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Assistive Devices Loan Programs

PATF: Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation

PATF is a statewide, non-profit organization that provides education and financing opportunities, and advocates for people with disabilities and older Pennsylvanians, helping them to acquire the assistive technology (AT) devices and services that improve the quality of their lives.

PATF is a state and federally-certified Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) and is the Commonwealth's designated Alternative Financing Program (AFP) under the federal Assistive Technology Act. Services are provided through local Funding Assistance Coordinators (FACs).

PATF provides:

- ✓ Financial loans at 0% or low-interest rates with no fees or charges for the purchase of AT
- ✓ Information and assistance about AT, funding resources and vendors
- ✓ Financial education for people with disabilities

Examples of assistive technology PATF can help finance:

- ✓ Hearing aids
- ✓ Smart home technology
- ✓ Adapted vehicles
- ✓ Tablets and computers
- ✓ Scooters and wheelchairs
- ✓ Adapted sports equipment
- ✓ Home modifications (ramps, showers, counter tops)
- ✓ Seat lift chairs
- ✓ Safety and security devices

PATF serves:

- ✓ **ALL Pennsylvanians**
- ✓ **ALL disabilities and health conditions**
- ✓ **ALL ages**
- ✓ **ALL income levels**
- ✓ **ALL devices**
- ✓ **And is consumer driven / consumer choice**
- ✓ **And provides information, referral, and advocacy**

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PIAT: Pennsylvania's Initiative on Assistive Technology

TechOWL: Technology for Our Whole Lives

The Institute on Disabilities at Temple University is home to Pennsylvania's Initiative on Assistive Technology (PIAT) Act Program. PIAT's TechOWL is a statewide program that helps people with disabilities and older Pennsylvanians explore, find and get the tools and technology they need for school, work, and life in the community.

Assistive technology (AT) is any device that helps a person with a disability achieve a more independent and productive life. The federal definition of assistive technology under the Assistive Technology Act is "any item, piece of equipment, or product system, whether acquired commercially, modified, or customized, that is used to increase, maintain or improve functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities."

TechOWL services are provided through nine local Assistive Technology Resource Centers (ATRCs).

TechOWL offers:

- ✓ AT Demonstrations
- ✓ AT Lending Library
- ✓ Free Special Phones
- ✓ Used Equipment Exchange
- ✓ Telecommunication Distribution Programs (TDDP, iCanConnectPA)
- ✓ Training and Presentations

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