

# CITY OF HIGH POINT

## AGENDA ITEM



### **Title: 2023 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Update**

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**Meeting Date:** May 2, 2023

**Public Hearing:** N/A

**Advertising Date:** N/A

**Advertised By:** N/A

**Attachments:** None

### **PURPOSE:**

The Community & Neighborhood Development Division will provide an update on the results of the VITA tax season.

### **BACKGROUND:**

VITA provides free assistance on basic tax returns for low to moderate income households. This is the City's 17<sup>th</sup> year hosting a VITA program. There were eight VITA sites open from January 23<sup>rd</sup> - April 18<sup>th</sup> operating six days per week. The High Point VITA Coalition served 941 clients between e-file and paper returns. The High Point VITA Coalition saved 941 taxpayers the average fee of \$250 for a tax return totaling \$235,250. Federal refunds issued totaled \$717,953 and state refunds were \$55,054. Earned income tax credits totaled \$280,160.

### **BUDGET IMPACT**

There is no additional budget impact to the City. There are sufficient funds in the FY2022-2023 budget to cover program expenses.

### **RECOMMENDATION/ACTION REQUESTED:**

This update is for information purposes only. No recommendations or actions required at this time.