Form **990-EZ**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

▶ Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than $500,000 and total assets less than $1,250,000 at the end of the year may use this form.

▶ *The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.*

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A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning 7/1/2009, and ending 6/30/2010

B Check if applicable: ☐ Address change ☐ Name change ☐ Initial return ☐ Terminated ☐ Amended return ☐ Application pending

Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.

C Name of organization: Rural Organizing Project

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address): PO Box 1350 Room/suite:

City, town, or country: Scappoose State: OR ZIP + 4: 97056

D Employer identification number: 93-1159856

E Telephone number: (503) 543-8417

F Group Exemption Number ▶

• *Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).*

G Accounting Method: ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual Other (specify) ▶

H Check ▶ ☐ if the organization is **not** required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

I Website: ▶ www.rop.org

J Tax-exempt status (check only one)— ☒ 501(c) (3) ◀ (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

K Check ▶ ☐ if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization **and** its gross receipts are normally **not** more than $25,000. A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts, if $500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ $ 302,152

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I.)

	Line	Description				Amount
Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received			1	282,769
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts			2	15,012
	3	Membership dues and assessments			3	
	4	Investment income			4	4,371
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	0		
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	0		
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)			5c	0
	6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G). If any amount is from gaming, check here ▶ ☐				
	a	Gross revenue (not including $ 0 of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	0		
	b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	0		
	c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)			6c	0
	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a			
	b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b			
	c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)			7c	0
	8	Other revenue (describe ▶)			8	0
	9	**Total revenue.** Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8 ▶			9	302,152
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)			10	41,850
	11	Benefits paid to or for members			11	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits			12	179,739
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors			13	2,867
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance			14	2,910
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping			15	10,123
	16	Other expenses (describe ▶ See Attached Statement)			16	10,653
	17	**Total expenses.** Add lines 10 through 16 ▶			17	248,142
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)			18	54,010
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)			19	465,958
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)			20	0
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 ▶			21	519,968

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Part II Balance Sheets. If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are $1,250,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ.

Line	(See the instructions for Part II.)	(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
22	Cash, savings, and investments	366,332	22	407,674
23	Land and buildings	81,504	23	79,156
24	Other assets (describe ▶ Grants Receivable)	40,000	24	60,000
25	**Total assets**	487,836	25	546,830
26	**Total liabilities** (describe ▶ Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses)	21,878	26	26,862
27	**Net assets or fund balances** (line 27 of column (B) **must** agree with line 21)	465,958	27	519,968

For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions for Part III.)

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? See attached description

Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

Expenses (Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts, optional for others)

28	Local Group Capacity Building- See attached description (Grants $ 41,850) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ ☐	28a	134,610
29	Civic Engagement- See attached description (Grants $ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ ☐	29a	33,393
30	Immigration Fairness- See attached description (Grants $ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ ☐	30a	25,973
31	Other program services (attach schedule) (Grants $ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ ☐	31a	33,394
32	**Total program service expenses.** (add lines 28a through 31a) ▶	32	227,370

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees. List each one even if not compensated. (See the instructions for Part IV)

(a) Name and address	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
Cara Shufelt PO Box 1350 Scappoose OR 97056	Title Co-Director pt yr Hr/WK 26.00	26,136	4,620	0
Amy Dudley PO Box 1350 Scappoose OR 97056	Title Co-Director Hr/WK 21.00	27,042	3,618	0
Marcy Westerling PO Box 1350 Scappoose OR 97056	Title Co-Director pt yr Hr/WK 19.00	22,131	2,289	0
Kathy Paterno PO Box 1350 Scappoose OR 97056	Title Chair & Bd mem Hr/WK 1.00	0	0	0
Frank Roa PO Box 1350 Scappoose OR 97056	Title Vice Chair & Bd mem Hr/WK 1.00	0	0	0
Rennie Ferris PO Box 1350 Scappoose OR 97056	Title Treasurer & Bd mem Hr/WK 1.00	0	0	0
Jessica Campbell PO Box 1350 Scappoose OR 97056	Title Board member Hr/WK 1.00	0	0	0
Mary Geddry PO Box 1350 Scappoose OR 97056	Title Board member Hr/WK 1.00	0	0	0
Steve Milligan PO Box 1350 Scappoose OR 97056	Title Board member Hr/WK 1.00	0	0	0
Bill Whitaker PO Box 1350 Scappoose OR 97056	Title Board member Hr/WK 1.00	0	0	0
Rosalie Pedroza PO Box 1350 Scappoose OR 97056	Title Board member Hr/WK 1.00	0	0	0
	Title Hr/WK .00	0	0	0
	Title Hr/WK .00	0	0	0
	Title Hr/WK .00	0	0	0
	Title Hr/WK .00	0	0	0
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	Title Hr/WK .00	0	0	0
	Title Hr/WK .00	0	0	0

Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.)

			Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity	33		X
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes	34		X
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T.			
a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of $1,000 or more or was it subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?	35a		X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on **Form 990-T** for this year? N/A	35b		
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N	36		X
37 a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ▶ 37a 0			
b	Did the organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year?	37b		X
38 a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the period covered by this return?	38a		X
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b 0			
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:			
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 N/A 39a			
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities N/A 39b			
40 a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ 0 ; section 4912 ▶ 0 ; section 4955 ▶ 0			
b	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or is it aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	40b		X
c	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ 0			
d	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ 0			
e	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T.	40e		X

41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ▶ OR

42 a The organization's books are in care of ▶ Cara Shufelt Telephone no. ▶ (503) 543-8417

Located at ▶ 33421 SW Maple City Scappoose ST OR ZIP + 4 ▶ 97056

			Yes	No
b	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	42b		X
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for **Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.**			
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.?	42c		X
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶			

43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of **Form 1041**—Check here ▶ ☐

and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43 N/A

			Yes	No
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44		X
45	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	45		X

Part VI **Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only.** All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 46–49b and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

			Yes	No
46	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	46		X
47	Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	47	X	
48	Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	48		X
49 a	Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	49a		X
b	If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? N/A	49b		

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than $100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than $100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
Name None Str City ST ZIP	Title Hr/WK .00	0	0	0
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f Total number of other employees paid over $100,000 ▶ 0

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than $100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than $100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
Name None Str City ST ZIP		
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d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over $100,000 ▶ 0

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Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

▶ Signature of officer — Date 11/15/10

▶ Cara Shufelt, Director — Type or print name and title.

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature ▶ Kathy Donaldson	Date 11/10/2010	Check if self-employed ▶ [X]	Preparer's identifying number (See instructions)
Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ▶ Kathryn Donaldson 1924 SE 35th Ave, Portland, OR 97214		EIN ▶ Phone no. ▶ (503) 233-6078	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ▶ [X] Yes [ ] No

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization
Rural Organizing Project

Employer identification number
93-1159856

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

1 ☐ A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**

2 ☐ A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E.)

3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**

4 ☐ A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state:

5 ☐ An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.)

6 ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**

7 ☒ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)

8 ☐ A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)

9 ☐ An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3 % of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3 % of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)

10 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**

11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.

a ☐ Type I **b** ☐ Type II **c** ☐ Type III–Functionally integrated **d** ☐ Type III–Other

e ☐ By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).

f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box . . . . . ☐

g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

			Yes	No
(i)	A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?	11g(i)		
(ii)	A family member of a person described in (i) above?	11g(ii)		
(iii)	A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?	11g(iii)		

h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1–9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col. (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U S ?		(vii) Amount of support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
									0
									0
									0
									0
									0
Total									0

Part II **Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

	Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1	Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	251,082	136,258	231,981	311,975	282,769	1,214,065
2	Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						0
3	The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						0
4	**Total.** Add lines 1 through 3	251,082	136,258	231,981	311,975	282,769	1,214,065
5	The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						64,940
6	**Public support.** Subtract line 5 from line 4.						1,149,125

Section B. Total Support

	Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
7	Amounts from line 4	251,082	136,258	231,981	311,975	282,769	1,214,065
8	Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	6,447	6,347	7,332	7,025	4,371	31,522
9	Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						0
10	Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						0
11	**Total support.** Add lines 7 through 10						1,245,587

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) . . . 12 53,099

13 **First five years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** ▶ ☐

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) . . . 14 92.26%

15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 . . . 15 90 07%

16a **33 1/3% support test–2009.** If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ ☒

b **33 1/3% support test–2008.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ ☐

17a **10%-facts-and-circumstances test–2009.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. ▶ ☐

b **10%-facts-and-circumstances test–2008.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ ☐

18 **Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ▶ ☐

Part III **Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)**
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						0
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						0
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						0
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						0
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						0
6 **Total.** Add lines 1 through 5	0	0	0	0	0	0
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						0
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of $5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						0
c Add lines 7a and 7b	0	0	0	0	0	0
8 **Public support** (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						0

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	0	0	0	0	0	0
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						0
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						0
c Add lines 10a and 10b	0	0	0	0	0	0
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						0
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						0
13 **Total support.** (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	0	0	0	0	0	0

14 **First five years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** ▶ ☐

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	0.00%
16 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	0.00%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for **2009** (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	0.00%
18 Investment income percentage from **2008** Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	0 00%

19a **33 1/3% support tests–2009.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3% and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ ☐

b **33 1/3% support tests–2008.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ ☐

20 **Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ▶ ☐

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. See instructions.

