

Taxpayer Assistance Grant – Fiscal Year 2026-27 (FY26-27)

Purpose

Coordinate, facilitate, encourage, and help provide taxpayer assistance services to Minnesotans who are low-income, elderly, and disadvantaged.

Summary

Annual Funding: \$1.25 million | Total: \$2.5 million

Cycle: October 1, 2025 – August 31, 2027

Allowed Activities

- Recruiting volunteers and creating training materials for volunteers
- Training volunteers to prepare accurate income tax and property tax refund returns
- Creating and printing advertisements to promote your free tax preparation site and recruit volunteers, including translations of those materials
- Contracting interpreter services
- Buying materials and equipment that directly aids in providing volunteer taxpayer assistance services
- Paying salaries to employees needed to provide volunteer taxpayer assistance services (excluding volunteers)

Required Training

- One representative from each tax site receiving funds must attend at least three of the six live Minnesota tax training webinars.

Reporting Deadlines

Report	FY26	FY27
Progress Report	February 10, 2026	February 10, 2027
Final Report	May 12, 2026	May 12, 2027

Reimbursement

- Submit requests when the progress and final reports are due. Request up to half of your grant award when the progress report is due and the second half when the final report is due.
- Final requests are due August 31 each year.
- Remaining FY26 funds may carry over to second year (FY27).

Expense Categories

Category	Details
Equipment and Accessories	Laptops or desktop computers (limited to \$1,000 per unit), printers, copiers, scanners, and other items.
Advertising	Print advertisements, radio, marketing, and similar items. Must include the statement: "Service made available through a grant provided by the state of Minnesota." Advertisements must be reviewed before printing or sharing digitally.
Salaries	You must not use grant funds to pay volunteers. You must specify job duties, and the percentage of time devoted to the program.
Other Expenses	Office supplies, storage cabinets, mileage, volunteer recognition, utilities, masks, sanitizer, cleaning items.

Budget Requests

- FY27 updated budget proposal and goals are due August 15, 2026.