

### Multi-State Survey of Support Service Provider Services\*

State	Yearly Budget	Funding Source(s)	Consumers served / yr.	Info. Source / Contact Info.	Comments
AL	Info. pending	General Revenue	Info. pending	Frederick Miller, Case Mgr. for the Deaf; miller.fred@aidb.org; Jovet Sanchez, Dir., Finance & Accounting	Established 2018. Email sent 4/25. Follow-up email sent 6/3, adding Jovet Sanchez. 6/3. Don Little, Dir., Talladega Reg. Ctr., 256.761.3370 called for clarification. No word since. Sent other email 7/19.
ARK	\$35,000	General Revenue	10-12	Cheryl Seymore, Rehab. Area Mgr. for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing; Ark. Rehab. Services; Cheryl.Sugg@arkansas.gov 501.686.9683	Established 1997. <b>NOTE: SSPs are currently paid interpreter rates, because no pay rate has been established.</b>
AZ	\$192,000	Telecommunications Tax (see comments)	27	Julie Stylinski, DeafBlind Specialist, Az. Comm'n for Deaf & Hard of Hearing; j.stylinski@acdhh.az.gov VP: 602.726.4109 Text: 480.296.9228 Sherri Collins, Ex. Dir., ACDHH, 602.542.3383	Established 2000. <b>Formal pilot program started in 2018. NOTE: J. Stylinski said: "Legislative Appropriations funds AZ's SSP services," however she also said: "We are not a part of the general fund. Our funding comes from the telecommunication excise tax charged to each landline telephone in our state." 8/6: Called Exec. Dir., Sherri Collins to clarify. Cite: A.R.S. Title 36. Pub. Health &amp; Safety sec. 36-1947 (Awaiting confirmation)</b>
CA	N/A	N/A	N/A	Hayley Broadway, SSP Coalition of Tex., AADB	State of California does not fund SSP Services at this point. They are currently working on legislation.

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COLO	\$112,142	Telecommunications Tax (see comments)	51	Cliff Moers, Dir., Colo. Comm'n for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing; cliff.moers@state.co.us, ryanhawkis@state.co.us	Established 2017. Each consumer may use up to 24 hours per/mo. Funding not tied to SSP program only: it is for "Deafblind Servs.," which includes O&M and Coordinator salaries. Statute: Sec. 40-17-(101-104), C.R.S.
CONN	\$262,643	State Appropriation	41	Kathleen Sullivan, Dir. of Planning, Communications & Operational Readiness, Dep't of Rehab. Servs., kathleen.sullivan@ct.gov; V: 860.424.5055 TTY: 860.247.0775	Established 2009.
FLA	N/A (see comments)	N/A	20-25	Victoria Magliocchino, President, Fla. DeafBlind Ass'n;	On 5/6/19 Victoria Magliocchino reported: "Our FSSP provides volunteers at this time. We don't have funds and we recruit volunteers. Hopefully we will be able to fund the services in the future."
HI	Info. pending	State (exact source info. pending)	8	Pankaj Bhanot, Dir., Dep't of Human Servs., dhs@dhs.hawaii.gov., 808.586.4993	Established 2017. SSPs are paid \$25-30/hr. Email sent 4/25. Also emailed Jennifer Tarnay, Comprehensive Serv. Ctr. for People who are Deaf, Hard-of-Hearing or Deaf-Blind, jennifer@csc-hawaii.org Second email sent 6/2. Never heard back as of 7/27. Need to call.
LA	\$675,000	Telecommunications Tax (see comments)	77	Nathan Vitale, La. Comm'n for the Deaf; ariel.bumbala@la.gov 225.776.6909	Established 2008. La. pays SSPs \$15-25/hr. NOTE: Not paying mileage but hopes to at some point. Statutes: RS 46:2351-56 (Comm'n for the Deaf); RS 47:301.1 and RS 47:1061(B) (Telecommunications Tax); LAC 67:VII.Chapters 1, 3

