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IRS Awards \$ 7.5 Million to Tax Clinics Assisting Low Income Taxpayers

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WASHINGTON — The National Taxpayer Advocate, Nina Olson, announced that the Internal Revenue Service has awarded \$7.5 million in matching grants to Low Income Taxpayer Clinics (LITCs). This amount will fund 135 clinics in 2004. LITCs are qualifying organizations that represent low income taxpayers involved in tax disputes with the IRS or that inform taxpayers for whom English is a second language or who have limited English proficiency of their tax rights and responsibilities.

The IRS matching grant program, which is in its sixth year, encourages the creation and growth of Low Income Taxpayer Clinics across the nation. These clinics provide an important resource to taxpayers who may not be able to afford a tax professional.

"I am pleased that, again this year, we are able to provide needed funding for these low income tax clinics," said Treasury Secretary John W. Snow. "Low income tax clinics are crucial to this Administration's efforts to ensure that all taxpayers, regardless of their resources, can understand their tax obligations. I would like to compliment the National Taxpayer Advocate on her devotion to these clinics."

Under the program, the IRS awards matching grants of up to \$100,000 a year to organizations operating independent tax clinics. This year, LITC grant recipients represent non-profit organizations and accredited academic institutions from 49 states plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Grant amounts range from \$6,448 to \$85,000.

Low Income Taxpayer Clinics provide a source of assistance to low income taxpayers when they have disputes with the IRS or are trying to comply with tax laws.

There are two types of awards. One is for representation (R) and the other is for English as a Second Language (ESL). Some clinics receive awards for providing both types of services. Following is a list of organizations awarded a matching grant for 2004. This list is arranged alphabetically by state abbreviation and, within a state, by city name.

Name of Organization	City	State	Amt. of Award	Type of Award
Alaska Business Development Center	Anchorage	AK	\$50,000	E
Lawson State Community College	Birmingham	AL	\$60,000	E
University of Arkansas at Little Rock	Little Rock	AR	\$80,000	R
DNA-Peoples' Legal Services, INC.	Chinle	AZ	\$32,399	B
Community Legal Services, Inc	Phoenix	AZ	\$85,000	B
Central California Legal Services Inc	Fresno	CA	\$80,000	B
Community Based Education and Development	Los Angeles	CA	\$60,000	B
Filipino American Service Group, Inc	Los Angeles	CA	\$30,000	B
HIV and AIDS Legal Services Alliance, Inc	Los Angeles	CA	\$25,453	B
Korean Resource Center	Los Angeles	CA	\$30,000	B
Chapman University	Orange	CA	\$85,000	B
Association of Cultural & Social Advancement for Vietnamese, Inc	Redwood	CA	\$50,000	B
University of San Diego	San Diego	CA	\$85,000	B
Nihonmachi Legal Outreach	San Francisco	CA	\$50,000	B
San Francisco Bar Association Volunteer Legal Services Program	San Francisco	CA	\$75,000	B
Legal Aid Society of Orange County	Santa Ana	CA	\$83,000	B
University of Denver (Colorado Seminary) College of Law	Denver	CO	\$50,000	R
Quinnipiac University School of Law Tax Clinic	Hamden	CT	\$85,000	R
University of Connecticut	Storrs	CT	\$85,000	R
American University	Washington	DC	\$85,000	R
Central American Resource Center	Washington	DC	\$14,415	E
Delaware Community Reinvestment Action Council, Inc	Wilmington	DE	\$22,000	B
Legal Services Corporation of Delaware	Wilmington	DE	\$30,000	R
Central Florida Legal Services Inc	Daytona Beach	FL	\$75,000	B
Coalition of Florida Farmworkers Orgs. Inc	Florida City	FL	\$70,000	B
Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc	Miami	FL	\$85,000	B
Northwest Florida Legal Services Inc	Pensacola	FL	\$22,800	R
Legal Services of North Florida Inc	Tallahassee	FL	\$70,000	B
Bay Area Legal Services, Inc	Tampa	FL	\$30,000	B
Georgia State Foundation Inc	Atlanta	GA	\$85,000	R
Women's Economic Development Agency, Inc	Atlanta	GA	\$20,000	E
JC Vision and Associates, Inc	Hinesville	GA	\$65,000	B
Hawaii Pro Bono Lawyer Referral Project	Honolulu	HI	\$75,000	B
Legal Aid Society of Hawaii	Honolulu	HI	\$40,000	B
Iowa Legal Aid	Des Moines	IA	\$85,000	B

