Hearing Aids and Hearing Device Financial Resources

DSDHH does not provide funding towards the purchase of hearing aids. However we maintain a list of resources available to the public. Most resources have low-income qualifications and some are low interest loans. Explore each of these options as needed to ensure you get the appropriate hearing aids. Your hearing health is important. If you need further assistance, such as with programming options or tips on adapting to your hearing aids, DSDHH can help. Contact Chelle Wyatt at chellegeorge@utah.gov or by phone at 801-266-4536.

The Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) also has a list of financial support resources you may want to look into at https://www.hearingloss.org/hearing-help/financial-assistance/ as well as a downloadable guide https://betterhearing.org/HIA/assets/File/public/HIA_Financial-Assistance-Guide.pdf

Resources for Youth:

- 1. First Hand Foundation www.firsthandfoundation.org Services: Provides funding so individual children may have access to health care. Eligibility: birth to 18 that do not have adequate health insurance. Click on "Request Funding" link.
- 2. The Utah Department of Health CHAP and HARP programs. <u>Utah CSHCN Programs CHAP</u> Services: Children's Hearing and Speech Services. All children with hearing loss should have access to resources necessary to reach their maximum potential. The CHAP program helps with hearing aids for children 6 years old and under. The HARP program is available to children 0-18 years old. See website for more details. *Eligibility*: Low income and not covered by insurance. View website for qualifications and application process.
- 3. Hike Fund, Inc. www.thehikefund.org Services: Provides hearing aids and assistive listening devices to children. Eligibility: Children under the age of 20 with limited financial resources. Applications have yearly deadlines; check their website for more information.
- 4. United Health Care Children's Fund www.uhccf.org Services: Provide medical financial relief for families. Eligibility: For children with medical needs who are not covered by their commercial health benefit plan. Applications are available online only. Click on the "Applicant" link at the bottom of the page for an online application.

Resources for all ages:

- 5. Olive Osmond Fund www.hearingfund.org Services: Offers resources to help accommodate the deaf and hard of hearing to acquire hearing aids. Eligibility: For those with a limited income, availability chart is on the application. View website for qualifications and application process.
- 6. Sound of Life www.soundoflifefoundation.org Services: Provides hearing aids. (\$175 processing fee for each aid.) Eligibility: Low income with no other resources available. View website for qualifications and application process.
- 7. Help America Hear www.helpamericahear.org Services: To provide hearing aids through an application process to qualifying individuals with limited financial resources who cannot obtain them on their own. Eligibility: All ages, based on income. View website for qualifications and application process.
- 8. CareCredit www.carecredit.com Services: Monthly payment program designed to pay for health care expenses not covered by insurance. Eligibility: All ages, based on credit. View website for qualifications and application process.

- 9. Miracle Ear Foundation http://www.miracle-ear.com/miracle-ear.com/miracle-ear-foundation Services: Provides new or reconditioned "miracle-Ear" hearing aids and services. Eligibility: All ages, limited income families with no other options available. View website for qualifications and application process.
- 10. Hear Now Starkey Hearing https://www.starkeyhearingfoundation.org/hear-now Services: Provides new and reconditioned hearing aids to those who qualify. Eligibility: All ages, low income. Contact Starkey by phone 800-328-8602 or email hearnow@starkeyfoundation.org
- 11. TPA Scholarship of America www.tpahq.org Services: Financial aid to people with deafness or hearing deficiencies. Eligibility: All ages with limited financial resources. Application online, click on "Scholarship Trusts" and scroll down under stories and look for "apply here" in the first paragraph.
- 12. Utah Assistive Technology Foundation www.uatf.org Services: Works with Zion Bank to provide low-interest loans for assistive technology and telework devices. Eligibility: All ages, income guidelines. View website for qualifications and application process.
- 13. Utah Independent Living Center www.uilc.org Services: Provides assistive technology related services to increase personal independence. Eligibility: All ages. View website for qualifications and application process.
- 14. Vocational Rehabilitation https://jobs.utah.gov/usor/vr Services: Assist and empower eligible individuals with disabilities to achieve meaningful employment. Eligibility: Ages 14 and up based on income guidelines.
- 15. Red Rocker Center for Independence (RRCI) https://www.rrci.org/ Services: Available only in Beaver, Garfield, Irone, Kane, Millard, Piute, Sevier, Washington and Wayne counties. Helps find resources for assistive Technology. Eligibility: Go to the "Contact Us" page and contact the appropriate office.
- 16. Senior Charity Care Foundation http://www.seniorcharitycarefoundation.org/ Services: Available to seniors only in Davis, Salt Lake, Utah, Weber, Tooele, Summit, and Wasatch counties. Helps low income seniors with hearing aids. Eligibility: Click on "Apply for Assistance" to view requirements.
- 17. U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs https://www.prosthetics.va.gov/psas/Hearing-Aids.asp Services and eligibility: For Veterans only, visit their website for guidelines.

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