FINANCIAL AID FOR HEARING AIDS

The following agencies may be able to assist with funding of hearing aids:

- Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation of New Hampshire, Inc 603-660-0732
- Concord Lions Club 603-224-2517
- Manchester Lions Club 603-626-5372
- New Hampshire Medicaid 603-271-4344
- TruHearing 1-800-334-1807
- Starkey Hearing Foundation – HEAR NOW 1-800-328-8602

Contact your local community organizations and clubs for assistance such as:
- Kiwanis Group
- Rotary Club
- Catholic Churches

If your hearing loss affects your employment:

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE – VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

1. CONCORD Regional Office 1-603-271-2327
2. MANCHESTER Regional Office 1-603-669-8733
3. NASHUA Regional Office 1-603-889-6844

Check with your health insurance provider to see if your health care plan covers part or all of the cost of a hearing aid.

If you have a secondary disability, such as a visual, orthopedic or a cognitive impairment, other funding resources may be available.

Additional Financial Aid for Hearing Aids


- **Health Insurance:** (Does not apply to Medicare and Medicare Supplement plans) Each insurer that issues or renewes any individual policy, group policy, HMO, Health Service Corporation, or certificate for delivery in this state, or contract of accident or health insurance providing benefits for medical or hospital expenses, shall provide coverage for the professional services associated with the practice of fitting, dispensing, servicing, or sale of hearing instruments or hearing aids. The benefits included in this section shall not be subject to any greater deductible or coinsurance or co-pay than any other benefits provided by the insurer. Insurers are required to cover the cost of a hearing aid for each ear, as needed, as well as related services necessary to assess, select, and fit the hearing aid with a maximum for the hearing aid and related services of no less than
$1,500 per hearing aid every 60 months. The insured may choose a higher price hearing aid and pay the difference in cost. The hearing aid shall be prescribed and dispensed by a licensed audiologist or hearing instrument specialist. Notwithstanding any provision of law or rule to the contrary, the coverage under this section shall not apply to the medical assistance program, pursuant to RSA 161 and RSA 167.


- **Children:** Children with hearing loss may be able to receive assistive technology at no cost if their Individualized Education Program specifies that they need the assistive technology (such as hearing aids or FM systems) in order to receive a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE). For more information, see “How the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Applies to Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students” at: [https://www.researchgate.net/publication/266405789_How_the_Individuals_with_Disabilities_Education_Act_IDEA_Appplies_to_Deaf_and_Hard_of_Hearing_Students](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/266405789_How_the_Individuals_with_Disabilities_Education_Act_IDEA_Appplies_to_Deaf_and_Hard_of_Hearing_Students)

- **Medicaid:** In some states, people with very low income may qualify for hearing aids through Medicaid. People with higher income may temporarily qualify for assistance with medical expenses, including hearing aids, through the “medically needy program” administered by the county social service agency. Look in the Government section of the telephone book under County Social Services, and request an appointment to determine your eligibility for Medicaid. (800) 852-3345, ext. 4344 or 603-271-4344 for New Hampshire Medicaid, Concord NH

- **Vocational Rehabilitation:** Prospective and current college students and other people of working age may qualify for financial assistance for hearing aids, assistive technology, and other rehabilitative services from state vocational rehabilitation agencies (look under State in the Government section of your local telephone book). If you are working but concerned you may lose your job because of your hearing loss, you may be eligible for services on that basis.
  - NH Vocational Rehabilitation:
    - 1-603-271-2327 Concord Regional Office
    - 1-603-669-8733 Manchester Regional Office
    - 1-603-889-6844 Nashua Regional Office

- **Veterans Administration:** Veterans of military service may qualify for assistance with hearing aids, assistive listening devices, and other rehabilitative services; contact the VA Medical Center for assistance. 1-603-624-4366 or Toll-Free: (800) 892-8394 Address: 718 Smyth Road, Manchester, NH 03104 Website: [www.manchester.va.gov](http://www.manchester.va.gov)

- **State telephone equipment programs:** These programs can be found via [http://www.tedpa.org](http://www.tedpa.org) and they vary quite widely in their eligibility requirements. In NH, the NH-TEAP provides free or low-cost telephone equipment to eligible residents. Call Brianna if you are a NH resident and would like to set up an appointment: 1-603-224-1850 extension #207

- **NH Agencies** serving Deaf and/or hard of hearing people may also know about local hearing aid banks and other resources, such as clinics providing services on a sliding scale basis according to income, state assistive technology loan programs, and state financial assistance programs for children with disabilities. Northeast Deaf and Hard of Hearing has a loan program to try out amplified phones and other
assistive hearing devices as well as lending library of books and DVDs on Deaf and hard of hearing topics.

