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CNMI Council On Developmental Disabilities

Assistive Technology Program



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CITIZEN CENTRIC REPORT FY 2026



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CDD MISSION:



To promote systems change so people with developmental disabilities have the programs, services, and supports needed to live self-directed lives and reach their potential.

CDD STATE PLAN GOALS:

Goal 1: Self-Advocacy – Leadership & Advocacy

Goal 2: Community Services Improvement



ATP MISSION:

To increase access to assistive technology devices and services that support independence, participation, productivity, and success for individuals with disabilities.

ATP GOALS:



- Establish a lease-to-own program
- Provide Website Accessibility Training
- Collaborate with Transition Trainings
- Work with DD Network Trainings (Academies)
- Continue providing Technical Assistance

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Overall Impact:

During FY 2026, CDD and ATP continued providing training, public awareness, and interagency coordination. Following Super Typhoon Sinlaku in April 2026 and subsequent storms, significant staff time and resources were redirected toward disaster response and recovery, including coordinating and distributing donated durable medical equipment (DME) through Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC). These ongoing recovery efforts affected the completion of some planned activities. CDD and ATP continue to manage FODAC equipment distribution and assist individuals with disabilities and their families in addressing disaster-related needs.

TOTAL OUTREACH EVENTS PARTICIPATED: 6**TOTAL PARTICIPANTS: 409****TOTAL TRAINING EVENTS PARTICIPATED: 23****TOTAL PARTICIPANTS: 711****Collaborative Trainings Provided:**

Integrating Access & Functional Needs in Emergency Management (G-197)
 Matching Person with Technology (TechPIECS)
 DFEMS Professional Development (AT Demo)
 American Sign Language Basics
 Guam Deaf Academy Coalition Building
 Northern Marianas College Professional Development
 Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month Conference
 Introduction to Braille
 Assistive Technology Training for Healthcare Workers
 Pathways & Possibilities Training (TechPIECS)
 Social Security & Employment: Work Incentive Training
 Assistive Technology Demonstration (TechPIECS)



CDD FUNDING SOURCE:

The CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities is established under CNMI P.L. 12-10 and U.S. Public law 106-402). Our Council is federally funded, self-governing organization charged with identifying the most pressing needs of people with developmental disabilities in our territory. Councils are committed to advancing public policy and systems change that help these individuals gain more control over their lives.



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Project 10/1/2024 – 9/30/2026

1. Notice of Partial Award Received – October 25, 2024
\$60,820.00
2. Notice of Partial Award Received – January 14, 2025
\$63,068.00
3. Notice of Partial Award Received – May 13, 2025
\$36,686.00

Total Award: \$274,088.00

Due to US Government Continuing Resolution the Council received the partial notice of awards above.

Fiscal Year 2026

Reporting Period: 10/1/24-9/30/26

Federal Share of Expenditure: \$240,472.81

Federal Share of Unliquidated Obligations: \$28,639.88

Unobligated Balance of Federal Funds: \$4,975.31

(=Total Federal Fiscal Year Award–Federal Share of Expenditures–Federal Share of unliquidated obligations)

ATP FUNDING SOURCE:

The Office of Interagency Innovation within ACL's Center for Innovation and Partnership oversees the State Grant for Assistive Technology Program and the Assistive Technology National Activities funded under the Assistive Technology Act (AT Act of 2004). The State Grant for Assistive Technology Program is a federal formula grant that supports state efforts to improve the provision of assistive technology to individuals with disabilities of all ages through comprehensive, statewide programs that are consumer responsive. The State Grant for Assistive Technology Program makes assistive technology devices and services more available and accessible to individuals with disabilities and their families.



FY 2026 ATP FUNDING

\$125,807



KEY PRIORITIES:

2027–2031 State Plan

The Council advanced planning for its next five-year State Plan, including goals for self-advocacy leadership and community services improvement. In March 2026, Council members approved proposed goals and objectives for public hearing.

Emergency Preparedness and Recovery

Continue coordinating with FODAC and partners to address unmet DME requests and support recovery from Sinlaku. Improve disability-inclusive emergency communication, access to assistive technology, and coordination with first responders and community agencies.

Self-Advocacy, Employment, and Technology

Support VOICES and peer leadership, strengthen transition and employment pathways through Tech PIECS, and expand access to AT training, demonstrations, and practical information for people with disabilities and their families.



CHALLENGES & LESSONS LEARNED:

Super Typhoon Sinlaku changed the Council's operating priorities for a number of months. CDD/ATP redirected significant staff time and resources to recovery, referrals, collaborations and FODAC DME assistance. As a result, some planned FY 2026 activities were delayed or modified to incorporate the Councils and Program's goals. The experience reinforced the need for flexible planning, reliable equipment access, updating of advocates training on emergency preparedness, and stronger disaster partnerships, especially as it relates to people with IDD/DD.

NEXT STEPS:

- ◆ Completion of remaining equipment requests, delivery arrangements, and referral follow-up with FODAC and partners.
- ◆ Resume or reschedule deferred activities based on community needs and available capacity.
- ◆ Finalize State Plan milestones and use public feedback to guide future priorities.



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"But what is an ocean but a multitude of drops"