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Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-0047

2010**Open to Public Inspection**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

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

A For the 2010 calendar year, or tax year beginning <u>October 1</u> , 2010, and ending <u>September 30</u> , 20 <u>11</u>																							
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Part I Summary

1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <u>To provide assistance to low income individuals</u>		
2	Check this box ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	20
4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	20
5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2010 (Part V, line 2a)	5	129
6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	700
7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0
8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	6,001,219	5,275,359
10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	186,339	110,849
11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	0	179
12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	0	(2,424)
13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	6,187,558	5,383,963
14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	1,393,995	1,977,124
15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	0	0
16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	2,204,327	1,913,138
b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶	0	0
17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24f)	0	0
18	Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2,221,587	1,469,470
19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	5,819,909	5,359,732
20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	367,649	24,231
21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	2,143,945	1,914,959
		2,576,870	2,276,833
		(432,925)	(361,874)

Part II Signature Block

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.

Sign Here	Signature of officer <u>Stephanie Westcott</u> Date <u>5/10/12</u> Type or print name and title <u>Stephanie Westcott, CEO</u>	
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name <u>Tom Bailey</u> Preparer's signature <u>Thomas Bailey</u> Date <u>5/11/2012</u> Check ☐ if self-employed PTIN <u>110</u> Firm's name ▶ <u>Thomas/Jeffrey CPAs</u> Firm's EIN ▶ <u>26-0450393</u> Firm's address ▶ <u>125 Westridge Industrial Blvd., Suite 302; McDonough, GA. 30253</u> Phone no. <u>770 885-3105</u>	
May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) ☒ Yes ☐ No		

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Form **990** (2010)

Part III Statement of Program Service AccomplishmentsCheck if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III ☐ ☒**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission:

Provide assistance to low income families

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.**4a** (Code:) (Expenses \$ 783,252 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 783,252)

Community Services Block Grant Program provides energy assistance, food and nutrition and other services to eligible low income families.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 2,536,236 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 2,545,793)

Weatherization Program provides weatherization services to the dwellings of qualified households with a certain number of which are occupied by the elderly, handicapped or low income families.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 678,941 including grants of \$ 316,590) (Revenue \$ 678,941)

Building Community Services Program is a collaborated effort with partner agencies to provide training and technical assistance to 60 non-profit organizations over a two-year period.

4d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ 1,348,351 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 1,332,802)

4e Total program service expenses ► 5,346,780

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	☒	☐
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? (see instructions)	☒	☐
3 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	☐	☒
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	☐	☒
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	☐	☒
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I	☐	☒
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II	☐	☒
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III	☐	☒
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV	☐	☒
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V	☐	☒
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI	☒	☐
b Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII	☐	☒
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII	☐	☒
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX	☐	☒
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	☐	☒
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	☒	☐
12 a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII	☒	☐
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional	☐	☒
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	☐	☒
14 a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	☐	☒
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV	☐	☒
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV	☐	☒
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV	☐	☒
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)	☐	☒
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	☐	☒
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III	☐	☒
20 a Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	☐	☒
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach its audited financial statements to this return? Note. Some Form 990 filers that operate one or more hospitals must attach audited financial statements (see instructions)	☐	☐

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	☒	☐
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	☒	☐
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	☐	☒
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25</i>	☐	☒
24b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	☐	☐
24c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	☐	☐
24d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	☐	☐
25a Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	☐	☒
25b Is the organization 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	☐	☒
26 Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>	☐	☒
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>	☐	☒
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):	☐	☐
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	☐	☒
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	☐	☒
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	☐	☒
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	☒	☐
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	☐	☒
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	☐	☒
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>	☐	☒
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>	☐	☒
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1</i>	☐	☒
35 Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	☐	☒
a Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> ☐ Yes ☒ No	☐	☐
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	☐	☒
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>	☐	☒
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	☒	☐

Part V**Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance**Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V ☐

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable	29	
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	0	
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	✓
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	129	
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file. (see instructions)	2b	✓
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a	✓
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	3b	
4a	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)?	4a	✓
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: See instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a	✓
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b	✓
c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c	
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?	6a	✓
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b	
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a	✓
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b	
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c	✓
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d	
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e	✓
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f	✓
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g	
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h	
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8	
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a	
b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b	
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a	
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b	
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:		
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a	
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	11b	
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a	
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b	
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.		
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.	13a	
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	13b	
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c	
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a	
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	14b	

