

information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

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Laurie Brimmer,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Advisory Group to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue; Renewal of Charter

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS); Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Charter for the Advisory Committee on Tax Exempt and Government Entities (ACT) has been renewed for a two-year period beginning April 20, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark O'Donnell by email at tege.advisory.comm@irs.gov or by phone at 202-317-8632 (not a toll free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given under section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988), and with the approval of the Secretary of Treasury to announce the renewal of the Advisory Committee on Tax Exempt and Government Entities (ACT). The primary purpose of the ACT is to provide an organized public forum for senior Internal Revenue Service executives and representatives of the public to discuss relevant tax administration issues. As an advisory body designed to focus on broad policy matters, the ACT reviews existing tax policy and/or makes recommendations with respect to emerging tax administration issues. The ACT suggests operational improvements, offers constructive observations regarding current or proposed IRS policies, programs, and procedures, and suggests improvements with respect to issues having substantive effect on Federal tax

administration. Conveying the public's perception on IRS activities to Internal Revenue Service executives, the ACT is comprised of individuals who bring substantial, disparate experience and diverse backgrounds. Membership is balanced to include representation from employee plans, exempt organizations, tax-exempt bonds, and federal, state, local, and Indian tribal governments.

Dated: April 26, 2017.

Mark O'Donnell,

Designated Federal Officer, Tax Exempt and Government Entities Division, Internal Revenue Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Low Income Taxpayer Clinic Grant Program; Availability of 2018 Grant Application Package

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document contains a notice that the IRS has made available the *2018 Grant Application Package and Guidelines* (Publication 3319) for organizations interested in applying for a Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic (LITC) matching grant for the 2018 grant year, which runs from January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018. The application period runs May 1, 2017, through June 20, 2017.

DATES: The IRS is authorized to award a multi-year grant not to exceed three years. For an organization not currently receiving a grant for 2017, or an organization whose multi-year grant ends in 2017, the organization must submit the application electronically at www.grants.gov. For an organization currently receiving a grant for 2017 which is requesting funding for the second or third year of a multi-year grant, the organization must submit the funding request electronically at www.grantsolutions.gov. All organizations must use the funding number of TREAS-GRANTS-052018-001, and applications and funding requests for the 2018 grant year must be filed by June 20, 2017. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance program number is 21.008. See www.cfda.gov.

ADDRESSES: The LITC Program Office is located at: Internal Revenue Service, Taxpayer Advocate Service, LITC Grant Program Administration Office, TA: LITC, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Room 1034, Washington, DC 20224.

Copies of the *2018 Grant Application Package and Guidelines*, IRS Publication 3319 (Rev. 4-2017), can be downloaded from the IRS internet site at www.irs.gov/advocate or ordered by calling the IRS Distribution Center toll-free at 1-800-829-3676.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The LITC Program Office at (202) 317-4700 (not a toll-free number) or by email at LITCProgramOffice@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The IRS will award a total of up to \$6,000,000 (unless otherwise provided by specific Congressional appropriation) to qualifying organizations, subject to the limitations of Internal Revenue Code section 7526. At the time of publication of this notice, Congress had not yet passed legislation providing full-year funding levels for FY 2017. But for fiscal year 2016, Congress appropriated a total of \$12,000,000 in federal funds for LITC grants. See Public Law 114-113. A qualifying organization may receive a matching grant of up to \$100,000 per year for up to a three-year project period. Qualifying organizations that provide representation to low income taxpayers involved in a tax controversy with the IRS and educate individuals for whom English is a second language (ESL) about their rights and responsibilities under the Internal Revenue Code are eligible for a grant. An LITC must provide services for free or for no more than a nominal fee.

Examples of qualifying organizations include: (1) A clinical program at an accredited law, business or accounting school whose students represent low income taxpayers in tax controversies with the IRS, and (2) an organization exempt from tax under IRC § 501(a) whose employees and volunteers represent low income taxpayers in tax controversies with the IRS.

In determining whether to award a grant, the IRS will consider a variety of factors, including: (1) The number of taxpayers who will be assisted by the organization, including the number of ESL taxpayers in that geographic area; (2) the existence of other LITCs assisting the same population of low income and ESL taxpayers; (3) the quality of the program offered by the organization, including the qualifications of its administrators and qualified representatives, and its record, if any, in providing representation services to low income taxpayers; (4) the quality of the application, including the reasonableness of the proposed budget; (5) the organization's compliance with all federal tax obligations (filing and payment); (6) the organization's compliance with all federal nontax