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MD	Info. pending	City, County and State	5-15	Nah Damato, Asst Dir., Deaf-Blind & Tech. Servs., Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind; ndamato@clb.org	Established 2010. Md. provides 15-20 hours of SSP services per month. Sent follow-up emails to Nah Damato 6/2 and emailed Kimberlee Schultz, Office of Pub. Affairs, kimberlee.schultz@maryland.gov, (410) 554-9435.
MASS	\$534,475	General Revenue	50-70	Elaine Ducharme, Dir., Deaf-blind Cmty. Access Network, educharme@deafinconlin.org	Established 2001. Massachusetts provides 12-15 hrs/mo of SSP services per person, and up to \$150/mo mileage reimbursement.
ME	< \$5,000	N/A	5	Judy Shepard-Kegl; <a href="mailto:kegl@maine.edu">kegl@maine.edu</a>	Established 2010. Per Judy Shepard-Kegl: “yearly budget is less than \$5000 and at present is nothing.”
MINN	\$230,000	General Revenue; Medicaid	35	Paul Deeming, DeafBlind Srvs.; <a href="mailto:pauld@dbsm.org">pauld@dbsm.org</a> ; V: 612.843.3442 VP: 612.440.4566	Established 1986. Minnesota pays SSPs \$16/hr. Follow up 7/19. Jan Radatz, Policy & Planning Specialist / Deaf and HOH Services Div., Minn. DHS. Enabling Legislation: Minn. Stat. 256C.261 (2018). Minn. DHS administers these community-based, grant-funded (general revenue) services.
MO	\$300,000 (See comments.)	State appropriations. (See comments.)	30	Emily Fry Morrison, Mo. Comm’n for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Bus. Operations Mgr.; (573) 526-0232, Emily.morrison@mcdhh.mo.gov	Established 2017. The \$300,000 covers all Deaf-Blind programs. State appropriation goes to a specific SSP fund, which operates similarly to a general revenue fund, in that it cannot roll over at the end of each fiscal year. “Prior to 2007, there was no statutory language for providing deafblind services. The legislature appropriated funding in its budget bills and DHS allocated the funding as grants but there was no statutory requirement. In 2007, the legislature decided to add language in law about how the grant funding could be used.”

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NH	Info. pending	Info. pending	7	Northeast Deaf & Hard of Hearing Servs., Inc., Susan Wolf-Downes, Ex. Dir, <a href="mailto:info@ndhhs.org">info@ndhhs.org</a>	Established 2008. Email sent 6/2.
NM	\$300,000	General Revenue	40	Nathan Gomme, ED, NM Comm'n for Deaf & Hard of Hearing; V: 505.383.6530 F: 505.383.6533 VP: 505.796.5441	Established 2009. Funding is a separate line item from operating costs, etc. Budgeted amount also covers intervenor services, which are funded by Medicaid, for Medicaid eligible consumers who are DeafBlind.
NJ	Info. pending	State (exact source info. pending)	60	SSPs of New Jersey <a href="mailto:ssp.nj.tcnj@gmail.com">ssp.nj.tcnj@gmail.com</a> <a href="http://www.ssp-nj.org">www.ssp-nj.org</a>	Email sent 4/25. This group gets funding from NJ DHS, Comm'n for the Blind & Visually Impaired. Second email sent 6/2.
NY	Info. pending	Info. pending	18-28	Center for Disability Rights, Inc., Catherine Stutzman, Mgr. of Deaf Servs., <a href="mailto:cstutzman@cdrnys.org">cstutzman@cdrnys.org</a>	Established 2001. Serves Rochester, NY only. Email sent 6/2.
OK	Up to \$300,000 (See comments)	N/A (See comments)	N/A	Tracy Brigham, Div. Adm'r, Dep't of Rehab. Servs., Visual Services; Off: 405.951.3460 Cell: 580.231.1071 <a href="mailto:TBrigham@okdrs.gov">TBrigham@okdrs.gov</a>	Jeri Cooper Act (HB 1244) passed in 4/30/2018, but legislature has not yet funded this program.
OR	N/A (see comments)	N/A	N/A	Jack Lehman, Office of Or. State Rep. Dan Rayfield, Intern	Oregon does not fund SSP Services at this point. HB 3206 filed 2/2019 to establish a SSP program.

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PA	\$250,000	General Fund. See comments	60	Marsha Drenth, Program Mgr., DeafBlind Living Well Servs., Ctr. for Indep. Living of Central Pa., <a href="mailto:dblws@cil-cp.org">dblws@cil-cp.org</a>	Established 2014. “[PA]” also had a bill that died on the floor of the General assembly last year, as there was some opposition to the wording. Specifically the definitions of SSP. We are working to secure funding through several different sources including our <u>VR program</u> , the <u>Office of Long Term Living</u> which is <u>under the Dep’t of Human Services</u> , and <u>legislation in the form of a budget line item.</u> ” [note to self: “PA’s HB 2069, w/ proposed appropriation of \$250,000 for a single fiscal year (H.B. 2069, n.d.). Did it pass?”]
UTAH	\$238,000	State (exact source info. pending)	45-55	Danielle Nay, Div. of Servs. For the Blind & Visually Impaired, DeafBlind Specialist, <a href="mailto:dnay@utah.gov">dnay@utah.gov</a>	Established 2001.
WA	\$299,000	General Revenue; Other sources	63	Angela Theriault, Dir., DBSC of Seattle; Jessica Phillips, SSP Coord.; 206.257.2754	Established 1985. State provides 5-12 hours/mo. of SSP services, and pay SSPs \$16/hr. Includes 1 coordinator, training, state admin. overhead, accounting, partial and full FTEs. DBSC of Seattle serves the whole state of Washington.
WI	Info. pending	Info. pending	Info. pending	WI Dep’t of Health Servs., Office for Deaf & Hard of Hearing; <a href="mailto:dhsodhh@dhs.wisconsin.gov">dhsodhh@dhs.wisconsin.gov</a>	Established 1997. Email sent 5/4. Wis. Stat. secs. 20.435 (6)(a), (hs) Email sent 6/2.

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