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Form 990  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)	OMB No 1545-0047 2012 Open to Public Inspection
	The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements	

A For the 2012 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2012 , 2012, and ending 12-31-2012

B Check if applicable ☐ Address change ☐ Name change ☐ Initial return ☐ Terminated ☐ Amended return ☐ Application pending	C Name of organization MINNESOTA COUNCIL ON FOUNDATIONS		D Employer identification number 41-1269275
	Doing Business As		
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) 100 PORTLAND AVENUE SOUTH NO 225	Room/suite	E Telephone number (612) 338-1989
	City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 554012575		G Gross receipts \$ 1,535,746
	F Name and address of principal officer WILLIAM KING 100 PORTLAND AVENUE SOUTH NO 225 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 554012575		H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? ☐ Yes ☒ No H(b) Are all affiliates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)

I Tax-exempt status ☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) () (Insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527		H(c) Group exemption number	
J Website: WWW.MCF.ORG			
K Form of organization ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other		L Year of formation 1975	M State of legal domicile MN

Part I	Summary
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Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities TO STRENGTHEN AND EXPAND PHILANTHROPY			
	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	21
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	21
Revenue	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2012 (Part V, line 2a)	5	15
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	72
	7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	46,725
	7b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	17,481
Expenses	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	1,142,853	1,202,977
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	154,611	159,228
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	7,079	5,575
	12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	147,992	167,966
	12		1,452,535	1,535,746
Net Assets or Fund Balances	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	0	0
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0
	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	845,273	877,268
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
	b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ☒ 22,383		
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	617,642	452,695
	18	Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	1,462,915	1,329,963
	19	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	-10,380	205,783
			Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	1,217,406	1,392,031	
21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	141,770	110,612	
22	Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	1,075,636	1,281,419	

Part II	Signature Block
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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.

Sign Here	***** Signature of officer			2013-03-20 Date	
	WILLIAM KING PRESIDENT Type or print name and title				
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name JOHN TAUER		Preparer's signature		Date
	Firm's name ▶ CLIFTONLARSONALLEN LLP			Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN P00294068
	Firm's address ▶ 220 SOUTH SIXTH STREET SUITE 300 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402			Firm's EIN ▶ 41-0746749 Phone no (612) 376-4500	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) ☒ Yes ☐ No

Part IIIStatement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1

Briefly describe the organization’s mission

MINNESOTA COUNCIL ON FOUNDATIONS (MCF) WORKS ACTIVELY TO EXPAND AND STRENGTHEN A VIBRANT REGIONAL COMMUNITY OF DIVERSE GRANTMAKERS WHO INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY ADVANCE THE COMMON GOOD

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 organization’s program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations 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 \$ 469,284 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 159,228)

MEMBER SERVICES THE COUNCIL CONDUCTS A WIDE RANGE OF EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS FOR GRANTMAKERS PROGRAMS INCLUDE PROFESSIONAL TRAINING TO ENHANCE GRANTMAKER SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE, PROGRAMS ON TOPICAL GRANTMAKING ISSUES, SPECIAL INTEREST NETWORKS BY ISSUE AND MEMBER TYPE AND COMMUNITY ISSUE BRIEFINGS AND GRANTSEEKING SEMIARS FOR NONPROFITS MCF MEMBERS REPRESENT THREE-QUARTERS OF ALL GRANTMAKING IN THE STATE, AWARDING MORE THAN \$900 MILLION TO NONPROFITS ANNUALLY MEMBERS INCLUDE FAMILY AND PRIVATE INDEPENDENT FOUNDATIONS, COMMUNITY AND OTHER PUBLIC FOUNDATIONS, AND CORPORATE FOUNDATIONS AND GIVING PROGRAMS

4b

(Code) (Expenses \$ 243,387 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 0)

PUBLIC AWARENESS THE COUNCIL WORKS TO EDUCATE POTENTIAL DONORS, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, THE MEDIA, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT PHILANTHROPY AND THE GRANTMAKING PROCESS IT DOES THIS IN SEVERAL WAYS PUBLICATION OF THE FREE, QUARTERLY NEWSPAPER GIVING FORUM, MCF MESSENGER AND MCF GIVING MEMO WHICH ARE BI-WEEKLY ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS FOR MEMBERS AND NONPROFITS, A WEBSITE, HTTP //MCF.ORG, MN TOOLKIT FOR GIVING, AN ONLINE TOOLKIT PROVIDING INFORMATION AND RESOURCES FOR THOSE EXPLORING AND/OR DEVELOPING THEIR PERSONAL, BUSINESS OR COMMUNITY PHILANTHROPY

