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Form 990-PF

Return of Private Foundation
or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private FoundationDepartment of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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For calendar year 2014 or tax year beginning 12/1/2014, and ending 11/30/2015

Name of foundation THE GRIFFITH FOUNDATION			A Employer identification number 13-7436765	
Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address) ALAN GRIFFITH, TRUSTEE C/O BNY MELLON, N A., PO BOX 185			B Telephone number (see instructions) (212) 922-8181	
City or town Pittsburgh	State PA	ZIP code 15230-0185		
Foreign country name			Foreign province/state/county	
Foreign postal code				
G Check all that apply ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return ☐ Address change ☐ Initial return of a former public charity ☐ Amended return ☐ Name change			C If exemption application is pending, check here ☐	
H Check type of organization ☒ Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation ☐ Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust ☐ Other taxable private foundation			D 1. Foreign organizations, check here ☐ 2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation ☐	
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col (c), line 16) \$ 3,943,195			E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here ☐	
J Accounting method ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual ☐ Other (specify) _____ (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis.)			F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here ☐	

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions))		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received (attach schedule)				
	2 Check ☒ if the foundation is not required to attach Sch. B				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments				
	4 Dividends and interest from securities	90,743	87,263		
	5a Gross rents				
	b Net rental income or (loss)				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	153,094			
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a 1,204,020				
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		153,094		
	8 Net short-term capital gain				
	9 Income modifications				
	10a Gross sales less returns and allowances				
b Less: Cost of goods sold					
c Gross profit or (loss) (attach schedule)					
11 Other income (attach schedule)					
12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	243,837	240,357	0		
Operating and Administrative Expenses	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc.				
	14 Other employee salaries and wages				
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits				
	16a Legal fees (attach schedule)				
	b Accounting fees (attach schedule)				
	c Other professional fees (attach schedule)				
	17 Interest				
	18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions)	13,009	1,009		
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion				
	20 Occupancy				
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings				
	22 Printing and publications				
	23 Other expenses (attach schedule)	22,998	22,748		250
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	36,007	23,757	0	250
	25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	450,000			450,000
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	486,007	23,757	0	450,250	
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12					
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	-242,170				
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		216,600			
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)			0		

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Part II Balance Sheets		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only (See instructions)			
		Beginning of year	End of year		
		(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value	
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing	318,300	118,300	118,300
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	15,494	119,098	119,098
	3	Accounts receivable ▶			
		Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	4	Pledges receivable ▶			
		Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	5	Grants receivable			
	6	Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see instructions)			
	7	Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule) ▶			
		Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	8	Inventories for sale or use			
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			
	10a	Investments—U.S. and state government obligations (attach schedule)			
	b	Investments—corporate stock (attach schedule)			
	c	Investments—corporate bonds (attach schedule)			
	Liabilities	11	Investments—land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶		
		Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶			
12		Investments—mortgage loans			
13		Investments—other (attach schedule)	2,822,505	2,676,024	3,705,797
14		Land, buildings, and equipment: basis ▶			
		Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶			
15		Other assets (describe ▶)			
16		Total assets (to be completed by all filers—see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item I)	3,156,299	2,913,422	3,943,195
17		Accounts payable and accrued expenses			
18		Grants payable			
Net Assets or Fund Balances	19	Deferred revenue			
	20	Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	21	Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)			
	22	Other liabilities (describe ▶)			
	23	Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)	0	0	
		Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ ☐			
	24	Unrestricted			
	25	Temporarily restricted			
	26	Permanently restricted			
		Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ ☒			
	27	Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds	3,156,299	2,913,422	
	28	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg, and equipment fund			
	29	Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds			
	30	Total net assets or fund balances (see instructions)	3,156,299	2,913,422	
	31	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions)	3,156,299	2,913,422	

Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

1	Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year—Part II, column (a), line 30 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1	3,156,299
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	-242,170
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	3	
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	2,914,129
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ See Attached Statement	5	707
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5)—Part II, column (b), line 30	6	2,913,422

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e.g., real estate, 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shs. MLC Co.)		(b) How acquired P—Purchase D—Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo., day, yr.)	(d) Date sold (mo., day, yr.)
1a	See Attached Statement			
b	See Attached Statement			
c	See Attached Statement			
d	See Attached Statement			
e	See Attached Statement			

(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)
a			0
b			0
c			0
d			0
e			0

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69

(i) FMV as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col. (i) over col. (j), if any	(l) Gains (Col. (h) gain minus col. (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col. (h))
a			0
b			0
c			0
d			0
e			0

2	Capital gain net income or (net capital loss) { If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7 }	2	153,094
3	Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6). If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c) (see instructions). If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8 }	3	0

Part V Qualification Under Section 4940(e) for Reduced Tax on Net Investment Income

(For optional use by domestic private foundations subject to the section 4940(a) tax on net investment income.)

If section 4940(d)(2) applies, leave this part blank.

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," the foundation does not qualify under section 4940(e). Do not complete this part.

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col. (b) divided by col. (c))
2013	306,250	4,162,597	0.073572
2012	627,284	4,053,761	0.154741
2011	405,840	4,036,149	0.100551
2010	121,050	3,526,924	0.034322
2009	186,280	3,335,539	0.055847

2	Total of line 1, column (d)	2	0.419033
3	Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period—divide the total on line 2 by 5, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years	3	0.083807
4	Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2014 from Part X, line 5	4	3,988,013
5	Multiply line 4 by line 3	5	334,223
6	Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)	6	2,166
7	Add lines 5 and 6	7	336,389
8	Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 If line 8 is equal to or greater than line 7, check the box in Part VI, line 1b, and complete that part using a 1% tax rate. See the Part VI instructions.	8	450,250

Part VI Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948—see instructions)

1a	Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here ☐ and enter "N/A" on line 1. Date of ruling or determination letter _____ (attach copy of letter if necessary—see instructions)			
b	Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here ☒ and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b	1	2,166	
c	All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col. (b)			
2	Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	2	0	
3	Add lines 1 and 2	3	2,166	
4	Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	4		
5	Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-	5	2,166	
6	Credits/Payments.			
a	2014 estimated tax payments and 2013 overpayment credited to 2014	6a	8,024	
b	Exempt foreign organizations—tax withheld at source	6b		
c	Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6c		
d	Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d		
7	Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d	7	8,024	
8	Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here ☐ if Form 2220 is attached	8		
9	Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed	9	0	
10	Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid	10	5,858	
11	Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2015 estimated tax Refunded	11	3,692	

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

	Yes	No
1a During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?		X
b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see Instructions for the definition)? <i>If the answer is "Yes" to 1a or 1b, attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities</i>		X
c Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
d Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year: (1) On the foundation \$ _____ (2) On foundation managers \$ _____		
e Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers \$ _____		
2 Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? <i>If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities.</i>		X
3 Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? <i>If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes</i>		X
4a Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	N/A	
5 Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? <i>If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T</i>		X
6 Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either: • By language in the governing instrument, or • By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?	X	
7 Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Part II, col. (c), and Part XV</i>	X	
8a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) NY		
b If the answer is "Yes" to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designate) of each state as required by <i>General Instruction G</i> ? <i>If "No," attach explanation</i>	X	
9 Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2014 or the taxable year beginning in 2014 (see instructions for Part XIV)? <i>If "Yes," complete Part XIV</i>		X
10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses</i>		X