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 Kelly Boehmer at kboehmer@utah.gov or by phone at 801-657-5220. You can also contact the Hard of Hearing program at DSDHH.hoh@utah.gov

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/. There is a downloadable guide available

https://betterhearing.org/HIA/assets/File/public/HIA Financial-Assistance-Guide.pdf

Resources for Youth:

1. Oracle Health Foundation www.oraclehealthfoundation.org

Oracle Health Foundation remains committed to the belief that all children deserve access to the healthcare they need, no matter their life circumstances, and we strive toward a world where that's the reality. Eligibility: birth to 18 that do not have adequate health insurance. Click on the "Request a grant" link.

2. Utah Department of Health CHAP & HARP program

www.familyhealth.utah.gov/cshcn/chap/

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 Healthcare 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 "Apply for a grant" link at the top 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, an availability chart is on the application. View website for qualifications and application process.

6. **Sound of Life** <u>www.soundoflifefoundation.org</u>

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. Will need to call with any questions at 877-435-7551

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 <u>www.carecredit.com</u>

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-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 Hearing Trust** www.tpahq.org

Services: Financial aid to people with all levels of hearing loss. Eligibility: All ages with limited financial resources. Application online, click on "Community Engagement", then "TPA Hearing Trust", and scroll down and look for "Apply Now".

12. Utah Assistive Technology Foundation www.usu.edu/uatp/financing/

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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