

**TO: Finance Committee**

**DATE: 04/26/06**

**FROM: WIB Staff**

**For Action**

**For Information**

**For Discussion**

**SUBJECT: Volunteer Income Tax Assistance**

**PROPOSED MOTION(S): None**

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**DISCUSSION:** This is the fourth year Volunteers have provided Income Tax Preparation in Merced County at the Worknet Employment Resource Center in Merced. The program began in 2003 for the 2002 tax year. Volunteers have included Department of Workforce Investment employees, Human Services Agency employees, as well as volunteers from the Workforce Investment Board, UC Merced, Le Grand High School, and other community members.

The chart below shows results for the latest three (3) years of the program.

**MERCED WORKNET VITA PROGRAM**

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>Total for 3 years</b>
<b>Returns Prepared</b>	147	78	167	392
<b>Days of Service</b>	17	19	21	57
<b>Total Federal Refunds</b>	\$ 116,666	\$ 82,331	\$ 184,449	\$ 383,446
<b>Earned Income Tax Credits</b>	\$ 70,142	\$ 47,785	\$ 112,086	\$ 230,013
<b>Community Impact</b> <i>(based on IRS indication of seven times the refund amounts)</i>	<b>\$ 816,662</b>	<b>\$576,317</b>	<b>\$1,291,143</b>	<b>\$ 2,684,122</b>

*\* Note: Figures are not available for 2003*