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IRS Awards \$8 Million to Tax Clinics Aiding Low Income Taxpayers

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WASHINGTON — The National Taxpayer Advocate, Nina E. Olson, announced that the Internal Revenue Service has awarded \$8 million in matching grants to Low Income Taxpayer Clinics (LITCs) for the 2006 grant cycle (Jan. 1, 2006, through Dec. 31, 2006). LITCs are qualifying organizations that represent low income taxpayers involved in tax disputes with the IRS or that provide education on tax rights and responsibilities to taxpayers for whom English is a second language or who have limited English proficiency. For more details about the languages in addition to English served by LITCs, see Publication 4134, "Low Income Taxpayer Clinic List."

The LTC grant program, now in its eighth year, encourages the creation and growth of Low Income Taxpayer Clinics across the nation. LITCs provide free or nominal cost assistance to taxpayers who otherwise may not be able to afford a tax professional.

Under the program, the IRS awards matching grants of up to \$100,000 a year to organizations operating independent tax clinics. For the 2006 grant cycle, the IRS awarded LTC grants to 150 organizations representing 50 states plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Questions about the LTC Program can be addressed to the LTC Program Office at (212) 298 -2227 (not a toll-free call) or by email at LITCProgramOffice@irs.gov.

The following is a list of organizations awarded a matching grant for the 2006 grant cycle:

Name of Organization	City	State	Amount of Award	Award Type*
Alaska Business Development Center	Anchorage	AK	\$40,000	B
Birmingham Business Resource Center, Inc	Birmingham	AL	\$30,000	B
Lawson State Community College LTC	Birmingham	AL	\$25,000	E
Delta Economic Education Resource Service	West Memphis	AR	\$30,000	B
University of Arkansas at Little Rock School of Law	Little Rock	AR	\$80,000	B
Community Legal Services, Inc.	Phoenix	AZ	\$85,000	B
DNA – People's Legal Services, Inc.	Window Rock	AZ	\$15,000	B
United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona	Tucson	AZ	\$55,000	B

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Central California Legal Services, Inc.	Fresno	CA	\$70,000	B
Chapman University Tax Law Clinic	Orange	CA	\$85,000	B
Chinese Newcomers Service Center	San Francisco	CA	\$30,000	B
Filipino-American Service Group, LITC	Los Angeles	CA	\$10,000	B
HIV & AIDS Legal Services Alliance, Inc. (HALSA)	Los Angeles	CA	\$32,587	B
LITC of the Legal Aid Society of Orange County	Santa Ana	CA	\$85,000	B
Legal Aid Society of San Diego, Inc.	San Diego	CA	\$70,000	B
University of San Diego Legal Clinic	San Diego	CA	\$85,000	B
University of Denver College of Law	Denver	CO	\$40,000	C
New Life Corporation	New Haven	CT	\$15,000	E
Quinnipiac University School of Law Tax Clinic	Hamden	CT	\$85,000	B
University of Connecticut-School of Law Tax Clinic	Hartford	CT	\$85,000	C
American University WCL Janet R. Spragens Federal Tax Clinic	Washington	DC	\$85,000	C
Central American Resource Center	Washington	DC	\$17,000	E
University of the District of Columbia – David A Clarke School of Law	Washington	DC	\$65,000	C
Delaware Community Reinvestment Action Counsel	Wilmington	DE	\$12,000	E
Legal Services Corporation of Delaware	Wilmington	DE	\$30,000	C
Bay Area Legal Services	Plant City	FL	\$30,000	B
Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida Inc.	Daytona Beach	FL	\$75,000	B
Gulfcoast Legal Services, Inc.	St. Petersburg	FL	\$30,000	B
Legal Aid Society of Broward County, Inc.	Plantation	FL	\$40,000	C
Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc.	West Palm Beach	FL	\$40,000	B
Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc.	Miami	FL	\$85,000	B
Legal Services of North Florida	Tallahassee	FL	\$80,000	B
Federal Tax Clinic, College of Law Georgia State University	Atlanta	GA	\$85,000	C
JC Vision and Associates, Inc.	Hinesville	GA	\$50,000	B
West Georgia Low Income Taxpayer Clinic	Carrollton	GA	\$25,000	C
Impuestos Ahora (Taxes Now) -Women's Economic Development Agency, Inc.	Atlanta	GA	\$23,425	E
Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii	Honolulu	HI	\$25,000	B
Legal Aid Society of Hawaii	Honolulu	HI	\$55,000	B
Iowa Legal Aid	Des Moines	IA	\$95,000	B
University of Idaho Tax Clinic	Moscow	ID	\$85,000	B

