## Possible Funding Sources for Personal Roger Systems

### Overview of Funding Sources

For a quick overview of which organization gives what funding type, please see the below table. It is recommended that you have a local contact for a few organizations, as notated in the table.

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Details on Funding Sources

This section provides more details about each organization and where to learn more about them.

Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
www.agbell.org
Financial Aid and Scholarship funds are granted to people who meet the specific criteria for each award and may not be used for purposes other than what the award has stipulated. The AG Bell Financial Aid and Scholarship Program offers four awards to help with funding. Please review the specific eligibility requirements for each award: Parent-Infant Financial Aid, Preschool Financial Aid.

Audient
http://www.audientalliance.org/about.php
Patients become qualified due to income limitations, must visit an Audient provider to receive discounted devices. AUDIENT is a national nonprofit hearing care alliance uniting hearing health care professionals, suppliers and related groups with the common goal of providing access to quality hearing aids and related care for low income hearing impaired people.

Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the USA
http://www.elks.org/programs/stateProjects.cfm
While there is no national program to help people with hearing loss, some local chapters will assist individuals. To locate local chapters, go to this website for information.

Disabled Children’s Relief Fund
www.dcrf.com
DCRF grant applications may be used for modest awards for assistive devices.

Easter Seals
http://www.easterseals.com/
Hearing aid assistance may be available via application to local/individual Easter Seals audiology clinic.

First Hand Foundation
www.firsthandfoundation.org/request-funding/
First Hand assists individual children who have clinically relevant, health-related needs but no financial net to cover these expenses. Through this individual focus, First Hand reaches children throughout the world who might normally fall through the cracks of insurance coverage and state aid. The foundation strives to provide assistance that creates independence, rather than dependence, for its recipients. First Hand would cover expenses associated with assistive technology equipment, hearing aids, and possibly travel for cochlear implant therapy.

Fraternal Order of the Eagle
https://www.foe.com/Charities/Requesting-Grants
Details on Funding Sources (continued)

Graceful Sounds
http://www.betterhearing.org/hearingpedia/hearing-loss-resources/financial-assistance/graceful-sounds

Hearing aid purchases for children in Children’s Miracle Network hospitals. Children in CMN Children’s Miracle Network hospitals are eligible. Information on income limits, if any, is not available. To apply, contact their local CMN hospital. The website www.childrensmiraclenetwork.org/hospitals.php has a way to locate a nearby hospital or they can contact the Graceful Sounds headquarters.

HELPcard
www.earserv.com/financing.html

The HELPcard gives people the buying power to purchase the highest quality hearing aid to correct their hearing loss with affordable monthly payment options (determined by creditworthiness of applicant). It is revolving credit, similar to a credit card, provides fast approvals, is easy to use, and provides affordable monthly payments. The interest rate may not be particularly low, but the payment terms can be stretched out long enough to make the payments affordable.

Hike Fund, Inc.
www.thehikefund.org

The HIKE fund is a not-for-profit charity that provides hearing devices for children with hearing impairments between birth and twenty years of age whose parents are unable to meet this special need financially.

Kiwanis Clubs
http://www.kiwanis.org

While there is no nationwide organization program for providing help for people with hearing loss, many individual chapters will help out their friends and neighbors.

Let Them Hear Foundation
http://letthemhearn.org

LTHF provides consultation for many hearing devices and accessories, including cochlear implants, hearing aids, and assistive listening devices.

Lions Clubs of America
http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/how-we-serve/assistance-requests.php

Each club is unique in how it serves. A 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. To find a Lions club near you, please use the Club locator.

Masons

Local lodges may assist. Look for "Ancient Free and Accepted Masons" or “Free and Accepted Masons” in the business section, or businesses called “Fraternal Organizations,” “Charitable Organizations,” “Social Service Organizations” Even if you don’t find the Masons specifically, there is a great deal of dual membership between Masons and other charitable organizations, so someone might be able to give you a name and phone number. You can also check with your local Chamber of Commerce for leads. If you find a building with the Masonic emblem, there will be a phone number on a sign and you can call for assistance and information.
Optimists Clubs Help Them Hear Program
www.optimist.org
The Help Them Hear program helps clubs to implement programs to heighten public awareness of the problems associated with hearing impairment, to provide local testing facilities, and to provide corrective and educational techniques for people with hearing impairments. Some clubs accept donations and work with various companies and organizations to help those in need of hearing aids. Donated hearing aids are repaired or recycled and given to those in need.

Quota International
https://www.quotainternational.org/Public/In_Action/What_We_Do/Public/What_We_Do.aspx?hkey=10813cd9-8e65-4454-afbc-aadd6b336c03
Quota International believes in creating an inclusive society for all. This means creating access to basic goods and services for persons with varying abilities and remaining sensitive to the changing needs of our local communities. Though confident in their abilities, the deaf and hard-of-hearing are often marginalized in society through a lack of equal opportunity. Quota International seeks to close the gap by providing the deaf and hard-of-hearing equal opportunities to the realize their full potential. Cochlear implant support, Hearing aid and ear plug campaigns.

Sertoma (Service to Mankind)
www.sertoma.org
Sertoma’s primary service project is assisting the more than 50 million people with hearing health issues. Sertoma also sponsors community projects to promote freedom and democracy, to assist youth and to benefit a variety of other local community needs, as identified by the individual club.

Together with Pride
http://www.togetherwithpride.org/
The mission of the Together With Pride Foundation, Inc. is to support and create programs for deaf and hard of hearing children that focus on the importance of education and the learning of life skills along with promoting a positive self-esteem. Noelle Cares for Kids is a newly created program that helps deaf and hard of hearing children receive cochlear implants & auditory-verbal therapy along with other related services.

Traveler's Protective Association
https://www.tpahq.org/scholarshiptrust/
Established in 1975, the Scholarship Trust for the Hearing Impaired provides financial aid to people with deafness or hearing deficiencies. To date, we've helped thousands of people with hearing deficiencies get the help and resources they need, including hearing devices, specialized treatments, speech classes, note-takers, interpreters, and more.

United Way
www.unitedway.org
Local foundations may assist.