



Vision Resources – Low Cost  
**Navigation Services**



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If you notice any changes or inconsistencies with our resources, please inform Navigation to help us stay current.

**Low Cost Eye Exams and Glasses**

**Denver Rescue Mission**

303-294-0157

1130 Park Ave West, Denver, CO 80205

[www.denverrescuemission.org/lawrenceshelter](http://www.denverrescuemission.org/lawrenceshelter)

- All vision services are free except for glasses
  - Recycled, reading and regular eye glasses are available (limit two pair per 12 month period)
- An appointment is needed for a vision exam

**Stout Street Health Center Eye Clinic – Colorado Coalition for the Homeless**

303-293-2220

2130 Stout St, Denver, CO 80205

[www.coloradocoalition.org](http://www.coloradocoalition.org)

- Offers services regardless of insurance type or ability to pay
- Individuals must be homeless or at risk of homelessness in order to be eligible for services.

**Envision Colorado**

303-922-2007

417 S Lowell Blvd, Denver, CO 80219

[www.envisioncolorado.com](http://www.envisioncolorado.com)

- Provides glasses and vision exams for a reduced cost. Eye glasses are \$98.00 and eye exams are \$44.00.
- Families must gross less than \$45,500 a year and have no insurance coverage for vision.

**America's Best Contacts and Eyeglasses**

(303) 422-4600: 7653 W. 88<sup>th</sup> Ave., Arvada, CO 80005

(303) 445-9446: 10705 W. Colfax Ave., Lakewood, CO 80215

(303) 971-0200: 5066 S Wadsworth Blvd, Littleton, CO 80123

<http://www.americasbest.com/>

**Grant Funded/Free Eye Care**

**Friends of Man**

(303) 798-2342

5594 S. Prince Street, Littleton, CO 80120

<https://www.friendsofman.org/index.php>

- Provides the following assistance to Colorado residents:
  - Eyeglasses
  - Prescriptions
  - Medical Equipment and more

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- Friends of Man accepts applications ONLY from a referring professional on behalf of the applicant. This can be a social worker, nurse, school counselor, teacher, principal, social worker, clergy, health care technician, etc.
  - Applications CANNOT be submitted by the applicant, the vendor, or by a relative or friend.
  - Applicants must be a U.S. citizen, and a resident of Colorado for at least one year
  - The applicant's total household income must not be greater than 300% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.
  - Photo ID
  - Vendor Estimate
  - Physician Documentation (if requesting for disability or illness)
- How to Apply
  - Submit application (completely filled out and signed) either by email to [applications@friendsofman.org](mailto:applications@friendsofman.org) or by U.S. mail to P.O. Box 937, Littleton CO 80161-0937
  - Screeners will contact you with any additional questions or requests for further documentation.

### **New Eyes for the Needy**

973-376-4903

<https://new-eyes.org/>

- New Eyes assists individuals in the United States who have no other resources with which to obtain a basic pair of eyeglasses. Approved applicants have no out-of-pocket costs in receiving their New Eyes glasses.
- New Eyes provides a basic pair of single or lined bifocal lenses at no cost to the client. Special requests including upgrades such as tinted, progressive or Transition lenses are beyond the scope of New Eyes' program.
- Social service agencies/health advocates can apply on a client's behalf. (Please note that during the pandemic, New Eyes is accepting applications from individuals who have been affected by Covid.)
- To be eligible for our program, applicants must:
  - Be in financial need - reside in a household with net monthly income below 250% of US Poverty Guidelines.
  - Have had a recent eye exam (within in the last 24 months) with a pupillary distance measurement. New Eyes does not pay for eye exams.
  - Have no resources to pay for glasses every year or as needed, including federal or state programs.

### **Senior Answers and Services**

303-333-3482

1129 Pennsylvania St, Denver, CO 80203

[www.senioranswers.org](http://www.senioranswers.org)

- Provides grants for basic vision services to individuals 60 years or older.
- Counties served: Adams, Arapahoe, Broomfield, Clear Creek, Denver, Douglas, Gilpin, Jefferson

### **AV Hunter – Funds for One**

[www.avhuntertrust.org](http://www.avhuntertrust.org)

- Provides grant funding for durable medical equipment including eye glasses.
- Must be referred by a case manager in a community agency.
- Any questions, email at [news@avhuntertrust.org](mailto:news@avhuntertrust.org)

