



Low Income Taxpayer Clinic (LITC) Program News

LITC Annual Report Issued

The [Low Income Taxpayer Clinic \(LITC\)](#) Program Office has issued its [2021 Program Report](#). This report describes how LITCs provide representation, education, and advocacy for taxpayers who are low-income or speak English as a second language. It includes many examples of LITCs' accomplishments during the 2020 grant year on behalf of taxpayers.

In 2020, LITCs:

- Represented 19,413 taxpayers dealing with an IRS tax controversy.
- Helped taxpayers secure more than \$5.8 million in tax refunds.
- Reduced taxpayers' liabilities by more than \$116 million.
- Conducted more than 1,000 educational activities attended by over 133,500 individuals.
- Leveraged the support of more than 1,400 volunteers who offered over 42,000 hours of time.

LITCs also applied a variety of approaches to successfully advocate for taxpayers, including using collection alternatives to resolve issues administratively within the IRS, litigating cases in the U.S. Tax Court and other federal courts, and elevating systemic issues to the Taxpayer Advocate Service.

List of 2022 LITC Grant Recipients Available

The Low Income Taxpayer Clinic (LITC) Program funded 132 organizations and academic institutions for the 2022 grant year. It added eight new grant recipients in the states of California, Florida, Massachusetts, Nevada, Oregon, and Wyoming, increasing the number of states with clinics to forty-eight plus the District of Columbia. The states of Montana and North Dakota and the territory of Puerto Rico currently do not have a clinic for the 2022 grant year. The [Publication 4134](#), Low Income Taxpayer Clinic List, provides location and contact information for LITCs and the languages in which each LITC offers services.

Upcoming Grant Application Period to Focus on Underserved Areas

In early May, the IRS will announce the LITC Program grant application period for the 2023 grant year. The LITC Program Office will give special consideration to applicants from the states of North Dakota, Montana and the territory of Puerto Rico, which currently do not have an LITC. In addition, several states – Arizona, Florida, Idaho, Nevada, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania – have limited coverage, and we will be working to find qualified applicants that can provide services in these areas.

Reaching out to congressional members is one component of a broader outreach effort being undertaken by the LITC Program Office and the Taxpayer Advocate Service. Please join us in

spreading the word about LITCs and encouraging individuals and organizations to learn more about the program and consider applying.

Interested parties are encouraged to watch this [video](#) and review [Publication 3319](#), LITC Grant Application Package and Guidelines, to learn about program participation requirements, standards for operating an LITC, and how to apply.

Expand the Protection of Taxpayer Rights by Strengthening the LITCs

The LITC Program effectively assists low-income taxpayers and taxpayers who speak English as a second language. When the LITC grant program was established in 1998, the law limited annual grants to no more than \$100,000 per clinic. The law also imposed a 100 percent "match" requirement (meaning a clinic cannot receive more in LITC grant funds than it is able to match on its own). The nature and scope of the LITC Program has evolved considerably since 1998, and those requirements are preventing the program from providing high quality assistance to eligible taxpayers. TAS recommends that Congress remove the per-clinic cap and allow the IRS to reduce the match requirement to 50 percent, where doing so would provide coverage for additional taxpayers.

For questions or additional information about the LITC Program or application process, please contact Karen Tober with the LITC Program Office via email at Karen.Tober@irs.gov or by phone at 202-317-4095.