



The Campbell McLaurin Foundation for Hearing Deficiencies
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FUNDING GUIDELINES - *Effective July 2021*

Context

CMF is a Charitable Organization that provides financial assistance to individuals who fit within the CMF income guidelines as outlined below for the purchase of hearing aids and hearing assistive devices.

The previous review and revision of these Guidelines for Providing Financial Assistance was completed in January, 2017.

During the last 4 years, the Trustees of CMF have heard feedback from individuals, audiologists and hearing aid vendors that there are no resources to help people who do not qualify for AADL Cost Share Exemption but still cannot afford hearing aids and hearing assistive devices. The New Funding Guidelines address this need.

Updated Guidelines

- Financial assistance will be provided at the sole discretion of the Trustees of CMF.
- CMF will only provide assistance to individuals where there is **no financial cost to the approved applicant**, except for individuals whose taxable income exceeds 1.5 times the AADL CSE maximum, up to 2.0 times the AADL CSE maximum, who will be expected to pay a cost-share.

Specific Guidelines

- Qualified Applicants
 - Applicants **must**:
 - Have resided in **Southern Alberta** for at least **one year**.
 - Not have received a grant from The Campbell McLaurin Foundation within the past **five years** (exceptions may be considered on a case-by-case basis)
 - Fit within the **income guidelines** as outline below.
 - Not have accessible (non-registered) savings greater than **\$25 000**.

- Apply for funding **first** from **Alberta Aids to Daily Living (AADL)** if qualified based on AADL income guidelines.
 - Complete the **Grant Application Form**, and provide copies of all required **Supporting Documents**.
- CMF will provide financial assistance to applicants qualifying under one of the following **three groups**:
 - AADL Cost Share Exemption eligible
 - Not AADL CSE eligible with taxable income not exceeding 1.5 times the AADL maximum
 - Not AADL CSE eligible with taxable income between 1.5 times and 2.0 times the AADL maximum.
- Persons with taxable incomes exceeding 2.0 times the AADL maximum are **not eligible** for funding from CMF.
- Funding Amounts
 - Funding is provided for the purchase of mid-range hearing aids.
 - For AADL Cost Share Exemption eligible - **Up to \$700.00** per hearing aid.
 - For Non-AADL CSE eligible *and* with taxable income not exceeding 1.5 times AADL maximum - **Up to \$1 900.00** per hearing aid.
 - Maximum taxable incomes (i.e., 1.5 times current AADL max) as follows:
 - \$31 455.00 or less for a single person
 - \$49 860.00 or less for a family with no children
 - \$58 875.00 or less for a family with children
 - For taxable incomes exceeding 1.5 times AADL maximum but not exceeding 2.0 times – **Cost sharing** so that the client contributes an amount equal to 20% of the difference between their taxable income and 1.5 times the AADL maximum and CMF contributes the balance up **to \$3 800** for two hearing aids. For one hearing aid the contribution of each party would be halved.
 - **Full cost of hearing assistive devices** not covered by AADL.
 - Financial assistance may be provided, on a case-by-case basis, at the discretion of the Trustees, for **processor or battery replacement for Cochlear implants**.
 - Financial assistance may be provided, on a case-by-case basis, at the discretion of the Trustees, for **lost and damaged hearing aids, prior to the five-year**

time-frame provided documentation explaining the circumstances is received with the application.

- Financial assistance may be provided, a case-by-case basis, at the discretion of the Trustees, for hearing aids that are high-end, costing more than the maximum subsidy, **provided documentation confirming the need for the high-end aid** is received from the audiologist.

Qualifiers

- None of CMF, its Trustees or its contractors will endorse any products, manufacturers or suppliers.
- CMF, its Trustees and its contractors are not responsible for the correct manufacture, supply, use or operation of any hearing aid or other hearing assistive devices nor the failure of such. Nor are CMF, its Trustees and its contractors responsible for the misuse of any hearing aid or other hearing assistive devices and any resulting damage therefrom.

Application Process

- The Grant Application Form, as found on the CMF website www.cmfhear.com, must be completed.
- The following documents must be submitted to CMF

- **APPLICANTS ELIGIBLE FOR AADL FUNDING**

- Completed CMF Application Form:
 - AADL funding eligibility documentation
 - Recent hearing test results
 - Quotation for hearing aids/assistive devices/equipment, including Manufacturer, Model and Cost from supplier

OR

- **APPLICANTS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR AADL FUNDING**

- Completed CMF Application Form:
 - Recent hearing test results
 - Quotation for hearing aids/assistive devices/equipment, including Manufacturer, Model and Cost from supplier
 - Most recent Notice of Assessment (NOA) from Revenue Canada showing line 260, Taxable Income, for both the applicant and the applicant's spouse
- Applications received throughout the month are reviewed for completeness. All complete applications are submitted to the Trustees of The Campbell McLaurin Foundation for

assessment and decision at the end of each month. Decisions are usually complete within the next two (2) weeks.

- Decisions are communicated to applicants via letter, delivered by Canada Post, and faxed to the hearing aid/assistive devices vendors.
- Within sixty (60) days of receipt of hearing aid(s) the applicant must return to their hearing aid vendor to sign a Satisfaction Certificate indicating the aid(s) are working appropriately. A copy of the certificate, along with the invoice for payment is submitted to CMF by the vendors.
- Invoices are gathered through the month and submitted to CMF accounts payable at the end of each month. Cheques are mailed to vendors within the next thirty (30) days.

Questions

All questions can be directed to the CMF Grant Administrator, Sandra Golding, via telephone at 403-264-0211; or via email at info@cmfhear.com.

Applications may be faxed in to 587-352-8139; or emailed to: info@cmfhear.com.

Thorough information is available on the CMF web-site: www.cmfhear.com.