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# Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

## 2014

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

- ▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.
- ▶ Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

**Open to Public Inspection**

**A** For the 2014 calendar year, or tax year beginning \_\_\_\_\_, and ending \_\_\_\_\_

**B** Check if applicable:  
 Address change  
 Name change  
 Initial return  
 Final return/terminated  
 Amended return  
 Application pending

**C** Name of organization: **ELLIS COUNTY MASTER GARDNERS, INC**  
 Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
**701 S I-35E**  
 City or town State ZIP code  
**WAXAHACHIE TX 75165**  
 Foreign country name Foreign province/state/county Foreign postal code

**D** Employer identification number: **75-2757096**

**E** Telephone number: **(972) 825-5175**

**F** Group Exemption Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**G** Accounting Method:  Cash  Accrual Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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

**I** Website: \_\_\_\_\_

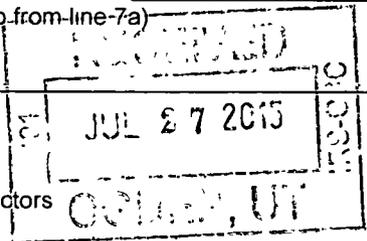
**J** Tax-exempt status (check only one) —  501(c)(3)  501(c)( 5 ) (insert no)  4947(a)(1) or  527

**K** Form of organization:  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**L** Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ▶ \$ **51,909**

**Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (see the instructions for Part I)  
 Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I

	Description		Amount
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>1</b> Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	<b>1</b>	
	<b>2</b> Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	<b>2</b>	
	<b>3</b> Membership dues and assessments	<b>3</b>	4,403
	<b>4</b> Investment income	<b>4</b>	37
	<b>5a</b> Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	<b>5a</b>	
	<b>5b</b> Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	<b>5b</b>	
	<b>5c</b> Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	<b>5c</b>	0
	<b>6</b> Gaming and fundraising events		
	<b>a</b> Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	<b>6a</b>	
	<b>b</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	<b>6b</b>	47,469
<b>c</b> Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	<b>6c</b>	35,997	
<b>d</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	<b>6d</b>	11,472	
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>7a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	<b>7a</b>	
	<b>7b</b> Less cost of goods sold	<b>7b</b>	
	<b>7c</b> Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	<b>7c</b>	0
	<b>8</b> Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	<b>8</b>	
	<b>9 Total revenue.</b> Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	<b>9</b>	15,912
	<b>10</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	<b>10</b>	11,100
	<b>11</b> Benefits paid to or for members	<b>11</b>	
	<b>12</b> Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	<b>12</b>	
	<b>13</b> Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	<b>13</b>	
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>14</b> Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	<b>14</b>	
	<b>15</b> Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	<b>15</b>	
	<b>16</b> Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	<b>16</b>	7,803
	<b>17 Total expenses.</b> Add lines 10 through 16	<b>17</b>	18,903
	<b>18</b> Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	<b>18</b>	-2,991
<b>19</b> Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	<b>19</b>	56,768	
<b>20</b> Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	<b>20</b>		
<b>21</b> Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	<b>21</b>	53,777	



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**Part II Balance Sheets.** (see the instructions for Part II)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	56,768	53,730
23 Land and buildings		
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)		47
25 Total assets	56,768	53,777
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)		
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	56,768	53,777

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments** (see the instructions for Part III)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title

**Expenses**  
(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations, optional for others)

28		
(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	
29		
(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a	
30		
(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a	
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O) (Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a	
32 Total program service expenses. (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	0

**Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees** (list each one even if not compensated – see the instructions for Part IV)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
NANCY FENTON PRESIDENT	Hr/WK 6 00			
JIM GROSS VICE PRESIDENT, PROJECTS	Hr/WK 4 00			
SHERYL KIEVER VICE PRESIDENT, PROGRAMS	Hr/WK 4 00			
GINGER COLE SECRETARY	Hr/WK 4 00			
GAY DOYLE TREASURER	Hr/WK 8 00			
SUSAN CLARK DIRECTOR	Hr/WK 2 00			
JIMMY DOCKINS DIRECTOR	Hr/WK 2 00			
MAUREEN NITKOWSKI PAST PRESIDENT	Hr/WK 1 00			
	Hr/WK			

**Part V Other Information** (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O		X
34	Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)		X
35 a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?		X
b	If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
35 c	Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		X
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N		X
37 a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions <input type="text" value="37a"/>		
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
38 a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?		X
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved <input type="text" value="38b"/>		
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 <input type="text" value="39a"/>		
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities <input type="text" value="39b"/>		
40 a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 <input type="text"/> , section 4912 <input type="text"/> , section 4955 <input type="text"/>		
b	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
c	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 <input type="text"/>		
d	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization <input type="text"/>		
e	All organizations At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T		X
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed <input type="text"/>		
42 a	The organization's books are in care of <input type="text" value="MICHAEL PETERS"/> Telephone no <input type="text"/> Located at <input type="text" value="701 S I-35 E"/> City <input type="text" value="WAXAHACHIE"/> ST <input type="text" value="TX"/> ZIP + 4 <input type="text" value="75165"/>		
b	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country <input type="text"/> See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)	Yes	No
42b			X
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U S ? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country <input type="text"/>		X
42c			X
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041—Check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year <input type="text" value="43"/>		
44 a	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		
44a			
b	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		
44b			
c	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?		X
44c			X
d	If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
44d			
45 a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		X
45a			X
b	Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)		X
45b			X

46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I

	Yes	No
46		X

**Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only**

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

47 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

	Yes	No
47		X

48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

48		X
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49 a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

49a		
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b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?

