

## **HEARING AID AND COCHLEAR IMPLANT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

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The organizations listed below may offer financial assistance towards the purchase of hearing aids to people with limited incomes.

#### **AUDIENT PROGRAM**

EPIC Hearing Healthcare  
3191 W. Temple Ave. Ste. 200  
Pomona, CA 91768  
(866) 956-5400 x 2 (Voice)  
Website: [www.audientalliance.org](http://www.audientalliance.org)  
E-mail: [hear@epichearing.com](mailto:hear@epichearing.com)

This program offers reduced cost hearing aids for qualifying low income applicants.

#### **CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION**

##### **Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services**

(916) 558-5670 (Voice)  
(916) 558-5673 (TTY)  
Website: <http://www.dor.ca.gov/SSD/Deaf-Hard-of-Hearing-Services.html>  
E-mail: [dhhs@dor.ca.gov](mailto:dhhs@dor.ca.gov)

The Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) purchases hearing aids for clients if needed for the successful completion of their Individual Plans for Employment. If the client has Medi-Cal, then DOR will ask them to use that service as a similar benefit to obtain one hearing aid while DOR purchases the other one.

#### **CALIFORNIA STATE EMPLOYEES**

(888) 225-7377 (Voice-Toll Free)  
(877) 249-7442 (Toll Free)  
(800) 959-6545 (Fax)  
Website: [www.calpers.ca.gov/index.jsp?bc=/member/health/home.xml](http://www.calpers.ca.gov/index.jsp?bc=/member/health/home.xml)

Basic healthcare plans for California state employees provide a \$1,000 allowance for hearing aids every 36 months.

#### **DISABLED CHILDREN'S RELIEF FUND**

(516) 377-1605 (Voice)  
(516) 377-3978 (Fax)  
Website: [dcrf.com](http://dcrf.com)

This charitable organization grants applications that may be used for modest awards for assistive devices such as hearing aids. Applications are available between April and September.

### **HEAR NOW**

6700 Washington Avenue South

Eden Prairie, MN 55344

(866) 354-3754 (Voice)

(952) 828-6900 (Fax)

Website: [www.starkeyhearingfoundation.org/hear-now.php](http://www.starkeyhearingfoundation.org/hear-now.php)

This is a national non-profit program committed to assisting deaf and hard of hearing persons with limited financial resources

### **THE HEARING FOUNDATION**

(Hearing Bank/Up-State Hearing)

1640 Tehama, Suite B

Redding, CA 96001

(530) 243-7307 (Voice)

Website: [www.4c1lions.org/hearing.htm](http://www.4c1lions.org/hearing.htm)

E-mail: [smrobeson@sisqtel.net](mailto:smrobeson@sisqtel.net)

This hearing foundation offers assistance to low income individuals needing hearing aids, medical/surgical and audiological services.

### **THE HIKE FUND (Children)**

**c/o: H.I.K.E. Board Executive Secretary**

530 Elliott Street

Council Bluffs, IA 51503-0202

(712) 325-0812 (Voice)

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

E-mail: [johnhauser11@gmail.com](mailto:johnhauser11@gmail.com)

The Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment (HIKE) Fund collects funds to award to children who are in need of hearing aids or other assistive listening devices with limited financial resources.

### **MEDI-CAL**

(800) 541-5555 (Voice-Toll Free)

Website: [www.medi-cal.ca.gov](http://www.medi-cal.ca.gov)

If you currently are a recipient of Medi-Cal benefits, you may obtain hearing aids through the program.

### **MIRACLE-EAR® CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION (Children)**

(800) 464-8002 (Voice-Toll Free)

Website: [www.miracleear.com/childrenrequest.aspx](http://www.miracleear.com/childrenrequest.aspx)

Miracle-Ear® Children's Foundation provides free hearing aids and services to children from low-income families.

## **SERTOMA**

(816) 333-8300 (Voice)

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

This service organization is dedicated to helping people with speech, language and hearing disorders. Individuals clubs within the state may help with hearing aid funding.

## **TPA SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE DEAF AND NEAR DEAF**

The Travelers Protective Association of America

3755 Lindell Boulevard

St. Louis, MO 63108

(314) 371-0533 (Voice)

(314) 371-0537 (Fax)

Website: [www.tpahq.org/scholarshiptrust.html](http://www.tpahq.org/scholarshiptrust.html)

E-mail: [support@tpahq.org](mailto:support@tpahq.org)

The Travelers Protective Association of America Scholarship Trust for the Deaf and Near Deaf provides financial assistance to individuals of all ages who suffer deafness or hearing impairment.

NOTE: Completed application must be returned by March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. TPA Trustees review all applications on file in April, notifies recipients in May, and checks are mailed after August 1<sup>st</sup>. Recipients may receive additional aid and must complete a new application each time they seek additional help.

## **VETERAN'S ADMINISTRATION (VA)**

### **California Department of Veterans Affairs**

(800) 952-5626 (Voice-Toll Free)

(800) 324-5966 (TTY)

(800) 221-8998 (Voice-Toll Free Outside California)

Website: [www.cdva.ca.gov](http://www.cdva.ca.gov)

If you are a veteran of the armed services and you think your hearing loss may be service-connected, you may be eligible for assistive technology devices and services through the Veteran's Administration (VA). Your local VA office will be able to refer you to the appropriate VA medical facility for assistance.

## **COCHLEAR IMPLANT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

The organizations listed below may offer financial assistance to people with limited incomes towards the purchase of cochlear implants.

## **GIFT OF HEARING FOUNDATION**

95 Old Boston Neck Road

Narrangansett, RI 02882

(617) 661-4327 (Voice)

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

E-mail: [info@giftofhearingfoundation.org](mailto:info@giftofhearingfoundation.org)

The Foundation will provide support to a select number of economically disadvantaged cochlear implant candidates.

### **HEARING FOR CHILDREN**

Website: [www.h4c.org](http://www.h4c.org)

E-mail: [webmaster@h4.org](mailto:webmaster@h4.org)

Hearing for Children is a charitable organization dedicated to making cochlear implants available worldwide to as many needy and deserving deaf children and adults as possible.

### **MEDI-CAL**

(800) 541-5555 (Voice-Toll Free)

Website: [www.medi-cal.ca.gov](http://www.medi-cal.ca.gov)

If you currently are a recipient of Medi-Cal benefits, you may obtain cochlear implants through the program.

### **MEDICARE**

(800) 633-4227 (Voice-Toll Free)

(877) 486-2048 (TTY)

Website: [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)

Medicare is authorized to cover cochlear implants, but will not cover payments for hearing aids.