

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD - DISABILITY NETWORK DIRECTORY

Financial Loans / Grants for Accessibility

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Independence Now – Home and Vehicle Modifications / Assistive Technology Program

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This program assists people with disabilities to continue living independently by funding accessibility modifications to their homes or acquire a piece of equipment to increase, maintain or improve their functional capabilities. Home modifications include: entry and exit from the home (door widening, ramp or lift, door handles and locks, and porch and/or stair railings); access to bathroom facilities; grab bars, modified sinks and toilets, equipment designed to ease the use of showers or bathtubs; and access within the residence (stair lifts, equipment to assist with performing every day activities). Vehicle modifications include removable aids such as hand controls, spinner knobs, wheelchair lifts, and pedal extenders. The vehicles must be owned by the consumer or the consumer's family and meet safety standards, once modified. Approval requires documentation such as State Inspection Certificates, prescriptions or evaluation reports, and/or documentation from MVA's Review Board, and consumer's valid driver's license listing modifications. Assistive Technology services include aids for daily living (equipment for safety in the kitchen, bathroom, laundry, bedroom, etc.); environmental control units; augmentative and alternative communication; and hearing aids and other devices that Medicaid or other insurers will not provide. Can also provide information about a variety of independent living equipment and a list of possible vendors. Serve Montgomery and Prince George's Counties. Modifications and Assistive Technology are provided to a consumer no more frequently than once every two years. There is a funding limit of \$7,500 per request. Consumers are required to contribute 20% of the cost. Proof of income is required to determine eligibility.

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Assistive Technology Loan Program helps Maryland residents with disabilities and their families qualify for low-interest loans to buy equipment that will help them live, work, and learn more independently. Assistive technology includes home modifications, adapted vehicles, scooters and wheelchairs, Braille equipment, hearing and vision aids, augmentative communication devices, environmental control units, computers and adaptive peripherals, and many other devices. Contact the program to get an application. **MDTAP Assistive Technology Library:** Free library available to Marylanders with disabilities, their families, and professionals and educators who work with people with disabilities. You can make an appointment to meet with one of our assistive technology specialists for hands-on demonstrations of devices, or you can borrow devices from our library. Items are generally on loan for 1 to 4 weeks. **WorkABILITY Loan Program** helps Maryland residents with disabilities qualify for low interest loans to buy equipment to support employment, work from home or start small businesses. Equipment includes computers, printers, and related peripherals; software; office machines (e.g. fax machines, scanners, calculators); office furniture, job-related machinery; home and/or home office modifications for accessibility; and assistive technology (any device that enables an individual with a disability to live or work more independently.)