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Financial Assistance for Buying Hearing Aids

The Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (VDDHH) is pleased to provide you this hearing aid packet at no charge. Due to limited resources, the Commonwealth of Virginia is not able to provide hearing aids or financial assistance for purchasing hearing aids. *However, the following pages contain links to sources of information and financial assistance for hearing aids.*

VDDHH works to reduce the communication barriers between people who are Deaf or hard of hearing and those who are hearing, including family members, service providers, and the public. As part of this mission, our agency responds to requests for information and referrals regarding a variety of topics related to hearing loss including but not limited to assistive technology, communication methods, captioning, hearing aids, interpreting, telecommunications, and sign language. Please feel free to contact VDDHH by phone at (804) 662-9502, videophone at (804) 325-1290, or by email at info@vddhh.virginia.gov

We appreciate your interest in the Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Thank you for allowing us to serve you.

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About Hearing Aids: An Overview

Consumer Reports: Hearing Aids

Toll Free: (800) 333-0663 (customer service)

Website: www.consumerreports.org/cro/hearing-aids.htm

Guide available at www.consumerreports.org/cro/hearing-aids/buying-guide.htm

National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders: Hearing Aids

Telephone: (301) 827-8183

Toll Free: (800) 241-1044

Email: nidcdinfo@nidcd.nih.gov

Website: www.nidcd.nih.gov/health/hearing-aids and

www.nidcd.nih.gov/sites/default/files/Documents/health/hearing/nidcd-hearing-aids.pdf

U.S. Food and Drug Administration: Hearing Aids

Telephone: (301) 796-7100 (FDA Division of Industry and Consumer Education)

Toll Free: (800) 638-2041 (FDA Division of Industry and Consumer Education)

Toll Free: (888) 463-6332, general information)

Email: DICE@fda.hhs.gov

www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/ProductsandMedicalProcedures/HomeHealthandConsumer/ConsumerProducts/HearingAids

Virginia Board for Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians

Telephone: (804) 367-8590

Email: hasopt@dpvr.virginia.gov

Website: www.dpvr.virginia.gov/boards/has-opticians

Guide available at www.dpvr.virginia.gov/Consumers/Guide_HearingAids

Resource Directories and Information

HealthyHearing.com: Insurance and Financial Assistance for Hearing Aids

Toll Free: (800) 567-1692

Email: hhteam@healthyhearing.com

Website: www.healthyhearing.com/help/hearing-aids/insurance-financial-assistance

Hearing Charities of America National Hearing Aid Project: Hearing Aid Resources

Telephone: (816) 333-8300

Email: hcoa@sertomahq.org

Website: www.hearingaid donations.org/resources

Hearing Loss Association of America: Financial Assistance

Telephone: (301) 657-2248

Email: info@hearingloss.org

Website: <https://www.hearingloss.org/hearing-help/financial-assistance/> and

Guide available at https://www.hearing.org/hearingorg/document-server/?cfp=hearingorg/assets/File/public/HIA_Financial-Assistance-Guide.pdf

Northern Virginia Resource Center: Guide to Financial Assistance for Buying Hearing Aids

Telephone: (703) 352-9055

Email: info@nvrc.org

Website: www.nvrc.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/01/Financial-Assistance-Buying-Aids.pdf

Loans to Purchase Hearing Aids

CareCredit

Toll Free: (800) 677-0718

Website: www.carecredit.com/hearing

Virginia Assistive Technology Loan Fund Authority (ATLFA)

Telephone: (804) 662-9000

Toll Free: (866) 835-5976

Email: atlfa@atlfa.org

Website: www.atlfa.org

National Organizations that May Offer Free or Discounted Hearing Aids or Grants to Purchase Hearing Aids

Audient: Helping People Afford Better Hearing

Toll Free: (866) 956-5400, ext. 2

Email: hear@epichearing.com

Website: www.audientalliance.org/patient.php

Brochure available at www.audientalliance.org/downloads/patients/AUDIANT_brochure.pdf

Beltone Hearing Care Foundation

Telephone: (847) 832-3300

Toll Free: (866) 521-7164

Toll Free: (800) 235-8663 (patient care/customer service)

Website: <https://www.beltone.com/en-us/why-beltone/beltone-foundation>

Foundation for Sight and Sound: Help America Hear Program

Telephone: (631) 366-3461

Toll Free: (888) 580-8886

Email: info@fssny.org

Website: <https://helpamericahear.org/help-america-hear/>

The Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment Fund, Inc. (The Hike Fund)

Telephone: (712) 325-0812

Email: awards@thehikefund.org

Website: www.thehikefund.org

Lions Clubs International Foundation: Affordable Hearing Aid Project

Telephone: (630) 203-3819

Email: LionsAHAP@lionsclubs.org

Miracle-Ear Foundation

Toll Free: (800) 234-5422

Toll Free: (877) 632-6320 (customer service)

