



**Children with
Special Needs Fund**

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DATE: January 28, 2022
TO: Local Health Departments and Other Interested Parties
FROM: Marcia Franks, CSN Fund Coordinator
SUBJECT: Ceiling and Stair Lifts Project

The Children with Special Needs (CSN) Fund is pleased to announce special grant funding is available to assist with ceiling and stair lifts for children and youth with special health needs thanks to a generous grant from the Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation.

The CSN Fund Advisory Committee strives to make sure these funds support as many children with special needs as possible, especially those demonstrating the greatest need. Applications for ceiling and stair lifts received by **February 24** will be reviewed in March, and applications received by **August 29** will be reviewed in September. Applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements to be considered:

1. Under 21 years of age
2. Enrolled or medically eligible to enroll in Children's Special Health Care Services
3. Submit a completed application Form [DCH-1239](#) with required documentation:
 - a. Complete Financial Assessment Form DCH-1273 (if not enrolled in CSCHS)
 - b. A letter from parents explaining the need and reason for the request
 - c. A letter from the child's specialty physician explaining medical necessity for the equipment **as well as the child's diagnosis and prognosis.**
 - d. Documentation of Assistance Form DCH-2423
 - e. Three (3) quotes with attached diagrams of the proposed ceiling/stair lift system
4. Ceiling and stair lifts will not be approved for rental units.

The Children with Special Needs Fund also assists with partial or full payment for items such as wheelchair ramps, vehicle accessibility devices, transit options, therapeutic tricycles, air conditioners for certain medical conditions, weighted blankets or vests, and adaptive recreational equipment. Applications for these items are reviewed year-round. An application is attached, or one can be downloaded by visiting www.michigan.gov/csnfund. **Families can also call (517) 241-7420 or email csnfund@michigan.gov** to have one sent.

Please share this announcement with any individuals who may be interested in receiving assistance from the CSN Fund.