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The program I went through could use more funding to help Oregonians! After going through the necessary steps, my family was given the option to purchase a more reliable, family friendly, and safe vehicle. We are barely surviving on welfare while I'm in college and would've never been able to save up the money to achieve this goal on our own, not for a long time at least. Young Roots in Albany, OR deserves more than what they get as well. The classes and support they offer are top tier and super easy to access. My family has gotten more support from Young Roots than anywhere else in Oregon. Without them my family would not have been able to achieve quite a few goals over the year we worked with them. Casa of Oregon, the IDA program that matched our money, also deserves more funding! The opportunity to purchase a car when we had no other option to save was an amazing program to go through. Between these two programs, I learned how to be a better tenant, my rights as a renter, how to purchase a vehicle and what to look for, how to save money, and ways to finally get off of welfare. They are both great support systems for people with low income and deserves the funding to reach more Oregonians.