

Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority

Mortgage Credit Certificate Program

What is a Mortgage Credit Certificate?

- A MCC is a federal tax credit designed to assist a borrower seeking affordable homeownership.
- This tax credit allows an eligible borrower to write off a portion of the annual interest paid on the mortgage—up to \$2,000.00 each year they occupy the home as their primary residence.
- This tax credit is based on the first mortgage loan amount
- The MCC reduces the federal tax liability of the borrower and has the potential of savings of thousands of dollars over the life of the loan

How does the MCC benefit the borrower?

- The borrower may choose to revise their W-4 withholdings form to increase their take home pay. (*see following)
- The borrower may choose to take the tax credit at the end of the year. (*see following)
- Borrower has a \$50,000.00 mortgage with an annual interest rate of 5.25%, the borrower would be able to claim \$918.75 annual tax credit (this is in addition to the annual interest deduction the borrower receives) or increase take home pay by \$76.56.

How Continued

- $\$50,000.00$ (mtg amount) \times 5.25% (annual % rate) = $\$2,625.00$ (interest paid) \times 35% (MCC Credit rate based on mtg amount) = $\$918.75$ (annual tax credit)
- If borrower so chooses to increase take home pay the annual tax credit is divided out over 12 months giving the borrower(per example above) an additional $\$76.56$ per pay. The borrower would need to contact their HR department who would then modify their withholdings.

Summary of Benefits to the Borrower

First time
homebuyers

Federal Tax
Credit for up
to \$2,000

Credit may be
reissued in
cases of a
refinance

MCC Credit Rates

Mortgage of
\$50,000 & under
35%

Mortgage of
\$50,001 - \$70,000
30%

MCC Credit
Rates

Mortgage of
\$70,001 - \$90,000
25%

Mortgage of
\$90,001 & above
20%