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*ATLA is a public non-profit 501(c)3 agency which provides solutions for Alaskans with disabilities*

## Our Background

Assistive Technology of Alaska (ATLA) is a statewide, not-for-profit organization that focuses on increasing access to and acquisition of assistive technology (AT) devices and services for individuals of all ages with disabilities. ATLA has been the implementing entity for the Assistive Technology Act of 1998, as amended, since 1994 when Alaska was one of the first fourteen states funded under this Act. The contract between ATLA and DVR provides a vehicle to pass-through the annual federal grant award to ATLA to implement the Assistive Technology Act.

## Program Overview

ATLA is a statewide leader and strong advocate for the significant potential of AT. It can provide seniors and individuals with disabilities to remain safe, secure, and healthy in their environment. The current COVID-19 pandemic has spotlighted how access to AT and connectivity is critical to all Americans' well-being. Funding requested will be used to implement, increase, and improve the use of AT to reduce social isolation, improve mental health, increase independence, and enhance safety for Alaskans with disabilities and those experiencing the effects of aging.

ATLA will strive to increase capacity and build a strong knowledge base throughout ADRC staff of AT services and equipment to improve access and the acquisition of technologies for Alaskans that experience a disability. Secondly, ATLA will conduct activities to connect individuals with AT to promote independence, mitigate social isolation, and reduce reliance on care providers.

This funding request is intended to support capacity and resource allocation at the state level by integrating efforts already in place to ensure the coordination of AT services and the appropriate equipment distribution is available. By appointing ATLA to serve as the designated entity, SDS will benefit from aligning available funds with our proven AT program integration while still affording ADRC the scaffolding needed to lay a full foundation of support for all Alaskans. The following objectives and example activities will help illustrate how ATLA's expertise in assistive technology will meet the needs of both ADRC staff, and the individuals served.

- Increase the ability of Alaskans that experience a disability or age-related impairment to obtain assistive technologies and services to mitigate social isolation and provide critical access functions virtually through telecommunications.
- Improve the utilization of available funding opportunities for Alaskans that experience a disability or age-related impairment to acquire needed assistive technologies.
- Conduct assistive technology outreach and informational activities to increase public awareness and foster partnerships to benefit further and expand access to AT.
- Provide or facilitate training and technical assistance to ADRC staff and partners to increase base AT knowledge that will support referral proficiencies for individuals that would benefit from AT to access telehealth, social engagement, and reduce isolation due to COVID 19.

## Professional Development

Services will include but are not limited to: (1) coordinating and facilitating training sessions; (2) developing training materials, and (3) offering focused on-site or virtual professional development and technical assistance.

Service Description	Time	Value
Distance delivered training and technical assistance	8 hrs	\$1,500
<b>Core Training</b> 2 hrs/topic		
+ Introduction to AT (required)	+ AT for Self-Care and Independent Living	
+ AT for Cognition and Mental Health	+ AT for Computer & Mobile Technology Access	
+ AT for Communication	+ Low-cost Solutions & Modifications for Independence	
+ AT for Sensory Loss (Vision and Hearing)		
Customized training topics available upon request (2 hr)		\$500/topic

The primary goal is to afford ADRC staff with a solid knowledge base and increase awareness of how the use of AT supports the independence of Alaskans. The intention is not to offer the core competencies required of an AT specialist. Training opportunities will enable ADRC staff to meet present needs and increase their knowledge of AT services and technologies. Training includes, but is not limited to: collaborative processes; the continuum of tools, strategies and services, resources; legal issues; action planning; and proper data collection.

## ATLA Current Programs

Program Name	Funding Source	Eligibility	Provided
Assistive Technology Act (AT Act)	Federal Administration of Community Living	none	Demonstration, short term loans, outreach, referral assistance, statewide technical assistance
Alaska Relay (akRelay)	Contract Sprint Relay	Deaf, hard of hearing, speech impaired	Assessment, telecommunication equipment, training & support
Alaska Can Connect (akCanConnect)	Federal Federal Communication Commission	Progressive vision and hearing impaired 400% above Federal poverty	Assessment, telecommunication equipment, training & support
AgrAbility	Contract University of Alaska Fairbanks	Agriculture worker or family	Assessment, acquisition support, training
TechAbility	State Department of Health Social Services	Self-disclosure as Alaska Mental Health Trust beneficiary	Consultation, low-mid tech devices, brief training & support
Fee for service	varies	varies	Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, various school districts, and private pay

*ADRC funds will be used to supplement, not supplant currently available funding*

