



# ASSISTANCE FOR THE BLIND AND LOW VISION

## THE HOWARD FUND

In 1932, Mrs. Ida B. Howard bequeathed \$10,000 to the Colorado Workshop for the Blind. The bequest was made for the sole purpose of helping Coloradans with low vision or blindness increase their independence and ability to participate in all aspects of life. Mrs. Howard's generosity established The Howard Fund.

The fund has grown through the years with the inclusion of gifts and bequests, which have been donated to benefit blind and low vision people in Colorado.

## GET STARTED



To apply go to [colorado.gov/dvr/howardfund](https://colorado.gov/dvr/howardfund) and fill out an application or contact your local DVR Office for more information.

## FUND AWARDS AND APPLICATIONS

To honor the spirit in which the Howard Fund was established, funding will be awarded for direct services benefiting persons who are blind or low vision. Funding priority will be given to people with a financial need and no access to other funding sources.

To apply for funding you must complete either an Individual or Organizational Application for assistance available on our website: [colorado.gov/dvr/howardfund](https://colorado.gov/dvr/howardfund).

## FUND AWARD ELIGIBILITY

The disbursements from the fund shall be made for the purpose of contributing to the ability of people who are blind or low vision to participate in all aspects of life.

Disbursements may be made for, but are not limited to, the following:

- Paying expenses incidental to meetings and conferences which promote the rehabilitation and independence of blind people.
- Assessing the skills and needs for rehabilitation for people who are blind or low vision such as travel, personal care, grooming, eating, financial management, home management and other social skills. As well as providing for costs of equipment needed to teach these skills for which appropriated funds are not available.
- Matching funds or providing direct funds for demonstration projects directed toward continuing services by other resources.
- Purchasing equipment for demonstration or training purposes.
- Providing for costs of disseminating public information regarding the Howard Fund and capabilities of blind and low vision persons.



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