

GENERAL ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY FUND INFORMATION

General Assistive Technology Fund (ATF) The ATF provides eligible individuals, families and interdisciplinary support teams with a means to purchase assistive technology (AT). Assistive technology devices and tools support a person with a disability to perform tasks that might otherwise not be possible. The General Assistive Technology Fund (ATF) was established in 1998 by the Department of Health and is administered by the Clinical Services Bureau. This Fund provides grants of up to \$250 per year to fund AT that supports participation in functional life activities. Jackson Class members and any other New Mexican with an intellectual/developmental disability, who is not currently allocated to the NM DD Waiver, may apply for a grant for AT that supports functional participation. The yearly funding cycle begins July 1 and ends June 30 of the following year. Applications are accepted on a first come first serve basis and approved requests are funded until the monies are exhausted.

This unique fund supports the Participatory Approach philosophy to help individuals with disabilities access devices and technologies that support participation in daily routines and specific activities. These grants allow participants, their families, therapists and other interdisciplinary team members to acquire AT that enables nearly immediate active participation. The areas of focus for active participation are communicative interaction and physical function. These areas support interaction with others, mobility, environmental control, recreation, work, volunteerism and community integration. The individual's family, therapist or other team member must complete the General ATF application and submit it to the Clinical Services Bureau (as stated on the application). Individual grants are approved based on a functional plan for the use of appropriate assistive technologies. The intent of the fund is to encourage the development of low-tech and light tech augmentative communication, environmental access, mobility systems and other functional AT that is not covered by other insurance or funding sources and cannot be afforded by personal means.

Download a General Assistive Technology Fund Application and instructions.

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