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A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2015, and ending 12-31-2015

B Check if applicable

☐ Address change

☐ Name change

☐ Initial return

☐ Final return/terminated

☐ Amended return

☐ Application pending

C Name of organization
CONNER PRAIRIE MUSEUM INC

Doing business as

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address)Room/suite

13400 ALLISONVILLE ROAD

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
FISHERS, IN 46038

D Employer identification number
20-3402627

E Telephone number
(317) 776-6000

G Gross receipts \$ 19,729,672

F Name and address of principal officer
Norman O Burns II
13400 ALLISONVILLE ROAD
FISHERS, IN 46038

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates?

No

☐ Yes ☒

H(b) Are all subordinates included?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

H(c) Group exemption number ▶

I Tax-exempt status

☒ 501(c)(3)

☐ 501(c) () ◀(insert no)

☐ 4947(a)(1) or

☐ 527

J Website: ▶ www.connerprairie.org

K Form of organization

☒ Corporation

☐ Trust

☐ Association

☐ Other ▶

L Year of formation 2005

M State of legal domicile IN

Part I Summary			
Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities Conner Prairie Museum, Inc inspires curiosity and fosters learning about Indiana history by providing engaging, individualized and unique experiences		
	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	39
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	38
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)	5	414
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	664
Revenue	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	409,987
	b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	-63,102
	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
		8,877,550	15,145,091
		2,081,290	2,287,715
		6,275	-45
		1,483,474	1,630,670
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	12,448,589	19,063,431
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	1,145,084	8,211,271
	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)	6,819,404	7,104,328
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶511,747		
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	4,477,996	3,739,994
Net Assets or Fund Balances	18 Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	12,442,484	19,055,593
	19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	6,105	7,838
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
		4,947,368	4,966,886
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	725,056	736,736
	22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	4,222,312	4,230,150

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here

Signature of officer

Kyle Wenger CFO

Type or print name and title

2016-10-14

Date

Print/Type preparer's name
KENNETH J KEBER

Preparer's signature
KENNETH J KEBER

Date

Check ☐ if self-employed

PTIN
P00240883

Firm's name ▶ CROWE HORWATH LLP

Firm's EIN ▶ 35-0921680

Firm's address ▶ 10 West Market Street
Suite 2000
Indianapolis, IN 462042975

Phone no (317) 632-1100

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May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)

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☒ Yes ☐ No

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Part III **Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III ☐

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

Conner Prairie Museum, Inc. inspires curiosity and fosters learning about Indiana history by providing engaging, individualized and unique experiences

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 \$ 15,929,218 including grants of \$ 8,211,271) (Revenue \$ 1,612,172)
HISTORIC MUSEUM EXPERIENCE. CONNER PRAIRIE MUSEUM, INC. INSPIRES CURIOSITY AND FOSTERS LEARNING ABOUT INDIANA'S PAST BY PROVIDING ENGAGING, INDIVIDUALIZED AND UNIQUE EXPERIENCES. THE MUSEUM STRIVES TO CULTIVATE INQUISITIVE, LIFELONG LEARNERS WHO POSSESS THE INTELLECTUAL CURIOSITY THAT WILL ENABLE THEM TO ADDRESS THE SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES FACING OUR NATION. CONNER PRAIRIE'S MARKET IS COMPOSED OF A DIVERSE MIX OF AUDIENCES, FROM URBAN SCHOOL VISITORS TO SUBURBAN, THREE-GENERATIONAL FAMILY GROUPS. HOWEVER, THE MARKET CAN BE CATEGORIZED INTO FOUR BROADLY DEFINED OVERLAPPING GROUPS: 1) VISITORS FROM LOCAL AND REGIONAL COMMUNITIES, 2) SCHOOL GROUPS FROM THE STATE OF INDIANA, 3) TOURISTS, AND 4) A WORLD-WIDE COMMUNITY OF SCHOLARS AND LEARNERS, WHO NOT ONLY VISIT THE MUSEUM IN-PERSON, BUT ALSO GAIN UNDERSTANDING, KNOWLEDGE AND APPRECIATION FOR THE MUSEUM AND ITS PROGRAMS THROUGH THE MUSEUM'S WEBSITE. (CONTINUED IN SCHEDULE O)	

4b	(Code) (Expenses \$ 1,050,599 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 1,258,612)
CONNER PRAIRIE MUSEUM, INC. PROVIDES VARIOUS CLASSES, CAMPS, EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS. EDUCATION PROGRAMS INCLUDE FOLLOW THE NORTH STAR, GENERAL SCHOOL TOURS, GUIDED PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOLS AND TOUR GROUPS, AND SCIENCE PROGRAMMING. CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS INCLUDE HISTORIC CRAFTS/TRADES INCLUDING BLACKSMITHING, ARMS MAKING, TEXTILES, AND POTTERY. ANNUAL SUMMER DAY CAMPS CENTER ON OUTDOOR EXPLORATION, THE ARTS AND OTHER STEM TOPICS. SCOUT PROGRAMS INCLUDE BADGE WORKSHOPS. ADMISSION PROGRAMS INCLUDE SPECIAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES THAT ARE OFFERED ON A DAILY BASIS AS PART OF THE ADMISSION PRICE. PUBLIC PROGRAMS INCLUDE FOLLOW THE NORTH STAR, HEADLESS HORSEMAN, HEARTH-SIDE SUPPERS, AND CONNER PRAIRIE BY CANDLELIGHT (A HOLIDAY PROGRAM). CURIOSITY FAIR AND FESTIVAL OF MACHINES.	

