

Grantees 2016

Disability Communications Fund

Access for All

Organization Name	Organization City	Organization Website	Project Name	Project Purpose	Grant Amount
CSU Fullerton Auxiliary Services Corporation	Fullerton	www.fullerton.edu	Low-Cost Wireless Electrooculography (EOG) based Electronic Communication System for ALS Patients	To design and pilot test a user-friendly low-cost wireless EOG based electronic communication system for use by severely disabled persons.	\$100,000.00
Disability Action Center	Redding	www.actionctr.org	Communication Devices for Older Blind/Low Vision Individuals	To provide individual training on tablets, computers, and cellular phones to blind/low vision seniors so that they can stay connected to their family	\$48,000.00
Down Syndrome Connection of the Bay Area	Danville	www.dsconnecton.org	Down Syndrome Education Alliance & Expression Connection 2016	To increase communication for people with Down syndrome through training & access to AAC/AT, teaching methods & modifications, & other tools.	\$60,000.00
Earle Baum Center of the Blind	Santa Rosa	www.earlebaum.org	Technical Communication Enhancement for Individuals with Sight Loss	To provide a program where those with sight loss receive mobile operating systems, training and enhanced audio communication capability.	\$65,500.00
Goodwill of Orange County	Santa Ana	www.ocgoodwill.org	Access and Education for All	To increase regional outreach resulting in expansion of education and training in assistive technology/AAC for consumers, professionals and caregivers.	\$56,000.00
HEAR Center	Pasadena	www.hearcenter.org	Free Hearing and Speech Screening Program	To identify children and seniors with undiagnosed hearing or speech conditions, so they can receive services to improve their quality of life.	\$65,000.00
Hesperian Health Guides	Berkeley	http://hesperian.org	Building California CBO capacity for outreach/education of underserved children with special needs	To train CBOs working with families of children with communication disabilities to create effective materials with Hesperian's digital resources.	\$30,000.00
Include Autism	San Diego	www.includeautism.org	Assistive Communication Device Training for Youth With Autism in the Community	To train service providers and youth with autism to effectively use augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) devices in the community.	\$16,000.00
Independent Living Resource Center San Francisco	San Francisco	www.ilrcsf.org	Smartphones and Independent Living: A Video Tutorial	To provide consumers with a fully accessible video training resource, in 3 languages, on how to use smartphones and optimize accessibility features.	\$22,200.00
Innovative Health Care Services, Inc., dba the Peg Taylor Center for Adult Day Health Care	Chico	pegaylorcenter.org	Making the Connection: Cross-Generational Communication Therapies	To empower communication, cognition and social engagement for adults with complex health conditions through therapeutic technologies.	\$18,050.00
LightHouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired	San Francisco	lighthouse-sf.org	Anytime Tech	To provide evening and weekend technical assistance and training for communication devices to blind ESL or non-funded students who otherwise would not	\$30,000.00
OPICA Adult Day Care Center, Inc.	Los Angeles	www.opica.org	Assistive Listening Devices for Community Education Programs for Seniors	To enable seniors with hearing deficits to maximize their ability to understand, engage, and benefit from community education programs.	\$37,092.00
Parents Helping Parents	San Jose	www.php.com	Communication Access for Adults with Disabilities: State-wide Expansion	To provide and improve access to communication for non-verbal and minimally verbal adults throughout the state of CA using a tested model.	\$27,115.00
Rancho Los Amigos Foundation	Downey	www.ranchofoundation.org	Mobile Access Clinic	To establish a Mobile Access Clinic for individuals with disabilities who need alternative access or devices to communicate.	\$35,000.00
Team of Advocates for Special Kids (TASK)	Anaheim	www.taskca.org	Project Communicate- Phase II	To provide communication options for persons with language impairments through hands-on access, assessments, training, support and recommendations.	\$60,000.00
TERI, Inc.	Oceanside	www.teriinc.org	AAC/AT Training and Communication Services for People with Special Needs	To provide AAC/AT Training and Communications Support for People with Developmental Disabilities and train staff to deliver the program 24/7/365	\$50,000.00
The ALS Association Golden West Chapter	Agoura Hills	www.alsagoldenwest.org	Improving Access to Communication Solutions for People Living with ALS	To ensure that people with ALS have information about/access to technology for communication with loved ones, medical professionals & others.	\$75,000.00
The Smith-Kettlewell Eye Research Institute	San Francisco	www.ski.org	Improving Access to Described Video for the Blind through Technology and Community	To improve access to described online video for people with visual disabilities and provide description training and support for sighted volunteers.	\$99,098.00
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