

# **State of Alaska FY2002 Governor's Operating Budget**

Department of Labor and Workforce Development  
Assistive Technology  
Component

## **Component: Assistive Technology**

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### **Component Mission**

To provide support systems for change and advocacy in developing and implementing a consumer responsive and comprehensive statewide program of technology related assistance for individuals with disabilities of all ages.

### **Component Services Provided**

This component provides a means for implementing 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 without duplication and delays.

Federal funding of this project mandates that consumer involvement is a major emphasis, which requires consumer advice and direction at all levels of program development, implementation and evaluation.

### **Component Goals and Strategies**

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGIES OF ALASKA WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT A CONSUMER-BASED COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM OF SERVICE DELIVERY FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES TO LIVE, WORK AND PARTICIPATE IN THEIR COMMUNITY INDEPENDENTLY THROUGH TECHNOLOGY.

- \* Develop and stabilize a market-based delivery system of assistive technology devices and services;
- \* Establish a long-term flexible alternative funding source, overseen by consumers for consumers.

### **Key Component Issues for FY2001 – 2002**

Federal funds for this program are scheduled to end in FY2003 unless Congress extends the program.

The assistive technology market needs to be opened sufficiently to increase the likelihood of the sustained viability of a non-profit vendor in the Alaska assistive technology market. The goal is the expansion of existing services provided by existing vendors and/or the introduction of new vendors in the assistive technology market on a full-time basis.

There is a need for supplemental funding for the Assistive Technology Loan fund to meet the broad spectrum of consumer needs not covered by other service providers. The goal is to make available new funding or to decrease in the percentage of the loan guarantee required by the bank.

### **Major Component Accomplishments for FY2000**

An Assistive Technology Consortium was continued by organizations currently receiving assistive technology grant funding from the division. The Consortium has actively worked to ensure that assistive technology services will continue after federal funding runs out. This has led to new and innovative approaches to providing services including equipment loans and information provided across regions with organizations sharing resources. It has also led to services which can be provided on a fee-for-service basis.

An administrative infrastructure and hub was developed within one of the organizations receiving Assistive Technology (AT) grant funding from the division. The hub supports expanded activities of the Consortium. Grant funding for Consortium agencies was modified so that entities wishing to participate in the Consortium were required to file a proposal with the hub agency. These proposals were to contain a market-driven philosophy with an outcome of sustainable service delivery. These changes have solidified the overall long-term sustainability of service statewide.

Direct AT services were provided regularly by non-profit organizations in Anchorage, Fairbanks, the Kenai Peninsula and Juneau who were funded through the division. Direct AT services were provided on an as-needed or itinerant basis in many other communities statewide including, but not limited to, Petersburg, Kotzebue, Kobuk River villages, and Kodiak.

### **Statutory and Regulatory Authority**

ATA - PL 100-407  
Technology Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities Act.

**Assistive Technology**  
**Component Financial Summary**

*All dollars in thousands*

	FY2000 Actuals	FY2001 Authorized	FY2002 Governor
<b>Non-Formula Program:</b>			
<b>Component Expenditures:</b>			
71000 Personal Services	44.3	73.6	74.2
72000 Travel	5.9	10.0	10.0
73000 Contractual	26.1	30.0	30.0
74000 Supplies	3.6	5.0	5.0
75000 Equipment	7.6	7.5	7.5
76000 Land/Buildings	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Claims	358.0	438.6	438.6
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Expenditure Totals</b>	<b>445.5</b>	<b>564.7</b>	<b>565.3</b>
<b>Funding Sources:</b>			
1002 Federal Receipts	349.5	468.7	469.3
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	96.0	96.0	96.0
<b>Funding Totals</b>	<b>445.5</b>	<b>564.7</b>	<b>565.3</b>

**Estimated Revenue Collections**

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2000 Actuals	FY2001 Authorized	FY2001 Cash Estimate	FY2002 Governor	FY2003 Forecast
<b>Unrestricted Revenues</b>						
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Unrestricted Total</b>		<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Restricted Revenues</b>						
Federal Receipts	51010	349.5	468.7	468.7	469.3	469.3
Interagency Receipts	51015	96.0	96.0	96.0	96.0	96.0
<b>Restricted Total</b>		<b>445.5</b>	<b>564.7</b>	<b>564.7</b>	<b>565.3</b>	<b>565.3</b>
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>		<b>445.5</b>	<b>564.7</b>	<b>564.7</b>	<b>565.3</b>	<b>565.3</b>

**Assistive Technology****Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2002**

No changes of services levels is anticipated.

**Summary of Component Budget Changes  
From FY2001 Authorized to FY2002 Governor**

*All dollars in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2001 Authorized</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>468.7</b>	<b>96.0</b>	<b>564.7</b>
<b>Proposed budget increases:</b>				
-Adjust Personal Services Authorization for Year 2 Labor Costs	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.6
<b>FY2002 Governor</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>469.3</b>	<b>96.0</b>	<b>565.3</b>

**Assistive Technology**  
**Personal Services Information**

Authorized Positions			Personal Services Costs	
	FY2001 Authorized	FY2002 Governor		
Full-time	1	1	Annual Salaries	57,182
Part-time	0	0	COLA	1,361
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay	0
			Annual Benefits	17,920
			<i>Less 3.00% Vacancy Factor</i>	<i>(2,294)</i>
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Total Personal Services</b>	<b>74,169</b>

**Position Classification Summary**

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Prog Coordinator	1	0	0	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>