4c	(Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4d	Other program services (Describe in Schedule O) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
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4e	Total program service expenses ▶ 16,979,817
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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	Yes	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)?	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		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		No
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		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		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		No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III	Yes	
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		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	Yes	
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	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		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		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	Yes	
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X		No
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	Yes	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII		No
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	Yes	
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		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		No
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV		No
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV		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)		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	Yes	
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		No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	21	Yes	
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule J	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? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a	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), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.			
	Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25b		No
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28a		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28c		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	29	Yes	
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	30		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I	31		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I	33	Yes	
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1	34	Yes	
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a	Yes	
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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	35b	Yes	
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI	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	

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V ☐

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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 or note to any line 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 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		
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?		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?		No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		No
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?		No
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?		No
7b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		No
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following		
a	The governing body?	Yes	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	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		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?		No
b	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?		
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?		No
b	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	Yes	
b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	Yes	
c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	Yes	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	Yes	
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	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?		
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	Yes	
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization		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?		No
b	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?		

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed **IN**

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, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records
Kyle Wenger 13400 Allisonville Road Fishers, IN 46038 (317) 776-6000

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII ☐

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

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Part VII 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			
See Additional Data Table										
1b Sub-Total										
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								502,197	0	66,598

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization ▶ 3

		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)	(B)	(C)
Name and business address	Description of services	Compensation
LIECHTY MEDIA LLC 120 W SUPERIOR ST FORT WAYNE, IN 46802	MEDIA BUYS	392,257
LODGE DESIGN INC 7 JOHNSON AVE INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46219	ADVERTISING/MARKETING	361,227
SCIENCE MUSEUM OF MINNESOTA 120 W KELLOGG BLVD ST PAUL, MN 55102	EXHIBIT DESIGN/PRODUCTION	277,606
Hagerman Inc PO Box 11848-1848 Ft Wayne, IN 46861	Construction	189,961
Boston Productions Inc 290 Vanderbilt Ave Norwood, MA 02062	Exhibit Design/Production	111,733

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 ▶ 5

Part VIII **Statement of Revenue**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII ☐

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a	Federated campaigns	1a					
	b	Membership dues	1b	272,095				
	c	Fundraising events	1c	25,445				
	d	Related organizations	1d	5,335,643				
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e	411,256				
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	9,100,652				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$		111,693				
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f ▶		15,145,091				
Program Service Revenue			Business Code					
	2a	Admissions & Fees	900099	2,015,620	2,015,620			
	b	Membership Dues	900099	272,095	272,095			
	c							
	d							
	e							
	f	All other program service revenue		0	0	0	0	
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f ▶		2,287,715				
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) ▶						
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . ▶						
	5	Royalties ▶						
	6a	Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
			740,396					
	b	Less rental expenses						
	c	Rental income or (loss)	740,396	0				
	d	Net rental income or (loss) ▶		740,396		82,681		657,715
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
			31,058					
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	31,103					
	c	Gain or (loss)	-45	0				
	d	Net gain or (loss) ▶		-45				-45
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 25,445 of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18						
			a	15,375				
			b	35,476				
	c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . ▶		-20,101				-20,101
	9a	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19						
			a					
			b					
	c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . ▶						
	10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances						
			a	1,490,092				
			b	599,662				
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . ▶		890,430	563,124	327,306			
	Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code						
11a	Miscellaneous revenue	900099	19,945	19,945				
b								
c								
d	All other revenue		0	0	0	0	0	
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶		19,945					
12	Total revenue. See Instructions ▶		19,063,431	2,870,784	409,987		637,569	

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 or note to any line in this Part IX ☐

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 domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21	8,211,271	8,211,271		
2	Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3	Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4	Benefits paid to or for members	0	0		
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	419,957	70,629	255,789	93,539
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	25,052	25,052		
7	Other salaries and wages	5,081,651	4,279,700	557,647	244,304
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	348,838	289,473	48,084	11,281
9	Other employee benefits	828,641	722,708	59,394	46,539
10	Payroll taxes	400,189	319,637	47,483	33,069
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management				
b	Legal	26,987		26,987	
c	Accounting	38,828		38,828	
d	Lobbying				
e	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	0			0
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)	843,059	642,819	167,780	32,460
12	Advertising and promotion	738,532	738,532		
13	Office expenses	777,255	717,903	55,327	4,025
14	Information technology	18,684		18,684	
15	Royalties				
16	Occupancy	354,778	333,963	19,675	1,140
17	Travel	32,261	18,804	4,445	9,012
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	27,040	15,486	7,231	4,323
20	Interest				
21	Payments to affiliates				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	209,688	209,688		
23	Insurance	182,487	3,279	179,208	
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	Bad debt expense	3,960	0	0	3,960
b	Bank service charges	123,786	114,762	8,440	584
c	Taxes, fees & assessments	22,520	21,203	1,312	5
d	Federal Grant Expenditures	193,742	193,742		
e	All other expenses	146,387	51,166	67,715	27,506
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	19,055,593	16,979,817	1,564,029	511,747
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 or note to any line in this Part X ☐

