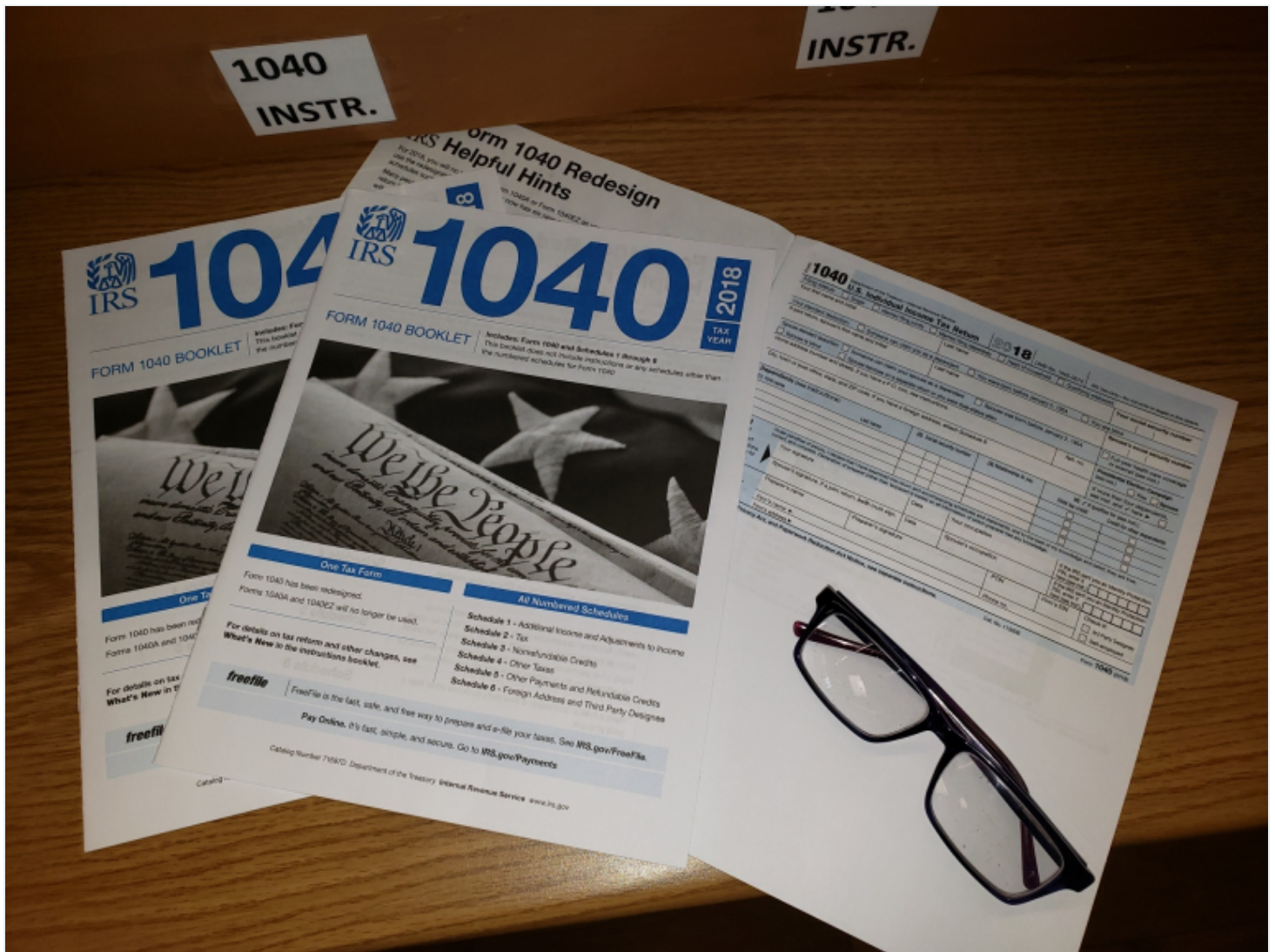


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May. 01, 2019



The Internal Revenue Service has announced that the application period for Low Income Taxpayer Clinic (LITC) grants for calendar year 2020 will run from May 1, 2019, to June 17, 2019.

The LITC Program is a federal grant program administered by the Office of the Taxpayer Advocate at the IRS, led by the National Taxpayer Advocate, Nina E. Olson.

Under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 7526, the IRS awards matching grants of

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- Obtaining coverage for the states of Hawaii, Montana, North Dakota, West Virginia, Wyoming, and the territory of Puerto Rico to ensure that each state (plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico) has at least one clinic;
- Expanding coverage to counties in the following areas that are currently not being served by an LITC: mid-Florida and the panhandle, central Arizona, northern Pennsylvania, and southeast New York (For a complete list of counties, see page two of the 2019 Grant Application Package and Guidelines, [Publication 3319](#)); and
- Ensuring that grant recipients demonstrate they are serving geographic areas that have sizable populations eligible for and requiring LITC services.

The mission of LITCs are to ensure the fairness and integrity of the tax system for taxpayers who are low income or speak English as a second language by:

- Providing pro bono representation on their behalf in tax disputes with the IRS;
- Educating them about their rights and responsibilities as taxpayers; and
- Identifying and advocating for issues that impact these taxpayers.

LITC grants come from appropriated funds. The clinics, their employees and their volunteers operate independently from the IRS. Examples of qualifying organizations include:

- Clinical programs at accredited law, business or accounting schools whose students represent low income taxpayers in tax disputes with the IRS; and
- Organizations exempt from tax under IRC Section 501(a) whose employees and volunteers represent or refer for representation low income taxpayers in tax disputes with the IRS.

The IRS is authorized to award a multi-year grant not to exceed three years. For an organization not currently receiving a grant for 2019, an organization that received a

single-year grant for 2019, or an organization whose multi-year grant ends in 2019,

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program and application requirements.

Questions about the LITC Program or grant application process can be addressed to the LITC Program Office at 202-317-4700 (not a toll-free call) or by email at LITCProgramOffice@irs.gov.

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