

I am in support of additional funding for the IDA Program. As both, an Asset Building Specialist and IDA recipient, I can speak to both sides of the successful impact the IDA program has on both clients and myself.

The IDA program provides the education and the necessary financial tools that not only impact someone while participating in the program, but for the rest of their lives. Since completing my Home Ownership IDA in 2017, I have been following a budget, saving monthly to build a sizable emergency fund and increased my retirement contributions. These were tools I and many others acquire as an IDA participant and continue to utilize. This has also helped me increase my income which also increases my contribution to state taxes that can be utilized to build better infrastructure, improve education, and more.

Investing in the IDA program not only assists participants to achieve building assets, it funds innovators, new businesses, helps families access affordable housing, and jobs. It injects money into the economy, and helps make Oregon stronger.

thank you,

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