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### **Free Help with County Income Tax Available at Feb. 5-7 Lloyd Center Event**

Residents with questions about the new Multnomah County personal income can receive free help during a three-day tax assistance workshop at the Lloyd Center Mall this Thursday through Saturday.

The event will take place on the second level of the Lloyd Center (next to Marshall's) from 12pm to 8pm on Thursday, Feb. 5 and Friday, Feb. 6, and from 10am to 5pm on Saturday, Feb. 7.

This is the first year of the temporary Multnomah County income tax that voters approved last May to help ensure a full school year and fund certain public safety, healthcare and senior service programs. The tax for 2003 is due April 15 and all residents with Oregon taxable income are required to fill out a one-page return.

The tax assistance event is organized by the Oregon Tax Credit Coalition, whose members include the Internal Revenue Service, the Oregon Department of Revenue, volunteers from AARP's Tax-Aide, the Oregon Food Bank, the United Way of the Columbia-Willamette and others.

Residents also can receive free assistance with their federal and state income taxes at the event, including the preparation of basic returns. Organizers encourage those seeking assistance to bring last year's tax return, their W-2 and 1099 forms and copies of their Social Security card.

For more information about the event, call (503) 326-3769. Residents with questions about the Multnomah County tax also can call a telephone helpline at (503) 988-4829, or go online at [www.multcotax.org](http://www.multcotax.org).

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