

# 2015 IDA Awards

Governor Brown, Oregon Housing and Community Services and Neighborhood Partnerships are pleased to announce funding awards of more than \$9,000,000 that will give Oregonians with low incomes hope for their future and a pathway out of poverty through asset building. These funds will be distributed to a network of non-profit organizations, which comprise the Oregon Individual Development Account (IDA) Initiative, in communities across Oregon. The Initiative supports people with low incomes to save for a home, a small business, or their education.

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## CASA of Oregon - \$3,370,000

CASA of Oregon offers IDA program administration through two networks: the Valley Individual Development Account Collaborative (VIDA) and the Matched College Savings Program (MCSP). Although CASA of Oregon is located in Sherwood, its partners serve 29 counties: Baker, Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Crook, Deschutes, Douglas, Hood River, Jackson, Jefferson, Josephine, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Malheur, Marion, Morrow, Multnomah, Polk, Sherman, Tillamook, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco, Washington, and Yamhill. CASA's partners serve Oregonians with limited financial resources, including residents of partners' affordable housing units, entrepreneurs wishing to start or expand a business, students at high schools saving for college and participants in the Family Self-Sufficiency Program, to name a few. [www.casaoforegon.org](http://www.casaoforegon.org)



## College Dreams - \$650,000

Founded in 1998, College Dreams' mission is to build resiliency, financial assets, and college/career readiness for low income, minority, and other potential achievement gap students. Students who qualify have the ability to apply for youth Individual Development Accounts (IDAs) to provide opportunities for them and their families to successfully save for college. College Dreams has been an IDA Provider since 2008 providing education IDA's for youth in Josephine, Klamath and Jackson Counties. [www.collegedreams.org](http://www.collegedreams.org)



## Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO) - \$300,000

IRCO has been a non-profit IDA Provider since September 2007. IRCO's IDA Program helps immigrants and refugees obtain the financial literacy to make independent economic choices, acquire assets such as a home, education, or business by saving for an individual development account (IDA) and transition into the mainstream economy. [www.irco.org](http://www.irco.org)



## Mercy Corps Northwest - \$500,000

Mercy Corps Northwest (MCNW) assists low-income current and aspiring small-business owners throughout Oregon and Washington in order to reduce unemployment, grow personal incomes and assets, and increase economic growth. They provide business programs and resources through microloans; Individual Development Account (IDA) matched savings for businesses, and small business classes taught by business professionals. Mercy Corps Northwest's mission runs parallel to the mission of their parent organization, Mercy Corps: To alleviate suffering, poverty and oppression by helping people build secure, productive and just communities. [www.mercycorpsnw.org](http://www.mercycorpsnw.org)



## Micro Enterprise Services of Oregon (MESO) - \$450,000

MESO seeks to broaden economic opportunities for underserved entrepreneurs by providing business support to increase growth in income, assets, and business skills. MESO has offered IDAs since 2008. Currently offering education and microenterprise IDAs. MESO's service area includes Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington counties. [www.mesopdx.org](http://www.mesopdx.org)



## The Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA) - \$130,000

NAYA in Portland, Oregon works to enrich the lives of Native youth and families through education, community involvement, and culturally specific programming. NAYA has been providing IDAs as an Initiative Partner since 2008. NAYA provides IDAs for Home Buying, Small Business, Post-Secondary Education, and Elders Home Rehabilitation. [www.nayapdx.org](http://www.nayapdx.org)



## Neighborhood Economic Development Corporation (NEDCO) - \$525,000

NEDCO provides comprehensive resources to help people build assets, including education and financial counseling for homeownership, business development, post-secondary education planning, and general financial stability. NEDCO has offered IDAs since 2002. NEDCO offers homeownership, micro-enterprise and post-secondary education IDAs. [www.nedcocdc.org](http://www.nedcocdc.org)



## NeighborWorks Umpqua (NWU) - \$2,275,000

NWU was developed primarily to focus on the affordable housing needs of the low to moderate income population of Douglas County. NeighborWorks Umpqua provides IDAs through their DreamSavers network. Offering homeownership, education, microenterprise, home repair and employment related purchase IDAs, DreamSavers currently serves 14 counties, including: Coos, Crook, Curry, Deschutes, Douglas, Harney, Jackson, Jefferson, Josephine, Klamath, Lake, Lane, Linn, and Malheur. NWU's main office is located in Roseburg, Oregon. [www.nwumpqua.org](http://www.nwumpqua.org)



## Portland Housing Center (PHC) - \$700,000

PHC provides high quality pre-purchase home buyer education, coaching, and financial resources in the form of stable, affordable mortgages and down payment assistance programs. PHC's target population is first time home buyers with special outreach to under-served and minority communities. Portland Housing Center has been a partner with the Oregon IDA Initiative since 2004. [www.portlandhousingcenter.org](http://www.portlandhousingcenter.org)



## Warm Springs Community Action Team (WSCAT) - \$130,000

WSCAT is a community-based, 501(c)(3) organization located in Warm Springs, Oregon. WSCAT's mission is to alleviate poverty on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation. WSCAT has been offering all categories of IDAs as an Initiative Partner since 2008. <http://warmspringsprogress.net>

