Financial Assistance Programs for Hearing Aids

Local

Greater St. Louis Region

Center for Hearing & Speech
9835 Manchester Road
St. Louis MO 63119
314-968-4710
WWW.HEARING-SPEECHSTLOUIS.ORG
Center for Hearing & Speech offer financial assistance for the majority of their clients who resides in St. Louis geographical area, ensuring that low-income individuals or people who may not have appropriate insurance coverage receive the services they need.

State-wide Programs

MO Vocational Rehabilitation
(573) 751-3251 (V)
(573) 751-0881 (TTY)
(877) 222-8963 (V)
Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) provides a variety of assistive technology services, devices and equipment to eligible clients. Contact your local VR to see how one can qualify for a hearing aid through their assistive device service.

MO HealthNet (Medicaid)
(573) 751-3221 (V)
Ask.MHD@dss.mo.gov
http://dss.mo.gov/fsd/assist.htm
The MO HealthNet program is based on certain eligibility requirements and may be subject to certain limitations, especially for adults who do not meet the eligibility assistance category. For additional information, please contact your local Family Support Division that can be found in the telephone book located in the Government Section and the County Social Services.

MO Department of Health & Senior Services
Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program (CYSHCN)
(573) 751-6246 (V)
(800) 451-0669 (V)
info@health.mo.gov
The CYSHCN Program provides assistance for children and youth with special health care needs from birth to age 21. As a payer of last resort, the program provides limited funding for medically necessary diagnostic and treatment services for children whose families meet the financial eligibility guidelines.

Show-Me Loans
Missouri Assistive Technology
Attn: Show me Loans
1501 NW Jefferson Street
Blue Springs, MO 64015
(816) 655-6702 (V)
(800) 647-8557 (Toll Free)
Eileen.Belton@att.net
http://at.mo.gov/kat.html
The Missouri Assistive Technology offers low-interest loans to Missourians with a disability through their Show Me Loans Programs. Hearing aids is one of their assistive technologies eligible for loans.

National Programs

AUDIENT
(866) 956-5400 (V)
hear@epichearing.com
www.audientalliance.org
AUDIENT is an alliance for hearing care with service partners that help low income seniors, children, and adults to access new digital hearing aids at significantly lower costs than normal. AUDIENT serves as a third party administrator by performing income qualification, collecting the funds from the patient an agent of the provider, and managing the database of outcome measures from each patient. Costs and pricing are designed to be reasonable for both patients and providers of care.
HEAR NOW Program
Starkey Hearing Foundation
6700 Washington Avenue South
Eden Prairie, MN 55344
(800) 328-8602 (V)
www.starkeyhearingfoundation.org
The Starkey Foundation provides assistance through their HEAR NOW program with hearing aids to those who have no other resources to acquire hearing aids.

Help America Hear Program
Foundation for Sight & Sound
PO Box 1245
Smithtown, NY 11787
(631) 366-3461 (V)
(631) 360-1998 (FAX)
info@foundationforsightandsound.org
http://foundationforsightandsound.org
Foundation for Sight & Sound provides hearing aids for men, women, and children with limited financial resources. Qualification depends on income and insurance.

Help Them Hear
Optimist International
(800) 500-8130
programs@optimist.org
www.optimist.org
The Optimist International provides financial assistance for hearing aids; however, not all local or regional Optimist clubs choose to support his endeavor. Please contact the International organization to obtain further information on for local regional Optimist clubs’ contact information.

Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Program (AHAP)
Lions Club International
(800) 635-4667 (V)
(503) 827-6952 (V)
LionsAHAP@lionsclubs.org
www.lionsclubs.org
The Lions have a long history of providing financial assistance for hearing aids, through either hearing aid banks or direct assistance. However, not all local regional Lions clubs choose to support this endeavor.

Miracle-Ear Children’s Foundation
PO Box 59261
Minneapolis, MN 55429
(800) 234-5422 (V)
(763) 268-4295 (FAX)
www.miracle-ear.com
This foundation provides no-cost hearing aids and hearing support services to children under 16 years of age whose families do not qualify for public assistance and cannot afford them.

Oticon Pediatrics Loaner Bank Program
Oticon, Inc
29 Schoolhouse Road
Somerset, NJ 08873
(888) 684-7331 (V)
(732) 748-2011 (FAX)
www.oticonusa.com
The Oticon Pediatrics National Hearing Aid Loaner Bank Program will provide hearing aids and ear molds for children, birth to three, who are in need of immediate amplification when amplification is not readily available, especially when waiting for third party reimbursement approval or for a cochlear implant evaluation.

Sertoma International
1912 East Meyer Boulevard
Kansas City, MO 64132-1174
(816) 333-8300 (V/TTY)
(816) 333-4320 (FAX)
Infosertoma@sertomausa.org
Affiliated with local speak and hearing centers to which they give scholarships and provide grants for projects on speech and hearing. They have very active hearing aid recycling program.
Scholarship Trust for the Hearing Impaired
Travelers Protective Association of America (TPA)
3755 Lindbergh Boulevard
St. Louis, MO 63108
(314) 371-0533 (V)
(800) 333-4320 (FAX)
support@tpahq.org
www.tpahq.org/scholarshiptrust.html
The TPA Scholarship Trust for Hearing Impaired is to provide financial aid to children and adults who suffer deafness or hearing impairment and may seek to apply for financial aid for a hearing aid. Please visit their website and note the submission deadline date for the Scholarship Trust Application.

The HIKE Fund, Inc.
Job’s Daughters International
c/o Abbey Croissant
18 Cambridge Drive
Belleville, IL 62226
(618) 222-0936 (V)
ajcroi@yahoo.com
www.thehikefund.org
This is supported by the Job’s Daughters International. The purpose of the Fund is to provide the hearing devices for children under the age of twenty and in need of financial assistance.

MILITARY PROGRAMS

Retiree At-Cost Hearing Aid Program/Retiree Hearing Aid Purchase Program (RACHAP/RHAPP)
Http://militaryaudiology.org/site/aids
The websites list the Audiology facilities, along with contact information that may provide hearing aids at cost to United States military retirees, as well as to their dependents. It is highly recommended that you contact the facility first to ensure the program is still available to that facility.

VA Denver Acquisition and Logistic Center
Department of Veterans Affairs
(303) 914-5145 (V)
Dalc.css@va.gov
www.prosthetics.Va.gov/Hearing_Aids.asp
Those who are veterans with hearing, speech, language, or balance problems may contact this group for financial assistance on purchasing hearing aids.