4c

(Code) (Expenses \$ 168,434 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 0)

RESEARCH AND INFORMATION ON MINNESOTA PHILANTHROPY THE COUNCIL CONDUCTS ANNUAL RESEARCH ON THE SIZE, SCOPE AND ACTIVITIES OF MINNESOTA'S FOUNDATION AND CORPORATE GIVING PROGRAMS AND MAKES THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS AND THE PUBLIC THROUGH ITS PUBLICATIONS, PROGRAMS AND WEBSITE RESEARCH REPORTS INCLUDE GIVING IN MINNESOTA AND OUTLOOK -- ANNUAL RESEARCH REPORTS ON MINNESOTA GRANTMAKING TRENDS AND MINNESOTA GIVING ONLINE -- A WEB-BASED SEARCHABLE DATABASE OF MINNESOTA GRANTMAKERS AND GRANT ACTIVITY

(Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

PUBLIC POLICY AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS THE COUNCIL'S GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND PUBLIC POLICY PROGRAM PROVIDES EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR ITS MEMBERS TO ASSIST WITH INCORPORATING PUBLIC POLICY INTO GRANTMAKING AND ADHERENCE WITH PROFESSIONAL AND LEGAL PRACTICES MCF HELPS ITS MEMBERS ANALYZE AND RESPOND TO PUBLIC POLICIES THAT HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE PROMOTION OF PHILANTHROPY AND IMPROVING THE GENERAL WELL-BEING OF MINNESOTANS, WITH A FOCUS ON ELIMINATING DISPARITIES MCF ENGAGES IN ADVOCACY AND LOBBYING ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT ITS GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND PUBLIC POLICY ACTIVITIES

(Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION THE COUNCIL'S DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION PROGRAM WORKS TO INCREASE MCF'S EXPERTISE AND CAPACITY TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT NEW DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION STRATEGIES THAT MEET MCF'S STRATEGIC GOALS THIS PROGRAM WORKS TO ADVANCE INCLUSIVE PRACTICES AND EQUITY IN PHILANTHROPY THROUGH DISCERNMENT OF MEMBER AND FIELD-WIDE INTERESTS AND NEEDS, DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MEMBER PROGRAMMING AND PURSUING STRATEGIC INITIATIVES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL AND NATIONAL COLLEAGUES

4d

Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e

Total program service expenses

881,105

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 	1 Yes	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)? 	2 Yes	
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 	3	No
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 	4 Yes	
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 	5	No
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which 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 	6	No
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 	7	No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III 	8	No
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability, 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 	9	No
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V 	10	No
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 	11a Yes	
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 	11b	No
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 	11c	No
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 	11d	No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X 	11e Yes	
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 	11f Yes	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII 	12a Yes	
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 and XII is optional 	12b	No
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13	No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	No
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV	14b	No
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	15	No
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	16	No
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)	17	No
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	18	No
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	19	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20a	No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b	

Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to any government or organization in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	21		No
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>	22		No
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>	23	Yes	
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>	24a		No
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
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>	25a		No
b	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>	25b		No
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highest 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>	26		No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>	27		No
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>	28a		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28b		No
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>	28c		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	29		No
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>	30		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	31		No
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>	32		No
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>	33		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>	34		No
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a		No
b	If "Yes" to line 35a, 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>	35b		
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>	36		No
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>	37		No
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	Yes	

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.	12	
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.	0	
1c			
2a		15	
2b		Yes	
3a		Yes	
3b		Yes	
4a			No
b			
5a			No
5b			No
5c			
6a			No
6b			
7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).			
7a		Yes	
7b		Yes	
7c			No
7d			
7e			No
7f			No
7g			
7h			
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13b			
13c			
14a			No
14b			

Part VI

Governance, Management, and Disclosure

For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 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	21	
If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O			
1b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	21	
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	No
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	No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4	No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5	No
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6	Yes
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	7a	Yes
7b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	7b	No
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following		
8a	The governing body?	8a	Yes
8b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	Yes
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	No

