

As someone who participated in the IDA program in 2017, this has made a huge impact on our lives. As independent musicians, we did not think owning our own home was possible until we connected with the Portland Housing Center and went through this program. The matching funds made it possible to afford our down payment and closing costs but the program was about so much more than the money. We had to budget, plan, save, and learn about the ins and outs of home ownership. We have been empowered by the tools this program provided.

We also spent a lot of time, effort, and money improving our home these last few years. I believe in this program because people like us who love Portland and want to live here, work here, and add value to this city should be able to afford to live here.

I imagine now is a more important time than ever to give money to this initiative. The effects of COVID rising housing costs are widening the gap for so many people, especially essential workers. If you care about the future of Oregon and its citizens, I encourage you to support the IDA Initiative. Thank you.