- 1-603-224-1850 Northeast Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services, Concord NH [www.ndhhs.org](http://www.ndhhs.org)
- 1-800-826-3700 Granite State Independent Living, Concord NH [http://www.gsil.org](http://www.gsil.org)

**Other:** In many situations, organizations, government agencies, educational institutions, and employers are required by federal or state law to provide auxiliary aids and services for communication access (but not hearing aids). Some of these situations are: employers with 15 or more employees, hotels, hospitals, senior centers and residential facilities. If you are inquiring about communication assistance in one of these situations, call the Disability and Business Technical Assistance Center at (800) 949-4232 (V/TTY) for more information or visit their website at [http://www.adata.org](http://www.adata.org).

- **Local civic organizations:** such as the Kiwanis, Rotary Club and Catholic Churches (even if you are not Catholic), may be able to provide financial assistance to purchase or acquire hearing aids and other assistive devices. Check your local phone directories or the Chamber of Commerce for a listing of civic organizations in your area.

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**AUDIENT PROGRAM**

In alliance for accessible hearing care, this program assists income qualified hard of hearing people nationwide to access quality hearing aids and related care at significantly reduced costs.

901 Boren Ave, Suite 810
Seattle, WA 98104-3534
Phone: 1-877-283-4368
Email: info@audientalliance.org
Website: [www.audientalliance.org](http://www.audientalliance.org)

**DOROTHY AMES TRUST FUND**

Assists children in New England states with hearing aids and assistive technology.

PO Box 22042
Attn: Ed Deluccia
Albany, NY 12201
Phone: 1-866-238-8650

**EASTER SEALS**

Over 400 local service centers with varying services; some assist low-income adults and children with hearing aids and others with rehabilitative devices.

230 West Monroe Street, Suite 1800
Chicago, IL 60606
Call: Rosemary Garza (1-800-221-6827)
TTY: 312-726-4258
FAX: 312-726-1494
Website: [www.easter-seals.org](http://www.easter-seals.org)

**HEAR NOW**

Provide recycled and used hearing aids to low-income persons. Provide hearing aids based on income.

6700 Washington Avenue South
Eden Prairie, MN 55344
Phone: 1-800-328-8602
Call first to check your eligibility and then they will send you an application.

Website: [www.botheworldmayhear.org](http://www.botheworldmayhear.org)

**HEAR USA FOUNDATION AND HEARING AID BANK**

Provides financial assistance to low-income families and individuals for hearing aids.

7702 E. Doubletree Ranch Road, Suite 300
Scottsdale, AZ 85258-2059
Phone: 1-888-835-HEAR

**HIKE FUND, INC.**

Provides low-income children from birth up to age twenty with hearing aids and assistive devices.

The Hike Fund, Inc.
c/o John Hauser
530 Elliott Street
Council Bluffs, IA 51503-0202
Phone: 712-325-0812
**LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL**
Assists low income individuals purchasing hearing aids.
300 West 22nd Street
Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842
Website: [www.lionsclubs.org/EN/index.php](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/index.php)

**LIONS SIGHT & HEARING FOUNDATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, INC.**
PO Box 970
Concord, NH 03302-0970
Phone: 603-660-0732 (Fred Plett)
Email: frplett@gmail.com
Website: [http://nhlions.org/LS&H.htm](http://nhlions.org/LS&H.htm)

**NEW ENGLAND AUDIOLOGY**
Provides aids and services in a Deaf friendly environment. Visit their office to pick up a Starkey Hearing Foundation application and the New England Audiology staff will help you step by step.
1 Pillsbury Street – Concord, NH 03301
OR 2075 South Willow Street – Manchester, NH 03103
Phone: 603-856-8275
Email: newenglandaudiology@yahoo.com
Website: [www.newenglandaudiology.com](http://www.newenglandaudiology.com)

**QUOTA INTERNATIONAL**
Assists low income individuals with purchasing hearing aids on the local level. Their customer service team will refer you to local clubs.
1420 21st Street NW
Washington DC 20036
Phone: 202-331-9694
Website: [www.quota.org](http://www.quota.org)

**STARKEY HEARING FOUNDATION**
Used only as a last resort. Provide assistance for low-income individuals permanently residing in the U.S. with no other resources to acquire hearing aids.
6700 Washington Avenue South
Eden Prairie, MN 55344
Phone: 800-328-8602 (ask for HEAR NOW)
Website: [www.sotheworldmayhear.org](http://www.sotheworldmayhear.org)

**TRAVELERS PROTECTICE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA**
The Travelers Protective Association Scholarship Trust for the Deaf and Near Deaf provides financial aid to children and adults who are deaf or have a hearing impairment. This program provides assistance for mechanical devices, medical or specialized treatment, or specialized education to those who demonstrate financial need. Grants may be used to purchase hearing aids.
3755 Lindell Boulevard
St. Louis, MO 63108
Phone: 314-371-0533
Website: [www.tpahq.org](http://www.tpahq.org)

**TRUHEARING**
TruHearing and the insurance companies it partners with are improving the hearing healthcare industry by making hearing aids affordable. Connect by calling a Hearing Consultant with any questions and to get started.
Phone: 1-800-334-1807
Website: [www.truhearing.com](http://www.truhearing.com)