

Vehicle Modification Resources

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Vendors for Vehicle Modifications

AMS Vans

Phone: (800) 775-8267
Website: Amsvans.com

The nation's #1 wheelchair van dealer offers a lot more than just low-priced handicap vans. We also offer van conversions, handicap van rentals, opportunities to sell minivans or accessible vehicles direct through us or our online classifieds, mobility equipment sales plus installation, and you can trade in your current vehicle (adaptive or unmodified). AMS Vans provides wheelchair vans nationwide

Automobility

Phone: (800) 470-7067
Website: www.handcontrolscorp.com

The 901 System combines aeronautical engineering with true Automobility. The 901's interchangeable components provide a wide range of vehicle choices to its owners while maintaining quality and safety to the highest of standards. With no vehicle modification technology, the 901 System sets the standards for push-pull quick attach hand controls worldwide.

Braun Corporation

Phone: (800) 488-0359
Website: www.braunability.com

As a customer of his own products for nearly half a century, Ralph Braun invites you to place your confidence in the superior quality of the entire line of BraunAbility wheelchair vans and wheelchair lift systems.

Freedom Motors

Phone: (800) 625-6335
Website: <http://www.fminow.com/>

Freedom Motors introduced the U.S. to the first rear-entry wheelchair van concept over 20 years ago.

FMI will bring any of our handicap van or wheelchair accessible car, SUV mobility conversions directly to your home, anywhere in the country, for a free, no obligation, at home product demonstration? This includes our line of wheelchair accessible pickup trucks with wheelchair lifts.

Freedom Motors is a certified dealer for Mobility Products & Design hand controls and other adaptive driving aids for wheelchair vans and handicap accessible vehicles. Freedom Motors can install your mobility aids and adaptive driving controls on new and used wheelchair vans, our handicap accessible pickup trucks with wheelchair lifts, and our full line of handicapped accessible cars, and SUVs for sale.

Guidosimplex USA

Phone: (888) 599-8267

Website: www.guidosimplexusa.com

Guidosimplex hand controls are easier to use – because the motions are more natural. You will always push to brake with our hand controls – no unnatural turning of the hand like others. Installing Guidosimplex hand controls requires less modification to your vehicle. You'll likely retain more value and find your vehicle easier to re-sell in the future.

M.C. Mobility

Phone: (800) 503-0052

M.C. Mobility Systems offers hand controls, steering controls, extension controls, and foot controls. Our products are easy to learn and operate, dependable, easy to install, versatile, and used world-wide. Hand controls are comfortable, ergonomically designed, and provide maximum grip for minimal effort, which reduces muscle fatigue. Our pedal extenders allow disabled drivers to sit 12" from the steering wheel for safety, promote good posture while driving, and allow the driver to reach the gas, brake, or clutch pedal with ease and comfort.

MobilityWorks Cincinnati

Website: www.mobilityworks.com

Sales: (877) 275-4907

Service: (877) 275-4912

Rentals: (877) 275-4915

MobilityWorks is proud to offer an exceptional selection of handicap vans in Cincinnati, OH. We have a dedicated staff of professional consultants to help determine what products best meet your requirements and a highly experienced technical staff to ensure a safe and proper installation.

Our facility is conveniently located just off I-275 in Cincinnati, Ohio. We maintain an inventory of new and used accessible vans on site and have access to a company-wide inventory of over 200 vehicles.

Sure Grip

Phone: (888) 370-5050

Website: www.suregrip-hvl.com

Innovative Driving Solutions – hand controls, lock out, left foot accelerators and guards, steering wheel attachments, optional operating handles, secondary controls and accessories.

Vantage Mobility Inc

Phone: (877) 288-3159

Website: mobilitysales.com

Find a New or Used Wheelchair Van at a Dealership by You.

Wells Enberg Co, Inc.

