

To: Individual Development Account Administrators Program Guidance: IDA-020-04

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**Subject: Return of Funds and Match Claim Tool Update** 

Beginning January 4, 2021, the following IHCDA guidance is in effect for all IDA Administrators:

## **Returning Unused IDA Match Funds**

When an IDA Administrator has claimed match funds for an IDA Participant and those funds go unused, either because the Participant doesn't complete the program or completes the program but does not use all of the funds, those funds must be returned to IHCDA.

When returning unused IDA match funds, IDA Administrators must utilize the following process:

- 1. Complete an Account Closeout Form with the Participant.
- 2. Submit a claim in IHCDAOnline on the award that the Participant was assigned to, using the Account Closeout Form as supporting documentation.
  - a. If the Participant left the program without using any of the Match funds, the claim should be a Repayment claim, so the IDA Administrator can reuse the funds.
  - b. If the Participant used some but not all their Match funds, the claim should be a Return of Funds claim.
- 3. Close the Participant's accounts at the Financial Institution using the Account Closeout Form. The funds in the Participant's savings account must be returned to them.
- 4. The Match funds must be returned to IHCDA with a check AND a **copy of the receipt for the claim** that the IDA Administrator submitted. Send both to IHCDA Attn: Financial Operations, 30 S. Meridian Street, Suite 900, Indianapolis IN 46204.

Without the claim receipt, IHCDA staff may not be able to deposit the check. If an Administrator consistently fails to include the claim receipt with the checks that are sent for their closed Participant accounts, they may face reduced IDA awards in future program rounds.

## **Match Claim Tool Update**

Starting on the date of this guidance, when an IDA Administrator submits a claim for match funds for a Participant, they MUST use the Match Claim Tool 2.0 as supporting documentation. All participants that an Administrator has opened an account for under a specific award should











be listed on the Tool submitted for that award, even if a Participant is not receiving match for that claim or has left the program as a graduate, nongraduate or reassigned participant.

Please direct all questions regarding this guidance to Veronica Watson at ida@ihcda.in.gov.