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Form

990-PF

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Private Foundation

or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation

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2015

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

Name of foundation THE ELLIS FOUNDATION		A Employer identification number 26-3894940	
Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address) 7268 MADRONA DRIVE NE		B Telephone number (see instructions) (206) 842-0630	
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, WA 98110		C If exemption application is pending, check here ☐	
G Check all that apply ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return ☐ Address change		Initial return of a former public charity ☐ Amended return ☐ Name change	
H Check type of organization ☒ Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation ☐ Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust ☐ Other taxable private foundation		D 1. Foreign organizations, check here ☐ 2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation ☐ E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here ☐ F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here ☐	
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col. (c), line 16) \$ 2,019,367		J Accounting method ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual ☐ Other (specify) _____ (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis.)	

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses <i>(The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions))</i>		Revenue and expenses per books (a)	Net investment income (b)	Adjusted net income (c)	Disbursements for charitable purposes (d) (cash basis only)
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc , received (attach schedule)				
	2 Check ☒ if the foundation is not required to attach Sch B				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments				
	4 Dividends and interest from securities	114,902	114,902		
	5a Gross rents				
	b Net rental income or (loss) _____				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	-140,027			
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a 162,536				
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2) . . .		0		
	8 Net short-term capital gain				
	9 Income modifications				
	10a Gross sales less returns and allowances				
Operating and Administrative Expenses	b Less Cost of goods sold				
	c Gross profit or (loss) (attach schedule)				
	11 Other income (attach schedule)	25,875	-9,784		
	12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	750	105,118		
	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc	0	0		0
	14 Other employee salaries and wages				
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits				
	16a Legal fees (attach schedule).				
	b Accounting fees (attach schedule).	5,200	0		0
	c Other professional fees (attach schedule)	24,929	24,929		0
	17 Interest				
	18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions) . . .	18,928	19		0
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion . .				
	20 Occupancy				
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings.				
	22 Printing and publications				
	23 Other expenses (attach schedule).	754	729		0
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses.				
	Add lines 13 through 23	49,811	25,677		0
	25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	110,150			110,150
	26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	159,961	25,677		110,150
	27 Subtract line 26 from line 12				
	a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	-159,211			
	b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		79,441		
	c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-) . . .				

Part II Balance Sheets		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only (See instructions)	Beginning of year	End of year	
			(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing	47,091	21,799	21,799
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments			
	3	Accounts receivable ▶ _____ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____			
	4	Pledges receivable ▶ _____ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____			
	5	Grants receivable			
	6	Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see instructions).			
	7	Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule) ▶ _____ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____			
	8	Inventories for sale or use			
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			
	10a	Investments—U S and state government obligations (attach schedule)	133,675	133,669	143,709
	b	Investments—corporate stock (attach schedule)	2,088,975	1,954,985	1,775,956
	c	Investments—corporate bonds (attach schedule)	62,370	62,447	77,903
	11	Investments—land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ _____ Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ _____			
	12	Investments—mortgage loans.			
	13	Investments—other (attach schedule)			
	14	Land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ _____ Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ _____			
15	Other assets (describe ▶ _____)				
16	Total assets(to be completed by all filers—see the instructions Also, see page 1, item I)	2,332,111	2,172,900	2,019,367	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses			
	18	Grants payable			
	19	Deferred revenue			
	20	Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	21	Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule).			
	22	Other liabilities (describe ▶ _____)			
	23	Total liabilities(add lines 17 through 22)	0	0	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ ☐ and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.				
	24	Unrestricted			
	25	Temporarily restricted			
	26	Permanently restricted			
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ ☒ and complete lines 27 through 31.				
	27	Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds	0	0	
	28	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg , and equipment fund	0	0	
	29	Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds	2,332,111	2,172,900	
	30	Total net assets or fund balances(see instructions)	2,332,111	2,172,900	
31	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances(see instructions)	2,332,111	2,172,900		

Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances			
1	Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year—Part II, column (a), line 30 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year’s return)	1	2,332,111
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	-159,211
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____	3	0
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	2,172,900
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____	5	0
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5)—Part II, column (b), line 30	6	2,172,900

Part IV

Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

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

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

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			Gains (Col (h) gain minus col (k), but not less than -0-) or (l) Losses (from col (h))
(i) F M V as of 12/31/69	Adjusted basis (j) as of 12/31/69	Excess of col (i) (k) over col (j), if any	
a See Additional Data Table			
b			
c			
d			
e			

