

Notice of Opportunity: Funding for Assistive Technology Lending Libraries

Qualified Providers of Assistive Technology Services

We are excited to announce a new funding opportunity designed to enhance the availability of Assistive Technology (AT) devices for individuals with intellectual disability. Funds will be made available to support the establishment, enhancement, or expansion of lending libraries within your agencies.

Purpose of Funding

The primary goal of this initiative is to provide individuals receiving services from DDS with the opportunity to explore and try various assistive technology devices. By facilitating access to these devices, we aim to empower users to identify solutions that best meet their unique needs.

Funding Opportunity

Under this opportunity, DDS has funds available to qualified AT provider agencies who submit a lending library proposal and are approved. Approved agencies will receive start-up funding based on their submitted proposals, not to exceed \$3,000 per agency.

Any funding not expended fully by the end of the award period on June 30, 2026 on approved uses will be recouped.

In addition, awarded providers may require contract amendments to receive funding through SID 12599. Please be sure to monitor your email for responses and follow up timely in order to ensure receipt of funding.

Eligibility: All DDS qualified providers of Assistive Technology services are eligible to apply.

Use of Funds: Funding can be utilized for the selection and purchase of assistive technology devices that will be available within your lending library. This can be for the establishment, enhancement, or expansion of lending libraries within your agencies. This may also be used to purchase items to secure, store/display, or charge items in the lending library.

Device Selection: We encourage you to choose a diverse range of devices that cater to different needs and preferences, ensuring that individuals can find the right tools to enhance their independence and quality of life.

Application Process:

1. **Proposal Submission:** Interested agencies should submit a proposal using the AT Lending Library Proposal template detailing their plan for the lending library, including the types of devices they plan to offer. Proposals should be submitted to DDS.AssistiveTechnology@ct.gov.

2. Application Dates and Information:

Notice of Opportunity Release: April 2, 2026

Virtual Information Session: April 10, 2026

Questions due: April 15, 2026

FAQ posted by: April 17, 2026

Application Submission Deadline: April 24, 2026

Anticipated Funding Selection Date: May 1, 2026

Award Payment: TBD

3. **Evaluation Criteria:** Proposals will be evaluated based on the variety of the devices selected, the engagement strategies for individuals and families, and the overall impact on enhancing access to Assistive Technology. See the evaluation plan for more details.

Support and Resources:

To assist you in this process, we will be hosting a virtual information session [Meeting Link](#) on April 10, 2026, at 2:00 pm, to provide guidance on the application process and address any questions you may have. We encourage all interested qualified providers of Assistive Technology to participate.

We believe that this funding opportunity will significantly enhance the resources available to individuals with intellectual disability, fostering greater independence and improved quality of life. Thank you for your continued dedication. We look forward to your proposals and to working together to expand access to Assistive Technology.