

# **Financial Assistance Programs for Hearing Aids**

## **Local**

### **Greater St. Louis Region**

#### **Center for Hearing & Speech**

9835 Manchester Road

St. Louis MO 63119

314-737-5092

[WWW.HEARING-](http://WWW.HEARING-)

[SPEECHSTLOUIS.ORG](http://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](mailto:Ask.MHD@dss.mo.gov)

<http://dss.mo.gov/fsd/massist.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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:hear@epichearing.com)

[www.audientalliance.org](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:programs@optimist.org)

[www.optimist.org](http://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](mailto:LionsAHAP@lionsclubs.org)

[www.lionsclubs.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:support@tpahq.org)

[www.tpahq.org/scholarshiptrust.html](http://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](mailto:ajcroi@yahoo.com)  
[www.thehikefund.org](http://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](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](mailto:Dalc.css@va.gov)

[www.prosthetics.Va.gov/Hearing\\_Aids.a](http://www.prosthetics.Va.gov/Hearing_Aids.asp)

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Those who are veterans with hearing, speech, language, or balance problems may contact this group for financial assistance on purchasing hearing aids.