

# Funding Sources

Some churches need financial assistance for making their facilities accessible. The following are some potential funding sources to consider.

## **Victory Lifts**

Victory Lifts does not offer financial assistance, but is listed here for information purposes. The company's website explains the different types of elevator and lifts for non-ambulatory individuals. <http://victorylifts.com/church-elevator-lifts/>

## **Joni & Friends, Inc.**

Here is a website for Joni & Friends (their grant webpage). They offer a small grant. <http://www.joniandfriends.org/help-and-resources/organizations/christian-fund-disabled/>

## **Grants and Loans through the Baltimore-Washington Conference**

The BWC lists a few external grant opportunities on their website. It includes building grant/building loans, new faith ministries grants, and strategic growth initiative grants. <http://www.bwcumc.org/administration/finance/local-church-resources/grants-and-loans/>

## **The Disability Ministries Committee**

The Disability Ministries of The United Methodist Church offers limited grants for churches to be accessible to individuals with disabilities. Here is a link for their grant application.

<https://www.umdisabilityministries.org/links/fund.html>

## **Pathways**

Pathways.org offers grants to faith communities for the purposes of inclusion and accessibility. They offer Open Hearts Awards and Junior Open Hearts Awards. Here is their website.

<https://pathways.org/tools-resources/inclusion-worship/awards/>

## **District Superintendents**

Each D.S. has a small discretionary budget that might be tapped into. If it is unavailable, the D.S. may know of possible church-related foundations that would be helpful to your church.

## **Foundation Grants**

The state of Maryland has a list of foundations that offers grants that are worth researching. The website is

<http://www.grants.maryland.gov/Pages/FoundationGrants.aspx>.

## **Fundraising Ideas**

Another suggestion is to do a few fundraisers to help raise the funds to pay for your accessibility improvements. Here is a website with several fundraising ideas.

<http://www.abcfundraising.com/fundraising-ideas/ideas-for-church-fundraisers/>