

September 20, 2023

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission P.O. Box 3265 Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

#### DATE OF DEPOSIT

OCT 1 7 2023

#### RE: Docket Number M-2023-3037443

PA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION SECRETARY'S BUREAU

2022 Annual Legislative Report to the General Assembly

• Telecommunication Devices Distribution Program (TDDP)

Dear Ms. Chiavetta:

Attached is the information requested by the Pennsylvania Utility Commission (PUC) from the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) for inclusion in the Annual Report to the Governor and Pennsylvania Legislature.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Rebecca Gardner at <u>rebgardner@pa.gov</u> or(814) 533-9052.

Sincerely

Ryan Hyde, M.Ed., CRC Executive Director PA Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

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Attachments: Temple University TDDP Annual Report 2022-2023

Cc: Kim Singleton, Temple University TDDP Sandy McNally, Temple University TDDP Melissa Derr, PUC Jill Moriconi, HGAC Jeff Cushey, BCO File

Proposed after P	,	request	
\$	277,182	\$ 295,264	
\$	13,238	\$ 74,753	
\$	370	\$ 838	
\$ ·	32,500		rolled into personnel
\$	8,500	\$ 8,500	
\$	8,700	\$ 8,700	
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\$	85,000	\$ 46,500	
\$	512,853	\$ 512,853	finalized on 3-3-23

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Proposed TDDP Budget 2023-202	24 22-	23 Budget	Rationale, if necessary
Personnel	\$	277,182	
Fringe Benefits 27.2%	\$	13,238	
Fringe Benefits (Grad) 4.1%	\$	370	\$290,790 total staffing
Grad Student Worker			follow up/data entry/gen. support
CILNCPA	\$	8,500	
CRI	\$	8,700	
LVCIL	\$	7,000	
LIFT	\$	7,000	
CLASS	\$	7,300	
TRPIL	\$	7,000	-
UCPCPA	\$	9,000	
UCPNEPA	\$	7,500	\$62,000 total subcontractor
Domestic Travel	\$	2,000	mileage for con ed/outreach
Travel	\$	8,000	4 people
Training on use of devices	\$	-	
Dues-Subscriptions	\$	1,000	TEDPA/Walk4Hearing/other events
Conference Registration	\$	500	TEDPA
Supplies	\$	3,500	office supplies/swag
Computer Software/Telecom	\$	350	
Consultants	\$	6,250	Inspiritec, translations, mtg accom
Duplicating-Printing	\$	3,300	application packets
Advertising	\$	1,000	for outreach
Postage	\$	3,463	increase postage costs
Demo/Loan Equipment	\$	10,000	updated Wireless demo equip

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Year IV Budget Narrative

#### TEMPLE UNIVERSITY TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICE DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

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STAFF CATEGORY	
SALARIES	JUSTIFICATION
Executive Director @ 2% effort	Dr. Sally Gould-Taylor devotes her time to the overall coordination of the Institute's research and evaluation agenda including development of the logic model and the collection of quantitative and qualitative data related to the conduct of all program operations.
Sr. Director of AT @ 15% effort	Kim Singleton is directly responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Telecommunication Device Distribution Program activities at the Institute on Disabilities. She
DATE OF DEPOSIT	supervises and coordinates the activities of other staff members who work with the project. She interacts with the Department of Labor and Industry, Office of Vocational
OCT 1 7 2023	Rehabilitation, regarding daily operations. Ms. Singleton works with the Assistant Director, Program Manager and
PA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION SECRETARY'S BUREAU	other project staff to oversee the development and implementation of policies and procedures. She is responsible for program reports.
Assistant Director of AT @ 30% effort	Sandra McNally performs administrative tasks, including overseeing review and implementation of program operational policies and procedures and finalization of reports. Ms. McNally is the primary supervisor for the Program Manager and the Consumer Educator.
Project Coordinator @ 25% effort	Stacy Phillips provides technical assistance regarding deafness and hearing loss for TDDP consumers.
TDDP Program Manager @ 90% effort	Laura Grassia responds to program inquiries, reviews applications, follows up to obtain missing information, determines eligibility, enters data, corresponds with consumers regarding status of their application, disseminates satisfaction surveys and prepares invoices and payment for equipment orders, reviews final applications for completeness, disseminates satisfaction surveys, tracks spending, drafts budgets, prepares reports, approves invoices.
Consumer Outreach @ 15% effort	Jule Ann Lieberman fields telephone and email inquiries and disseminates information to Pennsylvanians with disabilities regarding the Telecommunication Device Distribution Program.

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Project Coordinator @ 20% effort	Caitlin McKenney coordinates and manages used equipment programs.
Sr. AT Health Coordinator @ 60% effort	Tom Diagostino develops and coordinates outreach activities statewide for TDDP.
Project Coordinator @ 100% effort	Isabel Kaufman to assist TDDP program manager on day- to-day activities.
AT Office Manager @ 40% effort	Yvette Barker-Bolden provides administrative and logistical coordinator for the project.
Webmaster @ 15% effort	Amy Letson provides periodic updates to and assures accessibility of the website.
Graphic Designer @ 10% effort	Virginia DiLello assists in the coordination of Institute core functions relating to outreach and information dissemination. She develops all the Institute's print publication materials, designs graphic identities for Institute programs and activities, and assists the Dissemination Manager in assuring accessibility of all print-based and electronic text materials.
Dissemination Coordinator @ 15% effor	tSusan Fullam is responsible for coordinating the Institute's outreach and information dissemination activities.
Associate Director of Finance @ 10% effort	Timothy Funk is supported 10% FTE to prepare budgets and fiscal reports, process subcontracts and invoices, coordinate program expenditures with University Grants Management, and other administrative activities related to the budgetary and fiscal management of the project.
Graduate Student @100% effort	Camryn Direso will learn from and assist the TDDP program manager in all aspects of the program.
BENEFITS	
Executive Director @ 27.2%	Fringe benefits are calculated at 27.2% for full time staff members. Rates are in accordance with OMB Uniform Guidance.
Sr. Director of AT @ 27.2%	Fringe benefits are calculated at 27.2% for full time staff members. Rates are in accordance with OMB Uniform Guidance.
Assistant Director of AT @ 27.2%	Fringe benefits are calculated at 27.2% for full time staff members. Rates are in accordance with OMB Uniform Guidance.
Project Coordinator @ 27.2%	Fringe benefits are calculated at 27.2% for full time staff members. Rates are in accordance with OMB Uniform Guidance.

Project Coordinator @ 25%	Fringe benefits are calculated at 27.2% for full time staff members. Rates are in accordance with OMB Uniform Guidance.
Program Manager @ 27.2%	Fringe benefits are calculated at 27.2% for full time staff members. Rates are in accordance with OMB Uniform Guidance.
Consumer Outreach @ 27.2%	Fringe benefits are calculated at 27.2% for full time staff members. Rates are in accordance with OMB Uniform Guidance.
Project Coordinator @ 27.2%	Fringe benefits are calculated at 27.2% for full time staff members. Rates are in accordance with OMB Uniform Guidance.
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Project Coordinator @ 27.2%	Fringe benefits are calculated at 27.2% for full time staff members. Rates are in accordance with OMB Uniform Guidance.
AT Office Manager @ 27.2%	Fringe benefits are calculated at 27.2% for full time staff members. Rates are in accordance with OMB Uniform Guidance.
Webmaster @ 27.2%	Fringe benefits are calculated at 27.2% for full time staff members. Rates are in accordance with OMB Uniform Guidance.
Graphic Designer @ 27.2%	Fringe benefits are calculated at 27.2% for full time staff members. Rates are in accordance with OMB Uniform Guidance.
Dissemination Coordinator @ 27.2%	Fringe benefits are calculated at 27.2% for full time staff members. Rates are in accordance with OMB Uniform Guidance.
Associate Director of Finance @ 27.2%	Fringe benefits are calculated at 27.2% for full time staff members. Rates are in accordance with OMB Uniform Guidance.
Graduate Student @ 4.10%	Fringe benefits are calculated at 4.10% for graduate students. Rates are in accordance with OMB Uniform Guidance.
EQUIPMENT PURCHASE	

EQUIPMENT LEASE/RENTAL	
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE AGE	
OTHER CATEGORIES	
Subcontracts - Assistive Technology Resource Centers (ATRC)	ATRCs: (CLASS, CRI, UCP Central PA, CIL North Central PA [Roads to Freedom], UCP NE, TRIPIL, LIFT and Lehigh Valley) - There are eight subcontracts to selected organizations which, in addition to the Institute on Disabilities, serve as Assistive Technology Resource Centers (ATRCs). ATRCs are responsible for assisting consumers in specified counties and for implementing Pennsylvania's Assistive Technology Lending Library in the area. Major activities include processing consumer applications, facilitating linkages with supports needed by consumers during the loan period, problem-solving difficulties with shipping, following up on incomplete or delinquent returns to minimize loss, and providing follow-up information to borrowers (e.g., about funding resources). Variations in awards are based on numbers of counties served, the demographics of those counties, and past performance. Of the eight subcontracts, four are centers for independent living and four are private, non-profit disability- related provider organizations.
Dues-Subscription	Membership in this national association informs staff as to best practices in the administration of equipment distribution programs.
Conference Registration	Funds will be budgeted to attend regional and state assistiv technology conferences.
Supplies	Expendable routine office supplies
Consultants	IT consultants will maintain and improve the database and host and secure administrative web-based services. Inspiritec provides "call center" support so consumers can reach a live person during business hours, resulting in improved customer service.
	Language interpretation and translation services enables access to the program for linguistic minorities and alternate formats.
Duplicating, Printing	This line covers the printing of applications, including updates and inserts (e.g., that reflect changes to income guidelines and equipment) as well as program materials.

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Advertising	Funds will be used to publicize the services to deaf and blind consumers in Pennsylvania.
Postage	Covers the costs of routine correspondence with applicants and recipients, and shipping of equipment.
Devices (lending/demo)	This line provides for the addition or replacement of devices for the circulating inventory, based on consumer demand and/or the availability of new products.
Travel	Funds will be for project staff attend to meetings with OVR, PUC, conferences and to consumer's homes. Travel will also be provided to consultants and/or agencies who provide training to the consumers on the use of the assistive devices.