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

		Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a	No
10b	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?	10b	
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11a	Yes
11b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990		
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a	Yes
12b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	Yes
12c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	12c	Yes
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	Yes
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	Yes
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?		
15a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a	Yes
15b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b	No
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	No
16b	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take 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	MN
18	Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply. ☒ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)	
19	Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year	
20	State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization	LORI MILLER-SHIELL 100 PORTLAND AVENUE SOUTH SUITE 225 MINNEAPOLIS, MN (612) 338-1989

Part VII

Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Check 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, or 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 (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(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) KEVIN WALKER CHAIR	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
(2) CAROLYN ROBY VICE CHAIR	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
(3) NANCY NELSON TREASURER	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
(4) KARI SUZUKI SECRETARY	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
(5) KIM EMBRETSON MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
(6) JULIE HARA MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
(7) MARK HIEMENZ MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
(8) STEVE JOUL MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
(9) BRAD KRUSE MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
(10) LAVON LEE MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
(11) MARK LINDBERG MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
(12) GARY NAN TIE MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
(13) MIKE NEWMAN MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
(14) JUNE NORONHA MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
(15) TIMOTHY M OBER MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
(16) SHERRY RISTAU MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
(17) LATRESSE SNEAD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(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			
(18) KRIS TAYLOR MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
(19) TIM THORPE MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
(20) KATE WOLFORD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
(21) KAYLA YANG BEST MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
(22) BILL KING PRESIDENT	40 00			X				145,743	0	37,737
1b Sub-Total										
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								145,743	0	37,737

		Yes	No
3	Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	3	No
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	4	Yes
5	Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>	5	No

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. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.		
	(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
2	Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. ▶0		

Part VIII

Statement of Revenue

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

				(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	1,069,658				
	c	Fundraising events	1c					
	d	Related organizations	1d					
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e					
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	133,319				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$						
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f			1,202,977			
Program Service Revenue			Business Code					
	2a	MEMBERSHIP DUES	900099	84,500	84,500			
	b	MEETING FEES	900099	74,728	74,728			
	c							
	d							
	e							
	f	All other program service revenue						
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f			159,228			
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		5,575			5,575	
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . .						
	5	Royalties						
	6a	(i) Real		(ii) Personal				
	b	Less rental expenses						
	c	Rental income or (loss)						
	d	Net rental income or (loss)						
	7a	(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						
	c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . .						
	9a	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19						
a								
b	Less direct expenses							
c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . .							
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances							
a			117,416					
b	Less cost of goods sold		0					
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . .			117,416		117,416		
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code						
11a	ADVERTISING	541800	46,725		46,725			
b	MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	900099	3,825				3,825	
c								
d	All other revenue							
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d			50,550				
12	Total revenue. See Instructions			1,535,746	159,228	46,725	126,816	

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).

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

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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 United States. See Part IV, line 21.				
2	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States. See Part IV, line 22.				
3	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.				
4	Benefits paid to or for members.				
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees.	183,480	112,833	67,521	3,126
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.	567,117	348,754	208,699	9,664
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions).	63,307	38,931	23,297	1,079
9	Other employee benefits.	2,076	1,277	764	35
10	Payroll taxes.	61,288	37,690	22,554	1,044
11	Fees for services (non-employees):				
a	Management.				
b	Legal.				
c	Accounting.	7,627		7,627	
d	Lobbying.				
e	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17.				
f	Investment management fees.				
g	Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O).	86,309	84,967		1,342
12	Advertising and promotion.				
13	Office expenses.	83,573	69,256	12,606	1,711
14	Information technology.				
15	Royalties.				
16	Occupancy.	112,376	69,107	41,354	1,915
17	Travel.	8,628	6,255	2,186	187
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials.				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings.	54,759	41,354	12,021	1,384
20	Interest.				
21	Payments to affiliates.				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization.	31,434	19,330	11,568	536
23	Insurance.	2,721	1,673	1,002	46
24	Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O):				
a	UBI TAXES	4,532	4,532		
b	PROF. DEVELOPMENT	20,403	20,403	0	0
c	LICENSE FEES	16,197	5,942	10,178	77
d	FORUM DUES	14,772	14,772		
e	All other expenses	9,364	4,029	5,098	237
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	1,329,963	881,105	426,475	22,383
26	Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