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

▶ Complete if the organization is described below.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and B. Do not complete Part I-C
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and C below. Do not complete Part I-B.
- Section 527 organizations. Complete Part I-A only

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-A Do not complete Part II-B.
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-B. Do not complete Part II-A.

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations: Complete Part III

Name of organization	Employer identification number
Rural Organizing Project	93-1159856

Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV.

2 Political expenditures ▶ $

3 Volunteer hours

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 ▶ $

2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ▶ $

3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

4a Was a correction made? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," describe in Part IV.

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ $

2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ $

3 Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ▶ $ 0

4 Did the filing organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which payments were made. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV.

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization If none, enter -0-
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0

Part II-A **Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).**

A Check ▶ ☐ if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group.
B Check ▶ ☐ if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

	Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)	(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals
1a	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)	3,758	0
b	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	14,116	0
c	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)	17,874	0
d	Other exempt purpose expenditures	230,268	0
e	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)	248,142	0
f	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.	49,628	0

If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:
Not over $500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.
Over $500,000 but not over $1,000,000	$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over $500,000.
Over $1,000,000 but not over $1,500,000	$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over $1,000,000
Over $1,500,000 but not over $17,000,000	$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over $1,500,000.
Over $17,000,000	$1,000,000.

		(a)	(b)
g	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)	12,407	0
h	Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-	0	0
i	Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-	0	0

j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year? ☐ Yes ☒ No

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)
(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the instructions for lines 2a through 2f on page 4.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period

	Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) Total
2a	Lobbying nontaxable amount	38,194	37,505	45,235	49,628	170,562
b	Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					255,843
c	Total lobbying expenditures	4,788	15,002	30,076	17,874	67,740
d	Grassroots nontaxable amount	9,549	9,376	11,309	12,407	42,641
e	Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					63,962
f	Grassroots lobbying expenditures	2,176	5,626	3,956	3,758	15,516

Part II-B **Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).**

		(a) Yes	(a) No	(b) Amount
1	During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:			
a	Volunteers?			
b	Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
c	Media advertisements?			
d	Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
e	Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
f	Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
g	Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
h	Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
i	Other activities? If "Yes," describe in Part IV			
j	Total. Add lines 1c through 1i			0
2a	Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d	If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

Part III-A **Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).**

			Yes	No
1	Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1		
2	Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of $2,000 or less?	2		
3	Did the organization agree to carryover lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	3		

Part III-B **Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) if BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2 are answered "No" OR if Part III-A, line 3 is answered "Yes."**

1	Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	
2	Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures **(do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).**		
a	Current year	2a	
b	Carryover from last year	2b	
c	Total	2c	0
3	Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	
4	If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	
5	Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	0

Part IV **Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1, Part I-B, line 4; Part I-C, line 5, and Part II-B, line 1i. Also, complete this part for any additional information

Part IV . Supplemental Information *(continued)*

Part I, Line 10 Grants & allocations schedule

APANO $37,050
PO Box 6552, Portland, OR 97208
Grants for civic engagement and immigration fairness work.

Umatilla Morrow Alternatives $3,800
1115 E. Thomas St., Irrigon, OR 97844
Grants for community education and support.

Albany Peace Seekers $1,000
728 SW 10th Ave, Albany, OR 97321
Grants for community peace education.

Total Grants and allocations $41,850

Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses

Travel	$ 2,723
Depreciation	2,348
Telephone	2,219
Meeting expense	1,507
Insurance	1,115
Supplies	372
Business & bank fees	252
Equipment maint & rent	117
Total Other Expenses	$10,653

Part III, Program service accomplishments

Primary exempt purpose: To provide direct support, training and education to rural community groups within the state of Oregon, which seek to increase the involvement of rural community members in democratic processes that promote full inclusion of all with focus on traditionally underrepresented communities.

Part III, Program service accomplishments (cont.)

ROP's work in 2009 and 2010 has focused on Hometown Strategies that advance local community building and human dignity values. While the strategies varied from community to community based on local issues and opportunities, we worked with local leaders for similar outcomes: to create and strengthen their local group to advance democracy and build power for rural progressive justice. Core Hometown Strategies focused on Democratic Economy, Immigration Fairness, and LGBTQ Equality. While advancing local organizing through their Hometown Strategies, ROP worked with member groups to engage in collective action and civic engagement to impact state and federal issues.

Line 28. Local Group Capacity Building: **$134,610**

The heart of ROP's work is supporting our 50 local member groups to build local infrastructure to advance democracy in rural Oregon. This movement building work requires not only education and analysis on issues, but community organizing training that focus on the systems and tools that can sustain and expand our people power. If we want to make change in Oregon, it requires that we have local teams, groups, networks that can both respond to and advocate for the changes that we want to see – and that requires us to be able to communicate with one another, to have a plan, and to have leadership who keep the group moving forward.