Phone: (800) 642-3628

Website: wells-enberg.com

Hand operated mechanical driving controls provide safe, easy and more convenient vehicle operation as well as being priced competitively with other manufacturers. We manufacture 4 different types of mechanical controls to suit all needs.

Superior Van and Mobility

Superior Van & Mobility carries new & pre-owned wheelchair vans and trucks of all makes & models, but are most proud to be a retailer for BraunAbility & Vantage Mobility International (VMI); two of the largest accessible

van conversion companies in the world. Through our partnership with both, we carry fold-out and in-floor ramp systems, as well as rear entry in all of the model levels for the following manufacturers: Chrysler, Dodge, Toyota, and Honda.

Listed below are their locations in Kentucky and Indiana

Louisville - Superior Van and Mobility

Phone: (855) 217-8102
Local: (502) 447-8267
4734 Rockford Plaza Dr.
Louisville, KY 40216

Lexington - Superior Van and Mobility

Phone: (855) 217-8102
Local: (859) 253-1832
1180 E. New Circle Rd.
Lexington, KY 40505

Evansville - Superior Van and Mobility

Phone: (855) 217-8102
Local: (812) 402-8267
3414 Interstate Drive
Evansville, IN, 47715

Fort Wayne - Superior van and mobility

Phone: (855) 217-8102
2218 Contractors Drive
Fort Wayne, IN, 46818

Indianapolis – Superior van and mobility

Phone: (855) 217-8102
510 Madison Ave.
Indianapolis, IN, 46227

Vehicle Modification Rebate Programs

These programs offer a cash reimbursement for newly purchased vehicles to help offset the cost of installing adaptive driver or passenger equipment. Leased vehicles may be included in some situations.

Adaptive equipment is defined as equipment required by persons with a permanent disability to drive, enter, exit and/or be transported safely in a motor vehicle. Factory optional equipment does not qualify for reimbursement. Programs differ from company to company so call for more information.

Acura Mobility

Website: www.acura.com/mobilityoverview.aspx#~puoK1T8miYSHV0

Chrysler Automobility Program

Phone: (800) 255-9877

Website: chryslerautomobility.com

Ford Mobility Motoring Program

Phone: (800) 952-2248

Website: fordmobilitymotoring.com

G M Mobility Reimbursement Program

Phone: (800) 323-9935 or (800) 833-9935 (TTY)

Website: gmmobility.com

Honda Mobility Assistance

Website: <http://automobiles.honda.com/information/mobility-assistance.aspx>

Hyundai Mobility

Website: <https://www.hyundaiusa.com/financial-tools/mobility-program.aspx>

Lexus Mobility Program

Phone: (800) 255-3987 option 3

Website: Lexus.com/pdf/models/lexusmobilityform.pdf

Mobility by Volvo Program Reimbursement

Phone: (800) 803-5222

Website: volvocars.com/us/mobility

Subaru Mobile-it-ease

Phone: (800) 782-2783

Website: <http://www.subaru.com/owners/mobile-it-ease.html>

Toyota Mobility Program

Phone: (800) 331-4331 or (800) 443-4999 (TTY)

Website: toyotamobility.com

Volvo Mobility Program

Website: http://qalive.volvocars.com/us/sales-services/sales/volvo_mobility_program/pages/default.aspx

National Mobility Equipment Dealers Association (NMEDA)

Phone: (866) 948-8341

NMEDA is a non-profit trade association of mobility equipment dealers, manufacturers, driver rehabilitation specialists and other professionals dedicated to expanding opportunities for people with disabilities to drive or be

transported in vehicles modified with mobility equipment. All members work together to improve transportation options of people with disabilities.

For a list of Vehicle Modification Rebate Programs that may be more up to date visit their website at www.meda.org.

Note: from the home page, click How To Buy, then click Rebates

Funding Resources

There is limited funding for accessible vans/vehicle modifications. Below are programs that can, in specific situations, pay for vehicle modifications but not for the vehicle itself.

The Kentucky Assistive Technology Loan fund can make loans to a qualified individuals to purchase a vehicle to be modified or a vehicle already modified and their information is listed below.

Hart-Supported Living Program

Cabinet for Health and Family Services Department of Aging and Independent Living Services

Phone: (502) 564-6930 (V/TTY)

Website: chfs.ky.gov/dail

The Hart-Supported Living program is for Kentuckians with disabilities to request funds for supports so they can live in their homes and communities and avoid institutionalization.

These grants provide a broad category of highly flexible, individualized services that, when combined with natural unpaid or other eligible paid supports, can provide the necessary assistance for individuals with disabilities to live in, contribute to and participate in their communities.

The program is administered through the Department of Aging and Independent Living Services, but it is a program for people with all disabilities.

Any Kentuckian with a disability recognized under the Americans with Disabilities Act is eligible to apply.

The program is designed to be as flexible as possible. Anything a person needs to stay in the community can be provided as long as it cannot be received from another source. As a result, the scope of technology that is potentially available is very great.

A copy of the application MUST be received in the office of the Regional Hart-Supported Living Coordinator by the end of business on April 1st. The application is for funding that may be available at the start of the next fiscal year, which begins on July 1st. This is a firm deadline. An application received after April 1 will not be considered for the upcoming fiscal year. Application information as well as contact information for your Regional Hart-Supported Living Coordinator is available on line or by phone.

Home and Community Based (HCB) Waiver Program

Department of Aging and Independent Living

Phone: (502) 564-6930

Website: chfs.ky.gov/dms (click Programs and Services)

Some of the changes listed here do not go into effect until sometime in 2016.

The Home and Community Based (HCB) Waiver program provides services and support to elderly people or children and adults with disabilities to help them to remain in or return to their homes. HCB also has a consumer directed option. The Consumer Directed Option (CDO) is an alternative approach for delivery of non-medical, non-residential HCB services.

To be eligible you must: be a resident of Kentucky who is elderly or disabled; meet nursing facility level of care, who, without services, would be admitted to a nursing facility; and are financially eligible for Medicaid services (special financial eligibility for Medicaid is applied for this program).

Assistive Technology Services and Devices covered include, Re-assessment, Case Management, Minor Home Adaptation, Adult Day Health Care, Homemaker: Personal Care, Attendant Care, Respite Care, goods and services; \$3,500 for a range of assistive technology that can include hearing aids; \$2,500 for home modifications.

An initial contact to determine if the recipient meets the guidelines for the program should be made with the Home Health Agency providing the HCB service. If approved, an application for Medicaid would be made with the Department for Community Based Services in the County the recipient resides. Additional information is

available on line or by phone.

Note: Not all home health agencies participate in this program. Your physician's should be able to refer you to one that does.

Kentucky Assistive Technology Loan Corporation (KATLC)

Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Commonwealth of Kentucky

Phone: (877) 675-0195

Fax: (502) 564-6745

Website: katlc.ky.gov/

Email: EDU.katlc@ky.gov

The Kentucky Assistive Technology Loan Corporation provides low interest loans for the purchase of assistive technology equipment and services for Kentuckians with disabilities to pursue education obtain/maintain employment and improve their quality of life. Working with Fifth Third Bank of Kentucky, the Corporation provides loans from \$500 to \$25,000 to individuals at a low fixed rate. The current KATLC rate is at 5.5% compared to the current prime lending rate of 8.25%. The program is primarily intended for individuals who may not qualify for traditional loan programs

Eligibility Requirements

- Resident of Kentucky for at least six consecutive months
- Have a disability that affects a major life activity, or
- A family member/caregiver of an individual with a disability.

Assistive Technology Covered

A range of Assistive Technology

Application Process

Verification of disability, an itemized price quote, and proof of income must be provided with the completed application.

