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## Am I ready to enroll in SEMO Assets?

The following questions will help you decide if you are ready for an Individual Development Account (IDA) program and if you might meet the eligibility criteria. An IDA is a matched savings account that helps you save for one of three assets: first time homeownership, starting or expanding a small business, or higher education for yourself, your child or spouse. **This pre-screening tool does not provide an actual determination of eligibility.** Please contact our program coordinator to confirm if you are eligible to participate at (573) 431-5191 x1128.

### Let's get started!

Record your answers on the lines below:

**Step 1** Are you ready to save to buy your first home, start/expand a business or pursue higher education? \_\_\_\_\_

*If yes, continue to Step 2. If no, you may not be ready or eligible for an IDA.*

**Step 2** Are you currently earning income from employment or self-employment? \_\_\_\_\_

*If yes, continue to Step 3. If no, you may not be ready or eligible for an IDA.*

**Step 3** Can you make deposits into a savings account for at least 6 months? \_\_\_\_\_

*If yes, continue to Step 4. If no, you may not be ready or eligible for an IDA.*

**Step 4** Is your household eligible for or currently receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)? \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) may also be referred to as cash assistance or another name depending on your state.

*If yes, you may be eligible for an IDA! If no, continue to Step 5 to see if you may be eligible.*

**Step 5** If you filed your taxes last year, did you claim or receive the federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC\*)? \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** The federal Earned Income Tax Credit is a refundable tax credit based on family size and income. You can find this information on your federal tax return.

*If yes, skip to Step 7. If no, continue to Step 6.*

**Step 6** Is your household income less than 200% of the federal poverty level? \_\_\_\_\_

**To calculate:**

a.) What was your estimated adjusted gross income last year? (amount your household earned last year after tax adjustments)? \_\_\_\_\_

b.) How many people are in your household? \_\_\_\_\_

c.) Turn to the Poverty Guidelines (page 2) to see what 200% of the federal poverty level is based on how many people are in your household and record amount here. \_\_\_\_\_

d.) Is your estimated adjusted gross income equal to or less than 200% of the federal poverty level guidelines for your household size? \_\_\_\_\_

*If your household income is equal to or less than 200% of the federal poverty level, continue to Step 7. If not, you may not be eligible for an IDA at this time.*

**Step 7** Does your household have less than \$10,000 in assets (savings, investments or things you own, excluding one house and one vehicle)? \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Assets refer to money you have saved or invested, and what you own (excluding one house and one vehicle).

***If yes, congratulations, you may be eligible for an IDA program! Contact Tonya Hinch, Program Coordinator, at (573) 431-5191 x1128 for more details. If not, you may not be eligible for an IDA at this time.***

*\*For more information about the EITC visit <http://www.irs.gov/eitc>*

*\*\*If more than 8 people, refer to the "Poverty Guidelines" sheet to calculate household income manually.*

*\*\*\*If in Alaska or Hawaii, see the "Poverty Guidelines" sheet to calculate manually.*

### Annual 2018 Poverty Guidelines for the 48 Continental United States

	SEMO
Household/ Family Size	200%
1	24,280
2	32,920
3	41,560
4	50,200
5	58,840
6	67,480
7	76,120
8	84,760
9	93,400
10	102,040
11	110,680
12	119,320
13	127,960
14	136,600

### Monthly 2018 Poverty Guidelines for the 48 Continental United States

	SEMO
Household/ Family Size	200%
1	2,023
2	2,743
3	3,463
4	4,183
5	4,903
6	5,623
7	6,343
8	7,063
9	7,783
10	8,503
11	9,223
12	9,943
13	10,663
14	11,383