Part X

Balance Sheet

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

					(A)		(B)
					Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing			22,765	1	80,836
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments			1,064,169	2	1,081,218
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net				3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net			37,152	4	75,134
	5	Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L				5	
	6	Loans and other 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) Complete Part II of Schedule L				6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net				7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use				8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			7,737	9	6,149
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	368,173	85,583	10c	148,694
	b	Less accumulated depreciation	10b	219,479			
	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)			1,217,406	16	1,392,031
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses			97,717	17	61,716
	18	Grants payable				18	
	19	Deferred revenue			10,500	19	19,945
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities				20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D				21	
	22	Loans and other 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			11,968	23	7,190
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties				24	
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24) Complete Part X of Schedule D			21,585	25	21,761
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25			141,770	26	110,612
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ☒ and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.						
	27	Unrestricted net assets			938,314	27	1,100,821
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets			137,322	28	180,598
	29	Permanently restricted net assets				29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), 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			1,075,636	33	1,281,419
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances			1,217,406	34	1,392,031

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check 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	1,535,746
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,329,963
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	205,783
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	1,075,636
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	1,281,419

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

		Yes	No
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? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both ☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis	2a	No
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both ☒ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis	2b	Yes
2c	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	2c	Yes
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?	3a	No
3b	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	3b	

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990EZ)

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 MINNESOTA COUNCIL ON FOUNDATIONS	Employer identification number 41-1269275
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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

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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

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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 - Non-functionally integrated
- 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

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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

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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 monetary support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
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) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants ")	1,037,206	1,001,825	1,078,993	1,142,853	1,202,977	5,463,854
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	1,037,206	1,001,825	1,078,993	1,142,853	1,202,977	5,463,854
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)						238,559
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						5,225,295

Section B. Total Support							
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶		(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
7	Amounts from line 4	1,037,206	1,001,825	1,078,993	1,142,853	1,202,977	5,463,854
8	Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	28,667	13,069	6,998	7,079	5,575	61,388
9	Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on	14,989	13,063	14,475	4,059	17,481	64,067
10	Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)		10	5,627	3,012	3,825	12,474
11	Total support (Add lines 7 through 10)						5,601,783
12	Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions)					12	1,434,398
13	First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ▶						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage			
14	Public support percentage for 2012 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	93 280 %
15	Public support percentage for 2011 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	93 810 %
16a	33 1/3% support test—2012. 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—2011. 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—2012. 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—2011. 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 IIISupport Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
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						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
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						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						
14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ▶						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage		
15 Public support percentage for 2012 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	
16 Public support percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage		
17 Investment income percentage for 2012 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	
18 Investment income percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	
19a 33 1/3% support tests—2012. 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—2011. 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. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

Facts And Circumstances Test

Explanation				
SCHEDULE A, PART II, LINE 10, EXPLANATION OF OTHER INCOME				
OTHER INCOME - 2009 AMOUNT	\$ 10	2010 AMOUNT	\$	
5,627		2011 AMOUNT	\$ 3,012	2012 AMOUNT \$ 3,825

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 V, 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) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax), then

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

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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	▶ \$ 0
3	Volunteer hours	0

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	▶ \$ 0
2	Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955	▶ \$ 0
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	▶ \$
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 the filing organization made payments 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-

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 (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures)
- 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)															
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)		38,827													
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)		38,827													
d Other exempt purpose expenditures		1,268,753													
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)		1,307,580													
f Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns		205,758													
<table><tr><td>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</td><td>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</td></tr><tr><td>Not over \$500,000</td><td>20% of the amount on line 1e</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td><td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td><td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td><td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$17,000,000</td><td>\$1,000,000</td></tr></table>		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		
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														
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)		51,440													
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zero or less, enter -0-		0													
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, enter -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) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount			223,929	205,758	429,687
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					644,531
c Total lobbying expenditures			44,559	38,827	83,386
d Grassroots nontaxable amount			55,982	51,440	107,422
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					161,133
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

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)).

