



## **2013 "Step 2 Funding" Request for Proposals Announcement**

June 17, 2013

Dear Community Partners,

The Oregon IDA Initiative has grown rapidly and reached a funding plateau for the immediate future. Earlier this spring, we held back on funding growth into new arenas in order to conduct a thoughtful review and comprehensive analysis of new opportunities for leverage or partnerships.

As part of this process, we would like to hear from you, from the IDA community, and from the broader communities we serve about their priorities, ideas, new opportunities, and proposed approaches or innovations.

We want to take this opportunity to examine whether there are areas that are significantly under-served, or, potentially, over-served. Additionally, we would like to assess our relative rates of success from community to community, and examine whether alternative approaches are warranted. We are also open to recommendations for strategic planning around how we invest our growth in annual resources.

In the coming months, we will be facilitating conversations or listening sessions throughout the state. During those meetings, we will share data and information about current and past IDA Initiative participants. This information will jump start our collaborative conversations about the Oregon IDA Initiative's successes, areas that need improvement, and/or opportunities not yet explored.

All current partners are invited to help us plan and host these conversations about the future of the Oregon IDA Initiative. Please contact us if you are interested in either of those tasks and keep an eye out for the schedule of meetings coming soon.

We are asking that organizations interested in applying for funding through this RFP first submit a Letter of Inquiry by August 30, 2013 (see attached request for LOIs). LOIs will be reviewed by Neighborhood Partnerships and shared with current Fiduciary Organizations. Please note that organizations submitting a Letter of Inquiry may not be invited to submit a full proposal – an invitation to apply is required and will be issued by the Oregon IDA Initiative on or before September 13, 2013.

Invited proposals will be due on Monday, October 11, 2013 by 5pm. Requirements of the proposal will be shared as attachments to the invitation.

Awards will be announced no later than October 31, 2013.

We'd love to discuss this process with you at any time. Please direct any questions to:

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