

# Private Funding Sources for Hearing Aids

The chart below is part of the Funding Tool Kit located at [www.cohandsandvoices.org](http://www.cohandsandvoices.org)

The Funding Tool Kit is the collaborative effort of three family support groups: Family Voices, ([www.familyvoices.org](http://www.familyvoices.org)), Colorado Families for Hands & Voices, ([www.handsandvoices.org](http://www.handsandvoices.org)), and the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing ([www.coloradoagbell.org](http://www.coloradoagbell.org)).

The parents who compiled this information all have children with a hearing loss and wanted to help identify funding sources to pay for hearing aids and/or related expenses.

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Range of funding / Who will receive money (Family / Provider)</b>	<b>Turn-around time</b>	<b>Income limits</b>	<b>Age criteria</b>	<b>Documentation required</b>	<b>Citizenship/ Residency</b>	<b>Coverage</b>
<b>AV Hunter</b>	Case by case decisions Amounts vary Checks made payable to vendor only.	About three weeks if application is complete	None specified	3 and up	2 forms ID, prescription for hearing aids, cost estimate, proof of CO residency (min-12 months,	See application	Durable medical equipment
<b>Center for Speech, Language, and Hearing</b>	Case by case decisions	One to two weeks to process and respond	Fees based on sliding scale based on individual income	New born-adults	Verification of income, sometimes medical permission needed		Digital hearing aids, two packages of batteries, follow-up visits, warranty visits
<b>Communication for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing</b>	Refurbished hearing aids	As soon as acceptable hearing aids are available	Any person in need				Used hearing aids are donated to person in need
<b>The Elks Lodge</b>	Average amount \$200-\$300. depends on local Elks Lodge	Depends on when application is received. Meet once a month	Lower income range	Focus on children		Possibly in future	Individual basis/need
<b>First Hand Foundation</b>	Will send money directly to provider Must provide name/address of provider	Decision 7-10 days after monthly meeting		Child still under care of pediatrician, child over 17 must be in child-like mental state	Doctor's letter, Documentation of child's healthcare, proof of financial statement, letter of denial from Medicaid/ insurance picture of child, info on equipment/ procedure		
<b>Hear Now/Starkey</b>	Program of last resort	6-8 weeks			Client must pay a non-refundable application processing fee; \$50.00 per hearing aid		Hearing aids
<b>The Hearing Foundation: International Hearing Health Missions</b>		5-7 working days	HEAR Now guidelines			Worldwide	Analog hearing aids, cleaning tools, batteries

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<b>H.E.A.R. Project</b>	\$100-\$500	2-4 weeks	Short form: 200% of poverty (36,800 family of four) Long Form: Family of four combined income of 70,000	Birth-18	Short form: statement from audiologist Long form: Proof of income, bank statements, Proof of medical need, letter by parent/guardian of need, photo with permission to use, audiogram		Hearing aids, earmolds, repairs, FM systems
<b>H.I.K.E</b>	Case by case decision	Around 6 months	No income limit. Many recipients are children of working parents who are unable to afford this special need.	Birth-20	Financial disclosure, W-2 form and pay stub, recent audiogram, prescription from a licensed audiologist and/or physician		Hearing aids, FM systems, computers to assist deaf/hard of hearing children
<b>Mandy Project</b>	Average \$500.-\$750. Checks only to provider	About two weeks	No set limits	Birth-college	Audiogram, picture, permission to use photo	Possibly in future	Open to covering anything for deaf/h.h child Coverage
<b>Miracle-Ear Children's Foundation</b>	Hearing aid coverage	4-6 weeks	\$20,000-\$40,000	Birth-16	Audiogram and medical signed release within six month period	Citizen of US and legal resident	Digital aid, BTE and In-the-Ear
<b>Hearing Aid Bank for Weld County</b>	Provide reconditioned hearing aid	2 weeks to a month	Health dept. limits for poverty		Audiogram within last three months	Weld county resident	Reconditioned hearing aids
<b>Larimer County hearing Aid Bank</b>	\$75.00-\$200.	Average 2 months	Sliding scale		Audiogram within a year	Larimer county resident	Repairs, ear molds, and hearing aids
<b>CNI Center for Hearing's Cochlear Implant Assistance Program</b>	Cochlear Implant systems are donated at no charge; families are still responsible for other charges such as hospital,surgical,and/or audiological fees,which sometimes may be waived or reduced.		Assist applicants who are un-insured or under-insured	1yr -adult		Permanent legal US residents	Cochlear Implant systems including internal and external components are donated to qualified applicants.
<b>HealthONE Alliance</b>	Maximum amount of funding that can be Requested 2000.00		Demonstrated financial need		Must be referred by appropriate agency; application sent by referring agency	Resident of Denver area	Medical or hospital care expenses