2	Capital gain net income or (net capital loss)	{ If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7 }	2	-140,027
3	Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6) If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c) (see instructions) If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8 }		3	

Part V

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

(For optional use by domestic private foundations subject to the section 4940(a) tax on net investment income)
If section 4940(d)(2) applies, leave this part blank

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," the foundation does not qualify under section 4940(e) Do not complete this part

1 Enter the appropriate amount in each column for each year, see instructions before making any entries

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col (b) divided by col (c))
2014	130,300	2,600,577	0 050104
2013	130,733	2,405,848	0 054340
2012	133,429	2,274,573	0 058661
2011	126,720	2,334,876	0 054273
2010	132,599	2,261,815	0 058625

2	Total of line 1, column (d).	2	0 276003
3	Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period—divide the total on line 2 by 5, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years	3	0 055201
4	Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2015 from Part X, line 5.	4	2,337,869
5	Multiply line 4 by line 3.	5	129,053
6	Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b).	6	794
7	Add lines 5 and 6.	7	129,847
8	Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4.	8	110,150

If line 8 is equal to or greater than line 7, check the box in Part VI, line 1b, and complete that part using a 1% tax rate See
the Part VI instructions

Part VI

Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948—see page 18 of the instructions)

1a

Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here ☐ and enter "N/A" on line 1
Date of ruling or determination letter _____
(attach copy of letter if necessary—see instructions)

b

Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here ☐ and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b

c

All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col. (b)

2

Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)

2

0

3

Add lines 1 and 2.

3

1,589

4

Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)

4

0

5

Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-

5

1,589

6

Credits/Payments

a

2015 estimated tax payments and 2014 overpayment credited to 2015

6a

9,764

b

Exempt foreign organizations—tax withheld at source

6b

c

Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868).

6c

d

Backup withholding erroneously withheld

6d

7

Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d.

7

9,764

8

Enter any **penalty** for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here ☒ if Form 2220 is attached

8

1

9

Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter **amount owed**

9

10

Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the **amount overpaid**.

10

8,174

11

Enter the amount of line 10 to be **Credited to 2015 estimated tax** 1,592 **Refunded**

11

6,582

Part VII-A

Statements Regarding Activities

1a

During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?

1a

No

b

Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see Instructions for definition)?
If the answer is "Yes" to 1a or 1b, attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities.

1b

No

c

Did the foundation file **Form 1120-POL** for this year?

1c

No

d

Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year
(1) On the foundation \$ _____ 0 (2) On foundation managers \$ _____ 0

e

Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers \$ _____ 0

2

Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS?
If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities.

2

No

3

Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? *If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes*

3

No

4a

Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?

4a

No

b

If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on **Form 990-T** for this year?

4b

5

Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year?
If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T.

5

No

6

Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either
• By language in the governing instrument, or
• By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?

6

Yes

7

Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? *If "Yes," complete Part II, col. (c), and Part XV.*

7

Yes

8a

Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions)
 WA _____

b

If the answer is "Yes" to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designate) of each state as required by General Instruction G? *If "No," attach explanation.*

8b

Yes

9

Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2015 or the taxable year beginning in 2015 (see instructions for Part XIV)?
If "Yes," complete Part XIV

9

No

10

Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? *If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses.*

10

No

Part VII-A

Statements Regarding Activities *(continued)*

11	At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule (see instructions).	11		No
12	Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If "Yes," attach statement (see instructions)	12		No
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address ▶N/A	13	Yes	
14	The books are in care of ▶EDMUND ELLIS III Telephone no ▶(206) 842-0630 Located at ▶7268 MADRONA DRIVE NE BAINBRIDGE ISLAND WA ZIP+4 ▶98110			
15	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here ▶ ☐ and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year ▶	15		
16	At any time during calendar year 2015, did the foundation have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a bank, securities, or other financial account in a foreign country? See instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR) If "Yes", enter the name of the foreign country ▶	16	Yes	No