For each "Yes" response to lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	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?			
j Total Add lines 1c through 1i			
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 carry over 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) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No" OR (b) 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	
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	

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, Part II-A (affiliated group list), Part II-A, line 2, and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
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SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

OMB No 1545-0047

2012

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Name of the organization
MINNESOTA COUNCIL ON FOUNDATIONS

Employer identification number
41-1269275

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	
2	Aggregate contributions to (during year)	
3	Aggregate grants from (during year)	
4	Aggregate value at end of year	
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 Year
a	Total number of conservation easements
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register

3

Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶_____

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 ▶_____

7

Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶\$ _____

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 XIII, 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 XIII, 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

▶ \$ _____

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X

▶ \$ _____

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

▶ \$ _____

b

Assets included in Form 990, Part X

▶ \$ _____

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Part III

Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

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)

a

☐ Public exhibition

b

☐ Scholarly research

c

☐ Preservation for future generations

d

☐ Loan or exchange programs

e

☐ Other

4

Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII

5

During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Part IV

Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a

Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table

c

Beginning balance

d

Additions during the year

e

Distributions during the year

f

Ending balance

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a

Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

☐

Part V

Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a)Current year	(b)Prior year	b (c)Two years back	(d)Three years back	(e)Four years back
1a	Beginning of year balance				
b	Contributions				
c	Net investment earnings, gains, and losses				
d	Grants or scholarships				
e	Other expenditures for facilities and programs				
f	Administrative expenses				
g	End of year balance				

2

Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as

a

Board designated or quasi-endowment

b

Permanent endowment

c

Temporarily restricted endowment

The percentages in lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%

3a

Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

(i) unrelated organizations

3a(i)

Yes

No

(ii) related organizations

3a(ii)

Yes

No

b

If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

3b

Yes

No

4

Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI

Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b)Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a	Land			
b	Buildings			
c	Leasehold improvements			
d	Equipment	215,523	180,146	35,377
e	Other	152,650	39,333	113,317
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				148,694

Schedule D (Form 990) 2012

Part XI

Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	1,535,746
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 XIII)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	1,535,746
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 XIII)	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	1,535,746

Part XII

Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	1,329,963
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 XIII)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	1,329,963
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 XIII)	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	1,329,963

Part XIII

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, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
DESCRIPTION OF UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS UNDER FIN 48	PART X, LINE 2	THE COUNCIL IS EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAXES UNDER INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTION 501(C)(3) AND APPLICABLE MINNESOTA STATUTES. THE COUNCIL PAYS UNRELATED BUSINESS INCOME TAXES ON A PORTION OF ITS ADVERTISING REVENUE RELATED TO PUBLICATIONS. INCOME TAX EXPENSE WAS \$4,532 AND \$3,613 FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012 AND 2011, RESPECTIVELY. THE COUNCIL FOLLOWS THE PROVISIONS OF ACCOUNTING FOR UNCERTAINTY IN INCOME TAXES. THIS STANDARD CLARIFIES THE ACCOUNTING FOR UNCERTAINTY IN INCOME TAXES RECOGNIZED IN AN ENTITY'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND PRESCRIBES A RECOGNITION THRESHOLD FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT RECOGNITION OF TAX POSITIONS TAKEN OR EXPECTED TO BE TAKEN ON A TAX RETURN THAT ARE NOT CERTAIN TO BE REALIZED. THE COUNCIL'S INCOME TAX RETURNS ARE SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND EXAMINATION BY FEDERAL AND STATE AUTHORITIES. THE TAX RETURNS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009 TO 2011 ARE OPEN TO EXAMINATION BY FEDERAL AND STATE AUTHORITIES.

Schedule J (Form 990) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	Compensation Information For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees ▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, question 23. ▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.	OMB No 1545-0047
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Name of the organization MINNESOTA COUNCIL ON FOUNDATIONS	Employer identification number 41-1269275
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Part I	Questions Regarding Compensation		Yes	No
1a	Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items			
	☐ First-class or charter travel	☐ Housing allowance or residence for personal use		
	☐ Travel for companions	☐ Payments for business use of personal residence		
	☐ Tax idemnification and gross-up payments	☐ Health or social club dues or initiation fees		
	☐ Discretionary spending account	☐ Personal services (e g , maid, chauffeur, chef)		
1b	If any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain			
2	Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all officers, directors, trustees, and the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?			
3	Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director Check all that apply Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III			
	☐ Compensation committee	☐ Written employment contract		
	☐ Independent compensation consultant	☒ Compensation survey or study		
	☐ Form 990 of other organizations	☒ Approval by the board or compensation committee		
4	During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization			
4a	Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?			No
4b	Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?			No
4c	Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?			No
	If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III			
	Only 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations only must complete lines 5-9.			
5	For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of			
5a	The organization?			No
5b	Any related organization?			No
	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III			
6	For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of			
6a	The organization?			No
6b	Any related organization?			No
	If "Yes," to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III			
7	For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III			No
8	Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III			No
9	If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?			