					(A)		(B)
					Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing			1,247,486	1	1,342,383
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments			202,602	2	182,615
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net			1,201,036	3	1,194,399
	4	Accounts receivable, net			10,331	4	5,467
	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	0
	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	0
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net				7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use			123,849	8	119,224
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			36,160	9	51,906
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment—cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	2,631,345			
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	872,371	1,719,640	10c	1,758,974
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities				11	
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11			19,744	12	19,151
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11			0	13	
	14	Intangible assets				14	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11			386,520	15	292,767
	16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)			4,947,368	16	4,966,886
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses			694,685	17	690,110
	18	Grants payable				18	
	19	Deferred revenue			30,371	19	46,626
	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				23	
	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			0	25	0
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25			725,056	26	736,736
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			4,121,788	27	4,074,560
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets			100,524	28	155,590
	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			4,222,312	33	4,230,150
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances			4,947,368	34	4,966,886

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI ☐

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	19,063,431
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	19,055,593
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	7,838
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A)) . .	4	4,222,312
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	4,230,150

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line 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		No
b	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	Yes	
c	If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O	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?		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

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Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

(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			
Ellen M Rosenthal President & CEO	40 0	X		X				250,325	0	16,929
Chnstopher D Clapp BOARD CHAIR	10	X		X				0	0	0
Jay B Ricker Board Vice Chair	10	X		X				0	0	0
JOHN M BLAKLEY Secretary	10	X		X				0	0	0
Karen A Hill TREASURER	10	X		X				0	0	0
KEITH T GAMBREL BOARD MEMBER	10	X						0	0	0
Donald B Altemeyer Board Member	10	X						0	0	0
Hilary A Salatch Board Member	10	X						0	0	0
CHRISTINE ALTMAN BOARD MEMBER	10	X						0	0	0
J Chnstopher Cooke BOARD MEMBER	10	X						0	0	0

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(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			
Reg Stump	1 0	X						0	0	0
Board Member	0 0									
Jay B Love	1 0	X						0	0	0
Board Member	0 0									
Margaret S Dwyer	1 0	X						0	0	0
Board Member	0 0									
Marclynn Keys		X						0	0	0
Ex-officio Board Member, President of the Alliance	1 0 0 0									
Cyrus Keck		X						0	0	0
Ex-Officio Board Member, President of the Horizon Council	1 0 0 0									
Shawn A Smith	1 0	X						0	0	0
Board Member	0 0									
Dick Ristine	1 0	X						0	0	0
Board Member	0 0									
Jenny J Schalliol	1 0	X						0	0	0
Board Member	0 0									
Michael C Rechin	1 0	X						0	0	0
Board Member	0 0									
Cathryn C Ferree	40 0					X		118,580	0	27,762
VP & COO	0 0									

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990EZ)

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.
▶ Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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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

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A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).**(Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ))

3

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

4

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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

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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

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

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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)

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

11

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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 in lines 11a through 11d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e, 11f, and 11g

a

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Type I. A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**

b

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Type II. A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**

c

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Type III functionally integrated. A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**

d

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Type III non-functionally integrated. A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**

e

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Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization

f

Enter the number of supported organizations

g

Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii)EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 9 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			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)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any unusual grants)	7,681,155	6,803,698	7,652,429	8,877,550	15,145,091	46,159,923
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						0
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						0
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	7,681,155	6,803,698	7,652,429	8,877,550	15,145,091	46,159,923
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)						32,755,933
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						13,403,990

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
7 Amounts from line 4	7,681,155	6,803,698	7,652,429	8,877,550	15,145,091	46,159,923
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	521,630	604,036	534,702	603,205	657,715	2,921,288
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on	0	0	0	0	0	0
10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI)	44,709	26,507	14,526	26,270	35,320	147,332
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						49,228,543

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

1212,312,510

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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	27 23 %
15 Public support percentage for 2014 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	30 90 %
16a 33 1/3% support test—2015. 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—2014. 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—2015. 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 VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► ☒		
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2014. 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 VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► ☐		
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ► ☐		

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I 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)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(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)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(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 VI.)						
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 section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ► ☐						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	
16 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2015 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	
18 Investment income percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	
19a 33 1/3% support tests—2015. 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—2014. 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 Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 11 of Part I. If you checked 11a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 11b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 11c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 11d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.	1	
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).	2	
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.	3a	
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.	3b	
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.	3c	
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes" and if you checked 11a or 11b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.	4a	
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.	4b	
c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.	4c	
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed, (ii) the reasons for each such action, (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action, and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).	5a	
b Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?	5b	
c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?	5c	
6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (a) its supported organizations, (b) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (c) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .	6	
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in IRC 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35-percent controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).	7	
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? If "Yes," complete Part II of Schedule L (Form 990).	8	
9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .	9a	
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9(a)) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .	9b	
c Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9(a)) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .	9c	
10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of IRC 4943 because of IRC 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer b below.	10a	
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)	10b	
11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?	11a	
b A family member of a person described in (a) above?	11b	
c A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI.	11c	

Part IV

Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.</i>		
2 Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised or controlled the supporting organization.</i>		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).</i>		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (1) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (2) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (3) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?		
2 Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? <i>If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).</i>		
3 By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.</i>		

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions) a ☐ The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below. b ☐ The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below. c ☐ The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).		
2 Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below.	Yes	No
a Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? <i>If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.</i>		
b Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.</i>		
3 Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below.		
a Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? Provide details in Part VI.		
b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.		