Website: www.miracle-earfoundation.org / www.miracle-ear.com/foundation-eligibility

Sertoma, Inc. / Hearing Charities of America National Hearing Aid Project

Telephone: (816) 333-8300

Email: hcoa@sertomahq.org

Website: www.hearingaiddonations.org / <http://hearingcharities.org/programs/the-hearing-aid-project>

Starkey Hearing Foundation: Hear Now

Toll Free: (800) 328-8602

Email: hearnow@starkeyfoundation.org

Website: www.starkeyhearingfoundation.org/hear-now

Travelers Protective Association: Scholarship Trust for the Hearing Impaired

Telephone: (636) 724-2227

Toll Free: (877) 872-2638

Email: vsedodo@tpahq.org

Website: www.tpahq.org/scholarshiptrust

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs: Veterans Health Administration

Toll Free: 844-MyVA311 (844-698-2311, information)

Toll Free: 877-222-VETS (877-222-8387, health benefits)

Website: www.prosthetics.va.gov/psas/Hearing_Aids.asp

**Virginia Organizations that May Offer Free or Discounted Hearing Aids or
Grants to Purchase Hearing Aids**

Here2Hear

9327 Midlothian Turnpike, Suite 1s
Richmond VA 23235
Telephone: (804) 774-8311
Email: here2_hear@aol.com
Website: <http://www.here2hear.org/programs.html>

Lions Clubs International, Virginia: Multiple District 24

Telephone: (540) 342-LION (540-342-5466)
Email: lionva@verizon.net
Website: www.lionsofvirginia.org

Lions of Virginia Foundation

Telephone: (703) 425-5574 (Harry F. Parker, president)
Email: glasslion1@cox.net / lovfwebmmaster@gmail.com
Website: www.lovf.org

Lions of Virginia, District 24-A (Northern Virginia)

Telephone: (703) 277-0209 (Jay Moughon, district governor)
Email: moughonjc@aol.com / 24ait@comcast.net
Website: www.valions.org

Lions of Virginia, District 24-A Hearing Aid Bank Foundation (Northern Virginia)

Telephone: (703) 280-0403 (Mike McLaughlin, HAB Foundation committee chairman)
Email: mmclaughlin@annandalelions.org
Website: www.valions.org/hab.html

Lions of Virginia, District 24-B (Central and Southern Virginia)

Telephone: (804) 868-8576 (Heather Jones-Lancto, district governor)
Email: heamelion@yahoo.com / heameljon@yahoo.com
Website: www.lions24b.org

Lions of Virginia, District 24-B Hearing Aid Foundation (Central and Southern Virginia)

Telephone: (804) 756-0288
Email: hearaidsva@gmail.com / lionshab24b@aol.com / GASPlion@aol.com
Website: <http://lionshabva.org/>

Lions of Virginia, District 24-C (Shenandoah Valley/Piedmont)

Telephone: (540) 327-1862 (Rick Carroll, district governor)
Email: fc Carroll60@gmail.com

Lions of Virginia, District 24-D (Hampton Roads/Eastern Virginia)

Telephone: (757) 594-0082 (answering service)

Telephone: (757) 675-221 (Patricia Jones, district governor)

Email: lions24d@msn.com / webmaster@district24d.com

Website: <http://www.lions-mobile-sight-and-hearing-unit-of-24d.org/>

Lions of Virginia, District 24-E (Roanoke Valley/Blue Ridge Mountains)

Telephone: (540) 392-1453 (Martin R. Alford, district governor)

Telephone: (540) 890-3037 (Robert E. Foutz, past district governor/hearing conservation)

Email: marty.alford1960@gmail.com / rfoutz08@aol.com / district.24e.website@comcast.net

Website: <https://e-district.org/sites/24e/>

Lions of Virginia, District 24-F (Southwest Virginia)

Telephone: (423) 360-6595 (William E. Cahill, district governor)

Email: wesecahills@gmail.com

Website: www.e-district.org/sites/24f

Virginia Lions Hearing Foundation and Research Center, Inc.

Telephone: (434) 296-LIONS (434-296-5466)

Toll Free: (800) 251-3627, ext. 4-9805

Email: vlhf@virginia.edu

Website: www.vlhf.org

Miscellaneous Hearing Aid Resources

Help America Hear Scholarship

Telephone: (631) 366-3461

Toll Free: (888) 580-8886

Email: info@helpamericahear.org

Website: <https://helpamericahear.org/scholarships/>

Virginia Department of Health Hearing Aid Loan Bank

Blue Ridge Care Connection for Children

2205 Fontaine Ave., Suite 201

Charlottesville, Virginia 22903

Contact: Lisa Powley

Office: (434) 924-0222

Toll Free: (866) 596-9367

Email: Lkp2v@virginia.edu

Website: www.vdh.virginia.gov/early-hearing-detection-and-intervention/virginia-hearing-aid-loan-bank/