

Appendix I: LIST OF FUNDED vs. NON-FUNDED ASVI EQUIPMENT (SPECIFIC TO VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS)

Criteria for Approved Equipment:

1. Equipment must be specific to the needs and use of persons with visual impairments
2. Equipment must be unavailable for loan or subsidized purchase elsewhere (e.g. MRC, CNIB)

Categories of Funded Equipment:

1. Computer software:
 - (i) Optical Character Recognition software (e.g. Kurzweil, OpenBook, Omnipage)
 - (ii) Screen reader software (e.g. JAWS, Connect-OUTloud, OutSpoken)
 - (iii) Magnification software (e.g. ZoomText, BIGSHOT, MAGic, InLARGE)
 - (iv) Braille software (e.g. Duxbury, Braille2000)
 - (v) Others (upon discretion of Equipment Committee)
2. Computerized hardware:
 - (i) Braille writers/notetakers (e.g. Mountbatten, BrailleLite, BrailleNote, PAC Mate)
 - (ii) Magnification devices (e.g. Flipper)
 - (iii) Others (upon discretion of Equipment Committee)
3. Computer accessories:
 - (i) OCR-compatible scanner, when requested in conjunction with OCR software
 - (ii) Braille embossing printers (e.g. Romeo 25, Blazie Blazer)
 - (iii) Computer connection cables, proprietary (e.g. BrailleLite-to-DiskDrive)
 - (iv) Others (upon discretion of Equipment Committee)
4. Low-tech:
 - (i) Braille writers (e.g. Perkins)
 - (ii) Others (upon discretion of Equipment Committee)
 - (iii) Portable Sound Source: Sport Edition - Create audio tones that provide directional cues for orientation and mobility, sound localization training, or for playground games and sports.
5. Other (upon discretion of Equipment Committee)

Categories of Equipment NOT Funded:

1. Mainstream available technology:
 1. (i) Data storage devices (e.g. Compact Flash cards, card readers, CD writers)
 2. (ii) PCMCIA devices (e.g. removable Ethernet adapters, BlueTooth, InfraRed cards)
 3. (iii) Computer connection cables, non-proprietary (e.g. USB or serial)
 4. (iv) Computer monitors, LCD projectors
 5. (v) Printers (except Braille embossers)
 6. (vi) Others (as determined by Equipment Committee)
2. Computer systems:
 1. (i) Notebooks, a.k.a. laptop computers
 2. (ii) Desktops, a.k.a. free-standing CPUs
 3. (iii) Others (as determined by Equipment Committee)
3. Low-Tech:
 1. (i) Exercise equipment (e.g. stationary bicycles, treadmills)
 2. (ii) Others (as determined by Equipment Committee)
4. Other (as determined by Equipment Committee)