## State Deaf-Blind Fund FY 2021 - 2022

Students who are deaf-blind often present complex and challenging educational needs. The nature of the disability is such that highly specialized technological adaptations frequently are required to allow them to benefit from an educational program. A large percentage of these students also have severe multiple disabilities. The presence of these disabilities often requires the student to have specialized positioning equipment, augmentative alternative communication devices, and accommodations that allow the students to participate in preschools, general education classrooms or community settings.

Requests for the State Deaf-Blind Funds are reviewed carefully. Approval for funding is granted when costs exceed the amount that districts are able to provide out of local and state categorical funds. Applications are approved for priority candidates from July 1 to October 31 (may vary each year depending on the number of applications submitted). After July 1, all applications will be approved on a first come, first serve basis. Funding is provided to students with severe multiple disabilities who are not on the state deaf-blind census January 1st if monies available.

State total for 2021 - 2022 allocation, 88 students in 27 local districts or cooperatives received funding. A total of 89 deaf-blind fund applications were processed. The money was used for the following purposes:

Assistive Technology	\$106,160.00
Consultants	\$0.00
Evaluation	\$0.00
Total	\$106,160.00

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## **Expenditures by District**

Amount
\$7,912.70
\$4,625.03
\$2,756.92
\$12,729.06
\$83.00
\$772.95
\$11,555.28
\$2,401.00
\$2,166.05
\$2,251.94
\$1,806.64
\$4,493.66
\$1,100.25
\$2,412.98
\$330.95
\$2,741.39
\$3,345.27
\$5,539.70
\$4,404.90
\$11,366.95
\$7,163.10
\$1,786.41
\$73.98
\$3,851.94
\$1,156.11
\$1,761.78
\$5,570.06
\$106,160.00