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### 9Health Fair

303-698-4455

1139 Deaware Street, Denver, CO 80204

[www.9healthfair.org](http://www.9healthfair.org)

- Provides a variety of free screenings including vision screenings
- Check website for dates, times, and locations of upcoming health fairs

### Heartland Mental Health (formerly CHARG Resource Center)

(303) 830-8805

709 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Ave., Denver, CO 80203

[www.charg.org/services/dental-program/](http://www.charg.org/services/dental-program/)

- Has limited funds available to help persons with mental illness purchase eyeglasses. They ask that they client agree to pay back the cost of treatment over an extended time period, as they are able to do so.
- For more information, contact Margie Carlin by phone or via email at [Margie@charg.org](mailto:Margie@charg.org)

### Denver Health – Community Health Services

303-602-2200 (Financial Assistance) | 303-436-4949 (Appointments for Vision)

660 North Bannock Street, Pavilion Lane, Floor 4 Denver, CO 80204

<https://www.denverhealth.org/services/eye-care>

- Vision Department Hours: Monday through Friday 8 am to 6 pm and Saturday 8 am to 4 pm
- Offers a Denver Health Financial Assistance (DFAP) program to help pay for health services provided by Denver Health providers.
- DFAP is a discount program that helps lower the cost of health care.
  - Information on fees: <https://www.denverhealth.org/patients-visitors/billing-insurance/financial-assistance/denver-health-financial-assistance-program>
  - Dental care services are also available to Denver County residents participating in this program.

### Eyes for Hope – VSP (Vision Service Plan)

<https://vspglobal.com/cms/vspglobal-outreach/gift-certificates.html>

- Provides mobile vision clinics to individuals and families that meet income guidelines and haven't received care through a VSP program in the last 12 months.
  - Provides an eye exam and glasses at no cost.
- Go to this website to find a clinic in your area: <https://vspglobal.com/cms/vspglobal-outreach/mobile-clinics.html>

### Lions Clubs International

[www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)

- Funds eye exams and glasses for over 300 people yearly. There is an application process to determine economic need for those assisted.
  - Denver Lions Club: 1373 Grant Street Denver, CO 80203
  - (303) 504-6293, [weserve@denverlions.org](mailto:weserve@denverlions.org)

### EyeCare America

(877) 887-6327

<http://eyecareamerica.org>

- A public service program of the Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO). Provides medical eye care at no out-of-pocket cost to those who qualify:

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- Those who are age 65 or older and who have not seen an EyeMD in three or more years may be eligible to receive a medical eye exam and up to one year of care at no out-of-pocket cost for any disease diagnosed during the initial exam
- Those who are determined to be at increased risk for glaucoma (by age, race, and family history) and have not had an eye exam in 12 months or more may be eligible to receive a free glaucoma eye exam if they are uninsured.
- This program does NOT provide eyeglass prescriptions or cover the cost of glasses.

### **Onesight**

<https://onesight.org/>

- Please contact Navigation to find out if you are eligible for this program.
- Wait times will likely exist

### **Assistance for Children**

#### **InfantSEE®**

(888) 396-EYES (3937)

<http://www.infantsee.org/>

- Provides a comprehensive eye assessment to infants between 6 and 12 months of age as a no-cost public service.
- Search for care providers through the InfantSEE® website

#### **Eyes for Hope – VSP (Vision Service Plan)**

<https://vspglobal.com/cms/vspglobal-outreach/gift-certificates.html>

- Provides gift certificates for families of children 19 years or younger that meet income limits and haven't received care through a VSP program in the last 12 months.
  - Provides an eye exam and glasses at no cost.
- Go to this website to find a provider in your area for this program: <https://www.vspglobal.com/sfs-find-affiliate.html>

### **Online Resources for Glasses**

For most online resources, you will need a current prescription, and will need to know your Pupillary Distance (PD). PD is the distance (in mm) between your pupils. This is important because each lens has an optical center that needs to be placed directly over your pupil. You can get this measurement from your eye doctor during your exam, or you can measure it on your own (see websites below for information on how to measure).

- [www.zennioptical.com](http://www.zennioptical.com)
- [www.eyebuydirect.com](http://www.eyebuydirect.com)
- [www.lensesrx.com](http://www.lensesrx.com)
- [www.39dollarglasses.com](http://www.39dollarglasses.com)
- [www.simplyeyeglasses.com](http://www.simplyeyeglasses.com)