Finding Your Strategy: Understanding Assistive Technology Funding Resources

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Hope

Hope begins in the dark, the stubborn hope that if you just show up and try to do the right thing, the dawn will come.

Anne Lamott
AMAC Accessibility is a social change organization on a mission to create affordable services for governmental, private and non-profits organization working with individuals with disabilities. Services include e-text, braille, captioning, assistive technology, office management software and consulting.
AMAC creates practical solutions that work, with a focus on utility, ease of use, and high quality.

- **Accessibility Consulting** focuses on organizational accessibility needs with evaluation, technical assistance, customer support, and website accessibility solutions.
- **Braille Services** produces customized projects from both print materials and electronic text including partial books and chapters or graphics only using cutting-edge technology.
- **Captioning Services** makes classrooms, meetings, labs and other audio environments fully accessible for deaf or hard-of-hearing.
- **Professional E-Text Producers** provide high-quality e-text in many formats such as PDF, DOC, DAISY, and HTML.
- **Certified Assistive Technology team** provides on-site and remote assessments, demonstrations, training and technical assistance for education, work, and daily living environments.

For more information, please visit our website at [www.amacusg.org](http://www.amacusg.org)
Tools for Life Mission

We’re here to help Georgians with disabilities gain access to and acquisition of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services so they can live, learn, work, and play independently in the communities of their choice.
Tools for Life
Georgia’s Federal AT Act Program

• TFL developed Georgia’s Plan for AT
• We serve individuals of all ages & all disabilities in Georgia
  • Over 50,000 thru various activities throughout the year

• TFL Network
  • Assistive Technology Resource Centers
  • Lending Libraries
  • Training and Demonstrations
  • AT Reuse
  • AT Funding Education/Assistance and Resources

• Online Resources
  • [www.gatfl.gatech.edu](http://www.gatfl.gatech.edu) - 5,000 unique visitors a month
TFL Network
Come Visit Us
Tools for Life AT Demo Lab

- Tablets
- Vision Items
- DME
- Communication
- Games
- Software
- Switches
- Keyboards
Assistive Technology Services

• Any service that directly assists an individual with a disability in the selection, acquisition, or use of an assistive technology device.

• Includes:
  – Evaluating
  – Providing devices
  – Selecting, Designing, Customizing
  – Maintaining, Repairing
  – Coordinating
  – Training/Technical Assistance – student, family and school service providers

• Public Law 105-394 [29 USC 2201]
The Need for Alternative Funding

• Funding is the greatest barrier for individuals with disabilities to acquire assistive technology

• Third party funding sources are not increasing and their eligibility criteria are narrowing

• Traditional credit financing for assistive technology has not been available for individuals with disabilities
What to do when someone needs AT?

- Many agencies are “payers of last resort”
- Develop an AT Funding Plan
- Determine which equipment is needed as a medical necessity, which is needed for educational purposes, which is needed to reach vocational goals, etc.
- There is no agency that can pay for all AT.
- Leverage and toggle all resources!
Get a Financial Loan to purchase AT

The CFII - The Center for Financial Independence & Innovation, Inc. (The CFII) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping individuals with disabilities and their family members advance their financial independence and security.

Obtain Reused/Gently Used AT Devices

gTRADE, Georgia's Online Equipment Exchange, encourages members to offer AT and DME for sale or donation to others who may benefit from using technology unneeded by others.

FODAC - Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC) is Georgia's statewide provider of home health and durable medical equipment. FODAC has distributed 20,000 wheelchairs and thousands of other pieces of DME since 1986. Internationally, 65 countries have received some equipment over those years.

AT Funding Options

AT Depot is a state-wide buying Cooperative for Assistive Technology for customers in the state of Georgia.

DOLLARS & SENSE

The Dollars and Sense Funding Guide is an online database with both possible funding sources and strategies to obtain funding for assistive technology.

DOLLARS & SENSE VOCATIONAL FOR REHABILITATION

The Dollars and Sense Funding Guide for Vocational Rehabilitation is an online database with both possible funding sources and strategies to obtain funding for assistive technology for VR Clients.
TFL AppFinder

Search by:
- App Name
- Categories
  - Book
  - Education
  - Environmental Adaptations
  - Hearing
  - Cognition, Learning, Developmental
  - Navigation
  - Personal Care and Safety
  - Productivity
  - Communication
  - Therapeutic Aids
  - Vision
My Favorite Apps

You searched for: Organization
You searched for the following device types:
iOS
Android
Blackberry
Microsoft
With any price.

