

Funding Resource for Assistive Technology

OkAT Assistive Technology Grant

Oklahoma Assistive Technology Foundation (OkAT), a non-profit organization, may provide individual grants up to \$750.00 to Oklahoma farming families impacted by disability issues who need an assistive or adaptive device to live with increased independence, work, or participate in valued leisure activities.

What is the AgrAbility Client Services Program?

The AgrAbility Client Services Program is provided through OkAT and provides Assistive Technology to Oklahoma's farmers or ranchers with a disability that have limited means and little or no access to any other public funding source.

Who is eligible?

- A farmer or rancher that is a resident of the State of Oklahoma
- Living on or working on an Oklahoma farm with limited resources
- Have, or be regarded as having, a disability
- Limited or no access to other funding sources
- Demonstrated need for the requested assistive technology device
- Willing to work with an AgrAbility case manager to advocate, leverage and seek all available community funding sources (Services of the AgrAbility case manager are provided at no charge)

How do I apply for AgrAbility Client Services?

- Applicants will receive application packets from Oklahoma AgrAbility. Contact them by phone at 888-885-5588.
- Application packets will include a release of information, all forms and documentation necessary to apply.
- The applicant must provide a completed application packet to the AgrAbility Program Manager as well as the most recent tax return, proof of disability, or other documentation needed to present a fair and accurate picture of the applicant.



An aneurysm and stroke led to mobility issues for Don, and made it hard to complete everyday tasks for his southern Oklahoma cattle operation. With the assistance of the OkAT Assistive Technology Grant and a local fabricator, Don was able to purchase a tractor lift, which helps him mount and dismount his tractor safely. It allows him to transfer directly from his seat or platform into the tractor seat.

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What is assistive technology?

Assistive Technology is any item, product or piece of equipment that is used to maintain or improve functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities. There must be a demonstrable connection between the end user's disability and the need for the equipment.

What kind of devices are available?

Farming is traditionally a high labor-intensive profession that involves physically demanding work. Farming tasks that can be physically demanding include:

- handling livestock
- climbing grain bins and silos
- operating heavy equipment
- moving bulky supplies and materials

Today's farmer can use automated technology solutions for these labor-intensive processes. Assistive technology for farming operations that Client Services can include, but is not limited to:

- electronics
- monitoring systems
- hydraulics
- computerization
- motorized lifts
- outdoor mobility aids
- modifications to farm buildings
- farm tools
- modifications to the farm house
- modifications for farm machinery
- prosthetic and worksite adaptations
- automated gates

How do I receive payment from OkAT?

OkAT will disburse the exact amount of the needed assistive technology item(s) or service(s) up to \$750 to the vendor(s) of the assistive technology service or item.

Do the funds provided by OkAT ever run out?

The ability to provide assistive technology Client Services is determined by the availability of OkAT funding for the purpose of providing assistive technology to Oklahoma farm families with disabilities. The money is not government funded and is provided through donations.

Does AgrAbility help their applicants find other funding sources?

AgrAbility professionals can make referrals to funding sources appropriate to your specific need and use. The Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services may be one option to assist you. Eligibility is determined on a case by case basis. Another funding option is the Oklahoma Assistive Technology Foundation which assists people with disabilities purchase needed assistive technology through low interest cash loans. There is an application process with eligibility requirements for both of these funding sources.

For More Information Contact
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About Oklahoma AgrAbility

Oklahoma AgrAbility connects farmers and ranchers with disabilities to resources that may help provide continued success in their enterprise, operation and daily life activities. AgrAbility strives to provide education, assistance and support to those in need.

Contact Oklahoma AgrAbility

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