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#### NFB-NEWSLINE® Pennsylvania Cost Notice 08/10/23

#### TERM

This agreement has a five-year term and will commence on July 1, 2023 ("Effective Date"), and terminate at 11:59 p.m. on June 30, 2028 ("Expiration Date").

#### COMPENSATION

This is a fixed price agreement. As consideration for the services set forth in this agreement, the Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation will review and approve compensation to the NFB from the Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission (PUC) in accordance with the fee schedule below. Any modification to this fee schedule must be in writing, signed by both parties, and include an effective date.

The total fees for this 60-month agreement are \$1,115,000 over the five year term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2028.

#### FEE SUMMARY

Contract Year	Service Fee		New Publication Set-up Fee	Newspaper Maintenance Fee	Marketing and Outreach Fee	Total Annual Fees	Quarterly Invoice Amount
2023- 2024	\$44,000	\$4,000	\$20,000	\$85,000	\$50,000	\$203,000	\$50,750
2024- 2025	\$44,000	\$4,000	\$20,000	\$95,000	\$50,000	\$213,000	\$53,250

2025- 2026	\$44,000	\$4,000	\$20,000	\$105,000	\$50,000	\$223,000	\$55,750
2026- 2027	\$44,000	\$4,000	\$20,000	\$115,000	\$50,000	\$233,000	\$58,250
2027- 2028	\$44,000	\$4,000	\$20,000	\$125,000	\$50,000	\$243,000	\$60,750
Total	\$220,000	\$20,000	\$100,000	\$525,000	\$250,000	\$1,115,000	NA

The fees for the NFB-NEWSLINE service consist of the following:

(1) an annual service fee in the amount of \$44,000.00, payable in quarterly installments of \$11,000.00

The eleven Newspapers included with the annual service fee are:

- 1. Centre Daily Times
- 2. Hanover Evening Sun
- 3. Intelligencer
- 4. Lebanon Daily News
- 5. LNP Lancaster Always Online
- 6. Patriot News
- 7. Philadelphia Daily News
- 8. Philadelphia Inquirer
- 9. Sharon Herald
- 10. Wilkes-Barre Times Leader
- 11. York Dispatch

Each one of the seventeen publications listed below will incur a charge of \$5,000 each per year, (\$85,000.00.00 annually) for maintenance and distribution, payable in quarterly installments of \$21,250.00.

- (1) Allentown Morning Call
- (2) Altoona Mirror
- (3) Beaver County Times

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- (4) Bucks County Courier Times
- (5) Butler Eagle
- (6) Citizens Voice
- (7) Daily American
- (8) Erie Times News
- (9) Harrisburg Magazine
- (10) Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
- (11) Pittsburgh Tribune Review
- (12) Pocono Record
- (13) Reading Eagle
- (14) Republican Herald
- (15) Standard Speaker
- (16) Times Tribune
- (17) Williamsport Sun Gazette

At its discretion, OVR may add publications during any year. The set-up fee for each additional newspaper is \$5,000.00 for the year in which it is added, plus \$5,000 to maintain and distribute each additional paper each year, including the first year. This means the total fee for each additional newspaper in the first year will be \$10,000. The budget above includes the addition of two newspapers per year at OVR's discretion, for a total of \$20,000 in new publication set-up fees per year. If OVR elects to add two newspapers per year, the total fees for newspaper maintenance will be \$525,000.00 for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2028. If OVR elects to add two newspapers per year, the total new publication set-up fees will be \$100,000.00.

#### MARKETING AND OUTREACH

Marketing and Outreach tasks will consist of the following: subscriber registration and follow-up, including the distribution of materials needed for instruction for new subscribers in print, Braille, or audio format; distribution of brochures and other promotional materials

at community events and exhibits; and the staffing of a help desk to answer calls from subscribers and those requesting NFB-NEWSLINE information and materials. Additionally, administration of the state specific channel for Pennsylvania and posting of items of interest to the blindness community in the Commonwealth will be included in this fee for the five-year period.

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### NFB-NEWSLINE<sup>®</sup> Annual Report July 2022 to June 2023

#### Print Media Access System Program (PMASP)

NFB-NEWSLINE<sup>•</sup>, offered by the National Federation of the Blind, provides the Print Media Access System Program to those who cannot read regular newsprint. Anyone who cannot read conventional newsprint can qualify for this service that is free to its subscribers.

This service is available in forty-seven states and the District of Columbia, providing:

- Five hundred local and national newspapers
- Spanish-language newspapers available to all subscribers
- Over ninety magazines including AARP The Magazine
- Associated Press (national & state) and United Press newswire service updated every hour
- The capability of delivering a newspaper via email directly to a subscriber's inbox
- Local TV listings
- Jobs Listings (Career Builder added in 2010, USA Jobs in 2016)
- Retail ads (Target added in 2011)
- Emergency weather alerts, including weather forecast
- Availability twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week with local as well as toll-free access
- Service is available on NFB-NEWSLINE Mobile, iPhone app, and an Amazon Alexa skill added in November 2019

Through the Commonwealth's partnership with NFB-NEWSLINE, a subscriber can choose that day's, the previous day's, or the previous Sunday's issue of any newspaper in the service and choose a section and article using a standard touch-tone telephone. Pennsylvania's participating newspapers provide the subscriber with access to all content when traveling throughout the United States.

Get NFB-NEWSLINE Using Amazon Alexa:

Now you can access NFB-NEWSLINE hands-free on any product that is Alexa capable. This even includes the Windows 10 app and the Alexa smart phone app that can function without the use of an Echo or an Echo Dot.

Enable the skill by saying, "Alexa, open National Federation" and log in to NFB-NEWSLINE with your voice. Use Alexa to help guide you through the steps and navigate your favorite publications. Many of the same options that are available through web and telephone are available as commands for Alexa as well. Alexa can store your favorites, email you articles, alter the reading voice, volume, or speed, and much more. Simply say, "Alexa, ask National Federation" and then the desired command to use the service.

NFB-NEWSLINE Pennsylvania Participating Newspapers:

• The Morning Call - Allentown

- Altoona Mirror
- Associated Press Pennsylvania
- Beaver County Times
- Bucks County Courier Times
- Butler Eagle
- Centre Daily Times State College
- The Citizens' Voice
- Daily American
- Erie Times News
- The Evening Sun Hanover
- Harrisburg Magazine
- The Intelligencer
- LNP Lancaster Online
- Lebanon Daily News
- Patriot News
- Philadelphia Daily News
- The Philadelphia Inquirer
- Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
- Pittsburgh Tribune Review
- Pocono Record
- Republican Herald
- Sharon Herald
- Standard Speaker
- Reading Eagle
- The Times Tribune
- The Times Leader Wilkes-Barre
- Williamsport Sun-Gazette
- York Dispatch

As of June 30, 2023, there were 4,583 subscribers to this service throughout the Commonwealth. All customers of the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Bureau of Blindness & Visual Services are offered the opportunity to subscribe to this service. In addition, individuals are offered the opportunity to subscribe when enrolling in the Books for the Blind and Print Disabled Program, administered by the Library of Congress and cooperating network libraries.

#### New Content:

Several new items were added to NFB-NEWSLINE including all of the convention materials for the National Federation of the Blind's annual convention and the American Council of the Blind's convention. Convention materials include the full agendas and registration information.

Thirty-seven new publications have been added to the service as well:

- Albany Democrat Herald Oregon
- Al Jazeera Breaking News Online

- Amsterdam News New York
- Architectural Digest Magazine
- Argus Leader South Dakota
- Bismarck Tribune North Dakota
- Black America Web Breaking News Online
- Bristol Courier Herald Tennessee and Virginia
- Colorado Springs Indy Colorado
- Cooking Light Magazine
- Daily News Washington
- Downbeat Magazine
- Faribault Daily News Minnesota
- Harvard Business Review Magazine
- Hickory Daily Record North Carolina
- Irish Times International
- Journal Review Indiana
- Kokomo Tribune Indiana
- Kyiv Independent International
- Mainichi Shimbun International
- Manila Bulletin International
- Muscatine Journal Iowa
- Opelika Auburn News Alabama
- Olympian Washington
- Press of Atlantic City New Jersey
- Quartz Breaking News Online
- Rapid City Journal South Dakota
- Republican Herald -- Pennsylvania
- Shanghai Daily International
- Sharon Herald Pennsylvania
- Standard Speaker Pennsylvania
- Statesville Record and Landmark North Carolina
- Taipei Times International
- Times News Idaho
- Waco Tribune Herald Texas
- Whole Dog Journal Magazine
- Winona Daily News Minnesota

Activity Detail during the Period: July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 Content Access Frequency: 50 seconds

Our statistics indicate that a subscriber from Pennsylvania accessed NFB-NEWSLINE to obtain a piece of information every 50 seconds during the year.

	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	12 month period from July 1, 2022, to June 30,
Category	FY2023	FY2023	FY2023	FY2023	2023
Users:	4,447	4,495	4,546	4,583	4,583
New applications:	39	40	58	39	176
Email Newspapers Delivered:	9,460	9,508	9,975	_10,708	39,651
Calls Received:	21,796	21,584	18,245	19,463	81,088
State Newspapers Accessed:	87,805	71,216	60,632	92,916	312,569
Television Listings Accessed:	4,641	5,878	4,624	4,219	
Number of Minutes:	249,400	248,065	226,237	209,200	932, <u>90</u> 3
Local Call Percentage:	54.95	58.44	55.92	55.71	57.47

Newspaper Usage Report

The chart below contains the names of the Pennsylvania publications along with the number of times that they were accessed between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023.