Part VII-B

Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required

File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the "Yes" column, unless an exception applies.			Yes	No
1a	During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly)			
	(1) Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
	(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
	(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
	(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
	(5) Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
	(6) Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (Exception. Check "No" if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days). ☐ Yes ☒ No			
b	If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)–(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)? ☐ Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here. ▶ ☐	1b		
c	Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2015? ☐	1c		No
2	Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5))			
a	At the end of tax year 2015, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2015? ☐ Yes ☒ No If "Yes," list the years ▶ 20____, 20____, 20____, 20____			
b	Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer "No" and attach statement—see instructions). ☐	2b		
c	If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here ▶ 20____, 20____, 20____, 20____			
3a	Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
b	If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2015 as a result of (1) any purchase by the foundation or disqualified persons after May 26, 1969, (2) the lapse of the 5-year period (or longer period approved by the Commissioner under section 4943(c)(7)) to dispose of holdings acquired by gift or bequest, or (3) the lapse of the 10-, 15-, or 20-year first phase holding period?(<i>Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2015.</i>) ☐	3b		
4a	Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4a		No
b	Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2015?	4b		No

Part VII-B

Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required (Continued)

5a

During the year did the foundation pay or incur any amount to

(1)

Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))?

☐ Yes

☒ No

(2)

Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955), or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive?

☐ Yes

☒ No

(3)

Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes?

☐ Yes

☒ No

(4)

Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc , organization described in section 4945(d)(4)(A)? (see instructions).

☐ Yes

☒ No

(5)

Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals?

☐ Yes

☒ No

b

If any answer is "Yes" to 5a(1)–(5), did **any** of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)?

5b

Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here.

☐

c

If the answer is "Yes" to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945–5(d).

6a

Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?

☐ Yes

☒ No

b

Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?

6b

No

If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870.

7a

At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?

☐ Yes

☒ No

b

If yes, did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction?

7b

Part VIII

Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors

1

List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation (see instructions).

(a) Name and address	Title, and average hours per week (b) devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	Expense account, (e) other allowances
See Additional Data Table				

2

Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1—see instructions). If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	Title, and average hours per week (b) devoted to position	(c) Compensation	Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation (d)	Expense account, (e) other allowances
NONE				

Total

number of other employees paid over \$50,000.

0

Part VIII

3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services (see instructions). If none, enter "NONE".

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services.	0
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Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc.		Expenses
1		
2		
3		
4		

Part IX-B Summary of Program-Related Investments (see instructions)

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2	Amount
1	
2	
All other program-related investments See instructions	
3	

[illegible]

Part X

Minimum Investment Return

(All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations,see instructions.)

1	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc , purposes		
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities.	1a	2,309,966
b	Average of monthly cash balances.	1b	63,505
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions).	1c	0
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c).	1d	2,373,471
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation).	1e	0
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets.	2	0
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3	2,373,471
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	35,602
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3 Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	2,337,869
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5.	6	116,893

Part XI

Distributable Amount

(see instructions) (Section 4942(j)(3) and (j)(5) private operating foundations and certain foreign organizations check here ☒ and do not complete this part.)

1	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6.	1	116,893
2a	Tax on investment income for 2015 from Part VI, line 5.	2a	1,589
b	Income tax for 2015 (This does not include the tax from Part VI).	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b.	2c	1,589
3	Distributable amount before adjustments Subtract line 2c from line 1.	3	115,304
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions.	4	0
5	Add lines 3 and 4.	5	115,304
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions).	6	0
7	Distributable amount as adjusted Subtract line 6 from line 5 Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1.	7	115,304

Part XII

Qualifying Distributions (see instructions)

1	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc , purposes		
a	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc —total from Part I, column (d), line 26.	1a	110,150
b	Program-related investments—total from Part IX-B.	1b	0
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc , purposes.	2	
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the		
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required).	3a	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule).	3b	
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	4	110,150
5	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b (see instructions).	5	0
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4.	6	110,150

Note:The amount on line 6 will be used in Part V, column (b), in subsequent years when calculating whether the foundation qualifies for the section 4940(e) reduction of tax in those years

Part XIII

Undistributed Income (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2014	(c) 2014	(d) 2015
1 Distributable amount for 2015 from Part XI, line 7				115,304
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2015				
a Enter amount for 2014 only.			0	
b Total for prior years 20____, 20____, 20____		0		
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015				
a From 2010.				
b From 2011.				12,834
c From 2012.				21,842
d From 2013.				11,975
e From 2014.				10,035
f Total of lines 3a through e.	56,686			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2015 from Part XII, line 4 ▶ \$ _____ 110,150				
a Applied to 2014, but not more than line 2a			0	
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required—see instructions).		0		
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required—see instructions).	0			
d Applied to 2015 distributable amount.				110,150
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	0			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2015 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a).)	5,154			5,154
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5	51,532			
b Prior years' undistributed income Subtract line 4b from line 2b.		0		
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed.		0		
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b Taxable amount—see instructions		0		
e Undistributed income for 2014 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount—see instructions			0	
f Undistributed income for 2016 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2015.				0
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (Election may be required - see instructions).	0			
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2010 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions). . .	0			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a.	51,532			
10 Analysis of line 9				
a Excess from 2011.				7,680
b Excess from 2012.				21,842
c Excess from 2013.				11,975
d Excess from 2014.				10,035
e Excess from 2015.				

Part XIV

1a If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2015, enter the date of the ruling. . . . ▶

b Check box to indicate whether the organization is a private operating foundation described in section 14942(j)(3) or 14942(j)(5)

2a	Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed	Tax year	Prior 3 years			(e) Total
		(a) 2015	(b) 2014	(c) 2013	(d) 2012	
b	85% of line 2a					
c	Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed					
d	Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities					
e	Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities. Subtract line 2d from line 2c					
3	Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon					
a	"Assets" alternative test—enter					
	(1) Value of all assets					
	(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)					
b	"Endowment" alternative test— enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed.					
c	"Support" alternative test—enter					
	(1) Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties)					
	(2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii).					
	(3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization					
	(4) Gross investment income					

Part XV **Supplementary Information (Complete this part only if the organization had \$5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year—see instructions.)**

1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:

a List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than \$5,000) (See section 507(d)(2))

See Additional Data Table

b List any managers of the foundation who own 10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the ownership of a partnership or other entity) of which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest

2 Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc., Programs:

Check here ☐ if the foundation only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds. If the foundation makes gifts, grants, etc. (see instructions) to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d.

a The name, address, and telephone number or e-mail address of the person to whom applications should be addressed

JOANNE ELLIS
7868 MADRONA DRIVE NE
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, WA 98110
(206) 842-0630

b The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include

THE FOUNDATION HAS A GRANT APPLICATION FORM WHICH CAN BE OBTAINED BY CALLING THE FOUNDATION AND REQUESTING A GRANT APPLICATION FORM

c Any submission deadlines
NONE

d Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors

THE ELLIS FOUNDATION CONCENTRATES ITS GIVING IN THE AREAS OF THE ENVIRONMENT, EDUCATION AND HUMANITARIAN ENDEAVORS

Part XV

Supplementary Information(continued)

3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment

Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
a Paid during the year See Additional Data Table				
Total			3a	110,150
b Approved for future payment				
Total			3b	0

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated

Part XVI-B Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes

[illegible]

Form 990PF Part IV - Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income - Columns a - d

List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e g , real estate, (a) 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shs MLC Co)	(b) How acquired P—Purchase D—Donation	Date acquired (c) (mo , day, yr)	(d) Date sold (mo , day, yr)
CRESTWOOD EQUITY PARTNERS, LP - SEC 1231 GAIN			
ENERGY TRANSFER PARTNERS, LP - SEC 1231 LOSS			
OCH-ZIFF CAPITAL MANAGEMENT GROUP - STCG			
OCH-ZIFF CAPITAL MANAGEMENT GROUP - LTCG			
OCH-ZIFF CAPITAL MANAGEMENT GROUP - SEC 1256			
MERRILL LYNCH #02055 - ST CAPITAL GAIN			
MERRILL LYNCH #02055 - LT CAPITAL GAIN			
MERRILL LYNCH #02055 - CASH IN LIEU			
SUBURBAN PROPANE, LP - SEC 1231			

Form 990PF Part IV - Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income - Columns e - h

(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)
4			4
		400	-400
884			884
260			260
		20	-20
66,763		119,755	-52,992
94,600		182,382	-87,782
25			25
		6	-6

Form 990PF Part IV - Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income - Columns i - l

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			(l) Gains (Col (h) gain minus col (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col (h))
(i) F M V as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col (i) over col (j), if any	
			4
			-400
			884
			260
			-20
			-52,992
			-87,782
			25
			-6

Form 990PF Part VIII Line 1 - List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation

(a) Name and address	Title, and average hours per week (b) devoted to position	(c) Compensation(If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	Expense account, (e) other allowances
EDMUND G ELLIS III 7268 MADRODA DRIVE NE BAINBRIDGE ISLAND,WA 98110	PRESIDENT 0 00	0	0	0
CHARLES ELLIS 7268 MADRODA DRIVE NE BAINBRIDGE ISLAND,WA 98110	VICE PRESIDENT 0 00	0	0	0
JOANNE ELLIS 7268 MADRODA DRIVE NE BAINBRIDGE ISLAND,WA 98110	SECRETARY 0 00	0	0	0
ROBYN ELLIS 7268 MADRODA DRIVE NE BAINBRIDGE ISLAND,WA 98110	TREASURER 0 00	0	0	0
CHRISTINA ELLIS 7268 MADRODA DRIVE NE BAINBRIDGE ISLAND,WA 98110	SERGEANT AT ARMS 0 00	0	0	0

Form 990PF Part XV Line 1a - List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than \$5,000).

EDMUND G ELLIS III
JOANNE ELLIS

Form 990PF Part XV Line 3 - Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment

Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
a <i>Paid during the year</i>				
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND ARTS & HUMANITIES COUNCIL 221 WINSLOW WAY WEST 201 BAINBRIDGE ISLAND,WA 98110			GENERAL PURPOSES	1,000
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND LAND TRUST PO BOX 10144 BAINBRIDGE ISLAND,WA 98110			GENERAL PURPOSES	2,500
BAINBRIDGE PERFORMING ARTS 200 MADISON AVENUE NORTH BAINBRIDGE ISLAND,WA 98110			GENERAL PURPOSES	2,500
BAINBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY 1270 MADISON AVENUE NORTH BAINBRIDGE ISLAND,WA 98110			GENERAL PURPOSES	1,000
BARD COLLEGE PO BOX 5000 ANNANDALEONHUDSON,NY 12504			GENERAL PURPOSES	1,000
BIKE WORKS 3709 SOUTH FERDINAND STREET SEATTLE,WA 98118			GENERAL PURPOSES	1,000
BLOEDEL RESERVE 7571 NE DOLPHIN DRIVE BAINBRIDGE ISLAND,WA 98110			GENERAL PURPOSES	1,000
C-895 FM 10750 30TH AVENUE NE SEATTLE,WA 98125			GENERAL PURPOSES	1,000
EMERGENCY FEEDING PROGRAM 7100 42ND AVENUE SOUTH SEATTLE,WA 98118			GENERAL PURPOSES	1,000
FOOD ROOTS PO BOX 1275 TILLAMOOK,OR 97171			GENERAL PURPOSES	500
HELPLINE HOUSE 282 KNECHTEL WAY NE BAINBRIDGE ISLAND,WA 98110			GENERAL PURPOSES	5,000
ISLANDWOOD 4450 BLAKELY AVENUE NE BAINBRIDGE ISLAND,WA 98110			GENERAL PURPOSES	5,000
KCTS (CHANNEL 9 SEATTLE) 401 MERCER STREET SEATTLE,WA 98109			GENERAL PURPOSES	1,000
KEXP (903 SEATTLE) 113 DEXTER AVENUE NORTH SEATTLE,WA 98109			GENERAL PURPOSES	10,000
KNOX COLLEGE 2 EAST SOUTH STREET GALESBURG,IL 61401			GENERAL PURPOSES	1,000
Total			3a	110,150

Form 990PF Part XV Line 3 - Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment

Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
a <i>Paid during the year</i>				
KPLU (885 SEATTLETACOMA) 12180 PARK AVENUE SOUTH TACOMA,WA 98447			GENERAL PURPOSES	1,000
KUOW (949 SEATTLE) 4518 UNIVERSITY WAY NE SUITE 310 SEATTLE,WA 98105			GENERAL PURPOSES	1,000
MERCY CORPS 45 SW ANKENY STREET PORTLAND,OR 97204			GENERAL PURPOSES	8,000
NATUREBRIDGE 111 BARNES POINT ROAD PORT ANGELES,WA 98363			GENERAL PURPOSES	1,000
PACIFIC SCIENCE CENTER 200 2ND AVENUE NORTH SEATTLE,WA 98109			GENERAL PURPOSES	5,000
PINCHOT UNIVERSITY 220 2ND AVENUE SOUTH SEATTLE,WA 98104			GENERAL PURPOSES	20,000
SAINT BARNABAS CHURCH 1187 WYATT WAY NW BAINBRIDGE ISLAND,WA 98110			GENERAL PURPOSES	10,000
SEATTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY 1000 4TH AVENUE SEATTLE,WA 98104			GENERAL PURPOSES	1,000
SOCIAL JUSTICE FUND NORTHWEST 1904 3RD AVENUE SUITE 806 SEATTLE,WA 98101			GENERAL PURPOSES	6,150
SOLID GROUND 1501 NORTH 45TH STREET SEATTLE,WA 98103			GENERAL PURPOSES	5,000
TENANTS UNION OF WASHINGTON 5425 RAINIER AVENUE SOUTH SEATTLE,WA 98118			GENERAL PURPOSES	10,000
TILLAMOOK FARMERS' MARKET PO BOX 298 TILLAMOOK,OR 97143			GENERAL PURPOSES	500
UNIVERSITY OF OREGON FOUNDATION 1720 EAST 13TH AVENUE SUITE 410 EUGENE,OR 97403			GENERAL PURPOSES	1,000
WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY 900 STATE STREET SALEM,OR 97301			GENERAL PURPOSES	1,000
YES MAGAZINE 284 MADRONA WAY NE SUITE 116 BAINBRIDGE ISLAND,WA 98110			GENERAL PURPOSES	5,000
Total			3a	110,150

TY 2015 Accounting Fees Schedule

Name: THE ELLIS FOUNDATION

EIN: 26-3894940

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
RAUPC	5,200	0		0

TY 2015 Investments Corporate Bonds Schedule

Name: THE ELLIS FOUNDATION

EIN: 26-3894940

Name of Bond	End of Year Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
CORPORATE BONDS	62,447	77,903

TY 2015 Investments Corporate Stock Schedule**Name:** THE ELLIS FOUNDATION**EIN:** 26-3894940

Name of Stock	End of Year Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
EQUITIES	1,263,981	1,250,801
CRESTWOOD EQUITY PARTNERS, LP	23,861	4,530
ENERGY TRANSFER PARTNERS, LP	120,828	93,030
OCH-ZIFF CAPITAL MANAGMENT GROUP, LLC	57,695	28,658
SUBURBAN PROPANE, LP	5,560	2,625
TEEKAY LNG PARTNERS, LP	38,310	13,150
MUTUAL FUNDS	444,750	383,162

TY 2015 Investments Government Obligations Schedule

Name: THE ELLIS FOUNDATION

EIN: 26-3894940

US Government Securities - End of

Year Book Value:

133,669

US Government Securities - End of

Year Fair Market Value:

143,709

**State & Local Government
Securities - End of Year Book**

Value:

0

**State & Local Government
Securities - End of Year Fair**

Market Value:

0

TY 2015 Other Expenses Schedule**Name:** THE ELLIS FOUNDATION**EIN:** 26-3894940

Description	Revenue and Expenses per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
WA STATE FEES	25	0		0
CHARITABLE EXPENSES	8	8		0
INVESTMENT INTEREST EXPENSE	672	672		0
NONDEDUCTIBLE EXPENSES FROM PASSTHROUGH	37	37		0
PORTFOLIO DEDUCTIONS	12	12		0

TY 2015 Other Income Schedule**Name:** THE ELLIS FOUNDATION**EIN:** 26-3894940

Description	Revenue And Expenses Per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income
CRESTWOOD EQUITY PARTNERS, LP ORDINARY INCOME	-1,568	-1,568	-1,568
CRESTWOOD MIDSTREAM PARTNERS, LP ORDINARY INCOME	-84	-84	-84
ENERGY TRANSFER PARTNERS, L P ORDINARY INCOME	-5,014	-5,014	-5,014
ENERGY TRANSFER PARTNERS, L P RENTAL INCOME (LOSS)	-315	-315	-315
ENERGY TRANSFER PARTNERS, L P ROYALTIES	2	2	2
OCH-ZIFF CAPITAL MANAGEMENT GROUP, LLC PORTFOLIO INCOME	30	30	30
OCH-ZIFF CAPITAL MANAGEMENT GROUP, LLC OTHER INCOME	-1,628	-1,628	-1,628
SUBURBAN PROPANE, LP ORDINARY INCOME	66	66	66
TEEKAY LNG PARTNERS, LP ORDINARY INCOME	-1,570	-1,570	-1,570
TEEKAY LNG PARTNERS, LP PORTFOLIO INCOME	297	297	297
BOOK TAX DIFFERENCE	35,659	0	35,659

TY 2015 Other Professional Fees Schedule

Name: THE ELLIS FOUNDATION

EIN: 26-3894940

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
MANAGEMENT FEES	24,929	24,929		0

TY 2015 Taxes Schedule**Name:** THE ELLIS FOUNDATION**EIN:** 26-3894940

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
FEDERAL TAXES	18,909	0		0
FOREIGN TAXES	19	19		0