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BEAVERTON OFFERS FREE TAX HELP TO LOW AND MIDDLE INCOME FAMILIES

BEAVERTON, Ore. – The City of Beaverton, in partnership with AARP Tax-Aide and Creating Assets, Savings and Hope (CASH) Oregon, is making free tax help available to area residents. The annual program runs from Feb. 1 to April 16 at the Beaverton Activities Center, 12500 SW Allen Blvd.

More than 60 IRS-certified volunteers will assist low- and middle-income residents through the process of determining the tax credits that they are eligible for, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). Last year's program volunteers filed 2,077 tax returns, resulting in more than \$2.4 million in tax refunds back into the community.

Eligible low-income working families may be entitled to up to \$6,242 in tax refunds with the EITC, but the IRS reports that one in five workers fail to claim the EITC they earned. In 2015, more 425 local taxpayers were able to receive the EITC through Beaverton's tax assistance program, which meant additional money back that they can use for groceries, rent, and other bills.

CASH Oregon and AARP Tax-Aide provide free tax preparation and filing to thousands of low- and middle-income families and individuals throughout the Portland metro area. The partnership provides a city-sponsored site at the Beaverton Activities Center from Feb. 1 to April 16. For additional tax preparation sites, call 211 or visit www.CASHOregon.org.

Tax assistance will be offered in Beaverton from Tuesday to Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on a walk-in basis only. Assistance will be offered in English, Spanish, and several other languages.

What to bring for tax assistance:

- Picture identification
- Copy of 2014 tax return, if available
- Social Security or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) for all persons on return

- Form W-2 from every employer
- Other forms and receipts, such as 1099s from bank
- Child and dependent care information
- Health Insurance documentation: Form 1095-A, if you or anyone on your tax return had coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace

For more information, visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov/taxprep.

ABOUT BEAVERTON

Beaverton is a welcoming and responsible city that enjoys one of the most diverse populations in Oregon. In 2015, Beaverton was recognized as one of the **safest cities** in the Pacific Northwest (according to CQ Press with cities more than 75,000). Recently, the city's award-winning finance department received the **Distinguished Budget Presentation Award** as well as the **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting**. In 2012, the city was awarded the **Mayors' Climate Protection Award** from the U.S. Conference of Mayors. It was named one of the **best places to raise kids** by *BusinessWeek* magazine. The city was named **one of the top 25 Suburbs for Retirement** by *Forbes.com* and **one of the 100 Best Walking Cities in America** by *Prevention* magazine. The city also received the **Recycler of the Year** award from the Association of Oregon Recyclers, named a **Tree City USA** by the Arbor Day Foundation, received a **Silver Award Bicycle Friendly Community** designation by the League of American Bicyclists, and recognized as one of the Environmental Protection Agency's **Green Power Communities**. Lastly, the city's nationally acclaimed visioning program was named **Public Involvement Project of the Year—Best Planning Project** by the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) Cascade Chapter and also received the prestigious **3CMA Award of Excellence**.

For more information, reminders and community news, visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov. Also follow Beaverton on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CityofBeaverton, or Twitter at www.twitter.com/CityofBeaverton.

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Caption: The city of Beaverton, in partnership with AARP Tax-Aide and CASH Oregon, will offer free tax assistance to low- and middle-income Beaverton families from Feb. 1 to April 16. *(Photo/City of Beaverton)*