Protect the Assistive Technology Loan Program and continue to support the Assistive Technology Independent Living & REquipment Programs

The Massachusetts Assistive Technology Loan Program, operated by Easter Seals Massachusetts, is an alternative financing project that gives people with disabilities and elders access to low interest cash loans to purchase assistive devices and services. The program has provided over 700 loans valued at over $13.2 million dollars for the past 11 years many to people who don’t think they would qualify for a loan.

Assistive technology (AT) is any device that helps a person achieve greater independence and lead a more productive life. Many different items are considered assistive technology, including:

* Hearing aids
* Computers with special programs
* Power wheelchairs or scooters
* Adapted vehicles and lifts
* Augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) devices

The program is running out of funding and needs $250,000 to cover its yearly operating budget. Please support FY16’s earmark language with the increase in line 4120-4000:

Line Item 4120-4000 MRC AT IL ........ Add $250,000 over FY 16 and earmark language: provided, that not less than $1,536,590 shall be expended for assistive technology services

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Massachusetts Assistive Technology

Loan Program

An Alternative Financing Program

The MA AT Loan Program gives people with disabilities access to low-interest loans so they can purchase the technology they need to live more independently.

Who is eligible?

If you are a Massachusetts resident with a disability or are acting in behalf of a relative with a disability, you may participate in the program. Many different items are considered assistive technology, including hearing aids, walkers, adapted computers or vehicles and more. We believe that the individual with a disability is the best person to determine his or her own needs.

What types of loans are available?

The MA AT Loan program offers special consumer loans with low interest rates and different repayment terms. Trained specialists help you fill out the paperwork, gather the documents you need and apply for the loan. The program can even help you use your loan money to buy your equipment.

Even if you think you cannot afford a personal loan, the program has many options that can help. Call us for more information.

How much can be borrowed?

Usually, there is no limit to the amount of money you can apply for. Each situation is different, and the program will help you determine what is right for you.

The MA AT Loan Program has helped fund over $10 million in assistive technology for Massachusetts residents since it began in January 2005!

For more information please contact the AT Loan Program
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