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VI ☒

Section A. Governing Body and Management

	Yes	No
1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year	1a 20	
b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	1b 20	
2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2	☒
3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3	☒
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4	☒
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5	☒
6 Does the organization have members or stockholders?	6	☒
7a Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?	7a	☒
b Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?	7b	☒
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a The governing body?	8a	☒
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	☒
9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O	9	☒

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

	Yes	No
10a Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a	☒
b If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?	10b	
11a Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11a	☒
b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
12a Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a	☒
b Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	☒
c Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done.	12c	☒
13 Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	☒
14 Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	☒
15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a	☒
b Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b	☒
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O. (See instructions.)		
16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	16a	☒
b If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b	☒

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► Georgia

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply.
☐ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request

19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public.

20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: ► Stephanie Nesbitt, (706) 546-8293
 594 Oconee Street; Athens, GA. 30603

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent ContractorsCheck if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VII ☐**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees****1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** directors or trustees that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

☐ Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) Tommy Lyon Board Chair	1	✓						0	0	0
(2) Lynn Flanagan Secretary	1	✓						0	0	0
(3) Harry Sims Treasurer	1	✓						0	0	0
(4) Melvin Davis Vice-chair	1	✓						0	0	0
(5) Daniel Yearwood Jr. Board Member	1	✓						0	0	0
(6) C.J. Johnson Board Member	1	✓						0	0	0
(7) Kim Mattox Board Member	1	✓						0	0	0
(8) Manon Rhodes Board Member	1	✓						0	0	0
(9) Ricky Cosby Board Member	1	✓						0	0	0
(10) Hunter Bicknell Board Member	1	✓						0	0	0
(11) Anthony Dove Board Member	1	✓						0	0	0
(12) Johnny Fitzpatrick Board Member	1	✓						0	0	0
(13) Virginia Wells Board Member	1	✓						0	0	0
(14) George Gabriel Board Member	1	✓						0	0	0
(15) Hardy Cook Board Member	1	✓						0	0	0
(16) Kirkland Dixon Board Member	1	✓						0	0	0

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(17) Jennifer Downer Board Member	1	☒						0	0	0
(18) Leroy Crawford Board Member	1	☒						0	0	0
(19) Lila Mason Board Member	1	☒						0	0	0
(20) Mark Weaver Board Member	1	☒						0	0	0
(21) Gary Gerrard CEO	40			☒				0	0	0
(22) Stephanie Nesbitt CFO	40			☒				53,875	0	0
(23)										
(24)										
(25)										
(26)										
(27)										
(28)										
1b Sub-total								53,875	0	0
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A								0	0	0
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								53,875	0	0

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization **None**

- 3** Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual
- 4** For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual
- 5** Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person

	Yes	No
3	☐	☒
4	☐	☒
5	☐	☒

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
Barnes Enterprises, Inc.; P.O. Box 922; Monroe, GA. 30655	Home energy retrofits & repair	170,789
Buckler Construction, LLC; 2180 Drals Mill road; Statham, G 30666	Home energy retrofits & repair	285,093
Green Source Homes, Inc.; 1571 Antioch Church Road; Watkinsville, GA. 30677	Home energy retrofits & repair	226,144
Edwin Hart Signature Homes; 1021 Crystal Hill Drive; Athens, GA. 30606	Home energy retrofits & repair	233,528
H.D. Michael Co., Inc.; 227 Deerhill Dr.; Bogart, GA. 30622	Home energy retrofits & repair	269,660

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization **7**

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a	Federated campaigns	1a			
	b	Membership dues	1b			
	c	Fundraising events	1c			
	d	Related organizations	1d			
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e	4,857,885		
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f			
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$		417,474		
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f		5,275,359		
Program Service Revenue	2a	Program Services	Business Code	624200	110,849	110,849
	b					
	c					
	d					
	e					
	f	All other program service revenue .				
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f		110,849		
	Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		179	179
4		Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds				
5		Royalties				
6a		Gross Rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal		
b		Less: rental expenses				
c		Rental income or (loss)				
d		Net rental income or (loss)				
7a		Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other		
b		Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses				
c		Gain or (loss)				
d		Net gain or (loss)				
8a		Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a			
b		Less: direct expenses	b			
c		Net income or (loss) from fundraising events				
9a		Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a			
b		Less: direct expenses	b			
c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities					
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a				
b	Less: cost of goods sold	b				
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory					
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code				
11a	Capital Loss	900099	(2,424)	(2,424)		
b						
c						
d	All other revenue					
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d		(2,424)			
12	Total revenue. See instructions.		5,383,963	108,604		

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns.