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University of Idaho	Moscow	ID	\$71,582	B
Center for Economic Progress	Chicago	IL	\$82,000	B
City Wide Tax Assistance Program	Chicago	IL	\$10,000	E
Illinois Institute of Technology	Chicago	IL	\$85,000	R
Korean American Resource & Cultural Center	Chicago	IL	\$60,250	B
Loyola University Chicago	Chicago	IL	\$68,000	R
Su Casa Columbus	Columbus	IN	\$15,000	B
Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic	Indianapolis	IN	\$80,203	B
The Lutheran University Association (D/B/A Valparaiso University)	Valparaiso	IN	\$45,447	R
Emporia State University	Emporia	KS	\$10,000	B
El Centro Inc	Kansas City	KS	\$8,000	E
The University of Kansas Center for Research Inc	Lawrence	KS	\$40,000	E
Northern Kentucky University	Highland Heights	KY	\$80,000	B
Legal Aid Society, Inc	Louisville	KY	\$28,000	B
Southern University Law Clinic	Baton Rouge	LA	\$70,000	R
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corp	New Orleans	LA	\$30,000	R
Greater Boston Legal Services	Boston	MA	\$40,000	B
Bentley College	Waltham	MA	\$85,000	B
Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service	Baltimore	MD	\$85,000	R
Pine Tree Legal Assistance	Portland	ME	\$85,000	B
Volunteer Accounting Service Team of Michigan	Detroit	MI	\$50,000	B
Detroit College of Law	East Lansing	MI	\$50,000	B
Legal Services of Eastern Michigan	Flint	MI	\$22,667	B
Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance	Minneapolis	MN	\$60,000	B
Regents of the University of Minnesota	Minneapolis	MN	\$85,000	B
Budget and Financial Management Assistance	Kansas City	MO	\$30,000	B
UMKC Graduate Tax Law Foundation	Kansas City	MO	\$84,550	R
Southwest Missouri State University	Springfield	MO	\$65,000	B
North Mississippi Rural Legal Services Inc	Greenville	MS	\$25,000	R
Montana Legal Services Association	Missoula	MT	\$31,725	R
Legal Services of Southern Piedmont, Inc	Charlotte	NC	\$50,000	B
Duke University	Durham	NC	\$24,500	R
Legal Aid of North Carolina, Inc.	Greenville	NC	\$24,695	B
North Dakota Legal Services Inc	New Town	ND	\$28,500	B
Nebraska Legal Services	Omaha	NE	\$33,250	B
Legal Advice and Referral Center	Concord	NH	\$52,241	E
NH Pro Bono Referral System	Concord	NH	\$29,118	R
South Jersey Legal Services	Bridgeton	NJ	\$85,000	B

