

Vermont Family Network's Family Support Fund

This fund assists families with out-of-pocket medical expenses and unmet respite needs. It is a fund of last resort, meaning insurance and other resources would be explored first.

Eligibility:

- Vermont residents from birth up to 21 years
- Have a chronic physical, medical, or developmental condition
- Requires health and related services beyond those required by children generally
- Family is at or below 500% of the Federal Poverty Line

Funding Available:

Medically Necessary Supplement Funds (\$1,500 maximum per year) Assists with out-of-pocket medical expenses related to the child with special health care needs. Examples include specialized equipment, medical supplies, therapies, medical travel, prescriptions, and copays. *Supporting documentation signed by your child's provider is required.*

Respite Funds (\$1,200 maximum per year) Provides a planned break for caregivers. To qualify, you cannot currently receive other respite funding (e.g., Family Managed Respite).

The combined annual maximum per family is \$1,500 for both funds.

How to Apply:

Contact Diane Bugbee at Diane.Bugbee@vtfn.org or call 802-876-5315. For all requests over \$600, a completed W-9 will be required.

Processing Time: Standard processing is 2-3 weeks from receipt of complete documentation. Please contact Vermont Family Network and visit vtfn.org for more information about our many supports for families, including Education and Coordinated Service Plan support, Parent Match program, and SibShops-sibling support program.

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