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Sisters of Mercy Regional Community of Omaha	Twin Falls	ID	\$20,000	B
Administer Justice	East Dundee	IL	\$25,000	E
Midwest Tax Clinic - Center for Economic Progress	Chicago	IL	\$72,000	B
IIT Chicago - Kent College of Law LITC	Chicago	IL	\$93,000	C
Korean American Resource and Cultural Center (KRCC)	Chicago	IL	\$15,000	E
Loyola (Chicago) Federal Tax Clinic	Chicago	IL	\$70,000	C
Indiana Legal Services	Indianapolis	IN	\$ 9,984	C
Lutheran University Association dba Valparaiso University	Valparaiso	IN	\$45,000	C
Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic	Indianapolis	IN	\$85,000	B
Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation of Kansas, Inc.	Wichita	KS	\$51,924	B
El Centro, Inc.	Kansas City	KS	\$ 8,000	E
University of Kansas Legal Services for Students	Lawrence	KS	\$40,000	E
Legal Aid Society Low Income Taxpayer Clinic	Louisville	KY	\$28,000	C
Northern Kentucky University LITC	Highland Heights	KY	\$50,000	B
New Orleans Legal Assistance - Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation	New Orleans	LA	\$60,000	C
Southern University Law (Clinic) Center	Baton Rouge	LA	\$70,000	C
Bentley College Low Income Taxpayer Clinic (BLITC)	Waltham	MA	\$93,000	B
Greater Boston Legal Services	Boston	MA	\$50,000	B
Springfield Partners for Community Action, Inc.	Springfield	MA	\$15,000	E
Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service	Baltimore	MD	\$70,000	C
East Harbor Community Development	Baltimore	MD	\$40,000	E
Pine Tree Legal Assistance	Bangor	ME	\$97,250	B
Legal Services of Eastern Michigan - LITC	Flint	MI	\$24,000	B
Michigan State University College of Law - Low Income Taxpayer Clinic	East Lansing	MI	\$50,000	B
Accounting Aid Society	Detroit	MI	\$61,000	B
Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance	Minneapolis	MN	\$70,000	B
University of Minnesota Tax Clinic	Minneapolis	MN	\$90,000	B
Budget & Financial Management Assistance (BFMA) Tax Clinic	Kansas City	MO	\$50,000	B
Missouri State University LITC	Springfield	MO	\$70,000	B
Kansas City Tax Clinic - UMKC Law School	Kansas City	MO	\$95,000	C
North Mississippi Rural Legal Services	Oxford	MS	\$50,000	C

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Montana Legal Services LITC	Missoula	MT	\$32,000	C
Duke Law School Low Income Taxpayer Clinic	Durham	NC	\$50,000	C
Legal Aid of North Carolina, Inc.	Greenville	NC	\$45,000	B
Western North Carolina LITC (Legal Services of Southern Piedmont)	Charlotte	NC	\$70,000	B
Northeastern Community Development Corporation	Camden	NC	\$25,000	B
Legal Services of North Dakota	New Town	ND	\$30,000	B
Greater Omaha Community Action	Omaha	NE	\$40,000	C
Legal Aid of Nebraska Low Income Taxpayer Clinic	Lincoln	NE	\$35,000	B
Legal Advice & Referral Center	Concord	NH	\$40,000	E
NH Pro Bono Referral Systems Program	Concord	NH	\$40,000	C
Rutgers Law School Federal Tax Clinic	Newark	NJ	\$90,000	C
South Jersey Legal Services, Inc.	Bridgeton	NJ	\$50,000	E
University of New Mexico School of Law	Albuquerque	NM	\$65,000	B
Nevada Legal Services LITC	Las Vegas	NV	\$40,000	B
Albany Law School	Albany	NY	\$85,000	C
Bedford Stuyvesant Community Legal Services Corp.	Brooklyn	NY	\$55,000	C
Volunteer Lawyers Project - Erie County Bar Assoc.	Buffalo	NY	\$25,000	B
Fordham University	New York	NY	\$95,000	C
Legal Aid Society LITC (NY)	New York	NY	\$97,250	B
Legal Services for New York City-Bronx LITC (LSNY Bronx)	Bronx	NY	\$85,000	B
Queens Legal Services Corporation	Jamaica	NY	\$65,000	B
Queensborough Taxpayer Outreach Program	Bayside	NY	\$33,000	E
Rural Opportunities, Inc. (LITC)	Rochester	NY	\$97,250	B
South Brooklyn Legal Services – Brooklyn Low Income Taxpayer Clinic	Brooklyn	NY	\$97,250	B
Syracuse University College of Law	Syracuse	NY	\$85,000	C
Taxpayer Education Services - Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc.	Elmsford	NY	\$55,000	E
Young Korean American Service and Education Center	Flushing	NY	\$15,000	E
Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc.	Toledo	OH	\$50,000	B
Community Action Committee of Pike County	Piketon	OH	\$34,000	C
Community Legal Aid Services LITC	Akron	OH	\$33,000	B
Friendship Foundation of American-Vietnamese, Inc.	Cleveland	OH	\$50,000	E
Lake Erie College – Low Income Taxpayer	Painesville	OH	\$5,000	E

