

NC Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Hearing Aid Funding Resource List

	Program	Provision	Qualifications	Application Process
NC DSDHH (all ages)	Equipment Distribution Service	One behind-the-ear (BTE) hearing aid every 6 years In-the-ear (ITE) is only available due to physical limitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NC residency • Income based • Hearing loss within program parameters in both ears • Need help with telephone communication • Application form and meeting with DSDHH staff • Certification by contracted hearing aid provider 	Call: (800) 851-6099
	Tempoary Loan Service - Hearing Aid Redistribution	Previously used, santized behind-the-ear (BTE) hearing aids (normally provides one hearing aid but two may be approved for serious need and when available)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NC residency • Hearing loss or tinnitus • Need assistance hearing on the phone or knowing when the phone rings • Application form • Hearing aid selection by applicant's chosen hearing aid professional • Applicant must pay all fitting costs directly to hearing aid professional (Note: No income limitation) 	Call: (800) 851-6099
General Funding (all ages)	Charlotte Speech and Hearing	• One or two hearing aids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NC residency • Income based 	Call: (704) 523-8027, Ext. 215 Or Email: Julie Palazzolo, jpalazzolo@charlottespeechhearing.com
	Foundation for Sight & Sound: Help America Hear	• Hearing aids every 5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 tier financial requirement system • Application and/or set-up fees 	Call: (888) 580-8886 Or Apply online
	Miracle Ear Foundation	• Hearing aids every 5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Household income at or below 200% of federal poverty guideline • \$150 application fee 	Apply online Or contact your local Miracle Ear office

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	National Hearing Aid Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One or two hearing aids based on individual need 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial parameters • Application fees 	Call: (816) 333-8300 Or Apply online
	NC Independent Living	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One or two hearing aids 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial need • Hearing loss parameters • Must be in coordination with another major service 	Contact a local NC Independent Living office to apply
	NC Vocational Rehabilitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One or two hearing aids 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial need • Must be directly related to an employment goal • Hearing loss parameters 	Contact a local office to apply
	Starkey Hearing Foundation *currently suspended due to COVID	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One or two hearing aids every 5 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial need • \$125 processing fee per aid 	Call: 1 (800) 328-8602
Partial Funding	AARP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One or two hearing aids 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income based 	Call: 1 (888) 687-2277
	Audient	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One or two hearing aids 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income based 	Call: 1 (866) 956-5400, Ext. 2
	First in Families of North Carolina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One or two hearing aids 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The household must have at least one member with a TBI, a developmental disability, or someone at risk for one • Income based 	Call: Betsy MacMichael (919) 251-8368 Or Email: info@fifnc.org
	Self Help Credit Union Assistive Technology Loan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hearing aids 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income based 	Call: Tammy Pereboom (704) 566-2899, Ext. 2
	TPA Scholarship Trust for the Hearing Impaired	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hearing aids 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income based 	Call: (636) 724-2227 Or Email: support@tpahq.org
	Children's Funding	Carolina Children's Disorders Program CCCDP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hearing aids • Assistive listening devices • Cochlear Implants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under 21 • Income and need based
First Hand Foundation		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hearing aids 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 years and younger • Income based 	Call: (816) 201-1569

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	The HIKE Fund, Inc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any device for Deaf/Hard of Hearing that helps communication 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under 20 U.S. Citizen Income based 	Call: (712) 325-0812
	Miracle Ear Foundation for Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hearing aids 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16 years old and younger Income and need based 	Contact your local Miracle Ear office
	NC DHHS: Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Initial Hearing Aids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hearing aids 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0-3 Years Cannot have Medicaid or insurance coverage on hearing aids 	Call: (919) 707-5631 or 1 (866) 431-7434
	The UnitedHeathcare Children's Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hearing aids 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16 or younger Income based Must have a SSN Must have primary insurance coverage under a commercial plan 	Call: 1 (855) 698-4223 Or Email: customerservice@uhccf.org
	Beginnings Grants to Parents Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hearing aid fitting and/or repairs FM systems Etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birth - 22 years Income based 	Call: 1 (800) 541-4327 Or Email: raleigh@ncbegin.org
Veteran's Funding	Veterans of Foreign Wars Unmet Needs Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial aid grants of up to \$1,500 to assist with basic life needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grants are for veterans, service members, and their families 	Call: 1 (866) 789-6333 Or Email: unmetneeds@vfw.org
	Veteran Health Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hearing aids (based on service) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk with VHA or a Veterans Service Officer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Apply by phone (877) 222-VETS -Apply Online -Print Form 10-10EZ and take to closest VA Clinic -Ask Veterans Service Officer for assistance -Call (888) 777-4443 -Helpful Video
Miscellaneous Resources	Assistance may also be available from civic organizations, faith-based organizations, private insurance providers, and various hearing aid offices.			