Content Name	First Quarter FY2023	Second Quarter FY2023	Third Quarter FY2023	Fourth Quarter FY2023	12 month period from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023
Local Weather and Emergency Alerts	7,068	5,953	5,815	6,884	25,720
The Morning Call - Allentown	3,575	3,598	2,982	4,367	14,522
Altoona Mirror	2,012	1,992	2,106	2,053	8,163
Associated Press Pennsylvania	8,388	8,729	7,984	6,545	31,646
Beaver County Times	676	832	1,106	1,218	3,832
Bucks County Courier Times	1,875	2,385	2,380	2,360	9,000
Butler Eagle	837	941	945	989	3,712
Centre Daily Times- State College	846	810	868	975	3,499

The Citizens' Voice	555	1,012	1,265	1,441	4,273
Daily American	7,690	3,432	383	3,410	14,915
Erie Times News	5,176	5,228	5,294	5,846	21,544
Harrisburg Magazine	107	118	89	169	483
The Evening Sun - Hanover	404	348	464	479	1,695
Intelligencer	1,053	1,209	923	1,684	4,869
LNP Lancaster Online	3,266	3,654	3,783	4,946	15,649
Lebanon Daily News	1,019	761	1,098	1,045	3,923
Pennsylvania Local Channel	384	384	374	373	1,515
Patriot News	11,655	5,390	858	5,174	23,077
Philadelphia Daily News	1,687	1,760	1,795	5,160	10,402
The Philadelphia Inquirer	4,225	4,324	4,477	8,914	21,940
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	6,817	6,001	5,715	6,867	25,400
Pittsburgh Tribune Review	9,444	9,252	9,535	9,259	37,490
Pocono Record	612	378	909	4,713	6,612
Reading Eagle	2,238	1,908	1,704	2,620	8,470
Republican Herald	0	116	345	4,141	4,602
Sharon Herald	12	67	177	254	510
Standard Speaker	0	123	229	377	729
The Times Tribune	11,640	5,182	622	4,482	21,926
The Times Leader - Wilkes- Barre	215	192	841	1,026	2,274
Williamsport Sun-Gazette	1,338	1,128	1,355	1,028	<u></u>
York Dispatch	532	400	214	619	1,765

Actual Costs Incurred during the Period (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023) Please refer to the four quarterly invoices for detail:

NFB-NEWSLINE annual maintenance service fee: \$44,000 (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023) The newspapers included with the annual service fee are:

- Centre Daily Times State College
- The Evening Sun Hanover
- The Intelligencer
- Lebanon Daily News
- LNP Lancaster Online
- Patriot News

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- The Philadelphia Inquirer
- Philadelphia Daily News
- Sharon Herald

- The Times Leader Wilkes-Barre
- York Dispatch

Annual newspaper operational fee: \$75,000 (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023) This includes fifteen newspapers at \$5,000 each:

- The Morning Call Allentown
- Altoona Mirror
- Beaver County Times
- Bucks County Courier Times
- Butler Eagle
- The Citizens Voice
- Daily American
- Erie Times News
- Harrisburg Magazine
- Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
- Pittsburgh Tribune Review
- Pocono Record
- Reading Eagle
- The Times Tribune
- Williamsport Sun-Gazette

One-time setup for the *Republican Herald* and *Standard Speaker* newspapers: \$10,000 (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023)

newspaper operational fee: \$5,000 (January 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023) This includes two newspapers at \$2,500 each per quarter:

- Republican Herald
- Standard Speaker

Marketing and Outreach: \$50,000 (July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023)

Marketing and Outreach tasks will consist of the following: subscriber registration and follow-up, including the distribution of materials needed for instruction for new subscribers in print; Braille or audio format; the distribution of brochures and other promotional materials at community events and exhibits; and the staffing of a help desk to answer calls from subscribers and those requesting NFB-NEWSLINE information and materials. Additionally, administration of the state specific channel for Pennsylvania and posting of items of interest to the blindness community in the commonwealth will be included in this fee.

Annual Unlimited Nationwide Direct Inward Dial Telecommunications Access fee: \$4,000 (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023)

A pro-rated fee assessed to each state for NFB-NEWSLINE telecommunications service.

Total invoice: \$188,000 (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023)

#### Submitted by:

Scott A. White Director of Sponsored Technology Programs National Federation of the Blind <u>Swhite@nfb.org</u> 410-659-9314 extension 2231 September 15, 2022

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#### ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ACT 181-2002: TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICE DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM Docket Number M-2023-3037443

#### IN OVERSEEING THE TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICE DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM (TDDP), THE OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (OVR) REPORTS THE FOLLOWING FISCAL YEAR ACTIVITIES BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023:

#### Background:

Act 181-2002 provided for the creation of the Telecommunication Device Distribution Program. The Act authorizes the collection of funds as calculated by the PA Public Utility Commission (PUC) on an annual basis in order to pay for telecommunication equipment for eligible applicants. The Act Identifies OVR in the Department of Labor and Industry as responsible for the oversight of the TDDP but does not allow for administrative costs to be levied against the surcharge funds.

The Institute on Disabilities at Temple University, as designated by OVR, continues to administer the TDDP.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TDDP:

- Be a resident of Pennsylvania.
- Qualify as a person with a disability or disabilities that prevents him/her from making or receiving telephone calls independently. An Audiologist, Licensed Physician, Speech Language Pathologist, Physician's Assistant, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, Registered Nurse Practitioner, Optometrist, Ophthalmologist, or a Service Professional (public or private agency that serves deaf, hard of hearing and deafblind, Center for Independent Living employee, credentialed Assistive Technology Professional) must certify the disability.
- Have current landline telephone service and be capable of using the requested device(s).
- If applying for wireless equipment: have a current mobile plan or be able to obtain a mobile plan after the equipment is received and provide proof of service/activation.
- Be six years of age or older.
- Have an individual (not including family/household income) gross income of 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) or less (currently \$29,160 per year for a single individual).

#### **OPERATION OF THE PROGRAM:**

- During the fiscal year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, the Institute on Disabilities provided the day-to-day operations of the TDDP. The Institute on Disabilities has a proven track record of providing assistive technology devices and services to Pennsylvanians with disabilities of all ages, as the lead agency for the implementation of the federal Assistive Technology Act in Pennsylvania (TechOWL, formerly known as Pennsylvania's Initiative on Assistive Technology) and since 2012, as the certifying entity in Pennsylvania for the National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program, funded through the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Telecommunications Act. The Institute also serves as OVR's contractor for the implementation of the state-funded program, Pennsylvania's Assistive Technology Lending Library.
- On February 27, 2019, PUC published an Order approving the Wireless Expansion Initiative (WEI) allowing TDDP to fulfill requests for wireless devices. The WEI launched on July 1, 2019. The eligibility requirements are stated above. This is the third and final year of the Wireless Expansion Initiative. On July 1, 2022, wireless equipment became a permanent part of TDDP. Eligible applicants may receive a wireline device and a wireless device, and signalers.
- TechOWL's cross-disability Assistive Technology Advisory Committee (ATAC) serves in an advisory capacity for the TDDP program. The ATAC is established by statute under the federal Assistive Technology Act.

#### **APPLICATION FORMS:**

Applications are distributed by request through the US Mail, as well as through email and in person. Applications can also be completed on or downloaded from the TechOWL website: <u>https://techowlpa.org/tddp/</u>. Applications are also distributed through the statewide network of Assistive Technology Resource Centers (ATRCs) and TDDP Information Centers. During this program year, TechOWL received and reviewed a total of 383 individual applications. Of these, 319 were determined eligible, and 25 were determined ineligible. As of June 30, 2023, eligibility determinations were still in process on approximately 10 incomplete applications. In addition, 29 applicants who submitted incomplete applications and did not respond to repeated requests for information were marked inactive; this number included people from the end of the previous program year. An application is deemed inactive when the applicant does not respond to repeated contact attempts from TDDP to provide missing documentation or other information. Twenty-eight (28) applications were withdrawn for various reasons including, but not limited to: getting equipment elsewhere, having equipment already, or death of the consumer.

#### EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTED TO APPLICANTS:

• Equipment distributed to 299 eligible, unduplicated applicants between July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 is detailed in TDDP Attachment 1-TDDP Devices Distributed FY2023.

#### FUNDING:

• The market value of the TDDP fund as of June 30, 2023 was \$465,350.73. The US-Bank Account Summary for the period ending June 30, 2023 is attached and referenced as TDDP Attachment 2-Activity Summary Report-USBank Statement\_Redacted.

#### **VENDORS**:

- From July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 the program used the following 3 vendors to supply equipment for the TDDP:
  - o Teltex, Inc. -- Kearney, MO
  - o WCI Weitbrecht Communications, Inc., Santa Monica, CA
  - o Raz Mobility, LLC Tysons Corner, VA
- The vendors supplied equipment from the pre-approved list as well as devices approved through the Exceptions Process, as applicable. The agreements with these vendors extend until June 30, 2024. An equipment price list is included in this report as TDDP Attachment 3-Equipment Price List FY2023.

Fund disbursements to vendors during the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 are as follows:

Teltex for Wireline Equipment	\$11,408.10
WCI for Wireline Equipment	\$992.75
Subtotal for Wireline Equipment	\$12,400.85
Teltex for Wireless Equipment	\$155,616.65
Raz Mobility for Wireless Equipment	\$31,624.00
Subtotal for Wireless Equipment	\$187,240.65
Total vendor disbursements:	\$199,641.50

These disbursements also include payments for wireline equipment ordered toward the end of the previous program year (July 1, 2021 -June 30, 2022).

#### CONSUMER EDUCATION AND OUTREACH:

Subcontracts with eight (8) regional Assistive Technology Resource Centers (ATRCs) to provide consumer outreach, education and training in their region began on July 1, 2022. In addition to coordinating statewide consumer education and outreach efforts, TechOWL serves as an ATRC for southeastern Pennsylvania. Between July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 TechOWL staff (including but not limited to, the Consumer Educator), and ATRCs participated in 82 outreach activities, including 2 statewide events and 3 events reaching underserved communities, held in 34 counties, and reaching over 6,260 Pennsylvanians. The list of activities is included in this report as TDDP Attachment 4-TDDP Consumer Education & Outreach Events.

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PA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION SECRETARY'S BUREAU Total fund disbursements (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023) to Temple University for Consumer Education and Outreach activities for TDDP was \$345,109.32. These figures include remaining amounts due for July 2021 to June 2022.