At ROP central we continued our tradition of regular email communications to our supporters 1-3 times per week, our monthly Kitchen Table Activism, 1 on 1 phone calls to local leaders for organizing support, and with the help of increased volunteer support, more regular phone calls to our supporters beyond core leadership. Our database grew from 7,717 to 13,051 households. Our email listserve, ROPnet, grew from 1475 to 2032 participants. ROP staff organizers logged over 14,000 miles, visiting 30 of Oregon's 36 counties and meeting with hundreds of local activists and community members. On April 10th, 2010, this year's Rural Caucus & Strategy Session brought together over 130 people, representing human dignity groups in over 26 counties.

The ability to communicate effectively with our supporters is what determines whether or not we can exercise our power and achieve our vision for a better world. ROP focused this year on working with human dignity groups to expand their communications capacity. Six groups met and exceeded their goals for increasing their database by 15% and increasing their email list by 20%. The average database growth among all eight priority groups was 41% and the average email list growth was 59%.

Part III, Program service accomplishments (cont.)

Line 29. Civic Engagement: **$33,393**

In August and September 2009, ROP coordinated with local member groups to get out a united, progressive voice in the face of the new resurgence of the Right at nearly every rural Town Hall in Oregon. We sent emails to over 2000 local leaders, spent 12 hours phone banking ROP contacts to turn out to the Town Halls, and conducted 28 one on one strategy calls to support local leaders in how to make their presence most effective.

By the end of September, we coordinated nearly 40 teams of local organizers and activists in dozens of communities to bring strong messages for justice to our Congress people's public meetings. ROP members brought a clear message on healthcare – Everyone IN, No One OUT – along with our other priority messages of immigrant rights and peace.

During fall 2009 and early 2010, ROP supported the passage of statewide ballot measures 66 and 67 that defended legislation that raised the corporate minimum tax and raised the marginal tax rate on the wealthiest Oregonians. This was historic legislation that proved that even in times of economic hardship, or perhaps because of them, voters are willing to support services and advance tax fairness. ROP organized with our local human dignity groups to: hand-distribute ROP's county-specific STAND voter guides in 20 counties and mail to 12,496 rural voters; knock on 1520 doors and call 3225 voters to encourage voting; make calls to all 36 Oregon counties; submit 50 letters to the editors of local papers; publish 11 articles and editorials; and recruit small business owners in 16 counties to come out as a public face in support of 66 & 67.

Line 30. Immigration Fairness: **$25,973**

As the Latino population in Oregon grows, so does the Latino membership of ROP. In 2009 and 2010 ROP worked closely with 7 counties to advance their cross-cultural relationship building and organizing. In 3 of these counties, the local human dignity group expanded their membership to involve more local Latino leadership. In the other 4 counties, the local human dignity group partnered with a local Latino group to advance immigration fairness work in their communities. ROP worked with leaders in 5 counties to investigate the relationship between the local police department and Immigration and Customs Enforcement through the Secure Communities Program. ROP and the local groups advanced an education program in these communities supporters about the impacts of such collaborations on the Latino community and public safety.

Part III, Program service accomplishments (cont.)

Line 31.

Democratic Economy: **$24,118**

Throughout 2009 and 2010 we held Living Room Conversations on the Economy and Roundtable Dialogues on how we got into the crisis, how the crisis was playing out in each county and opportunities to organize in the face of these challenges. We held 12 of these conversations in 12 different communities and engaged 342 people from April – August, 2009. In spring 2010, we took our Democratic Economy organizing to the next level by engaging community leadership via Roundtable Dialogues that brought together a cross section of the community from city councilors and service providers to small business owners, farmers and labor leaders to homeowners in foreclosure. ROP human dignity organizers in 7 Counties held a total of 10 Roundtables to look at the state of the local economy and to explore options for how we move forward.

LGBTQ Justice: **$9,276**

In 2009 and 2010, ROP worked closely with 4 counties to develop a Marriage Equality Campaign that is engaging community members and leaders in a conversation on LGBTQ issues and marriage rights. This Hometown Strategy focuses on breaking down divisiveness and starting conversation from a place of shared human dignity values. We worked with an additional 3 counties to create and strengthen their organizing infrastructure and local human dignity group.

Part V, Other Information. Line 35, Program service income not on 990-T

Amounts reported on Part I, Line 2 were not reported on 990-T because they were earned in the course of activities to carry out our mission. These fees included fees to provide consulting services to a community organization in Idaho, fees from the sale of discussion materials, and fees collected during our annual gathering of rural organizers.