49b		
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50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None"

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
Name None				
Title	Hr/WK 00			
Name				
Title	Hr/WK 00			
Name				
Title	Hr/WK 00			
Name				
Title	Hr/WK 00			
Name				
Title	Hr/WK 00			

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000

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

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
Name None		
City	Str	
	ST ZIP	
Name		
City	Str	
	ST ZIP	
Name		
City	Str	
	ST ZIP	
Name		
City	Str	
	ST ZIP	

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? Note. All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A

Yes  No

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: *Michael A Peters* Date: 7/20/15  
 Type or print name and title: MICHAEL A PETERS, TREASURER

Paid Preparer Use Only: Print/Type preparer's name: BEN HECKATHORN; Preparer's signature: *Ben Heckathorn*; Date: 6-29-15; Check  if self-employed; PTIN: P01485783; Firm's name: BEN HECKATHORN, ATTORNEY; Firm's EIN: 75-1199338; Firm's address: PO BOX 547, RED OAK, TX 75154; Phone no: 972-617-3000

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions

Yes  No



**Part II Fundraising Events.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events	
		EXPO (event type)	CALENDAR (event type)	1 (total number)	(add col (a) through col (c))	
Revenue	1	Gross receipts	37,246	9,195	1,028	47,469
	2	Less Contributions			0	0
	3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	37,246	9,195	1,028	47,469
Direct Expenses	4	Cash prizes			0	0
	5	Noncash prizes			0	0
	6	Rent/facility costs			0	0
	7	Food and beverages			0	0
	8	Entertainment			0	0
	9	Other direct expenses	18,129	16,764	1,104	35,997
	10	Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				▶
11	Net income summary Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d)				▶	11,472

**Part III Gaming.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col (a) through col (c))	
		1	Gross revenue			
Direct Expenses	2	Cash prizes				0
	3	Noncash prizes				0
	4	Rent/facility costs				0
	5	Other direct expenses				0
6	Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No		
7	Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)				▶	( 0)
8	Net gaming income summary Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d)				▶	0

- 9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities \_\_\_\_\_
- a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states?  Yes  No
- b If "No," explain \_\_\_\_\_
- 10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year?  Yes  No
- b If "Yes," explain \_\_\_\_\_



**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.

▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

OMB No 1545-0047

**2014**

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Name of the organization

ELLIS COUNTY MASTER GARDNERS, INC

Employer identification number

75-2757096

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 10, Grants Paid Activity , Grantee , Cash Grant 11,100,

Relationship

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses Conferences, conventions, and meetings 1,784

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses COMMUNITY GARDENING SERVICES 587

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses DUES & SUBS 333

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses DONATIONS 269

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses MISCELLANEOUS 407

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses OFFICE 492

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses PROGRAM 397

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses SECURITY 690

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses SUPPLIES 399

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses TRAINING 2,445

Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 24, Other Assets SALES TAX DEPOSIT Beginning of year 0, End of

year 47

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

OMB No 1545-1709

▶ **File a separate application for each return.**  
 ▶ Information about Form 8868 and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form8868](http://www.irs.gov/form8868).

- 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](http://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	
<b>Type or print</b>	Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions ELLIS COUNTY MASTER GARDNERS, INC	Employer identification number (EIN) or 75-2757096
File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a PO box, see instructions 701 S I-35E	Social security number (SSN)
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions WAXAHACHIE, TX 75165	

Enter the Return code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return) 01

Application Is For	Return Code	Application Is For	Return Code
Form 990 or Form 990-EZ	01	Form 990-T (corporation)	07
Form 990-BL	02	Form 1041-A	08
Form 4720 (individual)	03	Form 4720 (other than individual)	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 ▶ MICHAEL PETERS
- Telephone No ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ 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 8/15/2015 to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for
- ▶  calendar year 2014 or
- ▶  tax year beginning \_\_\_\_\_, and ending \_\_\_\_\_
- 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

<b>3a</b> If this application is for Forms 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions	<b>3a</b>	\$	0
<b>b</b> If this application is for Forms 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	<b>3b</b>	\$	0
<b>c</b> <b>Balance due.</b> Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions	<b>3c</b>	\$	0

**Caution.** If you are going to make an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions

**Part I, Line 4 (990-EZ) - Investment Income**

<b>1</b>	Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	<b>1</b>	<u>37</u>
<b>2</b>	Dividends and interest from securities	<b>2</b>	<u>          </u>
<b>3</b>	Gross rents	<b>3</b>	<u>          </u>
<b>4</b>	Other investment income	<b>4</b>	<u>          </u>
<b>5</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<u>37</u>

**Part I, Line 16 (990-EZ) - Other Expenses**

		<b>Total:</b>	7,803
	Description		Amount
1	Travel		
2	Meals and entertainment		
3	Fundraising		
4	Conferences, conventions, and meetings		1,784
5	Depletion		
6	Equipment rental and maintenance		
7	Interest		
8	Supplies		
9	Telephone		
10	Unrelated business income taxes		0
11	Amortization		0
12	Depreciation		0
13	COMMUNITY GARDENING SERVICES		587
14	DUES & SUBS		333
15	DONATIONS		269
16	MISCELLANEOUS		407
17	OFFICE		492
18	PROGRAM		397
19	SECURITY		690
20	SUPPLIES		399
21	TRAINING		2,445
22			

**Part II, Line 24 (990-EZ) - Other Assets**

		<b>Totals:</b>	
Description		Beginning	End
1	SALES TAX DEPOSIT	0	47