CONTINUING AND EMERGING BARRIERS TO ACCESS TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES:

- Equipment was either discontinued or placed on manufacturer backorder due to the broken supply chain. When possible, the vendor was able to offer a substitution, but the consumers prefer to wait for the backordered equipment.
- Analog telephone lines are being replaced by digital cable, fiber optic or broadband, leaving traditional TTY users without telecommunication access. In some areas of the state, broadband service is not as reliable as in the metro areas. People with disabilities who need telecommunication access are placed in an inequitable situation even with the passage of the Affordable Connectivity Program that gives discounts to lower income Pennsylvanians.
- Lifeline service providers are misinforming consumers that they can have discount on either their cell phone plan or home phone plan, but not both. TDDP is working with the Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission to educate consumers who apply to TDDP that they are eligible for both services.
- ACCOMPLISHMENTS (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023):
- During this program year, 42 recipients who requested assistance with their TDDP equipment received support from ATRCs. Altogether, 62.5 hours of device support were provided via telephone support or in person. Seventy-nine percent (79%) of consumers were highly satisfied with the support they received.
- Eighteen (18) new Information Centers were added this program year. There is now a total of 93 active Information Centers in the commonwealth. Satisfaction surveys were mailed, emailed, or contacted via telephone to equipment recipients with a response rate of 93%. Overall satisfaction rate for TDDP consumers is 81% (highly satisfied).
- Articles were published in 1 newsletter reaching 70 people and 1 press release reached 45,000 people. Eight (8) mailings containing TDDP information were sent to organizations and professionals, including but not limited to: senior centers, behavioral health agencies, Area Agencies on Aging, senior citizen groups, community service providers, home health agencies, hearing loss professionals, state representative offices, local municipalities, and churches. These mailings and publications reached at least 250 Pennsylvanians, and social media posts reached over 34,894 people based on number of views.
- All policies and procedures were reviewed and updated as needed during this program year.
- The program manager was appointed to the Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority's statewide stakeholder engagement working group to represent and advocate for Pennsylvanians with disabilities. The program manager attends biweekly virtual meetings.

#### ATTACHMENTS:

• TDDP Attachment 1-Devices Distributed-FY2023

- TDDP Attachment 2-Activity Summary Report-USBank Statement\_Redacted
- TDDP Attachment 3-Equipment Price List-FY2023
- TDDP Attachment 4-Consumer Education Outreach Events-FY2023
- TDDP Referenced Attachment-TDDP Application-FY2023

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#### **TDDP Device Distributed**

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July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

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Traditional Wireline Device Name	Unit Price	Quantity Ordered	Value of I	Equipment Ordered
Clarity Alto, Amplified Telephone	\$98.95	3	S	296.85
Clarity AltoPtus, Amplified Telephone	\$104.95	7	\$	734.65
Clarity HA-40, In-Line Handset Amplifier	\$20.95	0	\$	-
Clarity JV35, Talking Amplified Telephone	\$92.95	8	\$	743.60
Clarity JV35W, Talking Amplified Telephone	\$92.95	7	\$	650.65
Serene Innovations HD-40P, Amplified Photo Telephone	\$62.95	2	\$	125.90
Clarity XLC2+, Amplified Cordless Telephone	\$93.95	11	\$	1,033.45
Clarity XLC8, Amplified/Cordlass/Bluetooth/Ans.Machine	\$134.95	15	\$	2,024.25
Panasonic KX-TGM430B, Amplified/Cordless/Bluetooth/Ans.Machine	\$104.50	0	\$	_
Panasonic KX-TGM450S, Amplified/Cordless/Ans. Machine	\$109.50	19	\$	2,080.50
CapTel 2400i, (Touch Screen) Captioned Telephone	\$90.25	5	\$	451.25
CapTel 840 Plus, Captioned Telephone	\$90.25	4	S	361.00
Cap Tel 840i, Captioned Telephone	\$90.25	0	\$	-
CapTel 880i, Captioned Telephone	\$90.25	3	\$	270.75
Clarity XLC8-GLT (VCO)	\$375.00	2	\$	750.00
Ultratec Superprint 4425A with ASCII, TTY	\$380.00	1	\$	380.00
Reizen, Big Button Speakerphone	\$28.00	1	\$	28.00
Clearsounds CR2000, Loud Ring Signaler	\$41.95	10	\$	419.50
Sonic Alert TR75VR, Flashing Light Signaler	\$39.95	3	\$	119.85
*Exceptional Equipment: TeliTalk Electrolarynx Telephone with handset	\$995.00	1	\$	995.00
**Substitution due to manufacturer's backorder				
TOTALS		102	\$	11,465.20
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#### **TDDP Device Distributed**

#### July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

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Wireless Device Name	Unit Price		Quantity	Value of Equipment Ordered	
			Ordered	]	
Apple iPhone SE	\$	629.00	27	\$	16,983.00
Apple iPhone 12	\$	899.00	102	\$	91,698.00
Apple iPhone 11	\$	899.00	16	\$	14,384.00
Samsung Galaxy S21FE 5G Smart Phone	\$	889.00	21	\$	18,669.00
Google Pixel 6 Smart Phone	\$	599.00	2	\$	1,198.00
MiniVision2+ Mobile Phone	\$	389.00	18	\$	7,002.00
Apple iPad 4G Tablet	\$	749.00	27	\$	20,223.00
Samsung Galaxy S7FE Tablet	\$	959.00	5	\$	4,795.00
Serene Innovations SA-40 HearAll Cellphone Amplifier	S	74.95	0	\$	
Smart Signaler: Serene Innovations RF200 Alerting Device	\$	51.95	5	\$	259.75
Smart Signaler: Sonic Alert Sonic Bomb Bluetooth Bed Shaker	\$	35.95	1	\$	35.95
Smart Signaler: Bellman & Symfon Vibio Bed Shaker	S	68.00	2	\$	136.00
Application: Prologuo2Go	S	250.00	1	\$	250.00
*Memory Cell Phone	<u> </u>	429.00	5	\$	2,145.00
*Exceptional Equipment					
			232	\$	177,778.70
				<b> </b>	
TOTALS			333	<u> </u>	189,243.90

299 unduplicated consumers received 333 pieces of equipment

13 consumers received both home and mobile devices

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1 consumer's device was stolen and replaced (2 devices)

1 consumer applied for a landline phone and then later applied for a signaler (2 devices)

Exceptional Equipment Application isn't counted in total (not a piece of equipment)

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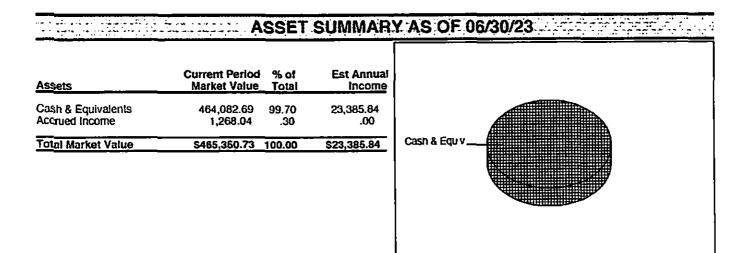
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#### **QUESTIONS?**

If you have any questions regarding your account or this statement, please contact your Account Manager.

#### ANTHONY ANDERSON

EX-PA-WBSP TWO LIBERTY PLACE 50 SOUTH 16TH STREET, SUITE 2000 PHILADELPHIA PA 19102 Phone 215-761-9430 E-mail anthony.anderson2@usbank.com



#### ASSET DETAIL

Shares or Face Amount	Security Description	Market Value/ Prico	Tax Cost/ Unrealized Gain(Loss)	Yield at Market	Est Annual Inc/ Accrued Inc
Cash & Equi	valents				
Cash/M	oney Market				
464,082.6	590 First American Treasury Ob g Fo C X #5387 31846V328	464,082,69 1,0000	464,082.69 0.00	5.04	23,385,84 1,268,04
Total Ca	ash/Money Market	\$464,082.69	\$464,082.69 \$.00		\$23,385.64 \$1,260,04
Total Cash &	Equivalento	\$464,082.69	\$464,082.69 \$.00		\$23,385.84 \$1,268.04



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Shares or Face Amount	Security Description	Market Value/ Price	Tax Cost/ Unrealized Gain(Loss)	Yield at <u>Market</u>	Est Annual Inc/ Accrued Inc
Total Assets		\$464,082.69	\$464,082.69 \$.00		\$23,385.84 \$1,268.04
Accrued Inco		\$1,268.04	\$1,268.04		
Grand Total		\$485,350.73	\$465,350.73		

#### ASSET DETAIL MESSAGES

T me of trade execution and trading party (if not disclosed) will be provided upon request.

Public y traded assets are valued in accordance with market quotations or valuation methodologies from financial industry services be eved by us to be relable. Assets that are not publicly traded may be reflected at values from other external sources. Assets for which a current value is not avalable may be reflected at a previous value or as not valued, at par value, or at a nominal value. Values shown do not necessarily reflect prices at which assets could be bought or sold. Values are updated based on internal policy and may be updated ess frequently than statement generation.

Yed at Market, Estimated Annua Income, and Accrued Income are estimates provided for informational purposes only and should not be relied on for making investment, trading, or tax decisions. The estimates may not represent the actual value earned by your investments and they provide no guarantee of what your investments may earn in the future.