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Accountants for the Public Interest-NJ	Hightstown	NJ	\$10,000	B
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey	New Brunswick	NJ	\$85,000	R
New Mexico Voices for Children	Albuquerque	NM	\$25,000	E
Nevada Legal Services Inc	Las Vegas	NV	\$50,000	B
Albany Law School	Albany	NY	\$85,000	R
Legal Services for New York City – Bronx	Bronx	NY	\$85,000	B
Bedford Stuyvesant Community Legal Services Corporation	Brooklyn	NY	\$75,000	B
South Brooklyn Legal Services, Inc	Brooklyn	NY	\$85,000	B
Erie County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project Inc	Buffalo	NY	\$22,000	B
Westchester Community Opportunity Program Inc	Elmsford	NY	\$54,000	B
Young Korean American Service & Education Center (YKASEC)	Flushing	NY	\$15,000	B
Ithaca College	Ithaca	NY	\$6,448	B
Queens Legal Services Corporation	Jamaica	NY	\$85,000	B
Circulo de la Hispanidad, Inc	Long Beach	NY	\$20,000	B
Project Challenge of Long Island NY Inc	Long Beach	NY	\$35,300	B
Fordham University	New York	NY	\$85,000	R
Legal Aid Society	New York	NY	\$85,000	B
Rural Opportunities, Inc	Rochester	NY	\$85,000	B
Volunteer Legal Services Project of Monroe County, Inc	Rochester	NY	\$10,150	R
Syracuse University	Syracuse	NY	\$80,000	R
Community Legal Aid Services Inc	Akron	OH	\$85,000	B
Friendship Foundation of American-Vietnamese	Cleveland	OH	\$50,000	B
Legal Aid Society of Cleveland	Cleveland	OH	\$62,000	R
Ohio State Legal Services Association	Columbus	OH	\$40,000	R
The Legal Aid Society of Columbus	Columbus	OH	\$40,000	B
Lake Erie College	Painesville	OH	\$10,148	E
Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc	Toledo	OH	\$85,000	B
Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, Inc	Oklahoma City	OK	\$75,000	B
Northeastern State University	Tahlequah	OK	\$12,000	R
Community Action Project Of Tulsa County Inc	Tulsa	OK	\$50,000	B
Legal Aid Services of Oregon	Portland	OR	\$75,000	B
Northwestern School of Law	Portland	OR	\$53,098	R
Philadelphia Legal Assistance Center	Philadelphia	PA	\$71,479	B
Duquesne University School of Law	Pittsburgh	PA	\$80,000	R
The University of Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	PA	\$80,000	R

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Villanova University School of Law	Villanova	PA	\$85,000	R
Oficina para la Promocion y el Desarrollo Humano, Inc	Arecibo	PR	\$40,000	E
Rhode Island Tax Clinic, Inc	Johnston	RI	\$75,000	R
Rhode Island Legal Services, Inc	Providence	RI	\$75,000	B
The South Carolina Centers for Equal Justice	Greenville	SC	\$75,000	B
Technology for Rural Enhancement of Communities	Nisland	SD	\$47,500	B
Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands	Oakridge	TN	\$85,000	B
The Legal Aid of Northwest Texas	Arlington	TX	\$85,000	B
Latino Education Project, Inc.	Corpus Christi	TX	\$15,000	E
Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program Inc	Houston	TX	\$85,000	B
Texas Tech University	Lubbock	TX	\$75,000	B
Centro Familiar Cristiano, Inc	Sugarland	TX	\$31,000	E
Texas Rural Legal Aid Inc	Weslaco	TX	\$78,500	B
Salt Lake Community College	Salt Lake City	UT	\$47,250	E
National Society of Public Accountants	Alexandria	VA	\$25,000	R
Legal Aid Justice Center	Charlottesville	VA	\$15,000	B
Legal Services of Northern Virginia Inc	Falls Church	VA	\$25,000	B
The Boat People S.O.S., Inc.	Falls Church	VA	\$65,000	E
Community Tax Law Project	Richmond	VA	\$85,000	B
Central Vermont Community Action Council	Barre	VT	\$33,564	B
Vermont Legal Aid, Inc	Burlington	VT	\$43,000	B
University of Washington	Seattle	WA	\$75,000	B
Gonzaga University	Spokane	WA	\$30,136	R
Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, University of Wisconsin Milwaukee	Milwaukee	WI	\$85,000	B
Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee, Inc	Milwaukee	WI	\$74,424	R
Clinical Law Program, West Virginia University	Morgantown	WV	\$28,208	R
Wheeling Jesuit University	Wheeling	WV	\$42,000	B