

Funding Resources for Assistive Technology

OkAT Assistive Technology Grant

What is OkAT?

Oklahoma Assistive Technology Foundation (OkAT) is a non-profit organization that 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 assistive technology?

Assistive technology for people who live in farming communities includes any kind of device, modification or service that will help a person with a disability work and live more independently in the rural setting.

Specifically, an assistive technology device is any item or piece of equipment used to maintain or improve the functional capabilities of people with disabilities, allowing them to function independently in any setting including recreation, education, employment and daily living.

Who is eligible?

Oklahoma residents with a disability who are in need of an accommodation, who are currently working in agriculture or who have a desire to work in agriculture are eligible. AgrAbility can visit your farm to help determine your technology needs through on-site assessments. They can also provide information about safety, equipment loans, available funding opportunities and assistive technology.

What kind of devices are available?

Farming is traditionally a highly 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, creating solutions that make work easier for people with disabilities. Assistive technology for farming operations can include, but is not limited to:

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



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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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.

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 funds provided by OkAT ever run out?

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

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 and 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 depiction of the applicant.

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A Guide to Solving the Funding Puzzle and Receiving Assistive Technology in Oklahoma
Contact Oklahoma AgrAbility at 888-885-5588 for additional information.



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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