

State of Alaska FY2006 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.

This 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 - training to governmental agencies, private businesses, community organizations and employers concerning the use of assistive technology to 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
- Funding to purchase assistive technology services and devices for eligible consumers in the state vocational rehabilitation program.

FY2006 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2006 Component Budget: \$546,000	Personnel:	
	Full time	0
	Part time	0
	Total	0

Key Component Challenges

Legislation supporting the State Assistive Technology (AT) Programs was scheduled to sunset in July 2004. The law was instead extended through July 2005. In October of 2004, the United States House and Senate unanimously passed H.R. 4278, the Assistive Technology Act of 2004. The Act was signed into law by President Bush on October 25, 2004. The Division will be responsible for interpreting changes in the law as it may apply to the Alaska Assistive Technology program and implementing these changes in the upcoming year. A budget increase for federal authorization has been included to utilize the entire federal award.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2006

The Assistive Technology Act of 2004 supports the continuance of the programs and eliminates the sunset provision. By eliminating the sunset provision, the government sent a clear signal that it supports a federal investment for people with disabilities, which will pay off for communities, the economy, businesses and people with disabilities. Every state and US territory has an Assistive Technology Act Program funded under the provisions of the Technology-Related Assistance

Act of 1988.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2004

The Assistive Technology Library of Alaska (ATLA) is a nonprofit agency that receives an assistive technology grant from the Division. This agency markets, creates and sells technology devices that assist persons with disabilities. The Division works closely with ATLA to ensure the high quality and continuation of services provided. ATLA expanded services to all age groups and now provides services to individuals from birth to death.

Through ATLA's assistance, stronger linkages have been established with employers throughout Alaska. AT awareness trainings were conducted at job fairs, local business conferences and organization meetings. On-site AT training and support was also completed at Job Centers statewide.

Services and support continue to be provided to school districts and students with disabilities who are preparing to transition from school to employment. Adult services are designed to maximize independence in the home, community and in the work environments. Specific services are also targeted toward our state's senior population to ensure that seniors who experience physical and sensory impairments have assistive technology options which can allow them to lead a fuller and more independent life style.

Staff from the division receive support from ATLA which includes research, evaluation, demonstration, and consultation services. With this support, the division is better able to assist individuals to prepare for and to engage in employment.

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

	FY2004 Actuals	FY2005 Management Plan	FY2006 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	90.4	0.0	26.3
72000 Travel	0.0	0.0	5.0
73000 Services	29.4	0.0	10.0
74000 Commodities	15.8	33.6	33.6
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	437.4	428.2	471.1
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	573.0	461.8	546.0
Funding Sources:			
1002 Federal Receipts	385.0	365.8	450.0
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	188.0	96.0	96.0
Funding Totals	573.0	461.8	546.0

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2004 Actuals	FY2005 Management Plan	FY2006 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues				
Federal Receipts	51010	385.0	365.8	450.0
Interagency Receipts	51015	188.0	96.0	96.0
Restricted Total		573.0	461.8	546.0
Total Estimated Revenues		573.0	461.8	546.0

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2005 Management Plan to FY2006 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2005 Management Plan	0.0	365.8	96.0	461.8
Proposed budget increases:				
-Increase Federal Authorization Due to an Increase in the Federal Grant Award	0.0	84.2	0.0	84.2
FY2006 Governor	0.0	450.0	96.0	546.0

Assistive Technology Personal Services Information				
Authorized Positions			Personal Services Costs	
	<u>FY2005</u> <u>Management</u> <u>Plan</u>	<u>FY2006</u> <u>Governor</u>		
Full-time	0	0	Annual Salaries	18,336
Part-time	0	0	Premium Pay	0
Nonpermanent	0	0	Annual Benefits	8,041
			<i>Less 0.29% Vacancy Factor</i>	(77)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	0	0	Total Personal Services	26,300

Position Classification Summary					
Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
No personal services.					
Totals	0	0	0	0	0