

OREGON TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

TELECOMMUNICATION PROGRAMS

As a Cooperative member, anyone who qualifies is eligible to receive benefits from the Oregon Telephone Assistance Program (OTAP) and the Telecommunication Devices Access Program (TDAP). The OTAP program allows qualifying individuals to receive up to a \$13.50 reduction on their monthly bill for their local residential telephone service or cellular service. In order to qualify for the OTAP program an individual must receive one of the following benefits:

- Food Stamps
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
- Supplemental Security Income
- Certain State Medical Programs or Medicaid

Other programs available for those who qualify is the Telecommunication Devices Access Program (TDAP). The TDAP program loans adaptive telephone equipment at no cost and with no income restriction to eligible Oregonians who have at least one of the following impairments:

- Hearing – moderate to severe, or profound
- Vision
- Speech
- Mobility
- Cognitive

In order to receive equipment one must complete an application and have a medical professional such as a licensed physician, audiologist, speech-language pathologist or vocation rehabilitation counselor certify your disability. For further information on the OTAP and TDAP program, call the Oregon Public Utility Commission at 503-373-7171.