KATLC will determine eligibility based on disability and the nature of the assistive technology being requested. Fifth Third Bank will determine financial eligibility.

Applications are available on line or by phone.

Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

Department for Workforce Investment

Education Cabinet

Phone: (800) 372-7172

Website: ovr.ky.gov

The Office for Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) provides vocational rehabilitation services to eligible individuals with disabilities to assist with entry into employment and productivity in the workplace and community. Vocational rehabilitation counselors in offices around the state determine eligibility, provide vocational guidance and counseling, and offer a variety of services to prepare individuals for employment. Assistive technology can be included in these services.

Eligibility Requirements

- You must have a physical or mental impairment
- Your impairment must result in a substantial impediment to employment
- You must require vocational rehabilitation services.

If you meet the criteria above, you will be determined eligible unless there is clear and convincing evidence that you cannot benefit from vocational rehabilitation services. If you receive Social Security disability benefits, you are considered to be an individual with a significant disability and are presumed to be eligible for services.

AT Services Provided/Covered

Evaluation/Assessment, Purchasing/Acquisition, Selection/Design, Coordination, and Training/Technical Assistance

Assistive Technology Provided/Covered

A range of Assistive Technology

Application Process

Contact a counselor in the nearest VR office to apply for services. For information on the VR office that serves your county, call the state office or visit their website.

Supports for Community Living (SCL) Waiver Program

Department of Behavioral Health
Division of Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities
Phone: (502) 564-7700 or (502) 564-5777 (TTY)
Website: dbhdid.ky.gov/ddid/scl.aspx

The SCL waiver program is a home- and community-based program funded by the Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services and administered by the DDID. The SCL waiver program was developed for Kentucky citizens as an alternative to institutionalization. The focus of SCL is to allow a person to remain in or return to the community.

Supports for Community Living offers the supports and services that are based on the individual's goals, choices and priorities as identified through an individual support plan.

CSL also has a consumer directed option (CDO). Information for a CDO is available on line or by phone.

Eligibility Requirements

Persons with developmental or intellectual disabilities, who meet the requirements for residence in an Intermediate Care Facility for persons with intellectual disabilities and meet other Medicaid requirements.

AT Services Provided/Covered

Services can include: Adult Day Training, Case Management, Community Living Supports, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Psychological Services, Residential Supports, Good/services, Environmental accessibility adaptation, Vehicle adaptation, Specialized medical equipment and supplies, and Supported Employment, among others.

Assistive Technology Provided/Covered

A range of assistive technology that includes:

Van modifications up to \$6000 per 5 year period

Home modifications that can include ramps and hand rails.(life time limit of \$8,000)

Specialized Medical Equipment and hearing aids

Application Process

Note: There is a waiting list and a emergency application. An individual needs to be on the waiting list before applying for emergency services. SCL providers include community mental health centers and public and private agencies across the state. Application information, information on CDO, as well as a list of SCL providers is available by phone or online.

Travis Roy Foundation Grants

Phone: (617) 619-8257
Website: travisroyfoundation.org/

The Travis Roy Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the life of individuals with spinal cord injuries and their families by providing adaptive equipment and to finding a cure through increased funding of research, resulting in self-reliance and the ability to be as independent as possible.

Assistive Technology Covered

Examples of eligible items include upgrade and maintenance of wheelchairs, vehicle modifications (i.e., hand controls or lifts), and home modifications including ramp and elevator installation, and other adaptive equipment. Grants are not available towards the purchase of new or used vans; funds are available ONLY for vehicle modifications.

Eligibility Requirements and Application Process

Assistance is awarded to paraplegics or quadriplegics paralyzed due to a spinal cord injury (Please Note: paralysis must be due to a spinal cord injury; paralysis due to other causes, such as MS or Spina bifida, is not eligible). Applicants must demonstrate financial need and may be required to provide documentation. There is no age requirement. Applicants must reside in the United States.

