**Pearson Fund Hearing Aid Funding Guide**

**September 2021**

Fully eligible clients may apply for funding support for the fitting fee of Hearing Aids, provided they meet the criteria. We understand that the cost of purchasing hearing aids has many costs associated with it.

**What do I need to provide?**

You must fill out the application form for Hearing Aid Support application, and include your report from you audiologist, with the cost of the fitting fees. You should also include a decline letter from another source of funding, such as WINZ or Enable.

**How much funding can I get?**

Funding is capped at 25% of the cost of the fitting fee up to maximum of $500. Any granted moneys will be paid directly to the supplier.

**How often can I apply?**

Normally the Pearson Fund would only consider applications if there has been a change in your diagnosis that requires new hearing aids to be fitted. The Pearson Fund will not normally consider applications if you have received funding within the last three years.

**Where else can I look for funding?**

There are a number of places you can apply for additional support, Enable, WINZ etc. You can also contact National Foundation for Deaf & Hard of Hearing who may be able to support with your hearing aid costs.

**I need some more information – who do I contact?**

You can contact the team at pf@blindlowvision.org.nz or by calling 0800 24 33 33.