Part V **Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations**

1 Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970: **See instructions.** All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E. ☐

Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)	8	

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year)	1	
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI) _____		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by .035	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	

Section C - Distributable Amount		Current Year	
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2	Enter 85% of line 1	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6	
7	Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions) ☐		

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section D - Distributions	Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI) See instructions	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI) See instructions	
9 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2015	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2015
1 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2015 (reasonable cause required--see instructions)			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015			
a			
b			
c			
d From 2013.			
e From 2014.			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2010 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f			
4 Distributions for 2015 from Section D, line 7			
\$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
c Remainder Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2015, if any Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2015 Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Add lines 3j and 4c			
8 Breakdown of line 7			
a			
b			
c Excess from 2013.			
d From 2014.			
e From 2015.			

Part VI

Supplemental Information.
Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

Facts And Circumstances Test

Return Reference	Explanation
Schedule A, Part II, Line 17a TEN PERCENT FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES TEST 2015 EXPLANATION	Conner Prairie Museum ("CPM") was formed as an Indiana nonprofit corporation on September 1, 2005 CPM, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Museum, was organized to own, operate, and manage the Conner Prairie Museum, which provides educational programs in Fishers, Indiana In 2005, CPM submitted Form 1023, Application for Recognition of Exemption ("CPM's 1023"), and based on CPM's 1023, the Internal Revenue Service ("Service") issued a determination letter recognizing CPM as an organization described in Code Section 501(c)(3) and as a public charity by virtue of Code Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) ("CPM's Determination Letter") CPM has been organized and operating since 2005 CPM's organizational purposes and operations have not changed in any material respect since CPM's 1023 was submitted and it received its determination letter As detailed more fully below, during this time, CPM has provided countless educational activities and opportunities to the residents of Central Indiana and beyond, providing hands on experiences for both children and adults alike To ensure these opportunities are able to continue in perpetuity, CPM has been dedicated to obtaining public support for these operations Despite these efforts, CPM's public support over the past five years did not exceed one-third (1/3) of its financial support However, the facts and circumstances clearly illustrate that CPM should continue to be classified as a publicly supported organization Treas Reg Sec 1 170A-9T(f)(3) provides that "even if an organization fails to meet the 33% public support test, it is publicly supported if it normally receives a substantial part of its support from governmental units, from contributions made directly or indirectly by the general public, or from a combination of these sources, and meets the other requirements of this paragraph (f) (3) " There are several factors that are evaluated to determine whether an entity satisfies the 10% facts and circumstances test The services and educational opportunities that CPM provides to all who visit Conner Prairie Museum are truly remarkable As a result, CPM enjoys broad public support from those who utilize the educational opportunities that are provided by CPM as well from donors that include individuals, corporations, foundations, municipalities, and government entities The following details clearly illustrate that CPM qualifies as a publicly supported organization under Treas Reg Sec 1 170A-9T(f)(3) During the initial five year period after receiving the CPM Determination Letter, CPM satisfied and continues to satisfy the required 10% public support test CPM enjoys wide and significant support from individuals, corporations, foundations, municipalities, and government entities CPM has in excess of 6,000 charitable contributors, varying in size, amount, and type of contribution This public support is further enhanced by the revenue generated from the admission to the museum, including from students and school corporations that visit CPM during the school year Moreover, CPM maintains an active and dedicated program to seek out all types and levels of public funding CPM's fundraising entails a comprehensive development program that includes annual gifts, corporate sponsorships, major gifts, in-kind gifts, foundation grants, and estate gifts A development team, consisting of an Annual Fund manager, Corporate Development Director, Grant Writer, Vice President of Advancement, and President and CEO, are responsible for soliciting funding through a variety of approaches, including written corporate and grant proposals, phone solicitations, in person solicitations, letters, and special events The development operations also include a full-time prospect researcher as well as a database manager This comprehensive fundraising program illustrates that CPM is organized and operated in a manner to attract new and additional public support on a continuous basis, providing additional support of its status as a publicly supported charity Another important factor for satisfying the public support test is the type of public support received by the organization Treas Reg Sec 1 170A-9T(f)(3)(iii)(B) provides that support "from governmental units or directly or indirectly from a representative number of persons will be taken into consideration" in determining whether an organization satisfies the public support test CPM clearly exemplifies an organization that satisfies this standard CPM is internationally renowned for its Interactive History Park, where individuals are able to engage, explore, and discover what it was like to live and play in Indiana's past Accordingly, CPM enjoys broad public support Governmental entities support CPM all throughout the school year as school corporations send their students to utilize and experience the educational opportunities offered by CPM Over 500 schools visit CPM to utilize and allow students to engage in the Interactive History Park Additionally, CPM is also supported by over 360,000 individuals that visit the museum every year, further illustrating the public impact of CPM Of the 360,000 plus individuals that visit CPM annually, approximately 60,000 are visiting as part of a school-sponsored program (students) Furthermore, CPM's commitment to being open and available to the entire public is illustrated by the fact that an entire family can obtain an annual membership pass to CPM for under \$100 Finally, the influence of CPM is also shown by the summer camp that it hosts on an annual basis where approximately 2,000 children participate each summer The public support of CPM is also illustrated through the representative governing body of CPM According to Treas Reg sec 1 170A-9T(f)(3)(iii)(C), an organization will be viewed as being publicly supported if the "governing body represents the broad interests of the public, rather than the personal or private interests of a limited number of donors" and where the directors "are persons having special knowledge or expertise in the particular field or discipline in which the organization is operating " To ensure CPM obtains a broad cross-section of the public, the CPM Board of Directors is authorized to have up to fifty (50) directors, currently CPM has thirty-two (32) directors, and their biographies detailing the significant experience they each bring to the Board of Director's can be found at http://www.connerprairie.org/About-Conner-Prairie/Board-of-Directors Moreover, to ensure that CPM has the requisite experience and knowledge to be a publicly supported organization, the requirements to be a director include, in part, that the director has "demonstrated philanthropic or non-profit interests or involvement with a substantial non-profit organization" as well as has "demonstrated ability to raise and/or make substantial gifts for the benefit of a non-profit organization " Finally, to help ensure the quality and experience CPM provides is at the highest level, each director must have "experience with a history museum and/or interest in early American history " For all these reasons, CPM's Board of Directors illustrates that CPM is a publicly supported organization Finally, CPM's public support is illustrated by the educational activities it provides that directly benefit the public Treas Reg Sec 1 170A-9T(f)(3)(iii)(d)(1) contemplates that an organization that provides facilities or services directly for the benefit of the general public illustrates that it is a publicly supported organization, and specifically identifies a museum as an organization that satisfies this criteria CPM is just that a museum that provides both facilities and services directly for the benefit of the public This is evidenced by the fact that CPM is an affiliate of the Smithsonian Museum Not only does CPM carry out an important activity of educating individuals on the history of Indiana, but it does so in a unique and interactive manner, attracting all populations, which furthers both CPM's mission and benefit to the public The foregoing illustrates that CPM is clearly an educational organization that is publicly supported, as defined in Treas Reg Sec 1 170A-9T(f)(3)
Schedule A, Part II, Line 10 Other Income	DESCRIPTION - MISCELLANEOUS INCOME, COLUMN A - 15714 0, COLUMN B - 17627 0, COLUMN C - 14526 0, COLUMN D - 16405 0, COLUMN E - 19945 0, COLUMN F - 84217 0, DESCRIPTION - FUNDRAISING GROSS RECEIPTS, COLUMN A - 8820 0, COLUMN B - 8880 0, COLUMN C - 0 0, COLUMN D - 9865 0, COLUMN E - 15375 0, COLUMN F - 42940 0, DESCRIPTION - INSURANCE PROCEEDS, COLUMN A - 20175 0, COLUMN B - 0 0, COLUMN C - 0 0, COLUMN D - 0 0, COLUMN E - 0 0, COLUMN F - 20175 0,

SCHEDULE D

(Form 990)

Supplemental Financial Statements

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▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.

▶ Attach to Form 990.

Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Name of the organization CONNER PRAIRIE MUSEUM INC	Employer identification number 20-3402627
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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1	Total number at end of year	
2	Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)	
3	Aggregate value of 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" on 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) ☐ Protection of natural habitat ☐ Preservation of open space ☐ Preservation of an historically important land area ☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure	
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	
a	Total number of conservation easements	2a
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d
3	Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶	
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, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶	
7	Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, 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" on 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)	Revenue included on 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	Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1	▶ \$
b	Assets included in Form 990, Part X	▶ \$

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" on 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

	Amount
1c Beginning balance	
1d Additions during the year	
1e Distributions during the year	
1f Ending balance	

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? ☐ 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	103,142,486	104,227,089	95,578,232	89,298,070	91,715,008
b Contributions	6,868,281	407,010	270,840	877,295	2,070,127
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	-833,324	4,257,429	14,507,436	10,657,050	2,990,083
d Grants or scholarships	5,335,643	5,424,176	5,188,589	4,854,984	5,413,701
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	367,028	324,866	940,830	399,199	2,063,447
f Administrative expenses	0	0	0	0	0
g End of year balance	103,474,772	103,142,486	104,227,089	95,578,232	89,298,070

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

a Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ 93 92 %

b Permanent endowment ▶ 6 08 %

c Temporarily restricted endowment ▶ 0 %

The percentages on 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

(ii) related organizations

	Yes	No
3a(i)		No
3a(ii)	Yes	
3b	Yes	

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

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

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. 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		767,482	240,599	526,883
d Equipment		1,863,863	631,772	1,232,091
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c))				1,758,974

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

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) 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	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	
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	
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	
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	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	
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	
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	

Part XIII Supplemental Information

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.

