ATEL iPad Programs

ATEL Program (iPad Acquisition)
The ATEL Program provides iPads (as well as other wireline and wireless equipment) to qualified individuals who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, have a speech disability, or have neuromuscular damage or disease that hinders them from using a standard telephone. Consumers must be a RI Resident, have one of the above-mentioned disabilities, and meet one of the income qualifiers of < 250% of the poverty level (https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines) and/or participated in a qualifying criterion described on the application.

ATAP Short-Term iPad Loan
RI ATAP offers any RI resident an iPad for a limited period for one of the four purposes below. Typical range is from between 30 and 45 calendar days.
- Assist in decision making (trial),
- Loaner (waiting on repair or funding)
- Short term accommodation (event)
- Conduct training (assessment)

ATAP Open-Ended iPad Loan
RI ATAP offers iPads to fill in a gap longer than a short-term loan, and for individuals that don’t qualify for any other programs. Generally long term (at least several months) with the device provided to the consumer for as long as the person needs; ownership does not transfer to the consumer. The terms of agreement for long term loans are as follows:
- Open-Ended Borrowers must not have access to funding/ equipment from any other programs.
  - Programs that are considered comparable benefits or providers of AT Include: Vocational Rehabilitation, Veteran’s Administration, Veteran’s Vocational Rehabilitation, Medicaid/Medicare, School District/LEA Funding, Private Insurance, Workplace Accommodation, Independent Living Center, TDI, Care’s Act Funding or General Non-Profit Agencies.
- Open-Ended Borrowers must show economic need either by household income or participating in a qualifying program; as well as liquid assets must not exceed $40,000.
  - Gross household income must be less than 400% of the poverty level (https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines).
  - Participate in a qualifying program such as: food stamps, Medicaid, SSI, SSDI, Katie Becket, heating assistance, rite care, family independence program, public assistance, RIPAE (assisting tiers 60% &30%) or telephone lifeline service.

For more information on the ATEL Program, or any of our ATAP Loan Programs either scan our QR Code, or visit our website at https://ors.ri.gov/programs/adaptive-telephone-equipment-loan-program-atel. Also, if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the ATEL Program at (401) 486-3325, or email denise.corson@ors.ri.gov.