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**CNMI Council On Developmental Disabilities**  
**Assistive Technology Program**



**ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CITIZENS OF THE CNMI**

**FISCAL YEAR 2024**

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**CDD MISSION:**

It is the mission of the CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities to bring about necessary systemic change in order to promote the lives of persons with developmental disabilities. This will assure that the service network is providing persons with developmental disabilities the programs necessary to enable them to achieve their maximum potential.



**ATP MISSION:**

To provide and demonstrate how Assistive Technology can transform limitations into opportunities. We work toward this mission by providing access to Assistive Technology and related services that enable individuals with disabilities to achieve productivity, independence, and success according to their needs and interests.

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# PERFORMANCE

**CDD GOAL 1: SELF ADVOCACY  
(LEADERSHIP AND ADVOCACY)**

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**CDD GOAL 2: COMMUNITY SERVICE  
IMPROVEMENT**

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**ATP GOALS:**

- Establish a lease-to-own program
- Provide Website Accessibility Training
- Collaborate with Transition Training
- Work with DD Network Trainings (Academy Trainings)
- Continue to provide Technical Assistance
- Participate in Partner Conferences



**TOTAL OUTREACH EVENTS**

**17**

**TOTAL PARTICIPANTS**

**1189**



**TOTAL TRAINING EVENTS**

**44**

**TOTAL PARTICIPANTS**

**1410**





# FINANCIAL

## FUNDING SOURCE:

The CNMI CDD receives a federal formula grant from the Administration on Community Living under Title I, Subtitle B of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000. All funds are subject to the requirements of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principle and Audit Requirements for HHS Awards under 45 CFR Part 75.



## FY 2024 Administrative Part A

Balance,  
\$2,287.15

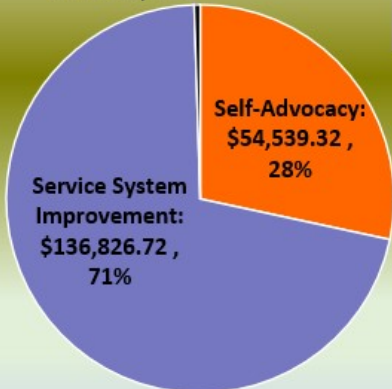


Part A Total:  
\$82,423.00

- Spent  
\$80,135.85
- Balance  
\$2,287.15

## FY 2024 Administrative Part B

Balance:  
\$954.96 , 1%



Part B Total:  
\$192,321.00

- Self-Advocacy 28.5%  
\$54,539.32
- Service System Improvement 71.5%  
\$136,826.7
- Balance  
\$954.96



The CNMI CDD funds used primarily for two purposes: (1) planning and (2) implementation of innovative strategies to address the needs of CNMI residents with DD.



# OUTLOOK

## KEY PRIORITIES:



- Continue discussion with Partners on the steps needed to know ‘where’ do we begin and learn the ‘how’ to build a HCBS system to support the choice of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live in the least restrictive environment. Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waivers provide for an expanded scope of Medicaid services to targeted population. HCBS Waivers also provide an expanded coverage of existing services to target populations who might otherwise be ineligible for Medicaid by “waiving” certain income and resources rules.
- Finalize the restructuring of the CNMI Respite Program under the Division of Youth Services. The program will provide family caregivers the much needed temporary or long-term relief, where a professional caregiver takes over the care of their loved one.
- Establish with Partners the systems and processes needed to implement the Disability Innovation Fund Grant (DIF). The five-year grant focuses on preparing individuals for competitive, integrated employment, enabling youth and adults with disabilities to be paid equal wages while gaining employment in today’s most in-demand fields.
- Continue with the Disability Network Partners, and government agencies to plan and develop strategies for the establishment of a central repository for disability-related data housing. The Council and its partners in the Disability Network understand the urgency and importance of the appropriate collection of disability-related data and how such data will allow for better policies and program development that will improve the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities and cross-disabilities residing in the CNMI.



## CHALLENGES:

- Identification of funds for the establishment of a Lease-to-own program for Assistive Technology. This would afford individuals with disabilities who either cannot obtain conventional loans or have insurance coverage, options in acquiring needed AT equipment/devices.

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