Applications are accepted year-round and are considered at quarterly Trustee meetings. Grants typically range from \$2,000 to \$5,000; Applications are available online or by phone.

Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Trust Fund

Cabinet for Health and Family Services
Department of Aging and Independent Living (DAIL)
Phone: (855) 816-9577 or (502) 564-6930
Website: chfs.ky.gov/dail

The TBI Trust Fund was established to provide flexible funding and support to those with brain injuries. The fund supports supplemental community-based efforts to meet the special needs of each individual with a brain injury.

Benefits are limited to \$15,000 per person per year, with a lifetime maximum of \$60,000.

DAIL also administers The Traumatic Brain Injury Behavioral Program. The Traumatic Brain Injury Behavioral Program - establishes identification of those affected by traumatic brain injury who are in need of behavioral services. The TBI Behavioral Program will provide services through crisis intervention, residential, targeted case management and wrap-around services. Contact DAIL using the phone number and website above for more information on this program.

Eligibility Requirements

People with a partial or total disability caused by injury to the brain are eligible to receive support from the TBI Trust Fund. Injuries to the brain may be a result of physical trauma, damage resulting from a lack of oxygen, allergic conditions, toxic substances and other medical incidents, including damage caused by drug overdoses or alcohol poisoning.

People with brain injury and without viable funding sources for needed services are eligible to receive support from the TBI Trust Fund. There are no caps for family income levels used to screen for services. Lack of adequate funding may be a result of the exhaustion of current benefits or benefit exclusion.

Services Available Through the TBI Fund Include

Case management, Community residential services, Structured day programs, Psychological services, Prevocational services, Supported employment services, Companion services, Respite care, Occupational therapy, Speech/language services and wraparound services

Assistive technology Provided/Covered

Home modifications and assistive devices may be covered in some situations.

Application Process

Application information is available on line or by phone.

Veterans Benefits

Department of Veterans Affairs
VA Regional Office
321 West Main Street, Suite 390
Louisville, KY 40202
Phone: (800) 827-1000 (National DVA telephone assistance service)
Phone: (502) 287-4000 (Louisville VA hospital)
Website: va.gov

The Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) is a federal agency that oversees the various benefit programs available for honorably discharged veterans. The DVA is the largest single medical care system in the country and the largest purchaser of AT devices and equipment for persons with disabilities. In addition, the DVA operates a vocational rehabilitation program for eligible veterans. Thus, assistive technology can be provided to support a veteran in the vocational rehabilitation program to meet vocational goals and pursue gainful employment.

Eligibility Requirements

Eligibility for veterans' benefits is complex. Not all veterans are eligible for all benefits. Generally, if a veteran is eligible for admission to a VA Medical Center (VAMC), then any disabilities he or she has will be treated and/or covered. Entitlement to services varies and is based on the veteran's disability rating. Those rated at disabilities of 50% or more are provided services regardless of whether the treatment is for a service-connected disability or not. The VAMC determines eligibility and entitlement by conducting a needs assessment. After establishing eligibility, services are provided on a space available basis and according to an assigned category of either mandatory or discretionary. Veterans in the mandatory category receive free services, while veterans in the discretionary category may be required to contribute to the cost of care they receive.

AT Services Provided/Covered

Evaluation/Assessment; Purchasing/Acquisition; Selection/Design; Coordination; Training/Technical Assistance;

Assistive Technology Provided/Covered

A range of Assistive Technology

Application Process

For information on VA benefits, you should contact an accredited Veterans Service Organization.

These organizations not only give information on VA benefits, services and eligibility, they can also act as your representative through the VA system. The KY department of Veterans Affairs is an accredited Veterans Service Organization and can assist veterans statewide call (502) 595-4447 or visit their web site at veterans.ky.gov.

Other Accredited Veterans Service Organizations

Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) (502) 566-4428

Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) (502) 566-4430

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) (502) 566-4422

Additional information is available on line or by phone.