

State of Alaska FY2009 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Labor and Workforce Development Assistive Technology Component Budget Summary

Component: Assistive Technology

Contribution to Department's Mission

This component contributes to the department's mission by providing a comprehensive statewide program of technology related assistance for individuals with disabilities.

Core Services

This component provides for a system to assist persons with disabilities of all ages to live more independently through the use of assistive technology.

The component provides for the development, implementation and evaluation of a comprehensive service delivery system whereby persons with disabilities residing in all areas of the state will be able to access assistive technology services and/or devices. For this program to be successful, public, private-for-profit and non-profit agencies and providers must come together to provide services/devices and reduce duplication and delays.

Assistive Technology services include:

- Contracted services to assist division staff in researching and evaluating assistive technology for consumers.
- Public Awareness, Outreach and Training - Provide training to governmental agencies, private businesses, community organizations and employers concerning the use of assistive technology by individuals to promote personal independence and employment.
- Low Interest Loan Program – Guaranteed low interest loans to individuals with disabilities, administered by the division in cooperation with Northrim Bank in Alaska, for purchase of assistive technology.

FY2009 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2009 Component Budget: \$621,500	Personnel:	
	Full time	1
	Part time	0
	Total	1

Key Component Challenges

The Assistive Technology Act of 2004 was signed into law by President Bush on October 25, 2004. The Division is responsible for interpreting changes in the law as it may apply to the Alaska Assistive Technology program and implementing these changes through the development of a State Plan for Assistive Technology Services.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2009

As a result of the Assistive Technology (AT) Act of 2004, we are now in the third year of implementing the state plan for assistive technology. The division will continue to contract for the majority of the statewide assistive technology services through ATLA (Assistive Technologies of Alaska). There are two main objectives for this coming year. The first is to submit a comprehensive set of data to the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) that establishes Alaska's baseline from which we establish measurable benchmark goals that relate to how people with disabilities access assistive technology. The second goal is to ensure we deliver high quality AT services throughout Alaska for persons with disabilities that improve access and acquisition to AT in four (4) specific areas: Education, Employment, Community Living and Information Technology & Telecommunications. We will be collecting data all year that will measure our progress in all four of these areas.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2007

During the past year the major focus of our Assistive Technology (AT) activities has been through our contract with the Assistive Technology Library of Alaska (ATLA) in the areas of education, employment, community living and information technology throughout Alaska. As a result of this contract, consumers with disabilities of all ages have increased access and acquisition to assistive technology through significant awareness activities and events, demonstrations of equipment, training, technical assistance and collaboration and coordination with an increasing number of partners.

Specific sub-components of this include:

ATLA improved access to assistive technology in education by collaborating with the Early Childhood Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program and Stone Soup Group to provide awareness, training and technology for parents, educators and health care professionals.

Additional information is being added to the Employer AT handbook through personnel at the Disability and Business Technical Assistance Center.

ATLA has improved access to AT with the Independent Living Centers around the state and continues to support their demonstration centers with technology and ongoing training. This includes increased collaboration with Arctic Access in the Nome and Kotzebue area to help local clinics acquire assistive technology devices that can be used by individuals with diabetes who are visually impaired and/or hearing impaired. ATLA has held numerous open houses for Hope Community Services staff and other non-profit organizations in the Anchorage and Mat-Su area so personnel could become more familiar with ATLA and how assistive technology equipment and services could enhance an individual's life.

ATLA continues to market to telecommunication companies statewide and is also focusing awareness on computer stores and information technology staff in schools and businesses.

ATLA has continued to add items to its web-based "Swap Shop" to assist consumers who want to buy, sell, trade or give away assistive technology.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

Federal Authority:
PL 100-407

Technology Related Assistance for Individuals with
Disabilities Act

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Assistive Technology Component Financial Summary

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2007 Actuals	FY2008 Management Plan	FY2009 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	34.5	52.4	104.7
72000 Travel	6.8	17.6	22.6
73000 Services	4.2	25.0	35.0
74000 Commodities	0.0	5.0	5.8
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	411.0	453.4	453.4
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	456.5	553.4	621.5
Funding Sources:			
1002 Federal Receipts	360.5	457.4	457.4
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	96.0	96.0	164.1
Funding Totals	456.5	553.4	621.5

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2007 Actuals	FY2008 Management Plan	FY2009 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues				
Federal Receipts	51010	360.5	457.4	457.4
Interagency Receipts	51015	96.0	96.0	164.1
Restricted Total		456.5	553.4	621.5
Total Estimated Revenues		456.5	553.4	621.5

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2008 Management Plan to FY2009 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2008 Management Plan	0.0	457.4	96.0	553.4
Proposed budget increases:				
-Increase Interagency Authorization to Support a Program Coordinator Position	0.0	0.0	68.1	68.1
FY2009 Governor	0.0	457.4	164.1	621.5

Assistive Technology Personal Services Information				
Authorized Positions			Personal Services Costs	
	<u>FY2008</u> <u>Management</u> <u>Plan</u>	<u>FY2009</u> <u>Governor</u>		
Full-time	0	1	Annual Salaries	70,200
Part-time	0	0	Premium Pay	0
Nonpermanent	0	0	Annual Benefits	34,532
			<i>Less 0.03% Vacancy Factor</i>	(32)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	0	1	Total Personal Services	104,700

Position Classification Summary					
Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Prog Coordinator	0	0	1	0	1
Totals	0	0	1	0	1