

Grantees 2015

Organization Name	City	Grant	Project Title	Grant Purpose
ALS Association Greater Sacramento Chapter	Sacramento	\$ 69,435	Communication Assistive Technology	To increase access to communications for ALS patients through updated equipment and training as well as some home-based assessments by SLPs.
California Foundation for Independent Living Centers	Sacramento	\$ 29,299	Digital Access Project	To purchase and ship modems to low-income, fixed-income individuals with disabilities and frail seniors who wouldn't otherwise be able to access the Internet from their homes (often on \$900 a month income).
Casa Colina Hospital for Rehabilitative Medicine	Pomona	\$ 86,159	Integrating an Augmentative and Alternative Communication Intervention in Aphasic & Autism Patients	To determine whether a correlation exists between improved communication outcomes and increased accessibility and frequency of use of the app Autismate365. To improve social interactions and greater independence. Rigorous evaluation with broad dissemination of results in peer journals and at professional conferences.
Center for Accessible Technology	Berkeley	\$ 32,870	Senior Connect	To provide seniors with customized computer training that will enable them to enjoy the communication benefits of desktop and tablet technology.
Central Coast Assistive Technology Center of UCP	San Luis Obispo	\$ 28,000	iPad Lending Library for Individuals with Low Vision and Blindness	To provide loans of accessible iPad technology to individuals who are blind or low vision so that they can become educated and empowered.
CSU Fullerton Auxiliary Services Corporation	Fullerton	\$ 100,000	Low-Cost Brain-Computer Interface Based Wireless Electronic Communication System for ALS Patients	To design and pilot a low-cost brain-computer interface for ALS patients so that they can access the Internet and communicate via a computer with minimal training.
Down Syndrome Connection of the Bay Area	Danville	\$ 100,000	Expression Connection	To increase communications access to people with DS of all ages. To provide training and access to AAC and AT, teaching methods and strategies that facilitate effective communicative means.
Easy Does It Emergency Services	Berkeley	\$ 76,500	MySupport Bay Area Community Partnership	To support the launch of MySupport, a new online technology platform developed in partnership with the disability community for people with disabilities and seniors who need assistance in identifying and managing direct support workers.
Exceptional Children's Foundation	Culver City	\$ 50,000	Kayne Eras SMART Tech Project	To provide interactive whiteboard technology to engage the minds and increase the communication capacity of 190 students with special needs.
Exceptional Parents Unlimited, Inc	Fresno	\$ 44,350	Developing Communication Skills in Infants and Toddlers	To provide assistive devices and staff training to help families and children with developmental disabilities create positive, functional relationships.
Lions Center for the Blind	Oakland	\$ 50,000	Web-Adapt Education	To provide 100+ blind or visually impaired adults with direct access to Assistive Technology training.

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Napa Valley Hospice & Adult Day Services	Napa	\$ 11,000	Adult Day Services' Innovative Therapies	To improve Adult Day Services participants' communications abilities and social engagement through access to hearing loss screenings and therapeutic iPad activities.
Noah Homes, Inc.	Spring Valley	\$ 21,975	Enhanced Communication for Autistic and Nonverbal Residents	To provide 21 residents having severe speech impairments with Augmentative and Alternative Communication to help them overcome language disorders.
Parents Helping Parents	San Jose	\$ 22,605	Communication Access for Adults with Disabilities	To train staff at five adult day programs on a variety of AT communications tools including strategies on how to use them with their clients. To develop a toolkit for each adult day program with low-high tech communication tools.
Support for Families of Children with Disabilities	San Francisco	\$ 66,808	Assistive Communication for Underserved Families of Children/Youth with Special Needs Phase II	To enable families, especially those with limited English or limited incomes, to understand and use AAC with their children who have special needs.
Team of Advocates for Special Kids (TASK)	Anaheim	\$ 98,248	Project Communicate!	To provide communication options for persons with language impairments through hands-on access, assessments, training, support and recommendations.
The ALS Association Golden West Chapter	Agoura Hills	\$ 100,000	Increasing Access to AAC/AT Equipment for People Living with ALS	To assemble and distribute specialized AAC/AT tool kits to SLPs and speech specialists at Chapter affiliated multi-disciplinary ALS clinics. These specialists will be trained to use the tool kits for demonstration, presentation and client training purposes.
The Arc of Ventura County	Ventura	\$ 22,626	The Digital Literacy Program	To purchase 36 iPads for nine program sites located throughout Ventura County (four iPads for each site). Although the Arc serves a total of 700 individuals at those sites, those iPads would be for 50 individuals with speech impairments.
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