

# ASERT FAQ Sheet

## Grants and Funding Streams



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Autism can be an expensive condition to support. There are doctor appointments, therapies, respite care, after school programming, assistive technology, and safety concerns, just to name a few. Insurance may not cover all the expenses that are recommended for autism services, resulting in high out-of-pocket expenses.

In order to assist in covering expenses, families should research and apply for formal government financial resources as well as more informal sources of support through churches, schools, and service clubs. The ASERT Resource Center is also a great resource for information about new programs and funding sources!

### Formal Programs/Supports

[Social Security](#)

[Waiver programs](#)

[Medical Assistance](#)

Pennsylvania Initiative on Assistive Technology ([PIAT](#)) and [Lending Library](#)

New Story [fund](#)

Autism Speaks [grants](#)

Base funds through [County BH/ID offices](#)

### Informal Programs/Supports

School social workers

Service clubs (e.g., Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions, Sertoma)

Churches/religious organizations

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