60 apps were found.

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AT Funding Education
Meet Susie

• She is 40yrs old
• Live in Atlanta, GA
• She is requesting financial assistance for Hearing Aids
• She doesn't have private Insurance
• She has Medicare, but they will not pay for the hearing aids
• She is on a fixed income of $771.00
Meet Mr. Jay

• He is 75yrs old
• Live in Atlanta, GA
• His disability is obesity
• Medicare will not purchase another Scooter
• His current scooter is not dependable, its leaving him stranded.
• He is on a fixed income of $835.00
Dollars & Sense

• Web-based Funding Guide

• A resource for locating funding sources for AT devices and services.

• This guide was developed to make the funding process easier and to assist consumers in getting the assistive technology they need.

• New resources added frequently!
Dollars & Sense Funding Guide

DOLLARS & SENSE
NAVIGATING THE AT FUNDING STREAM

HOME
GETTING STARTED
FUNDING SERVICES AND SERVICE PROVIDERS
SAMPLE MATERIALS AT RESOURCE CENTER

CLICK HERE TO GET STARTED
OR CALL 800-497-8665
Getting Started

What is Dollars and Sense? How do I use it?
Learn about the key features of the Dollars & Sense Funding Guide and how to use it to find assistive technology funding sources and service providers

What is assistive technology?
Learn about what assistive technology is, including the different types of assistive technology that are available

How can I learn more about assistive technology?
Find out about Internet resources for learning more about assistive technology; includes links to key Web sites
Dollars & Sense: Search

Search sources

Filter list by:
- Age group served:
  - Show all ages
- Geographic Areas Served
  - Show all geographies
- Serves People with the Following Disabilities
  - Show all disabilities
- Type of Funding Provided
  - Show all funding sources
- Types of Services Provided
  - Show all types of services

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**Dictionary of key assistive technology terms**

**Advocacy:** Writing, speaking, or assisting in support of a consumer.

**Assessment:** A professional opinion with regard to the types of aids, equipment, or other services within the field of assistive technology that might improve an individual's level of functioning.

**Assistive technology device:** As defined by ATP: Devices that help individuals with disabilities to function more independently; devices may include wheelchairs, communication devices, environmental controls, etc.

As related to special education: Any item, piece of equipment, or product system, whether purchased off-the-shelf, modified, or customized, that is used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of children with disabilities.

**Assistive technology service:** Services include selecting, getting, or using assistive technology devices. This may include evaluation, customization, repair, maintenance, and training on how to use the device.

**Augmentative and alternative communication:** Also known as AAC; AAC devices are defined as electronic or non-electronic aids, devices, or systems that assist an individual to overcome, or reduce to the maximum degree possible, the communication limitations that preclude or interfere with meaningful participation in current and projected daily activities. Meaningful participation means effective and efficient communication of messages in any form the person chooses.

**Consumer driven:** People with disabilities are the decision-makers in the design, implementation, and evaluation of services and devices.

**Durable medical equipment:** Equipment that is most often used to serve a medical purpose, withstands repeated use, and is something that can be used in the consumer’s home.

**Encoding:** A selection technique used to specify items from an individual’s vocabulary. For example, an individual may select DW on a communication device to say “I want a drink of water.”

**Environmental control unit (ECU):** A system that enables individuals to control various devices in their environment with single or multiple switches. The control unit may be mounted on a wheelchair for ease of access. Devices that can be operated with ECUs include lights, door openers, televisions, and telephones.
We Need Your Feedback!

• We are actively working on updating Dollars & Sense

• What would you like to see in this funding guide?

• What can we do to improve this important tool?
gTRADE

• FREE resource for finding and exchanging assistive technology (AT) devices online

• Place an ad requesting items for sale, donation, or needed

• gTRADE encourages members to offer AT devices and information for sale or by donation to others who may benefit from using technology and equipment no longer in need by others

• www.gtradeonline.org
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Georgia’s Alternative Financing Program for Assistive Technology
Financial Partner

Gwinnett Federal Credit Union
Credit-Able Program Criteria

To receive a Credit-Able Loan you must be:

• A resident of Georgia

    AND

• An individual with a disability

    OR

• A family member or legal guardian of an individual with a disability

    OR

• An employer of an individual with a disability

• Able to pay back the loan

• Using the loan to buy assistive technology equipment and services
Range of Loans, Terms, and Interest Rates

- Range of Loans Approved: $250 to $55,000
- Length of Loans Approved: 6 months to 8 Yrs
- Interest Rates: 5.0 % - 9 %
The Bottom Line: **YOU Save Money!**

**Traditional Financing**
- $2,000
- 22% (rate of average credit card)
- 3 year term
- Monthly payment = $76.38
- Total interest paid = $749.71

**Credit-Able Financing**
- $2,000
- 5.4%
- 3 year term
- Monthly payment = $60.30
- Total interest paid = $170.86

**Total interest saved:** $578.85
How Can I Prepare for a Credit-Able Loan?
Know Your Price Range

Determine Your Income and Your Expenses

Income

• Earned Income
  • $ Received for work
• Unearned Income
  • $ From pensions, SSI, etc.
• Gross Earnings
  • Income before taxes
• Net Earnings
  • Income after taxes

Expenses

• Fixed Expenses
  • Necessities that do not change from month to month
    (i.e. rent, mortgage, insurance)
• Flexible Expenses
  • Necessities that may change from month to month
    (i.e. groceries, electric/heat/water bills)
• Discretionary Expenses
  • Not necessary
    (i.e. eating out, movies, cable bills)
How much can I afford to pay?

- Determine how much you need to cover all necessary expenses
- Subtract this from your NET (post-taxes) income

In other words…

Total #1
- Total #2
- Total #3

$ available for loan payment
Other Loan Readiness Tips

• Explore Funding/Grant Options
  – Funds/Grants may be available to help supplement your loan

• Report all Available Income
  – Including income of significant others, PASS income, etc.

• Borrowing vs. Buying
  – Be sure the product you wish to purchase is what you are looking for

• Ask a Co-Signer
Friends of Disabled Adults and Children 
FODAC

• With a strong network of volunteers and partners, FODAC provides refurbished equipment and services for disabled adults and children to improve their overall quality of life.

• FODAC provide free or low-cost wheelchairs and other durable medical equipment, vehicle and home adaptations and more.

• FODAC’s programs include:
  • Durable Medical Equipment – wheelchairs and mobility aids
  • Ramps for Champs – home access ramps and modifications
  • ReMount – wheelchair and scooter lifts for vehicles
  • Disposable medical equipment – catheters, braces, liquid nutrition, etc.

www.fodac.org
AT Funding Resources
Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program

Provides a variety of specialized telecommunications equipment to qualified applicants who have difficulty using a standard phone for FREE.

Eligibility:
- Meet income eligibility requirements for your household size
- Be certified by a healthcare professional as deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind or speech disabled.
- Have phone service in your home.
- Be a resident of that state and at least five years old.

www.tedp.org
GATEDP operated by GACHI

4151 Memorial Drive #121-C
Decatur, Georgia 30032
404-297-9461 V/TTY
888-297-9461 V/TTY

www.gachi.org/gatedp
Georgia Lions Lighthouse: Eyeglasses and Exams

• The Lions Lighthouse has a mobile clinic that visits 23 sites throughout Georgia. At each clinic, qualifying individuals can receive eye exams and glasses.

• Full dilated eye exam (performed by either an ophthalmologist or optometrist).

• One pair of eyeglasses every 3 years.

• Follow-up care for chronic eye conditions
Georgia Lions Lighthouse: Hearing Program

- The Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation provides hearing aid assistance for low-income Georgia residents.

- Up to 2 digital hearing aids from Unitron or Beltone

- A 3 year service warranty on the aids

- One set of ear molds

- 4 appointments to an approved Lighthouse provider
Apply for Services

Please select the type of application you would like from the buttons below:

- Eyeglasses and Exams
- Eye Surgery
- Hearing Aids

Descargar aplicaciones en español
1. Bajar una aplicación para lentes.
2. Bajar una aplicación para audífonos.

You may submit your application in the following ways:

1. Download the application, print it, fill it out, and mail it along with the documents listed on page one of the application to:

   Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation
   5582 Peachtree Road
   Atlanta, GA 30341

2. Download the application, print it, fill it out, and fax it along with the documents listed on page one of the application to:
   404-636-5549

For eye surgeries: Attn: Victoria Jordan
For hearing aids: Attn: Anna Knipple
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund Commission

• Direct grant to Georgians with traumatic brain and spinal injuries

• For home mods, transportation, computers, personal support services, and recreation

• Use to “buy down” the purchase price of these items, then finance the rest at affordable Credit-Able rates!
Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund Commission
2 Peachtree St NW
Suite 26-426
Atlanta, GA 30303
404-651-5112
888-233-5760
www.bsitf.state.ga.us
• Section 502 loans are primarily used to help low-income individuals or households purchase homes in rural areas.

• Funds can be used to build, repair, renovate or relocate a home, or to purchase and prepare sites, including providing water and sewage facilities.

• Applicants for loans may have an income of up to 115% of the median income for the area.

• Families must be without adequate housing, but be able to afford the mortgage payments, including taxes and insurance.

• Applicants must have reasonable credit history.
Rural Development Business Programs partnered with PNC Bank, Jekyll Ocean Front Hotel, LLC and Leon Weiner & Associates to fund the Westin Jekyll Island Hotel. The hotel is set to open adjacent to the new Jekyll Island Convention Center in September 2014 as part of the Jekyll Island Beach Village project, creating 115 direct jobs!

In the News

USDA Announces Availability of Grants through the Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG)
USDA Seeks Applications to Finance Construction and Rehabilitation of Rural Rental Housing
USDA Seeks Applications for Grants to Provide Technical Assistance to Rural Businesses
Application Deadline Extended to May 31, 2013 for most Rural Energy for America Programs (REAP)
USDA Proposes Simplified Application Process for Renewable Energy Funding

Spotlights

Employee Spotlight!
Read about Kathleen Henderson, Loan Specialist in Rural Development Georgia’s Area Two.

Publications

- Rural Development Overview of Loan and Grant Programs (Updated May 2013)
- Map of Georgia Rural Development Area Offices (and phone numbers)
- Fiscal Year 2012 Progress Report of Georgia Rural Development Funding
Rural Electric Cooperatives

• Some electric cooperatives (example Snapping Shoals in Conyers) will give members a chance to round up to the nearest dollar on their monthly bills.

• The donated changes goes into a pool for use by members who need assistance with unanticipated emergencies such as a need for a ramp.
Private Grants
Friends Of Man

• 100% donations, providing food, clothing, medicine, DME, AT, eyeglasses, hearing aids and prosthetics. No dental coverage outside of Colorado per residency requirements.

• Referrals must come through a professional.

• applications@friendsofman.org

• www.friendsofman.org
Joni and Friends
Christian Fund for the Disabled

- Funds for AT, rehabilitation, special treatment, educational opportunities
- $2,500 limit
- www.jonniandfriends.org
Texas Center for the Visually Challenged

• A computer refurbishing program averaging of 350-400 pc's per year with grand total of 3500 distributed to date.

• Individuals can apply from the US and Canada; www.handicapability.org
The Ideal Group, Inc.

• Specializes in online conference calls, accessible math resources, and real time closed captioning

• [http://ideal-group.org/at/](http://ideal-group.org/at/)
A non-profit organization based in San Francisco, CA that gives computer input devices to individuals who cannot input in traditional ways on computers.

www.givetech.org
Bridging Apps

• Previously SNApps4Kids
• Easter Seals' guide to explore ways to find funding for iPads and similar devices.
• Many funding resources listed
• Bridging Apps has an IEP and iPad Pilot program that can apply
• [www.bridgingapps.org](http://www.bridgingapps.org)
Funding Sources Directory

You asked, and we listened. We have received many questions from the BridgingApps community about how to get a device funded. We have begun to compile a list of organizations that grant iPads and similar devices to families who have children with special needs. Please use this list as a guide to explore ways to find such funding.

Help us add more! If you are aware of any other funding sources, please click on the plus sign to add more.

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First Hand Foundation

• Not-for-profit - First Hand assists individual children with health-related needs when insurance and other financial resources have been exhausted
• First Hand accepts applications worldwide
• Treatment: Clinical procedures, medicine, therapy, prosthesis, etc.
• Equipment: Wheelchairs, assistive technology equipment, care devices, hearing aids, etc.
• Displacement: Lodging, food, gas, parking and transportation for families of seriously ill children who must travel during treatment
• Vehicle modifications: Lifts, ramps and transfer boards
First Hand Foundation

Our Story
Our Outreach
Request Our Help
Support Our Mission
Volunteer
News and Events
Contact Us

Golf Tournament
Register now for our annual golf tournament, held on May 8th at The National Golf Club of Kansas City.

