

Examples of Assistive Technology (AT)

Listed below are some general examples of assistive technology. This is not an inclusive list, for more information contact [MonTECH](#).

Aids for Daily Living:

- easy grip silverware
- talking pitchers, scales, and clocks
- door handle extensions for easier gripping
- big button remotes
- large print clocks and timers

Home Modifications:

- wheel chair ramp for access in and out of the home
- a stair lift
- remodeling a bathroom for easier access in and out of the shower
- widening hallways, or door ways

Prosthetics/Orthotics:

- artificial limbs
- knee braces
- elbow supports
- protective facemasks
- halo collars
- ankle, foot or leg braces
- spinal and neck braces

Communication Devices:

- TTY service
- big button phones
- video phones
- picture phones
- talking caller id
- a push button device that answers yes or no questions
- iPad apps that can communicate through symbols or pictures, or text.
- eye-gaze communication system

Switches/Input:

- switch activated doors
- televisions
- game controllers

- any devices that would be made easier with the attachment of a switch.

Worksite Modification:

- accessible doors
- hallways
- a raised desk,
- computer access aids

Vehicles and Vehicle Modification:

- a vehicle that is deemed accessible for the purpose of transportation
- a ramp attached to the vehicle
- doors that open by remote
- modified steering and transmission controls

Computer Adaptations:

- different mice depending on the gripping needs
- wrist, arm or foot support
- voice command software like Dragon Naturally Speaking
- large print keyboards, or other ergonomic keyboards

Vision Aids:

- large button remotes
- clocks
- calculators
- talking clocks or calculators
- writing, signature and other guides
- magnifiers
- scanners
- readers

Durable Medical Equipment:

- any medical equipment that is used in the home to aid in a better quality of living
- iron lungs
- oxygen tents
- nebulizers
- CPAP
- catheters
- hospital beds
- wheelchairs

Hearing Devices:

- audio amplifiers
- head sets
- hearing aids

Environmental Control:

- switch or voice activated devices to control ones lights, bed positions, television, door, music, thermostat and so on.

Farm Machinery Adaptations:

- steering knobs
- seat lifts
- steps
- ramps
- adapted controls to accommodate different disabilities

Mobility:

- wheelchairs
- walkers
- scooters
- standers

Recreation/Leisure:

- adapted skis to accommodate different disabilities
- adapted cycles (tricycles, hand bikes, etc.)
- adapted boats
- gun mounts

FAQ

What can I use the money to purchase?

The money can be used to purchase any assistive technology devices, from home and vehicle modifications to daily living aids. For more examples of what is available to purchase please view our Examples of Assistive Technology page or contact MonTECH for assistance.

Who makes the loan?

Rural Dynamics Inc (RDI), among many of their on going programs is also a CDFI which allows them to make loans. MonTECH and RDI have partnered to create the MATL program in such a way that allows persons with disabilities to get loans when a normal financial institution would not approve their loan.

I've never received a loan before, so I have no credit history. Will this affect my ability to get a loan?

No. The MATL Advisory committee and RDI will work with applicants without a credit history. Individuals without a credit history may be encouraged to participate in a credit counseling session and set up a budget plan prior to a decision on their loan application.

How much will it cost to get a loan through MATL?

In efforts to keep the loan program going beyond the initial funding year, a \$50 loan fee will be added to the amount borrowed upon loan closure.

How much can I borrow?

Loan amounts will typically be made between \$500 and no more than \$50,000. The MATL financial loan committee may agree to provide loans for more or less than those amounts on a case-by-case basis.

What is the interest rate on the loans?

The interest rate may fluctuate at times, but is set to be affordable for middle to low income families. We do not set competitive rates, but we do set reasonable rates that are lower than a normal financial institution. All interest rates are approved by the MATL Advisory Committee.