



# INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT PROGRAM FOR HOMEOWNERSHIP

The Pierce County Asset Building Coalition's Individual Development Account (IDA) program for homeownership can help participants achieve their financial dreams through a program of classes in personal financial management, an individual savings plan, and the opportunity to get a match for their savings.

## PERSONAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT TRAINING

Nine sessions provided by Tacoma Goodwill, "Key to Change", will familiarize participants with financial terms and concepts and assist them in making a realistic determination about their debt, how much they can reasonably set aside as a monthly savings amount, and assist in developing a savings plan.

## SEMINARS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE LINKED TO SAVINGS GOALS

Training by certified facilitators of the Pacific Institutes STEPS program will help you to expand your ability to set and affirm the goals you have for your life. First-time home buyer seminars will help you meet your homeownership goals.

## Total SAVINGS GOALS

Monthly savings will be matched at a rate of 1 to 1 for a first home purchase.

## TOTAL SAVINGS MATCH

\$4,000 per family

## Who qualifies for this program?

- Low-income working families.
- Household income must not be more than:

SIZE OF FAMILY UNIT	Income
1 member	\$34,800
2 members	\$39,750
3 members	\$44,750
4 members	\$49,700
5 members	\$53,700
6 members	\$57,650
7 members	\$61,650
8 members	\$65,600

To learn more, call Associated Ministries at (253) 383-3056 x118 or email [pcabc@associatedministries.org](mailto:pcabc@associatedministries.org)

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# Q & A

## **What Are IDAs?**

**Individual Development Accounts (IDAs)** are a different approach to helping individuals and families with low incomes. Instead of giving families income assistance, the IDA program helps these individuals and families invest in assets that build their economic security. The Pierce County Asset Building IDA Program provides matched savings accounts for working families to be used specially for first-time home ownership.

## **Should I Open An IDA?**

**YES, if you would like to buy a home.** The IDA program is designed to ensure that the account builds the long-term assets of low-income individuals and families.

**YES, if you can attend financial education classes and workshops related to your savings goals for homeownership.** These sessions cover a range of topics including budgeting, setting goals credit, and investment and saving. We also help you work on thinking big and seeing yourself as a homeowner. The additional workshops cover the home-buying process and how to protect this investment that you'll be making.

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **Do the matching funds get deposit into my account?**

NO. The matched money is kept in a parallel account. When ready to purchase your asset, the matching funds plus your savings are paid directly to the vendor.

### **Will I be taxed on the matching funds?**

NO. You will not be taxed on the matched income. You will be taxed on the interest earned on your individual savings account.

### **What if I am not able to use my IDA money after I have completed the program?**

You may continue to keep the money in your IDA account until you are ready to use it for the specific purpose for up to 12 months after completing the program.

### **What if I decide I don't want to participate?**

You will always get the money that you saved but you lose the matching funds.