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# MARKET VALUE SUMMARY

	Current Period 06/01/23 to 06/30/23	9ear-to-Date 01/01/23 to 06/30/23
Beginning Market Value	\$557,949.17	\$789,351.81
Taxable Interest	2,369.66	15,025.88
Paid To/For Beneticlaries		- 160,306.69
Fees and Expenses	- 107.05	- 773.22
Cash Disbursements	- 93,759.43	- 176,567.28
Change in Accrued Income	- 1,101.62	- 1,379.77
Ending Market Value	\$465,350.73	\$465,350.73



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	Cash
Beginning Cash 06/01/2023	\$.00
Taxable Interest	2,369.66
Fees and Expenses	- 107.05
Cash Disbursements	- 93,759.43
Net Money Market Activity	91,496.82
Ending Cash 06/30/2023	\$0.00

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Date		
Posted	Description	Casl
axable in	terest	
Fd C #367		
6/01/23	Interest From 5/1/23 To 5/31/23	2,369.66
	Total Taxable Interest	\$2,369.66
ees and l	Expenses	
Trus	t Fees	
6/23/23	Collected Charged For Period 05/01/2023 Thru 05/31/2023	- 107.05
	Total Fees and Expenses	- \$107.05
ash Disb	ursements	
ACH	Transfer To Checking	
)6/14/23	Cash Disbursement Pald To Teltex Inc Inv 356738; 357333-338; 357340-342; 357344-348; 357905 - Tdd Public Utility Commission (Puc) Wireless Expansion	- 15,452.00
6/16/23	Cash Disbursement Paid To Temple Univ Research Admin Post Awd Inv421113- 3RD Qtr	- 72,409.63
	Cash Disbursement Paid To Tellex Inc	- 1,145.80
6/23/23	Inv 357216-219; 357526-527; 357554; 358070-071	
06/23/23 06/23 <b>/</b> 23	Inv 357216-219; 357526-527; 357554; 358070-071 Cash Disbursement Paid To Raz Mobility LLC Inv 2978-2982; 3013-3015 Tdd Public Utility Commission (Puc) Wireless	- 4,752.00

Total Cash Disbursements

- \$93,759.43



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ettlement bate Description	Cash	Tax Co
ash and Equivalents		
First American Treasury Oblig Fd Cl X #5387 31846V328		
Combined Purchases For The Period 6/-1/23 - 6/30/23	- 557,949.17	557,949.1
First American Treasury Obilg Fd Ci Z #3678 31848V542		
Combined Purchases For The Period 6/ 1/23 - 6/30/23	- 2,369.66	2,369.6
Total Cash and Equivalents	- \$560,318.83	\$560,318.8



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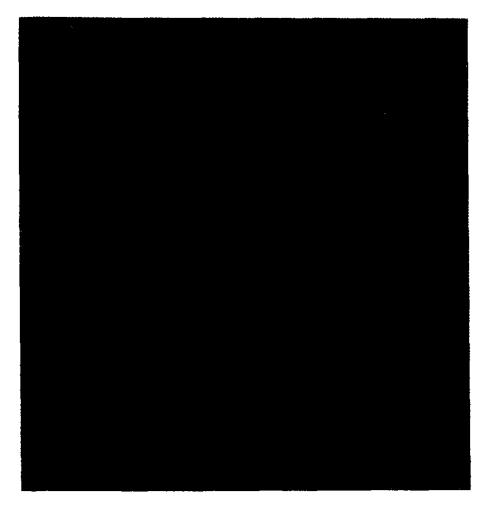
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ettlement late Description	Tax Cost	Proceeds	Estimate Gain/Los
ash and Equivalents			
First American Treasury Oblig Fd Cl X #5387 31846V328			
Combined Sales For The Period 6/ 1/23 - 6/30/23	- 93,866.48	93,866.48	
First American Treasury Oblig Fd Ci Z #3678 31846V542			
Combined Sales For The Period 6/ 1/23 - 6/30/23	- 557,949.17	557,949.17	
Total Cash and Equivalents	- \$651,815.65	\$651,815.65	\$0.00
Total Sales & Maturities	- \$651,815,65	\$651,815.65	

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#### Glossary

Accretion - The accumu at on of the value of a discounted bond unt maturity.

Adjusted Prior Market Realized Gain/Loss - The difference between the proceeds and the Pr or Market Va ue of the transact on. Adjusted Prior Market Unrealized Gain/Loss - The difference between the Market Va ue and the Adjusted Pr or Market Va ue. Adjusted Prior Market Value - A figure ca cu ated us ng the beginn ng Market Va ue for the fisca year, adjusted for a lasset related transact ons during the period, employing an average cost methodo ogy.

Amortization - The decrease in value of a premium bond unt maturity.

Asset - Anything owned that has commercial exchange value. Assets may consist of specific property or of claims against others, in contrast to obligations due to others (lab. ties).

Bond Rating - A measurement of a bond s qualty based upon the ssuers financial condition. Ratings are assigned by independent rating services, such as Moodyis, or S&P, and reflect their opin on of the ssuers ability to meet the scheduled interest and principal repayments for the bond.

Cash - Cash act v ty that no udes both norme and principal cash categories.

Change in Unrealized Gain/Loss - A so reported as Ga n/Loss n Per od in the Asset Deta section. This figure shows the market appreciation (depreciation) for the current per od.

Cost Basis (Book Value) - The org na price of an asset, normally the purchase price or appraised value at the time of acquisition. Book Value method maintains an average cost for each asset.

Cost Basis (Tax Basis) - The or g na pr ce of an asset, norma y the purchase pr ce or appra sed va ue at the t me of acqu s t on. Tax Bas s uses c ent determ ned methods such as Last-In-F rst-Out (LIFO), F rst-In-F rst-Out (FIFO), Average, M n mum Ga n, and Max mum Ga n. Ending Accrual - (A so reported as Accrued Income) Income earned but not yet rece ved, or expenses ncurred but not yet pa d, as of the end of the report ng per od.

Estimated Annual Income - The amount of income a part cu ar asset s ant c pated to earn over the next year. The shares mult p ed by annua income rate.

Estimated Current Yield - The annua rate of return on an investment expressed as a percentage. For stocks, y e d s calculated by taking the annual dividend payments divided by the stock's current share price. For bonds, y e d s calculated by the coupon rate divided by the bond's market price.

Ex-Dividend Date - (A so reported as Ex-Date) For stock trades, the person who owns the security on the ex-dividend date we earn the dividend, regardless of who currently owns the stock.

Income Cash - A category of cash comprised of ord nary earnings derived from investments, usually dividends and interest.

Market Value - The price per unit multiplied by the number of units. Maturity Date - The date on which an obligation or note matures. Payable Date - The date on which a dividend, mutual fund distribution, or interest on a bond will be made.

Principal Cash - A category of cash comprised of cash, deposits, cash withdrawa s and the cash flows generated from purchases of sales of nvestments.

Realized Gain/Loss Calculation - The Proceeds ess the Cost Bass of a transact on.

Settlement Date - The date on which a trade settles and cash or

secur ties are credited or debited to the account. Trade Date - The date a trade is legally entered into.

Unrealized Gain/Loss - The difference between the Market Va ue and Cost Bas s at the end of the current per od.

Yield on/at Market - The annual rate of return on an investment expressed as a percentage. For stocks, y e d is calculated by the annual dividend payments divided by the stock's current share price. For bonds, y e d is calculated by the coupon rate divided by the bond s market price.

The terms defined in this glossary are only for use when reviewing your account statement. Please contact your Relationship Manager with any questions.



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#### WireLine Equipment Notes Unit Price Vendor Clarity Alto, Amplified Phone \$98.95 Teltex Clarity Alto Plus, Amplified Phone \$104.95 Teltex Clarity JV35, Talking Amplified Phone \$92.95 Teltex Clarity J35W, Talking Amplified Phone \$92.95 Teltex Clarity HD-40, In-Line Handset Amplifier \$20.95 Teltex Serene Innovations HD-40P, Amplified Photo Phone \$62.95 Teltex Clarity XLC2+, Amplified Cordless Phone \$93.95 Teltex Panasonic KX-TGM430B, Amplified Cordless Bluetooth Phone with Answering Machine Backorder \$94.95 Teltex Panasonic KX-TGM450S, Amplified Cordless Phone with Answering Machine Backorder ended 11-15-22 \$97.95 Teltex Panasonic KX-TGM430B, Amplified Cordless Bluetooth Phone with Answering Machine Price Change 11-15-22 \$106.50 Teltex Panasonic KX-TGM450S, Amplified Cordless Phone with Answering Machine \$109.50 Teltex Price Change 11-15-22 Clarity XLC8, Amplified Cordless Bluetooth Phone with Answering Machine \$134.95 Teltex Substitution CapTel 840 Plus, Captioned Telephone \$90.25 WCI CapTel 840i, Captioned Telephone \$90.25 WCI CapTel 880i, Captioned Telephone \$90.25 WCI CapTel 24001, Captioned Telephone \$90.25 WCI Ultratec SuperPrint 4425A with ASCII, TTY \$380.00 Teltex Clarity XLC8-GLT (Google Live Transcribe) (VCO) \$375.00 Teltex Reizen Big Button Speakerphone \$28.00 Teltex TeliTalk Electrolarynx Telephone with handset **Exceptional Equipment** \$995.00 Teltex WireLine Signalers ClearSounds CR200, Loud Ring Signaler \$41.95 Teltex Sonic Alert TR75VR, Flashing Light Signaler \$39.95 Teltex Wireless Equipment iPhone SE 64GB (4.7 inch) \$629.00 Teltex Discontinued 9/1/22 \$899.00 Teltex iPhone 11 64GB (6.1 inch) iPhone 12 64GB (6.1 inch) Upgraded 9/15/22 \$1,029.00 Teltex Samsung Galaxy S21 FE 5G (6.4 inch) \$889.00 Raz Mobility Google Pixel 6 (6.4 inch) \$869.00 Raz Mobility MiniVision2 Mobile Phone \$409.00 Raz Mobility iPad 4G Tablet 32GB (10.2 inch) \$749.00 Teltex Samsung Galaxy Tab S7 FE 64GB (12.4 Inch)-GSM unlocked \$959.00 Raz Mobility Serene Innovations SA-40 HearAll Cell Phone Amplifier \$74.95 Teltex \$429.00 Raz Mobility Memory Cell Phone (6.3 Inch)-GSM unlocked (managed by a caregiver) Exceptional Equipment

#### TDDP Equipment List 2022-2023

#### TDDP Equipment List 2022-2023

<u>Wireless Signalers</u>		
Smart Signaler: Serene Innovations RF200 Cell Phone Signaler		\$51.95 Teltex
Smart Signaler: Sonic Alert Sonic Bomb Wireless Vibration Alarm	D/C 12-15-22	\$49.95 Teltex
Bellman & Symfon Vibio Bed Shaker	Added 1-13-2023	\$68.00 Teltex
Applications		
Proloquo2Go for iPad	Exceptional Equipment	\$250.00 Teltex

