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| Equipment Distribution Service               | One behind-the-ear (BTE) hearing aid every 6 years In-the-ear (ITE) is only available due to physical limitation | • 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, sanitized behind-the-ear (BTE) hearing aids (normally provides one hearing aid but two may be approved for serious need and when available) | • 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 |
| Charlotte Speech and Hearing                 | • One or two hearing aids                                                 | • 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                                              | • 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                                              | • 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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<td><strong>National Hearing Aid Project</strong></td>
<td>• One or two hearing aids based on individual need</td>
<td>• Financial parameters • Application fees</td>
<td>Call: (816) 333-8300 Or Apply online</td>
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<td><strong>NC Independent Living</strong></td>
<td>• One or two hearing aids</td>
<td>• Financial need • Hearing loss parameters • Must be in coordination with another major service</td>
<td>Contact a local NC Independent Living office to apply</td>
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<td><strong>NC Vocational Rehabilitation</strong></td>
<td>• One or two hearing aids</td>
<td>• Financial need • Must be directly related to an employment goal • Hearing loss parameters</td>
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<td><strong>Starkey Hearing Foundation</strong></td>
<td>• One or two hearing aids every 5 years</td>
<td>• Financial need • $125 processing fee per aid</td>
<td>Call: 1 (800) 328-8602</td>
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<td>• One or two hearing aids</td>
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<td>Call: 1 (888) 687-2277</td>
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<td><strong>Audient</strong></td>
<td>• One or two hearing aids</td>
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<td>Call: 1 (866) 956-5400, Ext. 2</td>
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<td><strong>First in Families of North Carolina</strong></td>
<td>• One or two hearing aids</td>
<td>• The household must have at least one member with a TBI, a developmental disability, or someone at risk for one • Income based</td>
<td>Call: Betsy MacMichael (919) 251-8368 Or Email: <a href="mailto:info@fifnc.org">info@fifnc.org</a></td>
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<td><strong>Self Help Credit Union Assistive Technology Loan</strong></td>
<td>• Hearing aids</td>
<td>• Income based</td>
<td>Call: Tammy Pereboom (704) 566-2899, Ext. 2</td>
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<td><strong>TPA Scholarship Trust for the Hearing Impaired</strong></td>
<td>• Hearing aids</td>
<td>• Income based</td>
<td>Call: (636) 724-2227 Or Email: <a href="mailto:support@tpahq.org">support@tpahq.org</a></td>
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<td><strong>Carolina Children’s Disorders Program CCCDP</strong></td>
<td>• Hearing aids • Assistive listening devices • Cochlear Implants</td>
<td>• Under 21 • Income and need based</td>
<td>Call: (919) 419-1449</td>
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<td><strong>First Hand Foundation</strong></td>
<td>• Hearing aids</td>
<td>• 18 years and younger • Income based</td>
<td>Call: (816) 201-1569</td>
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• U.S. Citizen  
• Income based | Call: (712) 325-0812 |
| **Miracle Ear Foundation for Children** | • Hearing aids | • 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** | • Hearing aids | • 0-3 Years  
• Cannot have Medicaid or insurance coverage on hearing aids | Call: (919) 707-5631  
or  
1 (866) 431-7434 |
| **The UnitedHealthcare Children’s Foundation** | • Hearing aids | • 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** | • Hearing aid fitting and/or repairs  
• FM systems  
• Etc. | • Birth - 22 years  
• Income based | Call: 1 (800) 541-4327  
Or  
Email: raleigh@ncbegin.org |
| **Veterans of Foreign Wars Unmet Needs Program** | • Financial aid grants of up to $1,500 to assist with basic life needs | • Grants are for veterans, service members, and their families | Call: 1 (866) 789-6333  
Or  
Email: unmetneeds@vfw.org |
| **Veteran Health Administration** | • Hearing aids (based on service) | • Talk with VHA or a Veterans Service Officer | -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. | | |

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