### ***Guidelines and Application for Eligible Assistive Technology for UCP’s Bellows Funds***

**The federal definition of assistive technology is:**

*"Any piece of equipment, or product system, whether acquired commercially off the shelf, modified, or customized, that is used to increase, maintain or improve functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities."*

**Some Examples of Allowable Requests for Assistive Technology**

○ Wheelchairs (manual and electric)

○ Augmentative Communication Devices

○ Environmental Controls

○ Computer Equipment

○ Lifts in the nominee's own/parent's van or home

○ Hearing Aids

*This list is not meant to be inclusive or exclusive of requests eligible for funding under the Elsie S. Bellows Fund.*

**Some Examples of Ineligible Assistive Technology**

○ Automobiles

○ Evaluations or other Assistive Technology "services"

○ Furniture and appliances (that is not adapted)

○ Equipment to be placed at the UCP affiliate

○ Alterations and Renovations to buildings

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**Ownership**

Equipment funded through a Bellows Grant is the property of the individual , not the affiliate.

**Application**

If you are interested in applying for funding, please download a Bellows Fund Application form. You may download the form to complete and submit electronically, or download the form, print it, complete the application in handwritten fashion, scan it and send it via email to bellows@ucp.org. ***No batched requests will be considered***. Each request must be for one individual with disabilities to be considered by the Bellows Committee for meeting the established criteria.

**Assurances and Financial Need Requirement**

By signing/certifying the Bellows Fund application, the UCP CEO/affiliate Executive Director assures that the UCP affiliate "deems" the Bellows Fund recipient is "in financial need", that the nominee will own the equipment and all elements of the application are accurate.

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