Apply for Funding
Donate to First Hand

The First Hand Foundation is a not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) organization that provides funding so individual children may have access to health care that would otherwise be impossible. Our mission is to directly impact the health status of a young life. Since our inception in 1995, First Hand has distributed more than $16 million to impact 146,000 lives in 76 countries.

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Challenged Athlete Foundation

- [www.challengedathletes.org](http://www.challengedathletes.org)
- Recognizes the athletic greatness inherent in all people with physical challenges and supports their athletic endeavors by providing unparalleled sports opportunities that lead to success in sports — and in life.
- Grants
  - Access for Athletes
  - Operation Rebound
2012 Aspen Medical Products San Diego Triathlon Challenge

October 21, 2012

Join challenged athletes, able-bodied athletes, celebrities, sports legends and professional athletes for the best day in triathlon.
Starkey Hearing Foundation

• Hear Now is Starkey Hearing Foundation's domestic, application-based program committed to assisting those permanently residing in the U.S. who are deaf or hard of hearing and have no other resources to acquire hearing aids.

www.starkeyhearingfoundation.org
I don't believe in disabilities, I believe in ability.

— Bill Austin, founder

Our mission is to bring understanding among people through hearing care by focusing on awareness, education, protection and treatment, so the world may hear.
Recreation Opportunities

- Shepherd Center
- Blaze Sports
Therapeutic Recreation

• Focus on returning to an active lifestyle
  • Sports (Quad rugby, basketball, fencing, racing)
• Try before buy
  • Closet with sports equipment
  • Rental program
  • Long-term loan of equipment while playing
• Do not have to be a current patient
Rental Programs

- Individuals can try before making a huge purchase
- $10/day or $25 for weekend
- Written Rental Agreement
  - Responsible for equipment
  - Demonstrates the use
- Variety of equipment
  - Quickie tennis chair
  - Quickie All Court basketball chairs
  - Eagle rugby chairs
  - Eagle and Top End racing chairs
  - Shark, Top End Excelerator XLT, and Excelerator handcycles
  - Red Dagger (solo) kayak
  - Green Dagger (solo) kayak
  - Old Town 2 man kayak
  - Green Canoe
  - Red Canoe
Long-Term Loans

• Athletes that play sports
  – Quad rugby, basketball, fencing, etc
• Athletes are responsible for equipment
  – Tubes for tires
  – Minor repairs
  – Funds for major repairs
• Athletes are responsible for additional items for the sport
  – Gloves, tape, cushions, etc
• Bring back at end of season
• Shepherd cleans and sanitizes after each rental and loan
Contact Shepherd

Matt Edens C.T.R.S.
Sports Teams Coordinator
Shepherd Center
Matt_Edens@shepherd.org
Blaze Sports

Mission: Driven by a desire to provide all children and adults with physical disabilities the chance to play sports and live healthy, active lives.

• Money for equipment chairs came from Department of Labor in Georgia when first started
• 26 different Sport programs
  • Geared mostly towards children and teens
  • There is some equipment for adults
Blaze Equipment Loan Program

• No Fees to loan/ borrow equipment
  • Have to be a member of Blaze
  • Fill out written loan agreement form
  • Come in for chair fitting and skills assessment
  • Sign written waiver

• Will loan to groups that have teams
  • Rockdale County, Albany, Augusta
  • Ft. Stewart : basketball chairs for military team
Blaze Equipment Loan Program

• Athletes are responsible for other equipment needed
  • Cushions, tapes, gloves, etc
• Blaze monitors and maintains equipment while in use
  • 6 months to a year
  • Funds for major repairs
Blaze Equipment Loan Program

• Variety of equipment
  – Racing chairs
  – Track chairs
  – Tennis chairs
  – All court chairs
  – Rugby chairs
  – Basketball chairs

• Blaze Day in Schools
  – Chairs not in use

• Occasionally loan around Southeast
  – One day events
  – Always with staff
Contact Blaze

Jeff Jones, CDSS, CTRS, CPRP
Director of Sports and Community Programs
Phone: 1-404-270-2036
www.blazesports.org
Remember Susie?

• First, let’s get the application filled out and signed
• Pull credit history
• Make sure you fall within Credit-Able guidelines
• How much do you feel you can afford to pay per month on a new loan
• Make a decision to approve or deny
Remember Mr. Jay?

- First, let’s get the application filled out and signed
- Pull credit history
- Make sure you fall within Credit-Able guidelines
- How much do you feel you can afford to pay per month on a new loan
- Make a decision to approve or deny
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