



Board of Directors Meeting

October 11, 2012

**US Department of Treasury
Internal Revenue Service Grant Item III.A.**

Recommended Action: Board acceptance of \$40,528 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service VITA grant and authorization for the Executive Director to sign the grant agreement, and other necessary documents to receive the funding.

Budget Impact: Increase the Wealth Building Coalition expense and revenue budget by \$40,528

Strategic Plan Goal: Support the coordination of county-wide human services planning and funding

Background:

JWB has received a grant of \$40,528 from the IRS to enhance the Wealth Building Coalition of Pinellas County's 2013 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. Our application, submitted by the JWB Office of Resource Development staff, scored 143 out of 200 points.

JWB is prepared to meet the 1:1 match requirement with a combination of contributions from private and public partners including Bank of America, Pinellas County Transit Authority (PSTA), and United Way of Tampa Bay. The Wealth Building Coalition's Coordinator position, funded by JWB, is also part of the match.

VITA is an IRS initiative designed to promote and support free tax preparation service for the underserved, low income populations, including the elderly, disabled, limited English-speaking, non-urban, and Native American taxpayers.

Staff recommends Board acceptance of the grant in the amount of \$40,528 and authority for the Executive Director to sign the Department of Treasury – Internal Revenue Service Grant Agreement and other documents.