Type of Consumer Outreach Event	ATRC	Date(s) Held	Event Name/Sponsor	Estimated Attendance	County of Event
Presentation	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>2/23/23</u>	Allegheny Senior Living Facility: Seniors	6	Allegheny
Presentation	CLASS	4/19/23	Pittsburgh Public Housing Complex for Seniors	6	Allegheny
Ехро	LVCIL	8/13/22	Cabela's Outdoor Event	50	Berks
Presentation	LVCIL	5/11/23	*Berks Vision Resource Center-Spanish speakers	7	Berks
Ехро	CILNCPA	3/8/23	Penn College of Technology High School Transition Conference: Children & Families	350	Bradford, Clinton, Lycoming,
Presentation	CILNCPA	3/8/23	Penn College of Technology High School Transition Conference: Children & Families	25	Bradford, Clinton, Lycoming, Sullivan, Tioga
Presentation	<u>CLASS</u>	2/3/23	Community Care Connections: Programs for IDD	16	Butler
Presentation	LIFT	10/24/22	CareerLink Meeting with OVR and BBVS	20	Cameron
Presentation	LIFT	3/15/23	Cameron County Collaborate Board: Child Care Services	17	Cameron
Presentation	<u>LIFT</u>	3/27/23	*Citizens Against Physical, Sexual and Emotional Abuse	10	Cameron, Clearfield, Elk, Jefferson, <u>McKean Porter</u> Cameron, Clearfield, Elk,
Presentation	LIFT	4/24/23	United Health Care Care Managers	40	Jefferson, McKean, Potter
Expo	LVCIL	4/18/23	Transition Fair at Lehighton Middle School	30	Carbon
Ехро	LVCIL	5/10/23	Lehigh Valley Health Network Aging Parents Event	20	Carbon
Presentation	LIFT	10/13/22	CareerLink Meeting with OVR and BBVS	20	Clearfield
Presentation	LIFT	12/6/22	Kylerstown Senior Center Presentation	10	Clearfield
Presentation	LIFT	6/7/23	North Fork Heights: Senior Center	12	Clearfield
Expo	CRI	3/30/23	Active Aging Center at Lakeland Valley: Seniors	80	Crawford
Ехро	UCPCP	9/30/22	Rep. Stambaugh Senior Expo	255	Cumberland
Expo	UCPCP	10/18/22	Highmark Senior Wellness Fair	142	Cumberland
Presentation	UCPCP	8/3/22	Vision Resources serving Harrisburg	14	Dauphin
Presentation	TechOWL	3/15/23	Glen Mills Senior Living: Seniors and their family	6	Delaware
Presentation	LIFT	3/28/23	Elk County Children & Youth Services: Child Protective	15	Elk
Presentation	CRI	8/15/22	Senior Center Presentation	18	Erie

#### **TDDP Consumer Education Outreach Events**

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Ехро	CRI	8/22/22	Rep. Bizzarro Senior Expo	<u>695</u>	
Ехро	CRI	<u>9/15/22</u>	Managed Care Community Health Forum	70	Erie
Expo	CRI	9/19/22	Americorps Seniors Fair	50	Erie
Ехро	CRI	9/30/22	Wheelchairs and More Senior Day	260	Erie
Expo		9/16/22	Senior Center Community Expo	80	Erie
Expo	CRI	11/4/22	Senior Health Expo	280	Erie
Presentation	CRI	3/3/23	Independent Council on Aging: Professionals for Seniors	81	Erie
Presentation	<u> </u>	3/8/23	American Federation of State, County, and Municipal	60	Erie
Presentation	CRI	3/13/23	SeniorCorps: Foster Grandparent Program: Seniors	20	Eric
Ехро	CRI	4/21/23	Community Resource Fair- High Mark Whole Senior Care	53	Erie
Presentation	CRI	4/27/23	St. Jude Catholic Church Staff	5	Erie
Presentation	CRI	5/1/23	Booker T Washington Senior Center	100	Erie
Ехро	CRI	6/6/23	JFK Senior Center Resource Fair for Low Income Seniors	70	Erie
Presentation	UCPCP	8/18/22	Senior Center Presentation	7	Franklin
Presentation	UCPCP	7/20/22	Senior Apartment Complex Presentation	10	Huntingdon
Expo	CLASS	10/22/22	Indiana County Senior Expo	550	Indiana
Presentation	LIFT	1/10/23	Brockway Senior Center: Seniors	22	Jefferson
Presentation	LIFT	1/24/23	Punxysutawney Senior Center: Seniors	20	Jefferson
Presentation	LVCIL	11/14/22	Univ. of Scranton Occupational Therapy Class Presentation	28	Lackawanna
Presentation	UCPC	4/26/23	Disability Empowerment Center: CIL staff	12	Lancaster,
					Lebanon
Presentation	CLASS	1/19/23	UPMC Jameson Care Center: Professionals, Health Care	5	Lawrence
Presentation	LVCIL	8/18/22	Housing Authority Presentation, Bldg 1	10	Lehigh
Presentation	LVCIL	8/18/22	Housing Authority Presentation, Bldg 2	4	Lehigh
Presentation	LVCIL	8/30/22	Housing Authority Presentation, Bldg 3	3	Lehigh
Ехро	LVCIL	9/13/22	Housing Authority Health Fair	30	Lehigh
Presentation		9/16/22	Housing Authority Presentation, Bldg 4	10	Lehigh
Presentation		4/20/23	Allentown Housing Authority 700 Building	7	Lehigh
Presentation	LVCIL	4/27/23	Allentown Housing Authority Gross Towers	10	Lehigh
Expo	LVCIL	5/19/23	Whitehall Mall Annual Senior Expo-Rep McNeill	100	Lehigh
Presentation		6/7/23	Allentown Housing Authority Central Park Building	15	Lehigh
Presentation		6/7/23	Allentown Housing Authority Walnut Street	50	Lehigh
Presentation	LVCIL	6/9/23	Lehigh Valley Zoo-Disability Sensitivity Trainings	40	Lehigh
Presentation		6/16/23	Allentown Housing Authority planning committee meeting	16	Lehigh
Expo		6/24/23	Inner City Faith Health Fair at Salvation Army	50	Lehigh
Presentation		4/28/23		30	Luzerne
rresentation		4/20/23	Allentown Housing Authority Central Park Building	<u> </u>	Luzerne

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Expo	LVCIL	5/24/23	LINK Aging Event for Seniors	35	Luzerne
Presentation	CILNCP	7/21/22	County Assistance Office Task force Meeting	25	Lycoming
Presentation	CILNCP	9/15/22	Coordinated Service Taskforce	20	Lycoming
Ехро	CILNCP	9/22/22	Senator Yaw's Senior Expo	500	Lycoming
Presentation	CILNCPA	2/16/23	Coordinated Task Force Meeting: Professionals	30	Lycoming
Presentation	CILNCP	9/14/22	Northumberland County Coalition	25	Northumberland
Presentation	CILNCP	10/12/22	Lycoming County Coalition Meeting Presentation	25	Northumberland
Presentation	CILNCPA	2/8/23	Coordinated Task Force Meeting: Professionals	15	Northumberland
Presentation	TechOWL	9/15/22	Blind Advocacy Group	13	Philadelphia
Ехро	TechOWL	10/14/22	Philadelphia Corporation on Aging Senior Strut-Health Fair	450	Philadelphia
Ехро	TechOWL	10/22/22	Senior Expo at Triumph Baptist Church	300	Philadelphia
Presentation	TechOWL	2/8/23	Philadelphia Chapter of AARP: Seniors	45	Philadelphia
Ехро	LIFT	10/7/22	State Rep. Causer Senior Expo	275	Potter
Presentation	LIFT	10/27/22	CareerLink Meeting with OVR and BBVS	30	Potter
Presentation	LIFT	1/18/23	Coudersport Senior Center: Seniors	30	Potter
Presentation	LIFT	2/1/23	Oswayo Valley Senior Center: Seniors	28	Potter
Presentation	LVCIL	10/20/22	Tremont Senior Outreach Center Presentation	9	Schuylkill
Presentation	LVCIL	11/3/22	Schuylkill Haven Senior Center Presentation	20	Schuylkill
Presentation	LVCIL	11/8/22	Pottsville Senior Center Presentation	12	Schuylkill
Ехро	TechOWL	10/16/22	Hearing Loss Association of America's Walk4Hearing	150	Statewide
Ехро	TECHOWL	4/29/23	Pennsylvania School for Deaf Transition Fair for HS Seniors	150	Statewide
Presentation	UCPNEP	7/11/22	Interagency Network	8	Wayne
Presentation	UCPNEP	9/14/22	Senior Center Presentation	20	Wayne
Ехро	CLASS	9/9/22	Senior Apartment Complex Health Fair	50	Westmoreland
	<u> </u>		Total Attendance (estimated)	6260	+
			Number of Events	82	
			*Events reaching underserved populations	3	
			Counties Reached	34	
			Statewide Events	2	
		Legend: Assist	ive Technology Resource Centers		
FechOWL=Main (		<u> </u>	UCPNE=United Cerebral Palsy of Northeastern PA		
CRI=Community I			LIFT=Life and Independence for Today		
			s LVPIL=Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living		<u> </u>
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# Application for Free Special Phones from TechOWL

**Return completed application to:** 

TechOWL Free Special Phone Program Institute on Disabilities at Temple University Ritter Annex 4, Room 430 1301 Cecil B. Moore Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19122 Email: <u>TDDP@temple.edu</u> Fax: 215-204-6336 Tel: 800-204-7428 TTY: 711

# Please keep this information in case you need to contact us.

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### What to expect after you send in your completed application:

- We process your application.
- We send you a letter saying your application is eligible, incomplete or denied.
- The letter comes from Temple University. It is NOT a bill or junk mail.
- Tell us if you have changed your contact information.
- This whole process can take up to 4-8 weeks. Please be patient with us!