Part II **Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees.** Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported in Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII.

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation reported as deferred in prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
(1)BILL KING PRESIDENT	(i)	145,743	0	0	17,471	20,266	183,480	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Part III **Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
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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 to provide any additional information.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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Name of the organization MINNESOTA COUNCIL ON FOUNDATIONS	Employer identification number 41-1269275
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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
NEW PROGRAM SERVICES	FORM 990, PART III, LINE 2	THE ORGANIZATION STARTED 2 NEW PROGRAMS PUBLIC POLICY AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION SEE MORE DETAILS REPORTED ON LINE 4D

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 1	THE COUNCIL HAS AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, CONSISTING OF THREE OR MORE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, INCLUDING THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HAS THE POWER AND AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS BETWEEN MEETINGS OF THE BOARD, REPORTING TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT ITS SUCCEEDING MEETING ANY ACTION TAKEN, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE COMMITTEE HAS NO AUTHORITY TO FILL VACANCIES IN THE BOARD OR TO REPEAL THE BYLAWS OR ANY RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THAT BY ITS TERMS IS NOT AMENDABLE OR REPEALABLE

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6	VOTING MEMBERS INCLUDE PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS, PRIVATE OPERATING FOUNDATIONS, COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS, BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS OR, A BOARD DIVISION, TRIBE, PUBLIC CHARITY GRANTMAKER AND OTHER GRANTMAKING ORGANIZATIONS WHICH (A) MAKES GRANTS FOR CHARITABLE, RELIGIOUS, EDUCATION, OR SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES, AND, (B) MAKES GRANTS TO MULTIPLE, UNRELATED ORGANIZATIONS RATHER THAN TO ONE INSTITUTION, OR SOLELY TO ITS AFFILIATES OR SUBSIDIARIES OR TO A GROUP OF PRESELECTED RECIPIENTS, AND (C) DEVOTES A PORTION OF ITS CHARITABLE BUDGET TO ITS GRANTMAKING PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES RATHER THAN TO FUNDRAISING ONLY THE MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS DESCRIBED ABOVE SHALL BE VOTING MEMBERS, WHOSE VOTING AND OTHER RIGHTS, INTERESTS AND PRIVILEGES SHALL BE EQUAL ALL OTHER MEMBERS, SUCH AS ASSOCIATE MEMBERS DO NOT HAVE VOTING RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A	THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ELECT THE DIRECTORS BY MAJORITY VOTE. IN ANY ELECTION, OR IN ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN ANNUAL OR SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THIS CORPORATION, EACH VOTING MEMBER ORGANIZATION IS REPRESENTED, AND ENTITLED TO VOTE BY , AN INDIVIDUAL DELEGATE. MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL BUT MAY RECOMMEND POLICY TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11	ON MARCH 5, 2013 THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING WILL CONVENE AND THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WILL BE PRESENTED THE 990'S BY THE AUDITORS (CLIFTONLARSONALLEN) DISCUSSON/QUESTIONS WILL ENSUE AND THE COMMITTEE WILL VOTE ON RECOMMENDING TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THAT THE FORM 990 IS APPROVED AT THE MARCH 12, 2013 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING THE AUDITORS WILL PRESENT THE FORM 990 TO THE BOARD DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS WILL ENSUE A VOTE WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD FOR ACCEPTANCE