All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.		(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U.S. See Part IV, line 21 . . .	316,590	316,590		
2	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22	1,660,534	1,660,534		
3	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4	Benefits paid to or for members				
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	53,875	11,853	42,022	
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7	Other salaries and wages	1,539,671	1,411,208	128,463	
8	Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	9,643	5,973	3,670	
9	Other employee benefits	172,456	164,834	7,622	
10	Payroll taxes	137,493	123,667	13,826	
11	Fees for services (non-employees):				
a	Management				
b	Legal				
c	Accounting				
d	Lobbying				
e	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f	Investment management fees				
g	Other	1,008,054	1,002,681	5,373	
12	Advertising and promotion	2,008	1,253	755	
13	Office expenses	226,708	211,819	14,889	
14	Information technology				
15	Royalties				
16	Occupancy				
17	Travel				
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	73,716	72,301	1,415	
20	Interest	10,032	541	9,491	
21	Payments to affiliates				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	53,456		53,456	
23	Insurance	48,844	37,283	11,561	
24	Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24f. If line 24f amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24f expenses on Schedule O.)				
a	Background and Fingerprint Verification	236	236		
b	Drug Testing	944	944		
c	Dues and Subscriptions	7,584	7,526	58	
d	Repairs and Maintenance	36,813	22,695	14,118	
e	Title Search	1,075	1,075		
f	All other expenses Indirect cost allocation		293,767	(293,767)	
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	5,359,732	5,346,780	12,952	
26	Joint costs. Check here ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720). Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X Balance Sheet

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	1,052,016	1	1,290,410
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments		2	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	874,267	3	454,494
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions)		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 406,903		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 236,848	217,662	10c 170,055
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities		11	
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		15	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	2,143,945	16	1,914,959	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,163,765	17	486,428
	18 Grants payable	53,764	18	53,764
	19 Deferred revenue	1,319,635	19	1,270,476
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	39,706	23	466,165
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	2,576,870	26	2,276,833
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here ☒ and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	(266,514)	27	(413,217)
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	(166,411)	28	51,343
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ☐ and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	(432,925)	33	(361,874)
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	2,143,945	34	1,914,959	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net AssetsCheck if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI ☒

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	5,383,963
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	5,359,732
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	24,231
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	(432,925)
5	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	5	46,820
6	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3, 4, and 5 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	6	(361,874)

Part XII Financial Statements and ReportingCheck if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII ☐

- 1** Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other _____
If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.
- 2a** Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?
- b** Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?
- c** If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?
If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.
- d** If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:
☒ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis
- 3a** As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?
- b** If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits

	Yes	No
2a		✓
2b	✓	
2c	✓	
3a	✓	
3b	✓	

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

Area Committee To Improve Opportunities Now, Inc.

Employer identification number

58-0961506

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)(vii)**. (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?
- (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? ☐
- (ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above? ☐
- (iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above? ☐
- h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

(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	
(A)									
(B)									
(C)									
(D)									
(E)									
Total									

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 or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	2,246,396	2,025,934	3,075,770	6,001,219	5,275,359	18,624,678
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	2,246,396	2,025,934	3,075,770	6,001,219	5,275,359	18,624,678
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)						0
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						18,624,678

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	2,246,396	2,025,934	3,075,770	6,001,219	5,275,359	18,624,678
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources			50	142	179	371
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)					110,849	110,849
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						18,735,898
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	0
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 2010 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	99.41 %
15 Public support percentage from 2009 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	100.00 %
16a 33 1/3% support test—2010. 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—2009. 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—2010. 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—2009. 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 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. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

Part II, Section B, line 10: "Other income" represents fees for program services.

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**SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

Area Committee To Improve Opportunities Now, Inc.

