

# 26 USC §7526 Low-income taxpayer clinics

**26 USC §7526. Low-income taxpayer clinics** (a) In general The Secretary may, subject to the availability of appropriated funds, make grants to provide matching funds for the development, expansion, or continuation of qualified low-income taxpayer clinics.

### 26 USC §7526(b) Definitions

- For purposes of this section-
- (1) Qualified low-income taxpayer clinic
- (A) In general
- The term "qualified low-income taxpayer clinic" means a clinic that-
- (i) does not charge more than a nominal fee for its services (except for reimbursement of actual costs incurred); and (ii)(I) represents low-income taxpayers in controversies with the Internal Revenue Service; or (II) operates programs to inform individuals for whom English is a second language about their rights and responsibilities under this title.

### 26 USC §7526(b) Definitions

For purposes of this section-

(1)(B) Representation of low-income taxpayers A clinic meets the requirements of subparagraph (A)(ii)(I) if-(i) at least 90 percent of the taxpayers represented by the clinic have incomes which do not exceed 250 percent of the poverty level, as determined in accordance with criteria established by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget; and (ii) the amount in controversy for any taxable year generally does not exceed the amount specified in section 7463.

26 USC §7463. Disputes involving \$50,000 or less (a) In general In the case of any petition filed with the Tax Court for a redetermination of a deficiency where neither the amount of the deficiency placed in dispute, nor the amount of any claimed overpayment, exceeds-(1) \$50,000 for any one taxable year, in the case of the taxes imposed by subtitle A,

#### **26 USC §7526(c) (5) Requirement of matching funds** A low-income taxpayer clinic must provide matching funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis for all grants provided under this section. \*\*\*

## **Pre-Assessment Matters**

### **Pre-Assessment Matters**

## 1) Tax Advice

2) Examination Representation

3) IRS Administrative Appeals

## 4) US Tax Court

## Post Assessment Matters

### **Post Assessment Matters**

- 1) Advice regarding Statute of Limitations on Collections
- 2) Refund Claims
- 3) Audit Reconsideration
- 4) Offer in Compromise ("Doubt as to Liability")
- 5) Offer in Compromise ("Effective Tax Administration")
- 6) Offer in Compromise ("Doubt as to Collectability")
- 7) Suspended Collection
- 8) Installment Agreement

## **Other Clinic Activities**

### **Other Clinic Activities**

1) Education for Low Income Taxpayers

2) Advice to Attorneys Handling Tax Matters