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL'S BOARD AND STAFF COMPLETE AN ANNUAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE FORM. A COPY OF THE COUNCIL'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND PROCEDURES IS AVAILABLE IF REQUESTED. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST ARE A STANDARD AGENDA ITEM AT EACH BOARD MEETING. PRIOR TO BOARD ACTION ON A CONTRACT OR TRANSACTION INVOLVING A CONFLICT OF INTEREST, A DIRECTOR WHO KNOWS HE OR SHE HAS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND WHO IS IN ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING SHALL DISCLOSE ALL FACTS MATERIAL TO THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST. SUCH DISCLOSURE SHALL BE REFLECTED IN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING. A DIRECTOR WHO DOES NOT PLAN TO ATTEND A MEETING AT WHICH HE OR SHE HAS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE BOARD WILL ACT ON A MATTER IN WHICH THE PERSON KNOWS HE OR SHE HAS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST SHALL DISCLOSE TO THE CHAIR ALL FACTS MATERIAL TO THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST. THE CHAIR SHALL REPORT THE DISCLOSURE AT THE MEETING AND THE DISCLOSURE SHALL BE REFLECTED IN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING. IF THE DIRECTOR HAVING THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST IS THE CHAIR, THEN THE REQUIRED DISCLOSURE SHALL BE MADE TO, AND THE REQUIRED REPORT TO THE BOARD SHALL BE MADE BY, THE PRESIDENT. RESPONSIBLE PERSONS WHO ARE NOT DIRECTORS OF THE COUNCIL, OR WHO HAVE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH RESPECT TO A CONTRACT OR TRANSACTION THAT IS NOT THE SUBJECT OF BOARD ACTION, SHALL DISCLOSE TO THE PRESIDENT OR CHAIR ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST THAT SUCH RESPONSIBLE PERSON KNOWS HE OR SHE HAS WITH RESPECT TO SUCH CONTRACT OR TRANSACTION. SUCH DISCLOSURE SHALL BE MADE AS SOON AS THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST IS KNOWN TO THE RESPONSIBLE PERSON. THE RESPONSIBLE PERSON SHALL REFRAIN FROM ANY ACTION THAT MAY AFFECT THE COUNCIL'S PARTICIPATION IN SUCH CONTRACT OR TRANSACTION. THE PRESIDENT OR CHAIR SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST SHOULD BE REPORTED TO OR ACTED ON BY THE BOARD, AND SHALL MAKE A WRITTEN RECORD OF THE DISCLOSURE AND THE DECISION ON WHETHER TO BRING THE MATTER TO THE BOARD. IF THE MATTER DOES NOT REQUIRE BOARD CONSIDERATION, THE PRESIDENT OR CHAIR MAY ADDRESS THE MATTER. IF IT IS NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR WHETHER OR NOT A CONFLICT OF INTEREST EXISTS, THEN THE INDIVIDUAL WITH THE POTENTIAL CONFLICT SHALL DISCLOSE THE CIRCUMSTANCES TO THE CHAIR OR PRESIDENT, WHO SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER THERE EXISTS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST THAT IS SUBJECT TO THIS POLICY. THE BOARD SHALL REVIEW EACH CONFLICT OF INTEREST THAT IS REPORTED TO IT, AND MAY APPROVE THE AFFECTED CONTRACT OR TRANSACTION IF THE MATERIAL FACTS AS TO THE CONTRACT OR TRANSACTION AND THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST ARE FULLY DISCLOSED OR KNOWN TO THE BOARD AND THE BOARD APPROVES THE CONTRACT OR TRANSACTION IN GOOD FAITH BY THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE (WITHOUT COUNTING THE INTERESTED DIRECTOR) OF A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD AT A MEETING AT WHICH THERE IS A QUORUM PRESENT, AGAIN WITHOUT COUNTING THE INTERESTED DIRECTOR.

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	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15A	THE COUNCIL STRIVES TO ACHIEVE FAIR, TRANSPARENT AND EFFECTIVE WAYS OF RECOGNIZING, MOTIVATING AND REWARDING STAFF FOR CONTRIUTIONS TO ACHIEVING ITS MISSION. MCF USES A COMPENSATION SYSTEM THAT DETERMINES THE CURRENT MARKET VALUE OF THE POSITION BASED ON THE SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE AND BEHAVIORS REQUIRED OF A FULLY COMPENTENT INCUMBENT. THE SYSTEM USED IS OBJECTIVE AND NON-DISCRIMINATORY IN THEORY, APPLICATION AND PRACTICE. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE POSITION LEVEL, PAY RANGE, AND THE SPECIFIC COMPENSATION PACKAGE FOR THE PRESIDENT. MCF CONDUCTS A SALARY REVIEW, PERIODICALLY, THAT COMPARES SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING NONPROFITS, ORGANIZATIONS OF SIMILAR SIZE AND THOSE IN THE TWIN CITIES METRO AREA, OR REGION, AS APPROPRIATE FOR THE LEVEL OF POSITION AND AS AVAILABLE. THE PROCESS WAS LAST PERFORMED IN 2011.

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	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	THE COUNCIL'S GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST