

# Individual Development Account

## *What is an IDA?*

IDA, or Individual Development Account, is a special matched savings account designed to help families and individuals of modest means establish a pattern of regular savings and, ultimately, purchase a high yielding asset. A high yielding asset is something of value that is likely to return substantial long-term benefits to its owner, like security, stability, and opportunities for more income. ICCF IDA Program participants may use their savings and match money toward home purchase only.

## *Who is eligible to enroll in the IDA program?*

The ICCF IDA Program is open to individuals or families who meet the following criteria:

- Resident of Kent County and purchase a home in Kent County
- Have a credit score of at least 530
- Must have a steady income for at least 6 months (not including unemployment), and a minimum income of \$25,000 (unless using a Housing Choice Voucher and enrolling in a mortgage assistance program).
- Potential participants must fall at or below 100% of the Area Median Income level (see income limits below)
- Be able to save a minimum of \$30.00 per month from earned income
- Is able to take both the ICCF Introduction to Home Ownership and Home Repair Services Financial Capabilities classes
- Is able to participate in an IDA focus group on a quarterly basis with ICCF staff
- Have less than \$35,000 in assets (cash at home or in the bank. HSA, retirement, and 401k do not count as assets)

### **Household size income for previous 12 months cannot exceed:**

Using your household income for the past twelve calendar months, **please circle** your household income in the chart below (this chart for use between April 2021 – April 2022)

FAMILY SIZE	INCOME LEVEL	FAMILY SIZE	INCOME LEVEL	FAMILY SIZE	INCOME LEVEL
1	\$56,000	4	\$80,000	7	\$99,200
2	\$64,000	5	\$86,400	8	\$105,600
3	\$72,000	6	\$92,800		

## *What is a savings match?*

A savings match is a promise to supplement an IDA participant's savings deposits at a specific rate. In other words, a 4:1 savings match means that for every \$1 an IDA participant saves, they will have another \$4 added (or matched) to their account balance. For example, a participant with a savings goal of home purchase who saved the maximum of \$1,000 would receive a match of \$4,000 for a total of \$5,000 to be used towards the purchase of a home.