The Free Special Phone Program (Pennsylvania's Telecommunication Device Distribution Program) is implemented by TechOWL, a program of the Institute on Disabilities at Temple University, in conjunction with the PA Public Utility Commission (PUC).

Application for Free S	pecial Phones fro	m TechO	4/22 p.1
We highly recommend a device <u>no exchange</u> policy.			
OI will call to schedule an equipment de application.	emonstration or loan befo	re submittir	ig my
OI do not want an equipment demonstr after I receive my device.	ation or loan. I understan	d there are	no exchanges
Do you already own equipment sim (i.e. smartphone, tablet, captioned		uesting fro OYes	m TechOWL
If yes, what?			
If yes, please check one answer be	elow:		
My equipment is:			
Ois broken or only works sometimes			
Ois borrowed			
Odoes not meet my needs because			
I will use this device at: (check one)			
Home			
School			
<b>Ö</b> Work			
Applicant Information—to be o	completed by applica	ant (PLEA	SE PRINT)
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Address (P.O. Box not accepted)	(i ii 31)		
City Area Code/Phone Email	Zip	County	
Person assisting you with a			
Area Code/Phone			
Parent or guardian for appl	licants under 18 years old	i	
Name (Last)	(First)		(Middleinitial)
Area Code/Phone	Email		

# Applicant Annual Income and Family Members

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You must attach the <b>applicant's</b> most current proof of income. Examples of proof of
income include W-2's, 1099s or award letters from retirement and/or Social Security
income. If you need a copy of your Social Security income statement, please call 1-800-
772-1213. We cannot accept bank statements or the 1040 tax form.
Number of people living at this (applicant's) address including applicant:
Other Applicant Information (required)

	Other Applicant Information (required	<b>'</b>	
	Reason for using the Free Special Phone Program		
	I cannot afford equipment		
	This equipment is only available through the Free Special Phone P	rogram	
	I could use other programs, but the system is too complex and/or	the wait is	too long
_	_How did you hear about us?		
	friend/relative		
	support person		
L	web		
L	brochure/flyer		
L	presentation/exhibit by		
	_other (specify)		
T	If applying for a Free <u>Wireless</u> Device, please complete the	Touowing	questions:
	Do you currently subscribe to a mobile plan? ( If you checked "yes", what is the name on the mobile plan?	)Yes	ON0
	If you checked "yes", what is the name on the mobile plan? (Attach a copy of your current cell phone bill, receipt for data card		
	If you checked "yes", what is the name on the mobile plan? (Attach a copy of your current cell phone bill, receipt for data card proof of service.)	purchase	or other
	If you checked "yes", what is the name on the mobile plan? (Attach a copy of your current cell phone bill, receipt for data card proof of service.) If you checked "no", are you able to obtain a mobile plan?	purchase	or other ONo ONo
	If you checked "yes", what is the name on the mobile plan? (Attach a copy of your current cell phone bill, receipt for data card proof of service.) If you checked "no", are you able to obtain a mobile plan? Have you ever used a wireless device? Do you currently use any of the following types of technology	purchase	or other ONo ONo
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	If you checked "yes", what is the name on the mobile plan? (Attach a copy of your current cell phone bill, receipt for data card proof of service.) If you checked "no", are you able to obtain a mobile plan? Have you ever used a wireless device? Do you currently use any of the following types of technology apply): Hearing aid Cochlear implant	purchase	or other ONo ONo

Not applicable

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Please note: You must get and maintain a cell phone plan with a mobile phone company if you are applying for a free wireless device.

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#### Race:

Black or African American Asian or Asian-American

White or Caucasian American-Indian or Alaska Native

Other (specify)

Prefer not to answer

### Ethnicity:

Hispanic Non-Hispanic Gender: OMale Female Other Prefer not to answer

# **REQUIRED: Applicant's Statement and Signature**

# IMPORTANT: Submit application no later than <u>30 days</u> after you have signed and dated it.

- I certify that all information provided on this application and supporting documents is true, complete and correct.
- I understand that if I purposely provide false information, I may be subject to legal action.
- Program officials have my permission to verify the information provided.
- I certify that I have read, understand and accept all conditions set forth in this application and have the ability to learn to use the equipment selected.
- I understand that I may not sell, give, or lend to another person any equipment provided to me by the program.
- For free wireless devices only: I will be responsible for all services related to the equipment, including activation fee, monthly service plan, software and app updates, and will use the device to access phone and telecommunications-related services, such as video relay, email and texting. <u>I will activate the device I receive within 30 days</u> of receipt on a mobile service plan. If I fail to submit proof of a mobile service plan, I may not be able to access services from TechOWL in the future.

Applicant signature	Date	
For applicant is under 18		
Parent/legal guardian/signature		
	Date	

\*Demonstration Centers: If you are having trouble making a decision about which equipment might work for you, please contact or visit one of the Assistive Technology Regional Centers (ATRCs). You can also request a device to try out from our Lending Library.

## Web: <u>TechOWLpa.org</u> Email: <u>TDDP@temple.edu</u> Tel: 800-204-7428

# **Certification of Disability**

Please print legibly or type. All information must be completed by a professional. (Return to: TDDP@temple.edu OR fax: 215-204-6336)

### **Applicant Name**

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Please check one. I am a(n): OAudiologist OPhysician OSpeech-Language Pathologist Physician's Assistant	Opto Opht Oservi agen	metrist halmologist ice Professional (public or private icy that serves deaf, hard of hearing
Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor Registered Nurse Practitioner	Livin Tech	deafblind, Center for Independent g employee, credentialed Assistive nology Professional)
Please check the disability(ies)	being certified	
Cognitive* I low vision		

cognitive*	low vision
deaf	hard of hearing
 blind	physical*
deafblind	speech

\*If you marked cognitive or physical disability, please explain why the applicant needs a specialized phone and/or wireless device and /or identify accessibility features that can be helpful (i.e. voice access for limited dexterity, photo labeled memory buttons for impaired cognition)

Full Name		
Title	Agency	·
PA Professional License Number, if ap	plicable	
Area Code/Phone		1
Email		

services.

Signature of Certifier \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Checklist

Before you submit your application, read this list and check the boxes to ensure your application is complete. Failure to submit all the items will result in a delay. Keep a copy of your entire completed application for your records.

Completed application with all questions answered and all blanks filled in.

**Completed Disability Certification** (filled out by a certifying professional listed on the form).

**Completed Equipment Selection Sheet** with one piece of equipment and/or one signaler that will work for you.

### Submit photocopies of documents with the following information:

### Proof of PA residency with the applicant's name and current street address this includes any of the following:

- current driver's license
- non-driver ID
- utility bill
- dated Social Security correspondence
- copies of W-2s
- school report card
- other documentation pre-printed with applicant's name and current street address.

Proof of applicant's income (Examples of proof of income include W-2's, 1099s or award letters from retirement and/or Social Security income. If you need a copy of your Social Security income statement, please call 1-800-772-1213). Your most <u>recent information</u> is required. We cannot accept bank statements or the 1040 tax form.

For a free <u>home phone only</u>: Proof of <u>most recent</u> telephone service bill (e.g. If you sign your application in May, include the April bill.) Send the entire bill. We must know what type of services you have in your home to determine if the requested device is appropriate.

**For free <u>wireless devices only</u>. Proof of wireless service**—this includes any of the following:

- a copy of current monthly cell phone bill
- receipt form a data plan card purchase
- redacted bank statement with the monthly charge noted
- annual renewal letter for a government phone plan

If you currently do not have cell phone service, you will be required to submit a receipt of activation from a service provider, monthly bill or account page from the mobile app. You will have 30 days to submit proof of service after you received the device. This requirement applies to both smart phones and tablets.

# Free Special Phones Eligibility Criteria

### Person with a disability

• This disability prevents a person from making or receiving telephone calls independently. A qualified professional must complete the certification of disability.

#### **Income limits**

• We only use the applicant's proof of income. This does not include family/ household income.

### FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA GUIDELINES

(as of January 19, 2023):

size of family unit	GROSS		
	(200% of federal poverty guidelines)		
. 1	\$29,160		
2	\$39,440		
3	\$49,720		
4	\$60,000		
5	\$72,280		
6	\$80,560		
7	\$90,840		
8	\$101,120		

#### Age

• Six (6) years or older.

#### Residence

• Resident of Pennsylvania.

#### Resources

- Must have an existing landline telephone service
- Must certify to obtain a wireless service agreement to use with the wireless device
- Must be able to learn how to use requested equipment.

#### Equipment ownership and responsibility

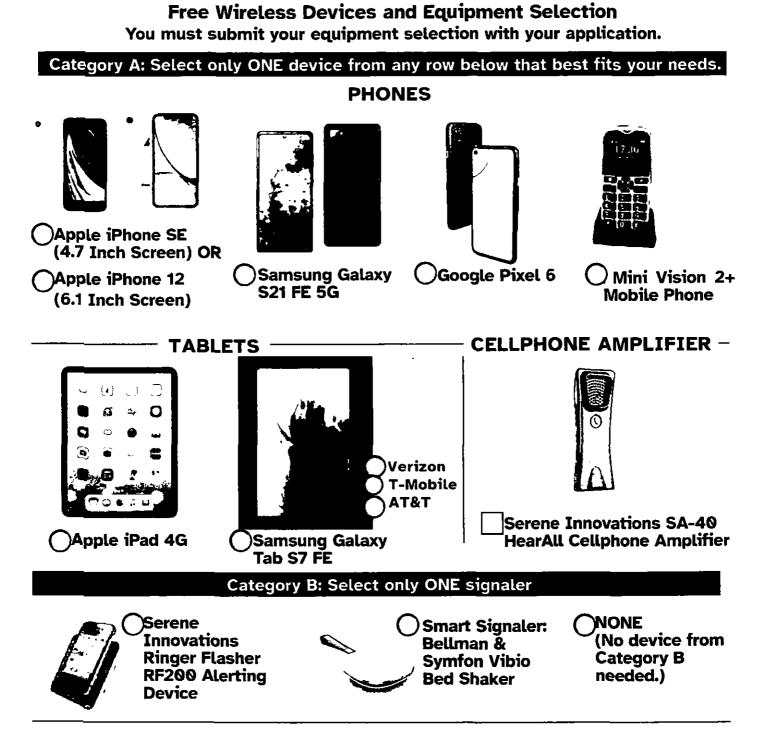
- Your selection is FINAL and CANNOT BE EXCHANGED. It is your property and responsibility. A durable, protective case and/or screen protector for your wireless device is NOT included with your equipment. It is highly recommended that you purchase one. Your device comes with a one-year manufacturer's warranty. Please consider extending that warranty through either the manufacturer or your cell phone service provider.
- Information will be kept confidential except as required by law.
- All equipment is covered by a limited manufacturer defect warranty. If it is defective or stops working, the recipient contacts the vendor for repairs. Repairs for damages due to abuse or neglect are not covered.
- Stolen equipment can be replaced only when a police report of theft is provided.

