



## Board of Directors Meeting

November 14, 2013

### Accept U.S. Department of Treasury Internal Revenue Service Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Grant

**Item III.B.**

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- Recommended Action:**
1. Accept the \$48,000 Department of Treasury Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Grant Award
  2. Authorize the Executive Director to sign the grant agreement and Related Documents

**Strategic Plan**

**Key Result Area:** Funding for Results through Programs and Services

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**Background:**

On October 31, 2013 JWB was awarded \$48,000 in the first year of a three-year U.S. Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service (IRS) grant. The funding will enhance the Pinellas Prosperity Partnership's 2014 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program that provides free federal tax preparation services for underserved, low and moderate income populations in Pinellas County. Our application scored 182 out of 200 possible points.

JWB is prepared to meet the one-to-one match requirement with a combination of cash and in-kind contributions from JWB and private and public partners including Bank of America, Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA), the University of South Florida – St. Petersburg, the cities of St. Petersburg, Pinellas Park and Largo, 2-1-1 Tampa Bay Cares, Inc. and others.

Last year, the Pinellas Prosperity Partnership's VITA program coordinated 122 volunteers who filed 3,241 income tax returns bringing a total of \$5,357,567 back to Pinellas County residents. All eight Neighborhood Family Centers host VITA sites along with the Childs Park YMCA, Enoch Davis Center, Daystar Life Center and Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce. A mobile VITA unit visits employers with large numbers of VITA eligible employees.

Staff recommends Board acceptance of the funds in the amount of \$48,000 and authorization for the Executive Director to sign the Department of Treasury Internal Revenue Service Grant Agreement and other documents that must be submitted by November 20, 2013.

Staff Resource: Eddie Burch