

### Program # 25139B - AP - Increased Tax Prep Capacity

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**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating

**Related Programs:** 

Program Characteristics: Out of Target

#### **Executive Summary**

This program offer requests \$20,000 of pass-through to continue FY13 one-time-only funding to increase current capacity to provide 500 low-income households with tax preparation services, including claiming the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and other available state/federal tax credits.

Services provide direct cash return to low-income households, increasing their ability to meet the needs of their families, as well as supporting the local economy through increased buying power.

For every dollar invested in program services, at least \$20 is realized by participants.

### **Program Description**

Services include: outreach to local businesses employing significant numbers of low-income workers, education sessions for eligible employees, multiple tax preparation sites, and trained and certified tax preparation assistance.

By assisting low-income households to file their taxes in a timely manner and access all credits eligible to them, they are supported in avoiding predatory tax preparation costs, "refund anticipation loans", and potential IRS action. In addition, our entire community benefits from these households' increased spending in the local economy as they are better able to meet their own needs for goods and services.

Financial literacy is a critical skill necessary to achieve economic stability and prosperity.

#### **Performance Measures**

Measure		Previous Year Actual	Current Year Purchased	Current Year Estimate	Next Year Offer
Type	Primary Measure	(FY11-12)	(FY12-13)	(FY12-13)	(FY13-14)
Output	# of tax returns prepared	0	0	500	500
Outcome	\$ leveraged per CGF investment	79	20	20	20

### **Performance Measure - Description**

## **Legal/Contractual Obligation**

N/A

# Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds				
Program Expenses	2013	2013	2014	2014				
Contracts	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0				
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0				
Program Total:	\$20,000		\$20,000					
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
Program Revenues								
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0				

# **Explanation of Revenues**

\$20,000 - County General Fund

## Significant Program Changes

Significantly Changed

**Last year this program was:** #25139A, Anti-Poverty Services
This program was funded with Video Lottery dollars in FY13 as a one-time-only program. This program offer requests ongoing funding from the general fund for this purpose.