Supplemental Financial Statements

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990,
Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.

► Attach to Form 990. ► See separate instructions.

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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year	0	0
2 Aggregate contributions to (during year)	0	0
3 Aggregate grants from (during year)	0	0
4 Aggregate value at end of year	0	0
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?		☐ Yes ☐ No
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?		☐ Yes ☐ No

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).

☐ Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education) ☐ Preservation of an historically important land area

☐ Protection of natural habitat ☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure

☐ Preservation of open space

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ► 0

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ►

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ► 0

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ► \$ 0

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

9 In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:

(i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► \$ 0

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► \$ 0

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items:

a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► \$ 0

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► \$ 0

3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):

- Schedule D (Form 990) 2010

Part VII Investments—Other Securities. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives	0	
(2) Closely-held equity interests	0	
(3) Other _____		
(A) _____		
(B) _____		
(C) _____		
(D) _____		
(E) _____		
(F) _____		
(G) _____		
(H) _____		
(I) _____		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.) ►	0	

Part VIII Investments—Program Related. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment type	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) None		
(2) _____		
(3) _____		
(4) _____		
(5) _____		
(6) _____		
(7) _____		
(8) _____		
(9) _____		
(10) _____		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.) ►	0	

Part IX Other Assets. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1) None	
(2) _____	
(3) _____	
(4) _____	
(5) _____	
(6) _____	
(7) _____	
(8) _____	
(9) _____	
(10) _____	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.) ►	0

Part X Other Liabilities. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Amount	
(1) Federal income taxes	0	
(2) _____		
(3) _____		
(4) _____		
(5) _____		
(6) _____		
(7) _____		
(8) _____		
(9) _____		
(10) _____		
(11) _____		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) ►	0	

2. FIN 48 (ASC 740) Footnote. In Part XIV, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740).

Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Audited Financial Statements

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	5,383,963
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	5,359,732
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	24,231
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	46,820
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	8	
9	Total adjustments (net). Add lines 4 through 8	9	46,820
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per audited financial statements. Combine lines 3 and 9	10	71,051

Part XII Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	5,383,963
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	5,383,963
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	5,383,963

Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	5,359,732
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	5,359,732
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	5,359,732

Part XIV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, line 8; Part XII, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Schedule D; Part X, line 2:

ACTION is exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code (the "Code") and is classified as an organization that is not a private foundation under Section 509(a)(2) of the Code. Donations to ACTION qualify for the charitable contribution deduction under Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) of the Code.

As a result of its exemption from federal and state income taxes, no provision for income taxes has been recorded in these Financial Statements. ACTION did not engage in any unrelated business activities during the fiscal year. Management believes, more likely than not, that its tax-exempt position will be sustained if examined by authorities.

SCHEDULE I
(Form 990)

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments, and Individuals in the United States

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.
▶ Attach to Form 990.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

Area Committee To Improve Opportunities Now, Inc.

Employer identification number

58-0961506

OMB No. 1545-0047

2010

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Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States.

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Check this box if no one recipient received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed. ☒

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1)							
(2)							
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							
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(7)							
(8)							
(9)							
(10)							
(11)							
(12)							

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations

3 Enter total number of other organizations

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Schedule I (Form 990) (2010)

Part III **Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 22.
Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance
1 CSBG Utilities and Rent	490	59,345	0	FMV	N/A
2 EFSP Utilities and Rent	283	37,611	0	FMV	N/A
3 Home Weatherization	384	2,626,695	0	FMV	N/A
4 TEFAP Commodities	6,262	0	223,437	FMV	Food
5 BCS training and Technical Assistance	24	316,590	138,178	FMV	Labor
6 TEFAP Volunteers	202	0	55,860	FMV	Labor

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Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, and any other additional information.

SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)

Noncash Contributions

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▶ Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form
990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
▶ Attach to Form 990.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

Area Committee To Improve Opportunities Now, Inc.

