

## National Assistive Technology Act Data System

State Plan - Full Report

Utah 2021

## **General Information**

## Statewide AT Program (Information to be listed in national State AT Program Directory)

State AT Program Title	Utah Assistive Technology Program			
State AT Program URL	www.uatp.usu.edu			
Mailing Address	6855 Old Main Hill			
City	Logan			
State	Utah			
Zip Code	84322			
Program Email	bora.lee@usu.edu			
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## Lead Agency

Agency Name	Utah Assistive Technology Program			
Mailing Address	6855 Old Main Hill			
City	Logan			
State	Utah			
Zip Code	84322			
Program URL	www.uatp.usu.edu			

## **Implementing Entity**

Does your Lead Agency contract with an Implementing Entity to carry out the Statewide AT Program on its behalf? N/A			
Name of Implementing Agency			
Mailing Address			

City	
State	
Zip Code	
Program URL	

## General Information (Continued...)

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## Module A: Change in Lead Agency or Implementing Entity

Does your Lead Agency contract with an Implementing Entity to carry out the Statewide AT Program on its behalf (From General Information)?	<u>No</u>
2. Is the Lead Agency named in this State Plan a new or different Lead Agency from the one designated by the Governor in your previous State Plan?	No
3. Is the Implementing Entity named in this State Plan a new or different Implementing Entity from the one designated by the Governor in the previous State Plan?	No

## **Module B: Advisory Council**

1. How many representatives of the designated State agency for Vocational Rehabilitation are members of the advisory council?	2
2. How many representatives of the designated State agency for Vocational Rehabilitation for individuals who are blind are members of the advisory council (when there is such a separate VR agency for individuals who are blind)?	1
3. How many representatives of a state Center for Independent Living are members of the advisory council?.	2
4. How many representatives of the State workforce development board established under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act are members of the advisory council?	1
5. How many representatives of the State educational agency are members of the advisory council?	1
6. How many additional representatives of other agencies and/or organizations are members of the advisory council?	1
<b>6.1 Description of additional representatives of other agencies and/or organizations are members of the advisory council.</b> A representative from Area Agencies on Aging, representing rural areas of Utah	
7. How many individuals with disabilities who use assistive technology or their family members or guardians are members of the advisory council?	10

#### **Advisory Council Calculation**

Description	Number
Individuals with disabilities that use AT or their family members or guardians on the advisory council	10
Total number of individuals on the advisory council	18
Percentage	55.56%

8. In accordance with section 4(c)(2) of the AT Act of 1998, as amended our state has a consumer-majority advisory council Yes that provides consumer-responsive, consumer-driven advice to the state for planning of, implementation of, and evaluation of the activities carried out through the grant, including setting measurable goals. This advisory council is geographically representative of the State and reflects the diversity of the State with respect to race, ethnicity, and types of disabilities across the age span, and users of types of services that an individual with a disability may receive.

## Module C: Actual Expenditures and Budgeted Allocations

## 1. Actual Expenditures Carryover Year Close-out

In the following table provide the actual expenditure data for the <u>closed-out carryover fiscal year AT grant award (liquidated the</u> <u>previous December 31)</u>. Please note, this data is for a specific year AT Act grant award amount, NOT any specific 12 month period of time as funds from a grant award can be obligated over more than that initial 12 month period.

For the State Plan submitted in the spring of 2022, you will report the closed-out grant award for FY19. The grant began 10/1/2018 with the first year ending on 9/30/2019, the first carryover year ended on 9/30/2020 and the second carryover year ended on 9/30/2021 with the 3 month liquidation period ending 12/31/2021.

Actual Expenditures for Closed-out Carryover Year Award	Final Expenditures	Percentage	Requirements
a. All State Level Activities	\$315,000.00	65.47%	The AT Act required state level expenditures to be at least 60% of grant award. If flexibility is claimed, at least 70% is required.
b. All State Leadership Activities	\$166,107.00	34.53%	
c. Total Expenditures	\$481,107.00		
d. Total Award	\$481,107.00		
e. Lapsed Amount	\$0.00	0.00%	
f. Transition Training & Technical Assistance Set Aside	\$9,500.00	5.72%	The AT Act requires at least 5% of state leadership expenditures to be spent on transition activities.

