

## Hearing Equipment Resources

Organization	Contact Information	Details
<b>Better Hearing Institute (BHI)</b> 1444 I St, NW Washington DC 20005	(202) 449-1100 (800) 327-9355 (Call Center) <a href="http://www.betterhearing.org/hearing_loss_resources/financial_assistance/index.cfm">http://www.betterhearing.org/hearing_loss_resources/financial_assistance/index.cfm</a>	BHI is a not-for-profit corporation that educates the public about the neglected problem of hearing loss and what can be done about it. Website contains an extensive financial assistance resource list.
<b>Gallaudet Home Fund</b> Empire State Association of the Deaf (ESAD) Paula Wollenhaupt Chairperson of Gallaudet Fund 54 Thorndyke Road Rochester, NY 14617	<a href="http://www.rexvlog.net/www/esadwww/ghf.php">http://www.rexvlog.net/www/esadwww/ghf.php</a>	EASAD is an affiliate of National Assoc. of the Deaf. It administers the Gallaudet Home Fund which may provide free devices to poor deaf people over the age of 55 who meet eligibility requirements.
<b>Equipment Loan Fund for the Disabled</b> NYS Office of Children and Family Services Bureau of Financial Operations Capital View Office Park, South Bldg., Rm. 201 52 Washington St Rensselaer, NY 12144	(518) 474-0197  <a href="http://www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/cbvh/equiploanfund.asp">http://www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/cbvh/equiploanfund.asp</a>	A NYS program that provides loans \$500 - \$4,000 for a variety of adaptive equipment for disabled NYS residents. Repayment within 2 to 8 yrs. Equipment includes communication devices for the deaf, hearing impaired, and visually impaired.
<b>Harris Communications</b> 15155 Technology Drive Eden Prairie, MN 55344	(800) 825-6758 (800) 825-9187 (TTY)  <a href="http://www.harriscomm.com/">http://www.harriscomm.com/</a>	Harris is the largest national provider of hearing equipment. These technologies are designed to help all individuals live independently and help communicate more freely at home, work and leisure.
<b>Hearing Loss Association of America (Rochester Chapter)</b>	(585) 266-7890  <a href="http://www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org">www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org</a>	Works at the local level to provide information, education, support and advocate for communication access to locations and events in the community; promotes the use of assistive listening systems, communicate with legislators.
<b>iCanConnect National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program</b>	(800) 825-4595 (888) 320-2656 (TTY)  <a href="http://www.icanconnect.org/">http://www.icanconnect.org/</a>  Local contact: <a href="mailto:terbatcole@yahoo.com">terbatcole@yahoo.com</a>	For Individuals with combined vision/hearing loss and meet federal income guidelines, iCanConnect can provide free communication technology and training to remain connected to your community. (A FCC program run by organizations in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.)

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<b>Lions Clubs International</b>	<a href="http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/our-work/sight-programs/assistance-requests-print.php#">http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/our-work/sight-programs/assistance-requests-print.php#</a>	Lions Clubs have provided resources for the blind and hearing impaired worldwide. A local Lions club in or near your community may sponsor a program that provides assistance for the purchase of eyeglasses, hearing aids, health-related services, scholarships or educational needs.
<b>Regional Center for Independent Living</b> 497 State St Rochester, NY 14608	Erin Phillips – Inddept. Living Specialist for Deaf Services (585)286-3496 <a href="http://www.RCIL.org">www.RCIL.org</a>	Educate, empower, advocate, and assist in learning independent living skills for members of the deaf and hard of hearing community.
<b>Rochester Hearing and Speech Center</b>  Three locations	1000 Elmwood Ave , Rochester (585) 271-0680 (585) 442-2985 (TTY)  3199 Ridge Rd, W, Greece (585) 723-2140 (585) 723-3856 (TTY)  1170 Ridge Rd, Webster (585) 286-9373 (585) 442-2985 (TTY) <a href="http://www.rhsc.org">www.rhsc.org</a>	Rochester Hearing and Speech Center (RHSC), a non-profit, United Way agency, identifies, evaluates and provides treatment for children and adults with speech, language and hearing problems. Services and programs include a mobile unit, outreach programs at nursing homes, day care centers, local schools and industries.
<b>Starkey Hearing Foundation</b> <b>Main Office:</b> Washington Ave South Eden Prairie, MN 6700 55344	(866) 354-3254 <a href="http://www.starkeyhearingfoundation.org">http://www.starkeyhearingfoundation.org</a>	The Hear Now Program (800-328-8602) is committed to assisting U.S. residents with hearing loss, who have no resources to acquire hearing aids. Starkey Hearing Foundation provides the hearing aids and runs the program, but count on the generosity of Hear Now providers and donors across the country to ensure its success.
<b>TruHearing Hearing Aid Discounts</b> (Excellus BlueCross BlueShield Medicare members)	(844) 277-2557 (800) 975-2674 (TTY/TDD) <a href="http://www.truhearing.com">www.truhearing.com</a>	TruHearing offers Excellus BlueCross BlueShield Medicare members a wide selection of the latest <a href="#">digital hearing aids</a> at prices 30-60% below average.
<b>Veterans Administration Veterans Benefits Office</b> 465 Westfall Rd Rochester, NY 14618	(585) 463-2600 (585) 463-2616  <a href="http://www.canandaigua.va.gov/rochester.asp">http://www.canandaigua.va.gov/rochester.asp</a>	Help accessing audiology and eye care services, preventive healthcare and routine vision testing for enrolled veterans and veterans exempt from enrollment. Eyeglasses and hearing aids may be provided to veterans meeting eligibility requirement. Check with local VA Benefits Office.

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<b>WCI – Weitbrecht Communications, Inc</b> 1500 Olympic Boulevard Santa Monica, CA 90404	(800) 233-9130 (Voice and TTY) (310) 656-4924 (Direct) <a href="http://www.weitbrecht.com/">www.weitbrecht.com/</a>	Offers assistive products for the hard of hearing, deaf or speech impaired, including TTYs, CapTel phones, amplified phones and signaling devices.

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