need. Tax Returns Required.

More info: <http://www.alsfoundation.org/gethelp> Application: <http://www.alsfoundation.org/pubs/ALS-Grant-Application.pdf>

If you accessed a grant/resource that is not listed on this page, please contact Claudia Beirne at 919-390-0125 or claudia@alsnc.org so that we may add to our list.

Additional Tips

- Have friends or family help you research community resources. Many times friends and family want to help, but do not know how to assist. This gives them a helpful and tangible “to-do”.
- Confirm all your insurance policy benefits – Health, Supplemental, Long Term Care, etc. Explore the possibility that needed equipment, services and supplies may be covered by insurance if you have a doctor’s prescription.
- Consider contacting your local Department of Health and Human Services. Often counties provide services such as respite programs, help in accessing Medicaid CAP services, transportation services, etc.
- Look to your local faith-based and volunteer organizations as well as your local Agency on Aging for support.
- Civic organizations such as the Shriners, Jaycees, Kiwanis, Boy Scouts, etc. may offer help (example, building ramps).
- Access Palliative Care Services (may be covered by insurance) for additional pain and symptom management support.
- Check with your car manufacturer to see if they have funding for installation of adaptive equipment.
- If you attend an ALS Clinic, consult the Clinic Coordinator regarding possible additional resources available.