

LOW INCOME TAXPAYER CLINICS

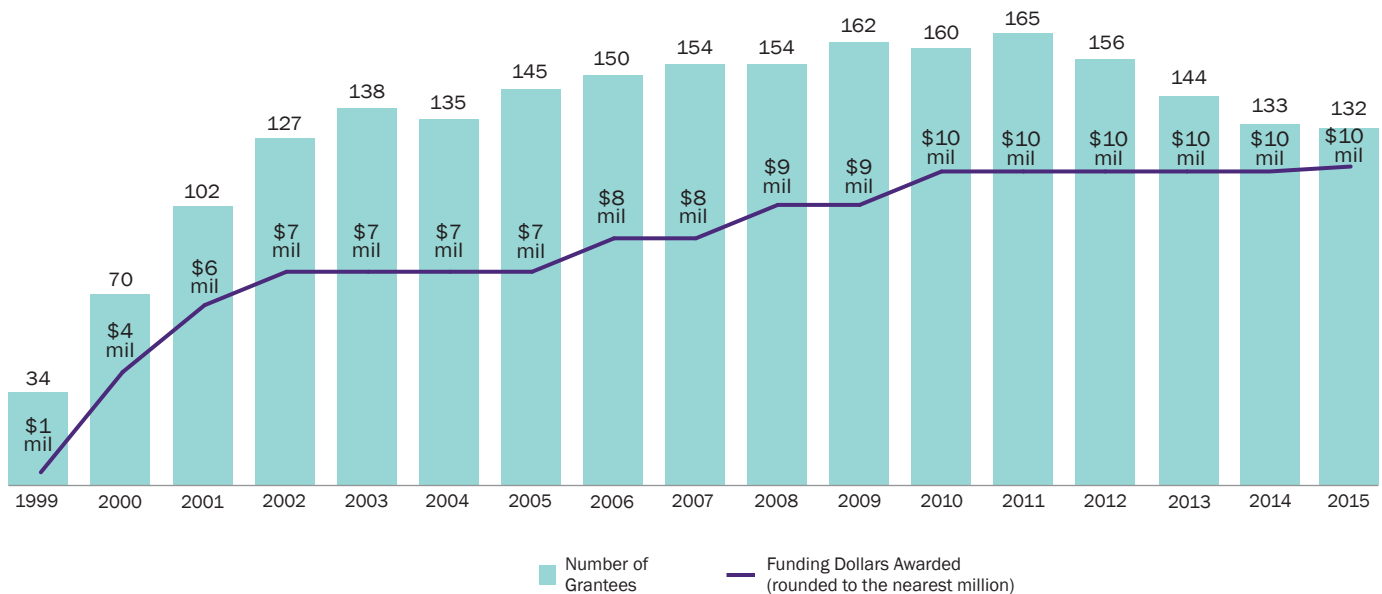
PROGRAM REPORT – December 2015

What is the Low Income Taxpayer Clinic (LITC) program?

The LITC program provides matching grants of up to \$100,000 per year to organizations that operate a low income taxpayer clinic. LITCs provide service to low income taxpayers for free or minimal cost.

Grantees are generally legal aid or legal services organizations; clinics at law, business, or accounting schools; and other not-for-profit organizations that provide services to the poor.

LITC Funding and Grantees, 1999-2015



How do LITCs help low income taxpayers?

REPRESENT low income individuals in disputes with the IRS and state tax agencies and help taxpayers:

- Achieve better outcomes in cases
- Access benefits administered through the tax code
- Resolve tax debts, levies, and liens



Taxpayers represented
19,882

Taxpayers provided consultation or advice
18,810

EDUCATE English as a second language speakers about their taxpayer rights and responsibilities and help them:

- Understand the U.S. tax system
- Exercise their rights as taxpayers
- Comply with their tax responsibilities



Education activities
3,046

Attendees at education activities
75,706

ADVOCATE about issues that impact low income taxpayers and help the IRS:

- Identify and fix systemic tax problems
- Ensure the fairness and integrity of the tax system for all taxpayers



Number of volunteers
1,752

Volunteer hours
54,164

Closed case outcomes

Taxpayers brought into filing compliance
3,982

Taxpayers brought into collection compliance
4,706

Dollars refunded to taxpayers
\$4,304,526

Liabilities decreased or corrected
\$62,026,156

Data from 2014 Year-End reports

www.TaxpayerAdvocate.irs.gov/LITC