# **Paying for Hearing Aids**



Are you having trouble paying for hearing aids? The programs listed below may be able to help you in getting hearing aids at a reduced cost or through a special loan.

## Financial Assistance Programs

#### **Brown County Veterans Service Office**

Contact: (920) 448-4450

#### www.browncountywi.gov/departments/veterans-services

U.S. veterans or spouses of U.S. veterans may qualify for financial assistance with purchasing a hearing aid, among other benefits such as housing/home repair loans, dental care, and other health care.

#### Telecommunications Assistance Program hearing Aid Assistance (TAP HAA)

Contact: (608) 267-7195 (TAP Program Coordinator)

www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/odhh/tap

TAP HAA is an additional TAP benefit option available to customers to provide funding towards the purchase of new hearing aids to increase the efficiency and use of telecommunication devices for distance communications by people who are deaf or severely hard of hearing. TAP HAA can provide up to \$250 per hearing aid or \$500 per pair of hearing aids per person.

### Wisconsin Lions Foundation-WLF Hearing Aid Program

Contact: (877) 463-6953

Website: wlf.info/our-work/hearing/

Email: wlf@wlf.info

The Wisconsin Lions Foundation offers low-cost hearing aids to Wisconsinites who cannot afford to purchase them on their own & who do not qualify for state-funded assistance. There is not an age limit to receive services. The program is intended for those who are hard of hearing, cannot afford to purchase a hearing aid, and do not qualify for state funded financial assistance programs. Assistance cannot be used on previously purchased hearing aids or for hearing (aid) evaluations. Eligibility: Qualifies financially (140% or less then the poverty level). If income is between 141%-200% individuals may qualify for a reduced cost hearing aid. Each hearing aid ranges from \$400-\$900. Application required. \*Also accepts donations of hearing aids.



## Loan Programs

#### WisLoan - Assistive Technology Loan Program

Contact: (920) 490-0500

Options for Independent Living - 555 Country Club Rd. Green Bay

www.optionsil.com

WisLoan is a statewide, alternative loan program that allows Wisconsin residents with a disability to purchase assistive technology, including hearing aids, that helps them live more independently and productively. Loan amounts range from \$500 - \$50,000.

### Additional Assistance

#### **HEAR Wisconsin**

Contact: (800) 755-7994

10243 West National Ave. West Allis, WI

www.hearwi.org

Services to help infants, children and adults with hearing loss by eliminating communication and language barriers through services, technology and education. For specific questions on hearing loss, hearing aids, or other reduced-cost options available in Brown County, this state office may be able to assist with connecting you to other resources across the state and nation.

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