Return Reference	Explanation
Schedule D, Part III, Line 1a Collections of art - financial statement footnote	Conner Prairie Museum, inc. maintains an extensive collection of items from 1800 to 1945 that are relevant to Central Indiana during those time periods. Due to the difficulty in establishing a value for Collections, purchases are expensed as purchased. Standard museum procedures are used in accessioning, deaccessioning, cataloging and managing objects. The museum's procedures provide a clean, safe and stable storage environment for its permanent collections. Objects used in the living history programs are given reasonable care towards continuing preservation. There were 56 and 79 deaccessions and 148 and 161 accessions in 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Part XIII **Supplemental Information** *(continued)*

Return Reference	Explanation
Schedule D, Part V, Line 4 Intended uses of endowment funds	THE ENDOWMENT FUNDS HELD BY CONNER PRAIRIE FOUNDATION, INC (A RELATED ORGANIZATION) ARE to provide SUPPORT for THE PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS OF CONNER PRAIRIE MUSEUM, INC
Schedule D, Part X, Line 2 FIN 48 (ASC 740) footnote	The Museum is exempt from income taxes on income from related activities under Section 501(c)(3) of the U S Internal Revenue Code Additionally, the Museum is considered to be a public foundation The Museum would be subject to income tax if any unrelated business income is generated during the year For tax reporting purposes the 1859 Balloon Voyage LLC is considered a disregarded entity of the Museum and its activities are reported as the parent organization's information Current accounting standards require the Museum to disclose the amount of potential benefit or obligation to be realized as a result of an examination performed by a taxing authority For the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, management has determined that the Museum does not have any tax positions that result in any uncertainties regarding the possible impact on the Museum's financial statements The Museum does not expect the total amount of unrecognized tax benefits to significantly change in the next 12 months

SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information Regarding
Fundraising or Gaming Activities

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a

Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ

Information about Schedule G (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990

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Name of the organization
CONNER PRAIRIE MUSEUM INC

Employer identification number
20-3402627

Part I Fundraising Activities

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 17.
Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

- 1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.
- a ☐ Mail solicitations

e ☐ Solicitation of non-government grants

b ☐ Internet and email solicitations

f ☐ Solicitation of government grants

c ☐ Phone solicitations

g ☐ Special fundraising events

d ☐ In-person solicitations
- 2a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
Total						

3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.

Part II Fundraising Events.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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.

Revenue		(a)Event #1 Vintage wheels and wine (event type)	(b)Event #2 (event type)	(c)Other events (total number)	(d) Total events (add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	40,820			40,820
	2 Less Contributions	25,445			25,445
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	15,375	0	0	15,375
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes	0			0
	5 Noncash prizes	0			0
	6 Rent/facility costs	0			0
	7 Food and beverages	9,445			9,445
	8 Entertainment	850			850
	9 Other direct expenses	25,181			25,181
	10 Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶				35,476
	11 Net income summary Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) ▶				-20,101

Part III Gaming.

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

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

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 _____

11

Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers?

☐ Yes ☐ No

12

Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming?

☐ Yes ☐ No

13

Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in

a	The organization's facility		%
b	An outside facility		%

14

Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records

Name ▶

Address ▶

15a

Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?

☐ Yes ☐ No

b

If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$

c

If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party

Name ▶

Address ▶

16

Gaming manager information

Name ▶

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$

Description of services provided ▶

☐ Director/officer

☐ Employee

☐ Independent contractor

17

Mandatory distributions

a

Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license?

☐ Yes ☐ No

b

Enter the amount of distributions required under state law distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$

Part IV

Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v); and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

Return Reference	Explanation
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**Schedule I
(Form 990)**

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

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

▶ Attach to Form 990.

► Information about Schedule I (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Treasury

Internal Revenue Service

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Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1** Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?
- 2** Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States

- 2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States

Part II **Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

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|----------|--|---|
| 2 | Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table. | 1 |
| 3 | Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table. | 0 |

- 3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table. 0

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

(a)Type of grant or assistance	(b)Number of recipients	(c)Amount of cash grant	(d)Amount of non-cash assistance	(e)Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f)Description of non-cash assistance

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Provide the information required in Part I, line 2, Part III, column (b), and any other additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
Schedule I, Part I, Line 2 Procedures for monitoring use of grant funds	Conner Prairie Museum, Inc remits grant funds to Conner Prairie Foundation, Inc All large grants paid are approved by Conner Prairie Museum, Inc 's board of directors Conner Prairie Museum, inc relies on Conner Prairie Foundation, Inc 's board of directors to monitor the use of the funds and ensure they are used for the appropriate programs and activities of Conner Prairie Foundation, Inc

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" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.
▶ Attach to Form 990.
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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 on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items. ☐ First-class or charter travel ☐ Travel for companions ☐ Tax indemnification and gross-up payments ☐ Discretionary spending account ☐ Housing allowance or residence for personal use ☐ Payments for business use of personal residence ☐ Health or social club dues or initiation fees ☐ Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)		
b	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	1b	
2	Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?	2	
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 ☐ Independent compensation consultant ☒ Form 990 of other organizations ☐ Written employment contract ☒ Compensation survey or study ☒ Approval by the board or compensation committee		
4	During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization: a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment? b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan? c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement? If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.	4a 4b 4c	No No No
	Only 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.		
5	For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of: a The organization? b Any related organization? If "Yes," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.	5a 5b	No No
6	For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of: a The organization? b Any related organization? If "Yes," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.	6a 6b	No No
7	For persons listed on 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.	7	Yes
8	Were any amounts reported on 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.	8	No
9	If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?	9	

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 on 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 in column(B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1	Ellen M Rosenthal President & CEO	(i) 217,192 ----- 0	29,358 ----- 0	3,775 ----- 0	16,929 ----- 0	0 ----- 0	267,254 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
	(ii)							
2	Kyle L Wenger VP & CFO	(i) 130,216 ----- 0	2,683 ----- 0	393 ----- 0	10,023 ----- 0	11,884 ----- 0	155,199 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
	(ii)							

Part III **Supplemental Information**

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.

Return Reference	Explanation
Schedule J, Part I, Line 7 Non-fixed	Discretionary non-fixed bonuses were paid out to nearly all FT and PT employees during 2015 payments

SCHEDULE M

(Form 990)

Noncash Contributions

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

▶ Attach to Form 990.

▶Information about Schedule M (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990

Name of the organization

CONNER PRAIRIE MUSEUM INC

Employer identification number

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Part I

Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art—Works of art				
2 Art—Historical treasures				
3 Art—Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities—Publicly traded	X	12	82,177	Market value
10 Securities—Closely held stock				
11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities—Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution—Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution—Other				
15 Real estate—Residential				
16 Real estate—Commercial				
17 Real estate—Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory	X	13	17,741	Cost
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ▶ (Sidewalks)	X	1	9,350	Cost
26 Other ▶ (Textile supplies)	X	1	1,425	Cost
27 Other ▶ (Vintage Wheels and Wine Awards)	X	1	1,000	Cost
28 Other ▶ ()				

29

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

0

30a

During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which is not required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?

30a

No

b

If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II

31

Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any non-standard contributions?

31

Yes

32a

Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?

32a

No

b

If "Yes," describe in Part II

33

If the organization did not report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II

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Part II

Supplemental Information.

Provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33, and whether the organization is reporting in Part I, column (b), the number of contributions, the number of items received, or a combination of both. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
Schedule M, Part I Explanations of reporting method for number of contributions	Securities - Publicly traded Number of Contributions Food inventory Number of Contributions Other Number of Contributions Other Number of Contributions

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
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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.

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Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part III, Line 4a HISTORIC MUSEUM EXPERIENCE	(CONTINUED FROM PART III, LINE 4A) OUR ON-SITE GENERAL AUDIENCE OF APPROXIMATELY 380,000 ANNUAL VISITORS IS DRAWN LARGELY FROM CENTRAL INDIANA APPROXIMATELY 60% OF ATTENDEES ARE YOUTH WITH THE BALANCE BEING ADULTS AND SENIORS APPROXIMATELY 70,000 SCHOOL GROUP PARTICIPANTS VISIT THE MUSEUM EACH YEAR AND COME FROM THROUGHOUT INDIANA AND NEIGHBORING STATES, THOSE SCHOOL GROUPS FROM THE GREATER INDIANAPOLIS METROPOLITAN AREA REFLECT THE DIVERSITY WITHIN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT(S) AS A GENERAL RULE, THEREFORE, SCHOOL GROUP PARTICIPATION IS FAR MORE CULTURALLY DIVERSE THAN GENERAL ATTENDANCE FOR THE MIDWEST, CONNER PRAIRIE IS A DESTINATION FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN OF ALL AGES, IT IS A PLACE WHERE THEY CAN SUPPLEMENT OR ENHANCE IN-CLASS LEARNING, PURSUE NEW INTERESTS, AND EXPLORE NATURE, SCIENCE, ART AND HISTORY IT IS A PLACE WHERE GRANDPARENTS CAN SHARE MEMORIES WITH GRANDCHILDREN, OR TALK ABOUT HOW BEST TO CARE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN IT IS A MUCH SOUGHT AFTER DESTINATION FOR SCHOOL TEACHERS, A PLANNED FIELD TRIP TO CONNER PRAIRIE IS ONE THAT UNFOLDS THE RICHNESS OF THE PAST WHILE ENCOURAGING INTEREST BEYOND FACTS, FIGURES AND DATES FOR BUSINESSES, THE BEAUTY, INTEGRITY AND PROGRAMMING AT CONNER PRAIRIE IS A RECRUITING TOOL THAT HELPS SELL RECRUITS ON RELOCATING TO THE AREA, AND IS AN ASSET TO THOSE ALREADY HERE THE PRIMARY VISITOR EXPERIENCE CURRENTLY INCLUDES FIVE DISTINCT HISTORY AREAS 1816 LENAPE INDIAN CAMP, WILLIAM CONNER HOMESTEAD, 1836 PRAIRIETOWN, 1859 BALLOON VOYAGE, AND 1863 CIVIL WAR JOURNEY ANOTHER OUTDOOR ATTRACTION IS THE NATURE WALK, ALLOWING VISITORS A CLOSER LOOK AT OUR NATURAL SETTING A MODERN WELCOME CENTER IS ALSO A MAJOR COMPONENT OF THE CONNER PRAIRIE COMPLEX HERE, YOU WILL FIND AN EXHIBIT SPACE CALLED "CREATE CONNECT" WHERE INDIANA'S INNOVATIVE SPIRIT IS CELEBRATED ACROSS FROM THAT, DISCOVERY STATION AND CRAFT CORNER ALLOW KIDS AGES 8 AND YOUNGER A PLACE TO CLIMB, CRAWL, BUILD, EXPLORE, READ AND PRETEND A PARTIAL LIST OF CONNER PRAIRIE'S SPECIAL PROGRAMMING INCLUDE GLORIOUS FOURTH (CELEBRATING THE NATION'S BIRTH CIRCA 1886), CURIOSITY FAIR (WHOS, HOWS AND WHYS OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATH), FOLLOW THE NORTH STAR (AN IMMERSION PROGRAM ABOUT THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD CONDUCTED FOR SCHOOL GROUPS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC), AND HEARTHSIDE SUPPERS (AN INTIMATE DINING EXPERIENCE WITH THE GUESTS ASSISTING IN 1836 COOKING PRACTICES) ULTIMATELY, THE MUSEUM IS NOT JUST A PURVEYOR OF HISTORY, BUT CONTINUALLY STRIVES TO INSPIRE FUTURE GENERATIONS OF INQUISITIVE STUDENTS OF THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Line 15b PROCESS USED TO ESTABLISH COMPENSATION OF OTHER OFFICERS/KEY EMPLOYEES	THE ORGANIZATION DOES NOT HAVE OTHER OFFICERS OR KEY EMPLOYEES THAT RECEIVE COMPENSATION, THEREFORE THIS QUESTION IS NOT APPLICABLE AND HAS BEEN ANSWERED "NO" IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FORM 990 INSTRUCTIONS. COMPENSATION OF THE HIGHEST COMPENSATED EMPLOYEES REPORTED IN PART VII (VP & CFO, VP & CDO, VP & COO, and VP & CMO) IS REVIEWED BY THE PRESIDENT/CEO USING COMPARABLE DATA GARNERED FROM LOCAL NON-PROFIT COMPENSATION SURVEYS AND THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MUSEUMS (AAM) COMPENSATION SURVEY. IF COMPENSATION CHANGES ARE RECOMMENDED BY THE PRESIDENT/CEO, THE FINAL DECISIONS ARE DOCUMENTED AND REVIEWED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE.

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Line 1a Delegate broad authority to a committee	According to the organization's bylaws, the Board of Directors may create one or more committees to assist in carrying out any of the purposes of the Corporation, define the responsibilities of such committee or committees and delegate such committee or committees those powers that the Board of Directors determines to be appropriate. The Board of Directors shall appoint the members of each committee. At least two members of each committee shall be members of the Board of Directors and, if the committee is to exercise powers of the Board of Directors, then each member appointed to the committee shall be a member of the Board of Directors. The President shall be an ex-official member of all standing committees other than committees exercising audit or executive compensation responsibilities, provided, however, that in committee action constituting the exercise of a power of the Board of Directors, the participation of the President in that action shall not be considered in determining the existence of a quorum or the vote on the action. No other person employed by the Corporation shall serve on any committee. No person having a business relationship with the Corporation, or who is employed by an entity having a business relationship with the Corporation, shall serve on a committee exercising audit or executive compensation responsibilities.

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Line 11b Review of form 990 by governing body	A draft of the Form 990 is provided to each member of the audit committee for their individual review. An overview of the Form 990 is then presented to the audit committee by the paid tax return preparer and the senior management of Conner Prairie Museum, Inc. The presentation and meeting include a detailed discussion of the form 990 answering any questions posed by the members of the audit committee. After the audit committee approves the draft, copies of the Form 990, excluding Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (which is not a required disclosure pursuant to Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 6104), are provided to every voting member of the governing body before it is filed with the IRS.

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Line 12c Conflict of interest policy	Every year, a conflict of interest questionnaire is sent to each interested person of the organization. After the questionnaires are completed, they are reviewed by the governance committee for potential conflicts of interest. The governance committee is comprised of board members and a staff liaison. At least one member of this committee is present at all board meetings to ensure that board members with potential conflicts abstain from participating in discussions and voting on transactions related to those potential conflicts.

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Line 15a Process to establish compensation of top management official	The Executive Compensation Committee, consisting of three Board members and the CFO, conducted a performance evaluation survey of the President/CEO. The entire Board had the opportunity to rate the President/CEO and offer comments. The Committee analyzed the results of the survey, researched comparative compensation data, and made a recommendation to the Board Chair. The data was then reviewed and approved by the Chair who then presented his recommendation to the Board in an Executive Session.

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Line 19 Required documents available to the public	Financial statements, governing documents, and conflict of interest policies are not required disclosures pursuant to Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 6104. These documents are not available to the public at this time.

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SCHEDULE R (Form 990)		Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships					
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service		► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.					
Name of the organization CONNER PRAIRIE MUSEUM INC		► Attach to Form 990. ► Information about Schedule R (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990 .					
Employer identification number		20-3402627			OMB No 1545-0047		
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Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.							
(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity		
(1) 1859 BALLOON VOYAGE LLC 13400 ALLISONVILLE ROAD FISHERS, IN 46038 27-0660566	1859 BALLOON VOYAGE EXHIBIT	IN	220,851	1,077,128	CONNER PRAIRIE MUSEUM INC		
Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.							
(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
(1) CONNER PRAIRIE FOUNDATION INC 13400 ALLISONVILLE ROAD FISHERS, IN 46038 20-3402547	SUPPORT CONNER PRAIRIE MUSEUM	IN	501(c)(3		CONNER PRAIRIE MUSEUM INC	Yes	
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Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income(related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512- 514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	

Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, S or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end- of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512 (b)(13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No

Part VII **Supplemental Information**

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R (see instructions)

Return Reference	Explanation
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