# ADRC Budget Sample 1

<b>Professional Development</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>
<i>Distance delivered training and technical assistance (Required Intro to AT + 3 topics)</i>	\$1,500
Coordination/facilitated training sessions; training material development; professional development and technical assistance	
<b>Supplies</b>	<b>\$8,500</b>
<i>Assistive Technology Demonstration Kits (low and mid tech devices)</i>	\$8,000
Assistive technology equipment for demonstration provided to ADRC sites. Demo kit items will include devices available to provide to qualified applicants of established ATLA programs and range from low, mid, and high tech devices.	
<i>Shipping and Supplies</i>	\$500
Durable, portable storage container to protect AT investment, sanitization supplies & documentation, shipping (TBD)	
<b>Consultation and Acquisition Support</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
<i>AT Consultation &amp; Implementation Support: 50 hours **</i>	\$5,000
AT consultation to identify technologies that can improve the individual's performance, participation, access, and independence. The consultation will verify the AT options to maintain or improve functioning to meet the client's needs. <i>(Does not include written justification and training plan report)</i>	
<i>Acquisition Support: 50 hours **</i>	\$5,000
Acquisition support includes funding research, documentation support, grant submission, and the procurement of needed AT.	
<b>Assistive Technology Equipment Distribution</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>
<i>Individualized Equipment Distribution</i>	
Assistive technology recommended after an individual consultation that is unavailable through alternative programs or unobtainable through acquisition support.	
<hr/> <b>ESTIMATED BUDGET TOTAL</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>

\*\* Services required for individuals that do not qualify for ATLA program

# ADRC Budget Sample 2

<b>Professional Development</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>
<i>Distance delivered training and technical assistance (Required Intro to AT + 3 topics)</i>	\$1,500
Coordination/facilitated training sessions; training material development; professional development and technical assistance	
<i>Additional training and technical assistance (3 topics)</i>	
Coordination/facilitated training sessions; training material development; professional development and technical assistance	\$1,500
<b>Supplies</b>	<b>\$11,500</b>
<i>Assistive Technology Demonstration Kits (low, mid, and high tech devices)</i>	\$10,500
Assistive technology equipment for demonstration provided to ADRC sites. Demo kit items will include devices available to provide to qualified applicants of established ATLA programs and range from low, mid, and high tech devices.	
<i>Shipping and Supplies</i>	\$1,000
Durable, portable storage container to protect AT investment, sanitization supplies & documentation, shipping (TBD)	
<b>Consultation and Acquisition Support</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<i>AT Consultation &amp; Implementation Support: 50 hours</i>	\$5,000
AT consultation to identify technologies that can improve the individual's performance, participation, access, and independence. The consultation will verify the AT options to maintain or improve functioning to meet the client's needs. <i>(Does not include written justification and training plan report)</i>	
<b>Assistive Technology Equipment Distribution</b>	<b>\$30,500</b>
<i>Individualized Equipment Distribution</i>	
Assistive technology recommended after an individual consultation that is unavailable through alternative programs or unobtainable through acquisition support.	
<hr/> <b>ESTIMATED BUDGET TOTAL</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>

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# ADRC Budget Sample 3

<b>Professional Development</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>
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<i>Distance delivered training and technical assistance (Required Intro to AT + 3 topics)</i>	<i>\$1,500</i>
Coordination/facilitated training sessions; training material development; professional development and technical assistance	

<b>Consultation and Acquisition Support</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>
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<i>AT Consultation &amp; Implementation Support: 100 hours **</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>
AT consultation to identify technologies that can improve the individual's performance, participation, access, and independence. The consultation will verify the AT options to maintain or improve functioning to meet the client's needs.	
<i>**Does not include written justification and training plan report**</i>	

<i>Acquisition Support: 50 hours **</i>	<i>\$5,000</i>
Acquisition support includes funding research, documentation support, grant submission, and the procurement of needed AT.	

<b>Assistive Technology Equipment Distribution</b>	<b>\$33,500</b>
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*Individualized Equipment Distribution*  
Assistive technology recommended after an individual consultation that is unavailable through alternative programs or unobtainable through acquisition support.

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<b>ESTIMATED BUDGET TOTAL</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
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# ADRC Budget Sample 4

<b>Professional Development</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>
<i>Distance delivered training and technical assistance (Required Intro to AT + 3 topics)</i>	\$1,500
Coordination/facilitated training sessions; training material development; professional development and technical assistance	
<b>Supplies</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>
<i>Assistive Technology Demonstration Kits (low, mid, &amp; high tech devices)</i>	
Assistive technology equipment for demonstration provided to ADRC sites. Demo kit items will include devices available to provide to qualified applicants of established ATLA programs and range from low, mid, and high tech devices.	\$14,000
<i>Shipping and Supplies</i>	
Durable, portable storage container to protect AT investment, sanitization supplies & documentation, shipping (TBD)	\$1,000
<b>Consultation and Acquisition Support</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<i>AT Consultation &amp; Implementation Support: 0 hours **</i>	\$0
AT consultation to identify technologies that can improve the individual's performance, participation, access, and independence. The consultation will verify the AT options to maintain or improve functioning to meet the client's needs. <i>(Does not include written justification and training plan report)</i>	
<b>Assistive Technology Equipment Distribution</b>	<b>\$33,500</b>
<i>Individualized Equipment Distribution</i>	
Assistive technology recommended after an individual consultation that is unavailable through alternative programs or unobtainable through acquisition support.	
<hr/> <b>ESTIMATED BUDGET TOTAL</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>

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