## Module C: Actual Expenditures and Budgeted Allocations (Continued...)

## 2. Actual YTD Expenditures and Budgeted Allocations for Preceding Year Award

In the following table provide year-to-date (YTD) obligated and liquidated expenditure data for the <u>preceding fiscal year AT grant</u> award along with planned budget allocations for the unobligated remainder of that award. Please note, this data is for a specific year AT Act grant award amount, NOT any specific 12 month period of time as funds from a grant award can be obligated over a 24 month period.

For the State Plan submitted in the spring of 2022, you will report the closed-out grant award for FY20. The grant began 10/1/2019 with the first year ending on 9/30/2020, the first carryover year ended on 9/30/2021 and the second carryover year ended on 9/30/2022 with the 3 month liquidation period ending 12/31/2022.

The total grant award for was \$495,441.00

Actual & Planned Immediate Preceding Year Award Expenditures	YTD Obligated not Liquidated Expenditures	YTD Liquidated Expenditures	Planned not yet Obligated Expenditures	Total
All State Level Activities	\$0.00	\$332,258.00	\$0.00	\$332,258.00
All State Leadership Activities	\$0.00	\$163,183.00	\$0.00	\$163,183.00
Total	\$0.00	\$495,441.00	\$0.00	\$495,441.00
Transition Training & Technical Assistance	\$0.00	\$10,200.00	\$0.00	\$10,200.00

## Module D: State Level Activity Summary

## 1. Which State Financing Activities do you conduct?

- Financial Loan
- Other State Financing that directly provides AT (telecommunications programs, etc.)

## 2. Which Reutilization Activities do you conduct?

- Device Exchange
- Device Reassignment or Open Ended Loan

**3. Do you conduct Short-term Device Loans?** Yes

**4. Do you conduct Device Demonstrations?** Yes

## **Module E: Financial Loan**

**1.** Select the <u>one option</u> that best describes who conducts this activity. Both the Statewide AT Program and other entities/contractors (Both)

**2.** Select the <u>one option</u> that best describes from where this activity is conducted. One central location (Central)

3. Do you charge a fee for this activity? (This fee is separate from and addition to the financial loan made.)  $\rm No$ 

4. Identify the types of collaborations you have in place to conduct this activity.

Banks/Financial Institution (select any/all)

- Have written agreement with this entity
- Provide financial support to this entity

Independent Living Center (select any/all)

Easter Seals (select any/all)

Disability/Assistive Technology Organizations (select any/all)

Federal Entities/Agencies (select any/all)

## Module E: Financial Loan (Continued...)

Local/Community Entities (select any/all)

#### Private Entities (select any/all)

#### Other (select any/all)

#### 5. This activity offers the following types of assistance. (select all that apply – at least one is required)

Identify all types of loans the Statewide AT Program offers, regardless of whether any loans of that type are currently outstanding.

- Loan guarantees
- Interest buy-downs
- Combined loan guarantee and interest buy-down

6. The lowest interest percentage for loans as established by the policies of the activity.	2.0000%
7. The highest interest percentage for loans as established by the policies of the activity.	2.0000%
8. The lowest loan amount (in dollars) provided as established by the policies of the activity.	\$1000.00
9. The highest loan amount (in dollars) provided as established by the policies of the activity.	\$50000.00

#### 10. Describe the activity.

Individuals with disabilities are either referred to or are already familiar with our program, as a result, they contact the program to find out how we can help them suit their needs. An evaluation if needed is performed by a qualified staff person to ensure the AT user is matched to the correct device.

11. The online page for this specific activity can be found at:

https://www.usu.edu/uatp/financing/index

## Module F: Other State Financing Activities that Directly Provides AT

## 1. Which of the following activity/activities are conducted? (select all that apply)

Identify all types of other state financing programs that directly provide AT that are conducted.

Last Resort Fund

**2.** Select the <u>one option</u> that best describes who conducts this activity/activities. The Statewide AT Program (State AT)

**3.** Select the <u>one option</u> that best describes from where this activity/activities is conducted. One central location (Central)

4. Do you charge a fee for this activity/activities? (select one)  $\rm No$ 

#### 5. Identify the types of collaborations you have in place to conduct this activity/activities.

Banks/Financial Institution (select any/all)

Independent Living Center (select any/all)

Easter Seals (select any/all)

Disability/Assistive Technology Organizations (select any/all)

Federal Entities/Agencies (select any/all)

- Have written agreement with this entity
- Receive financial support from this entity

## Module F: Other State Financing Activities that Directly Provides AT (Continued...)

Local/Community Entities (select any/all)

Private Entities (select any/all)

Other (select any/all)

#### 6. Describe the activity/activities.

We offer small grants of up to \$500 for Utahns with disabilities to purchase assistive technology devices. Grants are for Utahns with low income who are at or below 150% of federal poverty guidelines and have no other funding source.

