Vermont Assistive Technology Funding Guide



A summary of current local and national funding resources for the purchase of Assistive Technology devices and tools.

Assistive Technology Funding Resources

Opportunities Credit Union – The Independence Fund (Alternative Financing Program)

Low interest Loans for the purchase of AT in Vermont.

800-865-8328 or 802-654-4540

Website: Opportunities Credit Union Independence Fund Website

2. A Guide to Medicaid Funding of Communication Evaluations and Devices

Website: <u>Guide to Medicaid Funding of Communication Evaluations and</u>
Devices Website

The Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF)
 Grant funding to support AT for independent living.

Vermont Center for Independent Living

800-639-1522

Email: vcil@vcil.org

Website: VCIL Sue Williams Freedom Fund Website

4. The Kelly Brush Foundation

Resource to support adapted recreational opportunities.

802-846-5298

Email: info@kellybrushfoundation.org
Website: KellyBrushfoundation.org

5. Vermont Telecommunication Equipment Distribution Program (VT EDP) Funding for telecommunications equipment for qualified individuals.

Website: VT EDP Website

6. Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired South Burlington | Main Office

60 Kimball Avenue, 05403

800-639-5861

Email: general@vabvi.org
Website: VABVI Website

7. Vermont Adaptive Ski & Sports

Resources and programming for adapted recreational opportunities.

73 Alpine Drive, Pico Mountain

P.O. Box 139

Killington, VT 05751

(802) 786-4991

Website: Vermont Adaptive Ski & Sports Website

8. Children with Special Health Needs

Resources and services for VT children (Birth- age 21) with complex health conditions.

Website: Children with Special Health Needs Website

9. Lions Clubs International Foundation

300 W. 22nd Street

Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842

USA

630-468-6901

Note: Contact your local Lions Club for individual funding needs

Website: Lions Clubs International Website

10. United Healthcare Children's Foundation, Inc.

Foundation that provides medical grants to cover services and equipment not funded by commercial insurance.

Website: United Healthcare Children's Foundation Website

11. HIKE Fund

Funding source for children's hearing aids.

Website: <u>Hike Fund Website</u>

12. Muscular Dystrophy Association

MDA Clinic - Fletcher Allen Health Care Center

1 South Prospect St. Burlington, VT 05401

Website: Muscular Dystrophy Association Website/

13. United Cerebral Palsy

Website: <u>United Cerebral Palsy Website</u>

14. Association of Blind Citizens

Provides funds to cover 50% of the retail price of adaptive devices or software for residents of the United States who are legally blind.

Website: Association of Blind Citizens Website

15. Abledata Assistive Technology Funding Resources

Compilation of funding resources and helpful links regarding options for paying for assistive devices.

Website: Abledata Website

Family Information Guide to Assistive Technology
 Strategies and resources for funding assistive technology.

Website: Family Information Guide to AT Website

17. Assistive Technology Industry Association Funding Resources Guide Area resources that you can investigate and explore as prospective funding options.

Website: ATIA Website

18. VT ABLE Act (Achieving a Better Life Experience) ABLEnow accounts help individuals with disabilities save money to pay for qualified expenses, without being taxed on the earnings – and in most cases, without losing eligibility for certain means-tested benefit programs.

Website: <u>www.vermontable.com</u>

19. Home and vehicle modifications for disabled veterans. Office of Veteran's Affairs, Benefits and Services.

Website: http://veterans.vermont.gov/benefits-and-services/veteran-benefits/presumptives-disability-compensation

20. Grants available for patients with ALS, through the ALS Foundation for Life.

Website: http://www.alsfoundation.org/pubs/ALS-Grant-Application.pdf

or http://www.alsfoundation.org/