If you need help completing this application, or need it in an alternate form, please contact us:

tel: 800-204-7428 / TTY: 711 email: <u>TDDP@temple.edu</u> web: <u>TechOWLpa.org</u> The Free Special Phone Program (Pennsylvania's Telecommunication Device Distribution Program) is implemented by TechOWL, a program of the Institute on Disabilities at Temple University, in conjunction with the PA Public Utility Commission (PUC).



For details go to: <u>https://techowlpa.org/tddp</u>. List revised February 2023. If none of the listed equipment will meet your needs, please contact TechOWL.



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# NFB-NEWSLINE<sup>®</sup> Annual Report July 2021 to June 2022

### Print Media Access System Program (PMASP)

NFB-NEWSLINE<sup>\*</sup>, offered by the National Federation of the Blind, provides the Print Media Access System Program to those who cannot read regular newsprint. Anyone who cannot read conventional newsprint can qualify for this service that is free to its subscribers.

This service is available in forty-six states and the District of Columbia, providing:

- Five hundred local and national newspapers
- Spanish-language newspapers available to all subscribers
- Over ninety magazines including AARP The Magazine
- Associated Press (national & state) and United Press newswire service updated every hour
- The capability of delivering a newspaper via email directly to a subscriber's inbox
- Local TV listings
- Jobs Listings (Career Builder added in 2010, USA Jobs in 2016)
- Retail ads (Target added in 2011)
- Emergency weather alerts, including weather forecast
- Availability twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week with local as well as toll-free access
- Service is available on NFB-NEWSLINE Mobile, iPhone app, and an Amazon Alexa skill added in November 2019

Through the Commonwealth's partnership with NFB-NEWSLINE, a subscriber can choose that day's, the previous day's, or the previous Sunday's issue of any newspaper in the service and choose a section and article using a standard touch-tone telephone. Pennsylvania's participating newspapers provide the subscriber with access to all content when traveling throughout the United States.

#### Get NFB-NEWSLINE Using Amazon Alexa:

Now you can access NFB-NEWSLINE hands-free on any product that is Alexa capable. This even includes the Windows 10 app and the Alexa smart phone app that can function without the use of an Echo or an Echo Dot.

Enable the skill by saying, "Alexa, open National Federation" and log in to NFB-NEWSLINE with your voice. Use Alexa to help guide you through the steps and navigate your favorite publications. Many of the same options that are available through web and telephone are available as commands for Alexa as well. Alexa can store your favorites, email you articles, alter the reading voice, volume, or speed, and much more. Simply say, "Alexa, ask National Federation" and then the desired command to use the service.

NFB-NEWSLINE Pennsylvania Participating Newspapers:

• The Morning Call - Allentown

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- Altoona Mirror
- Beaver County Times
- Bucks County Courier Times
- Butler Eagle
- Centre Daily Times State College
- The Citizens' Voice
- Daily American
- Erie Times News
- The Evening Sun Hanover
- Harrisburg Magazine
- The Intelligencer
- LNP Lancaster Online
- Lebanon Daily News
- Patriot News
- Philadelphia Daily News
- The Philadelphia Inquirer
- Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
- Pittsburgh Tribune Review
- Pocono Record
- Reading Eagle
- The Times Tribune
- The Times Leader Wilkes-Barre
- Williamsport Sun-Gazette
- York Dispatch

As of June 30, 2022, there were 4,397 subscribers to this service throughout the Commonwealth. All customers of the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Bureau of Blindness & Visual Services are offered the opportunity to subscribe to this service. In addition, individuals are offered the opportunity to subscribe when enrolling in the Books for the Blind and Print Disabled Program, administered by the Library of Congress and cooperating network libraries.

#### New Content:

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Several new items were added to NFB-NEWSLINE including all of the convention materials for the National Federation of the Blind's annual convention and the American Council of the Blind's convention. Convention materials include the full agendas and registration information.

Twenty new publications have been added to the service as well:

- The Bellingham Herald Washington
- CNBC Breaking News Online
- The Herald South Carolina
- The Herald-Sun North Carolina-
- The Island Packet South Carolina
- •<sup>1</sup> Merced Sun-Star California

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- The Modesto Bee California
- Beauregard Daily News Louisiana
- The Pantagraph Illinois
- Native News Online New Mexico
- The Standard-Times Massachusetts
- Navajo Times New Mexico
- The Royal Gazette International (Bahamas)
- The Kathmandu Post International (Nepal)
- The Eagle Tribune Massachusetts
- Mashable American News Website
- Vox American News Website
- The News Virginian Virginia
- The Daily Nonpareil Iowa
- Morning News South Carolina

Activity Detail during the Period: July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 Content Access Frequency: 52 seconds

Our statistics indicate that a subscriber from Pennsylvania accessed NFB-NEWSLINE to obtain a piece of information every 52 seconds during the year.

Category	First Quarter FY2021	Second Quarter FY2021	Third Quarter FY2021	Fourth Quarter FY2021	12 month period from July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022
Users:	4,333	4,344	4,372	4,397	4,397
New applications:	26	19	18	30	93
Email Newspapers Delivered:	17,182	13,239	10,950	11,629	53,000
Calls Received:	23,356	21,735	20,463	21,499	87,053
State Newspapers Accessed:	21,499	64,155	63,513	52,954	202,121
Television Listings Accessed:	4,560	6,092	5,743	5,064	32,459
Number of Minutes:	274,889	251,448	235,944	231,010	993,291
Local Call Percentage:	56.77	53.34	55.92	55.71	55.71

#### Newspaper Usage Report

The chart below contains the names of the Pennsylvania publications along with the number of times that they were accessed between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022.

Content Name	First Quarter FY2021	Second Quarter FY2021	Third Quarter FY2021	Fourth Quarter FY2021	12 month period from July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022
Local Weather and Emergency Alerts	7,277	5,400	5,555	6,676	24,908
The Morning Call - Allentown	3,828	3,736	4,085	3,966	15,615
Altoona Mirror	1,710	1,626	1,903	1,880	7,119
Associated Press Pennsylvania	9,598	10,375	9,429	9,480	38,882
Beaver County Times	612	658	466	481	2,217
Bucks County Courier Times	1,213	1,377	1,436	1,967	5,993
Butler Eagle	828	916	731	918	3,393
<i>Centre Daily Times</i> - State College	1,272	1,055	774	793	3,894
The Citizens' Voice	649	631	381	452	2,113
Daily American	481	1,293	366	3,949	6,089
Erie Times News	5,379	4,965	5,208	4,671	20,223
The Evening Sun - Hanover	215	247	256	160	878
LNP Lancaster Online	3,917	4,134	3,565	3,315	14,391
Lebanon Daily News	1,039	923	1,086	843	3,891
Pennsylvania Local Channel	404	378	410	394	1,586
Patriot News	0	0	297	1,933	2,230
The Philadelphia Inquirer	0	0	554	3,916	4,470
Philadelphia Online	553	415	294	0	1,262
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	11,336	13,235	4,486	8,946	38,003
Pittsburgh Tribune Review	11,290	10,330	11,393	9,383	42,396
Pocono Record	577	474	470	474	1,995
Reading Eagle	2,045	1,799	2,121	1,997	7,962
The Times Tribune	736	1,768	260	6,563	9,327
The Times Leader - Wilkes- Barre	506	236	144	280	1,166
Williamsport Sun-Gazette	1,054	865	1,173	1,063	4,155
York Dispatch	457	447	930	421	2,255

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Actual Costs Incurred during the Period (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022) Please refer to the four quarterly invoices for detail:

NFB-NEWSLINE annual maintenance service fee: \$44,000 (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022) The newspapers included with the annual service fee are:

- Centre Daily Times State College
- The Evening Sun Hanover
- The Intelligencer
- Lebanon Daily News
- LNP Lancaster Online
- Patriot News
- The Philadelphia Inquirer
- Philadelphia Daily News
- The Times Leader Wilkes-Barre
- York Dispatch

Annual newspaper operational fee: \$75,000 (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022) This includes fifteen newspapers at \$5,000 each:

- The Morning Call Allentown
- Altoona Mirror
- Beaver County Times
- Bucks County Courier Times
- Butler Eagle
- The Citizens Voice
- Daily American
- Erie Times News
- Harrisburg Magazine
- Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
- Pittsburgh Tribune Review
- Pocono Record
- Reading Eagle
- The Times Tribune
- Williamsport Sun-Gazette

Marketing and Outreach: \$50,000 (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022)

Marketing and Outreach tasks will consist of the following: subscriber registration and follow-up, including the distribution of materials needed for instruction for new subscribers in print; Braille or audio format; the distribution of brochures and other promotional materials at community events and exhibits; and the staffing of a help desk to answer calls from subscribers and those requesting NFB-NEWSLINE information and materials. Additionally, administration of the state specific channel for Pennsylvania and posting of items of interest to the blindness community in the commonwealth will be included in this fee.

Annual Unlimited Nationwide Direct Inward Dial Telecommunications Access fee: \$4,000 (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022) A pro-rated fee assessed to each state for NFB-NEWSLINE telecommunications service.

Total invoice: \$173,000 (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022)

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