Employer identification number

58-0961506

Part I **Types of Property**

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art—Works of art				
2 Art—Historical treasures				
3 Art—Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities—Publicly traded				
10 Securities—Closely held stock				
11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities—Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution—Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution—Other				
15 Real estate—Residential				
16 Real estate—Commercial				
17 Real estate—Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory	✓	2	223,437	Fair Market Value
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ▶ (Labor)	✓	2	194,038	Fair Market Value
26 Other ▶ ()				
27 Other ▶ ()				
28 Other ▶ ()				

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement **29**

	Yes	No
30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1–28 that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which is not required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?		✓
b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.		
31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any non-standard contributions?		✓
32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?		✓
b If "Yes," describe in Part II.		
33 If the organization did not report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.		

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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Name of the organization

Area Committee To Improve Opportunities Now, Inc.

Employer identification number

58-0961506

Page 2; Part III, line 4d; The organization provides a variety of other services to assist low-income individuals within the counties served which includes

Georgia Pre-K, Child Development Services, Housing, Youth Counseling, Home Repair, Nutrition Services and Emergency Assistance.

Page 6; Part VI, Section B, line 11b; The 990 is prepared upon completion of the Annual Audit. The draft copy of the 990 is e-mailed for review prior to signing

and filing. Officers and board members then provide feedback, comments and/or questions.

Page 6; Part VI, Section B, line 12c; Current employees and directors are required to notify management annually of any changes in their status as relates to

conflicts of interest. Due to the small size of the organization and relatively low employee turnover, management is able to monitor individuals for conduct

that may represent a conflict of interest. New board members and employees are notified of the organization's conflict of interest policy at the beginning of

their service and instructed to notify the board whenever such a conflict arises.

Page 6; Part VI, Section B, line 15; Annually, the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors reviews the Executive Director's and Other Officer's salary based

upon their knowledge of comparable compensation levels obtained from other non-profit organizations whose board they sit on and/or salary discussions

within their professional networks. Comparable levels are discussed in open board meeting and the current compensation is set. For 990 compensation

reporting, the CFO is reported as an officer.

Page 6; Part VI, Section C, line 19; Available from the administrative office, upon request.

Page 12; Part XI, line 5; Prior period adjustment from previous years payroll taxes settled for less than 100% of the amount accrued.

**Application for Extension of Time To File an
Exempt Organization Return**

OMB No. 1545-1709

► **File a separate application for each return.**

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension, complete only Part I** and check this box ☒ **►**
- If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension, complete only Part II** (on page 2 of this form).

Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

Electronic filing (e-file). You can electronically file Form 8868 if you need a 3-month automatic extension of time to file (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T), or an additional (not automatic) 3-month extension of time. You can electronically file Form 8868 to request an extension of time to file any of the forms listed in Part I or Part II with the exception of Form 8870, Information Return for Transfers Associated With Certain Personal Benefit Contracts, which must be sent to the IRS in paper format (see instructions). For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit www.irs.gov/efile and click on *e-file for Charities & Nonprofits*.

Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time. Only submit original (no copies needed).

A corporation required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension—check this box and complete Part I only ☐ **►**

All other corporations (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns.

Enter filer's identifying number, see instructions

Type or print File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.	Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions. Area Committee To Improve Opportunities Now, Inc.	Employer identification number (EIN) or ☐ 58-0961506
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. PO Box 1072	Social security number (SSN) ☐
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. Athens, Georgia 30603	

Enter the Return code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return)

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Application Is For	Return Code	Application Is For	Return Code
Form 990	01	Form 990-T (corporation)	07
Form 990-BL	02	Form 1041-A	08
Form 990-EZ	01	Form 4720	09
Form 990-PF	04	Form 5227	10
Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	05	Form 6069	11
Form 990-T (trust other than above)	06	Form 8870	12

- The books are in the care of ► Ms. Stephanie Nesbitt; 594 Oconee Street, Athens, Georgia 30605

Telephone No. ► (706) 546-8293

FAX No. ►

- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box ☐ **►**
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) If this is for the whole group, check this box ☐ If it is for part of the group, check this box ☐ and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for.

- 1** I request an automatic 3-month (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until May 15, 20 12, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:
- ☐ calendar year 20 or

► ☒ tax year beginning October 1, 20 10, and ending September 30, 20 11.

- 2** If the tax year entered in line 1 is for less than 12 months, check reason: ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return
☐ Change in accounting period.

3a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.

3a \$

b If this application is for Form 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit.

3b \$

c Balance due. Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.

3c \$

Caution. If you are going to make an electronic filing withdrawal with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions.