ALTERNATIVE FINANCING PROGRAM (AFP)

The Alternative Financing Program (AFP) is a low-interest, extended-term financial loan for a person with a disability who needs assistive technology. AFP loans are available for many types of assistive technology. Examples include, but are not limited to, mobility aids, braille equipment, hearing aids, augmentative communication devices, computers, and environmental control units. Loan amounts range from $1,000 to $10,000.

Who Qualifies for this Program?

This program is for Indiana residents who have a documented disability and who need assistive technology. If the person with the disability is under 18 years of age, then the legal guardian may complete the application process.

Where is it Available?

Through a partnership between Easter Seals Crossroads and STAR Financial, AFP loans are available throughout the state of Indiana. Because of this partnership, everyone who needs assistive technology should be able to qualify for a loan.

How do I Start?

Interested individuals may obtain an AFP loan application from the INDATA Project at Easter Seals Crossroads by calling 888-466-1314. Currently, applications are available via USPS mail or electronically.

Application Process

The AFP loan application package consists of the following:

- An Easter Seals Crossroads application
- A STAR Financial personal loan application

Individuals must be able to provide disability documentation and understand that this process is for a potential loan — not a grant or other type of financial assistance.

Once an AFP loan application is approved, the individual will complete a loan agreement with STAR Financial and arrange for monthly installments to be paid directly to STAR Financial.