7. The online page for this specific activity can be found at:

https://www.usu.edu/uatp/financing/small-grants

#### **Module H: Device Exchange**

1. Select the <u>one option</u> that best describes who conducts this activity.

The Statewide AT Program (State AT)

**2.** Select the <u>one option</u> that best describes from where this activity is conducted. A combination of a central location and regional sites (Combination)

**3. Do you charge a fee for this activity?** No

4. Identify the types of collaborations you have in place to conduct this activity.

Banks/Financial Institution (select any/all)

Independent Living Center (select any/all)

Easter Seals (select any/all)

Disability/Assistive Technology Organizations (select any/all)

Federal Entities/Agencies (select any/all)

## Module H: Device Exchange (Continued...)

Local/Community Entities (select any/all)

Private Entities (select any/all)

## Other (select any/all)

#### 5. Select the option that best describes what happens when a device is exchanged. (select all that apply)

• The transaction is direct consumer-to-consumer

#### 6. Describe the activity.

The Utah Assistive Technology Program provides an AT Classifieds utilizing AT for All platform to individuals and agencies in the community. We offer assistance in posting an item but only provide the platform as a third party in the device exchange process.

7. The online page for this specific activity https://ut.at4all.com can be found at:

## Module I: Device Refurbish and Reassignment and/or Open-ended Loan

**1. Select the <u>one option</u> that best describes who conducts this activity.** The Statewide AT Program (State AT)

**2.** Select the <u>one option</u> that best describes from where this activity is conducted. A combination of a central location and regional sites (Combination)

**3. Do you charge a fee for this activity?** Yes

4. Identify the types of collaborations you have in place to conduct this activity.

Banks/Financial Institution (select any/all)

Independent Living Center (select any/all)

Easter Seals (select any/all)

Disability/Assistive Technology Organizations (select any/all)

Federal Entities/Agencies (select any/all)

## Module I: Device Refurbish and Reassignment and/or Open-ended Loan (Continued...)

#### Local/Community Entities (select any/all)

#### Private Entities (select any/all)

#### Other (select any/all)

#### 5. Select the option(s) that describe how a reutilized device is provided to a recipient. (select all that apply)

• Device ownership is transferred to the recipient

#### 6. Describe the activity.

Individuals with disabilities are either referred to or are already familiar with our program, as a result, they contact the program to find out how we can help them suit their needs. An evaluation, if needed is performed by a qualified staff person to ensure the AT user is matched to the correct device.

7. The online page for this specific activity https://www.usu.edu/uatp/reuse/index can be found at:

## Module J: Device Loan

**1. Select the <u>one option</u> that best describes who conducts this activity.** The Statewide AT Program (State AT)

**2.** Select the <u>one option</u> that best describes from where this activity is conducted. Regional sites (Regional)

**3. Do you charge a fee for this activity?** No

4. Identify the types of collaborations you have in place to conduct this activity.

Banks/Financial Institution (select any/all)

Independent Living Center (select any/all)

Easter Seals (select any/all)

Disability/Assistive Technology Organizations (select any/all)

Federal Entities/Agencies (select any/all)

### Module J: Device Loan (Continued...)

Local/Community Entities (select any/all)

Private Entities (select any/all)

#### Other (select any/all)

5. Select the option that describes how the majority of devices loaned are delivered to and returned from a borrower. (select one)

The majority of devices are delivered or picked up in-person

#### 6. Describe the activity.

The Utah Assistive Technology Program (UATP) lending library contains AT individuals can loan out for up to 60 days to determine if a particular AT device will adequately meet their need(s) or to meet a short-term need. Agencies in the area that are familiar what the services that UATP provides, will refer individuals to acquire a device for a short-term loan. This free service reduces the struggle many people have to find a solution that works for them.

7. The online page for this specific activity https://www.usu.edu/uatp/demo-loan/index can be found at:

## **Module K: Device Demonstration**

## 1. Select the <u>one option</u> that best describes who conducts this activity.

The Statewide AT Program (State AT)

**2.** Select the <u>one option</u> that best describes from where this activity is conducted. A combination of a central location and regional sites (Combination)

**3. Do you charge a fee for this activity?** No

#### 4. Identify the types of collaborations you have in place to conduct this activity.

Banks/Financial Institution (select any/all)

Independent Living Center (select any/all)

Easter Seals (select any/all)

Disability/Assistive Technology Organizations (select any/all)

Federal Entities/Agencies (select any/all)

## Module K: Device Demonstration (Continued...)

Local/Community Entities (select any/all)

Private Entities (select any/all)

Other (select any/all)

#### 5. Describe the activity.

The Utah Assistive Technology Program provides device demonstrations for individuals who are blind or visually impaired, deaf or hard of hearing, individuals with motor disabilities, individuals with communication disorders, and family members of individuals with disabilities. For blind individuals, device demonstration includes screen reading software such as JAWS or Voice Over and notetaking devices such as BrailleNote, and magnification devices such as CCTVs and portable video magnifiers. For individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, device demonstrations include FM systems and various daily living aids for the home, which include smart home devices. For individuals with motor disabilities, device demonstrations include switches, voice-assisted systems such as Amazon Alexa and Google Home for daily living, and mobility devices like wheelchairs and scooters. For family members, we address their demonstration requests based on individual needs.

6. The online page for this specific activity https://www.usu.edu/uatp/demo-loan/library can be found at:

## **Module L: Training**

## 1. Identify the types of collaborations you have in place to conduct this activity.

Banks/Financial Institution (select any/all)

Independent Living Center (select any/all)

Easter Seals (select any/all)

Disability/Assistive Technology Organizations (select any/all)

Federal Entities/Agencies (select any/all)

### Module L: Training (Continued...)

Local/Community Entities (select any/all)

Private Entities (select any/all)

Other (select any/all)

2. Provide a short description of at least one and no more than three planned training activities. One of the activities described must be planned Information and Communication Technology (ICT) accessibility training that will provide the required ICT Training performance measures. If the Statewide AT Program is meeting the transition requirements of the AT Act through training, please describe that planned activity. If the Statewide AT Program sponsors or co-sponsors a statewide conference please include that event as one you describe.

#### Planned ICT Accessibility Training (required)

The Utah Assistive Technology Program provides ICT training by collaborating with WEB Aim located at Utah State University in Logan Utah.

Planned Transition Training or Other Training Activity (optional)

Planned Statewide Conference or Other Training Activity (optional)

**3.** The online page for this specific activity https://www.usu.edu/uatp/resources/information-technology can be found at:

## Module M: Technical Assistance

## 1. Identify the types of collaborations you have in place to conduct this activity.

Banks/Financial Institution (select any/all)

Independent Living Center (select any/all)

Easter Seals (select any/all)

Disability/Assistive Technology Organizations (select any/all)

Federal Entities/Agencies (select any/all)

### Module M: Technical Assistance (Continued...)

### Local/Community Entities (select any/all)

**Private Entities (select any/all)** 

Other (select any/all)

# 2. Provide a short description of at least one and no more than two planned technical assistance activities. If the Statewide AT Program is meeting the transition requirements of the AT Act through technical assistance, please describe that planned activity.

#### Planned Transition Technical Assistance or Other Technical Assistance Activity (required)

The Utah Assistive Technology Program provides transition technical assistance at the regional site in the Uintah Basin and the central site in Logan. Statewide technical assistance takes place from a central location in Logan.

#### Planned Other Technical Assistance Activity (optional)

The Utah Assistive Technology Program provides technical assistance to agencies located near each of the regional and central sites in Logan, Salt Lake City, and the Uintah Basin. Statewide technical assistance takes place from a central location in Logan.

## **Module N: Public Awareness**

## 1. Identify the types of collaborations you have in place to conduct this activity.

Banks/Financial Institution (select any/all)

Independent Living Center (select any/all)

Easter Seals (select any/all)

Disability/Assistive Technology Organizations (select any/all)

Federal Entities/Agencies (select any/all)

## Module N: Public Awareness (Continued...)

Local/Community Entities (select any/all)

Private Entities (select any/all)

Other (select any/all)

2. Provide a short description of at least one and no more than two planned major public awareness activities. If the Statewide AT Program conducts a major ongoing public awareness activity such as an annual AT awareness day with a Governor's Proclamation, please include that activity.

#### Major Annual Planned or Other Public Awareness Activity (required)

The Utah Assistive Technology Program provides public awareness at each of the regional and central sites located in Logan, Salt Lake City, and the Uintah Basin. Statewide public awareness is disseminated from the central location in Logan.

#### Planned Other Public Awareness Activity (optional)

## Module O: Information and Assistance

## 1. Identify the types of collaborations you have in place to conduct this activity.

Banks/Financial Institution (select any/all)

Independent Living Center (select any/all)

Easter Seals (select any/all)

Disability/Assistive Technology Organizations (select any/all)

Federal Entities/Agencies (select any/all)

## Module O: Information and Assistance (Continued...)

Local/Community Entities (select any/all)

Private Entities (select any/all)

## Other (select any/all)

#### 2. Describe the activity

The Utah Assistive Technology Program provides information & assistance at each of the regional sites and the central location. The sites are in Logan, Salt Lake City, and the Uintah Basin. The central location utilizes a toll-free number and provides statewide I & A.

#### **Assurances and Measurable Goals**

Section 4(d) of the AT Act prescribes the duties of the Lead Agency receiving a grant under section 4 of the AT Act and requires the State to provide a number of assurances in its application for funds. 34 CFR part 76 also requires that any State Plan include certain assurances. The Statewide AT Program certifying representative will attest to these assurances and other requirements below and by submitting the State Plan, will affirm that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief all information provided in the State Plan is true and correct and the State Plan fully discloses all known weaknesses concerning the accuracy, reliability, and completeness of the information.

#### Assurances

As the Certifying Representative of the Lead Agency for the State of , I hereby assure the following:

- 1. The Lead Agency prepared and submitted this State Plan on behalf of the State of Utah.
- 2. The Lead Agency submitting this plan is the State agency that is eligible to submit this plan and if an Implementing Entity is identified it is designated to implement the required AT Act activities.
- 3. The State agency has authority under State law to perform the functions of the State under this program.
- 4. The State legally may carry out each provision of this plan.
- 5. All provisions of this plan are consistent with State law.
- 6. A State officer, specified by title in this certification, has authority under State law to receive, hold, and disburse Federal funds made available under the plan.
- 7. The State officer who submits this plan, specified by title in this certification, has authority to submit this plan.
- 8. The agency that submits this plan has adopted or otherwise formally approved this plan.
- 9. The plan is the basis for State operation and administration of the program.
- 10. The Lead Agency will maintain and evaluate the program under this State Plan.
- 11. The State will annually collect data related to the required activities implemented by the State under this section in order to prepare the progress reports required under subsection 4(f) of the Act.
- 12. The Lead Agency will submit the annual progress report on behalf of the State.
- 13. The State will prepare reports to the Secretary in such form and containing such information as the Secretary may require to carry out the Secretary's functions under this Act and keep such records and allow access to such records as the Secretary may require to ensure the correctness and verification of information provided to the Secretary.
- 14. The Lead Agency will control and administer the funds received through the grant.
- 15. The Lead Agency will make programmatic and resource allocation decisions necessary to implement the State Plan.
- 16. Funds received through the grant will be expended in accordance with Section 4 of the Act, and will be used to supplement, and not supplant, funds available from other sources for technology-related assistance, including the provision of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services.
- 17. The Lead Agency will ensure conformance with all applicable Federal and State accounting requirements.
- 18. The State will adopt such fiscal control and accounting procedures as may be necessary to ensure proper disbursement of and accounting for the funds received through the grant.
- 19. Funds made available through a grant to a State under this Act will not be used for direct payment for an assistive technology device for an individual with a disability.
- 20. A public agency or an individual with a disability holds title to any property purchased with funds received under the grant and administers that property.
- 21. The physical facility of the Lead Agency and Implementing Entity, if any, meets the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) regarding accessibility for individuals with disabilities. Section 4(d)(6)(E)
- 22. Activities carried out in the State that are authorized under this Act, and supported by Federal funds received under this Act, will comply with the standards established by the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (20 U.S.C. 794d). Section 4(d)(6)(G)
- 23. The Lead Agency will coordinate the activities of the State Plan among public and private entities, including coordinating efforts related to entering into interagency agreements.
- 24. The Lead Agency will coordinate efforts related to the active, timely, and meaningful participation by individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, advocates, or authorized representatives, and other appropriate individuals, with respect to activities carried out through the grant.

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