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Clinic				
Legal Aid Society of Cleveland	Cleveland	OH	\$67,000	C
Legal Aid Society of Columbus	Columbus	OH	\$40,000	C
Ohio State Legal Services Association	Newark	OH	\$55,000	C
Low Income Taxpayer Clinic at Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, Inc.	Oklahoma City	OK	\$97,250	B
Catholic Charities - El Programa Hispano	Gresham	OR	\$55,000	B
Legal Aid Services of Oregon	Portland	OR	\$80,000	B
Lewis & Clark Legal Clinic	Portland	OR	\$65,000	C
Duquesne University School of Law - LITC	Pittsburgh	PA	\$70,000	C
Jewish Family & Children's Service of Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	PA	\$20,000	E
Philadelphia Legal Assistance Center	Philadelphia	PA	\$65,000	B
University of Pittsburgh School of Law LITC	Pittsburgh	PA	\$85,000	C
Villanova Law School Federal Tax Clinic	Villanova	PA	\$95,000	C
Educación al contribuyente en la Region Arecibo-Oficina para la Promoción y el Desarrollo Humano, Inc.	Arecibo	PR	\$48,000	E
Rural Opportunities Puerto Rico	Adjuntas	PR	\$38,000	B
Rhode Island Legal Services Low Income Tax Clinic	Providence	RI	\$65,000	B
Rhode Island Tax Clinic, Inc.	Providence	RI	\$80,000	B
South Carolina Association of Community Action Partnerships	Columbia	SC	\$45,000	E
Low Income Taxpayer Clinic - South Carolina Centers for Equal Justice, Inc.	Greenville	SC	\$85,000	B
Rural Alliance, Inc.	Rapid City	SD	\$30,000	C
Technology for the Rural Enhancement of Communities Taxpayer Assistance Program	Nisland	SD	\$45,000	B
Conexian Americas	Nashville	TN	\$30,000	E
Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands	Oak Ridge	TN	\$97,250	B
Centro Familiar Cristiano, Inc. LITC	Sugarland	TX	\$35,000	E
Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program	Houston	TX	\$65,000	B
Federal Tax Clinic	San Antonio	TX	\$40,000	B
La Union Del Pueblo Entero	San Juan	TX	\$12,000	E
Latino Education Project, Inc.	Corpus Christi	TX	\$10,000	E
Legal Aid of Northwest Texas	Ft. Worth	TX	\$90,000	B
Our Lady of the Lake University	San Antonio	TX	\$10,000	E
Texas Taxpayer Assistance Project at Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid	Austin	TX	\$95,000	B
Texas Tech University School of Law Low Income Taxpayer Clinic	Lubbock	TX	\$51,655	B

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Action Contra La Probezia Inc. Centro Hispano	Provo	UT	\$50,000	B
University of Utah Low Income Taxpayer Clinic	Salt Lake City	UT	\$55,000	B
Community Tax Law Project	Richmond	VA	\$97,250	B
Legal Aid Justice Center	Charlottesville	VA	\$25,000	B
Legal Services of Northern Virginia, Inc.	Falls Church	VA	\$20,000	B
Central Vermont Low Income Taxpayer Clinic	Barre	VT	\$31,126	B
Vermont Low Income Taxpayer Project (Vermont Legal Aid, Inc.)	Burlington	VT	\$43,000	B
Gonzaga University: University Legal Assistance	Spokane	WA	\$54,000	B
National Youth Support & Development	Vancouver	WA	\$40,000	B
University of Washington Low Income Taxpayer Clinic	Seattle	WA	\$97,250	B
University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee	Milwaukee	WI	\$80,000	B
Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee Inc	Milwaukee	WI	\$70,000	C
Wisconsin Judicare, Inc.	Wausau	WI	\$50,000	C
Clinical Law Program - West Virginia University	Morgantown	WV	\$29,299	C
Latino Resource Center	Jackson	WY	\$10,000	E
Wyoming Legal Service LITC - Wind River Legal Services	Lander	WY	\$15,000	B
*Key: E = English as a second language (ESL); C = Controversy; B = Both ESL and Controversy				