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/](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/](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/](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](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/](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](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/](http://www.abcfundraising.com/fundraising-ideas/ideas-for-church-fundraisers/)