

The Nevada Assistive Technology Collaborative (NATC)

The **Nevada Assistive Technology Collaborative (NATC)** is supported through the Administration on Community Living (ACL) grants under the Assistive Technology Act of 1998 as amended. Current grants 2001NVATSG (2020) & 2101NVATSG (2021).

Assistive Technology Resource Centers

Current funding for FFY 2022
\$217,000

Supplemental resources proposed
\$119,900

Rationale:

The funding resulted from unused resources during Covid. Positions could not be filled due to a hiring freeze and a location could not be secured in southern Nevada. Also includes \$20,000 of funding that is earmarked for maintaining and updated and relevant Assistive Technology inventory.

Additional considerations:

At this point the NATC does not have an additional year of authority for the 2021 funding. However, it does appear that we may. An additional year of authority would give much needed flexibility for the NATC to hire and maintain much needed staff for over a longer period of time. Concern is that if there is not additional authority that funding may have to be obligated to other planned activities. Discussion about supporting additional funding for a statewide public awareness campaign. Ongoing base funding for reuse statewide in 2023 would be approximately \$232,190 based on projection.

Reutilization - Device reuse and open-ended device loans

Current funding for FFY 2022
\$30,000

Supplemental resources proposed
\$54,000

Rationale:

The funding is a combination of planned resources for Reuse in southern Nevada with an additional 20% increase made possible due to state indirect being eliminated for this federal award as well as unused funding from the prior year.

Additional considerations:

The NATCs plan was, and remains, to support Reuse in southern Nevada. There was not response to the funding 3 years ago. When CARE Chest confirmed plans to expand their services there is little to do but add the resources. Ongoing base funding for reuse statewide in 2023 would be approximately \$74,900 based on projection.

State Financing - Assistive Technology for Independent Living program (A T/IL)

Current funding for FFY 2022
\$78,000

Supplemental resources proposed
\$8,000

Rationale:

The funding is a combination of an additional 10% increase made possible due to state indirect being eliminated for this federal award as well as unused funding from the prior year.

Additional consideration:

Ongoing base funding for reuse statewide in 2023 would be approximately \$68,480 based on projection.

Nevada Assistive Technology Collaborative – Statewide Public Awareness

Current funding for FFY 2022
\$0

Supplemental resources proposed through CARE Chest
\$27,000

Rationale:

We need to exposure about what the NATC. Would be promotion of NATC statewide. All Services Reuse, AT/IL, ATRCs, and CARE Loan.

Additional consideration:

Ideas include:

- Look at radio opportunities for organizations that can be discounted.
- Videos of consumers and their stories.
- Videos highlighting services. Example: Demonstration video of daily living aids from getting out of bed and through all daily living tasks.
- Podcasts.
- Hiring consumers to attend and promote at events or gatherings.
- Hire a marketing agency/consultant.

There is not ongoing funding.