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Form 990



Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

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OMB No 1545-0047

2015

Open to Public Inspection

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

Americans for Prosperity

Doing business as

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

1310 N Courthouse Rd No 700

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

Arlington, VA 22201

F Name and address of principal officer

Luke Hilgemann

1310 N Courthouse Rd No 700

Arlington, VA 22201

D Employer identification number

75-3148958

E Telephone number

(703) 224-3200

G Gross receipts \$ 44,934,576

I Tax-exempt status

☐ 501(c)(3)

☒ 501(c) ( 4 ) ◀ (insert no )

☐ 4947(a)(1) or

☐ 527

J Website: ▶ www.americansforprosperity.org

K Form of organization

☒ Corporation

☐ Trust

☐ Association

☐ Other ▶

L Year of formation 2004

M State of legal domicile DC

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities

Educate U.S. citizens about the impact of sound economic policy on the nation's economy

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)

4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)

5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)

6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)

7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12

b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34

3

4

5

6

7a

7b

5

5

0

4,658

0

0

Revenue

8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)

9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)

10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)

11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)

12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)

Prior Year

82,499,013

182,784

328

0

82,682,125

Current Year

44,205,731

127,228

-633

50,259

44,382,585

Expenses

13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)

14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)

15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)

16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)

b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶6,382,735

17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)

18 Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)

19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12

278,045

0

15,503,929

154,482

74,475,619

90,412,075

-7,729,950

497,567

0

17,551,979

206,387

27,472,000

45,727,933

-1,345,348

Net Assets or Fund Balances

20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)

21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)

22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20

Beginning of Current Year

7,611,462

5,059,270

2,552,192

End of Year

6,887,540

5,680,696

1,206,844

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

Luke Hilgemann CEO

Type or print name and title

2016-11-15

Date

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name

David C. Moja

Preparer's signature

David C. Moja

Date

Check ☐ if self-employed

PTIN P00747006

Firm's name ▶ Capin Crouse LLP

Firm's EIN ▶ 36-3990892

Firm's address ▶ 972 Emerson Parkway STE A

Greenwood, IN 46143

Phone no (317) 885-2620

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

☒ Yes

☐ No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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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

Educate U S citizens about the impact of sound economic policy on the nation's economy and social structure, and mobilize citizens to be involved in fiscal matters

2

Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?

YesNo

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?

YesNo

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 \$ 23,173,853 including grants of \$ 497,567 ) (Revenue \$ )

State chapters - Educate U S citizens about the impact of sound economic policy on the nation's economy and social structure, and mobilize citizens to be involved in fiscal and regulatory economic matters at the state level

4b

(Code ) (Expenses \$ 10,607,514 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 177,487 )

National office - Educate U S citizens about the impact of sound economic policy on the nation's economy and social structure and mobilize citizens to be involved in fiscal and regulatory economic matters at the national level

4c

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

4d



















Other program services (Describe in Schedule O )

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

4e

Total program service expenses ▶ 33,781,367

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A . . . . .	1	No
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)? 	2	Yes
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I 	3	Yes
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II . . . . .	4	
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III 	5	No
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I 	6	No
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II 	7	No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III 	8	No
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV 	9	No
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V 	10	No
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI 	11a	Yes
b Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII 	11b	No
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII 	11c	No
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX 	11d	Yes
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X 	11e	Yes
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X 	11f	Yes
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII 	12a	Yes
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional 	12b	Yes
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13	No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States? . . . . .	14a	No
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV . . . . .	14b	No
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV . . . . .	15	No
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV . . . . .	16	No
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions) . . . . . 	17	Yes
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II . . . . . 	18	No
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III . . . . . 	19	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H . . . . .	20a	No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b	

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants 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	<b>Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.</b> 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	Yes	
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		No
b	If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 . . . . .	35b		
36	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 . . . . .	36		
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? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O . . . . .	38	Yes	

Part V

Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable.	142	
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.	0	
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	Yes
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return.	2a	0
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? <b>Note.</b> If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions).	2b	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a	No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O.	3b	
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a	No
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: _____ See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a	No
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b	No
c	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c	
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	6a	Yes
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b	Yes
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a	
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b	
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c	
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.	7d	
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e	
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f	
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g	
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h	
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8	
9a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a	
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b	
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.	10a	
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities.	10b	
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter		
a	Gross income from members or shareholders.	11a	
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them).	11b	
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a	
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.	12b	
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.		
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? <b>Note.</b> See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.	13a	
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans.	13b	
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand.	13c	
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a	No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.	14b	

Part VI

Governance, Management, and Disclosure

For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

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

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Section A. Governing Body and Management

			Yes	No
<b>1a</b> Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year	<b>1a</b>	5		
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				
<b>b</b> Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	<b>1b</b>	5		
<b>2</b> 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?	<b>2</b>		Yes	
<b>3</b> 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?	<b>3</b>			No
<b>4</b> Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	<b>4</b>		Yes	
<b>5</b> Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	<b>5</b>			No
<b>6</b> Did the organization have members or stockholders?	<b>6</b>			No
<b>7a</b> 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?	<b>7a</b>			No
<b>b</b> Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	<b>7b</b>			No
<b>8</b> Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following				
<b>a</b> The governing body?	<b>8a</b>		Yes	
<b>b</b> Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	<b>8b</b>		Yes	
<b>9</b> 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	<b>9</b>			No

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

		Yes	No	
<b>10a</b> Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	<b>10a</b>	Yes		
<b>b</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?	<b>10b</b>	Yes		
<b>11a</b> Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	<b>11a</b>		No	
<b>b</b> Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990				
<b>12a</b> Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	<b>12a</b>	Yes		
<b>b</b> Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	<b>12b</b>	Yes		
<b>c</b> Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	<b>12c</b>	Yes		
<b>13</b> Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	<b>13</b>	Yes		
<b>14</b> Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	<b>14</b>	Yes		
<b>15</b> 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?				
<b>a</b> The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	<b>15a</b>	Yes		
<b>b</b> Other officers or key employees of the organization	<b>15b</b>	Yes		
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions)				
<b>16a</b> Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	<b>16a</b>		No	
<b>b</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?	<b>16b</b>			

Section C. Disclosure

<b>17</b> List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed	AL, AK, AZ, AR, CA, CO, CT, DC, FL, GA, HI, IL, KS, KY, ME, MD, MA, MN, MS, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, UT, VA, WA, WV, WI
<b>18</b> 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. <input type="checkbox"/> Own website <input type="checkbox"/> Another's website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upon request <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain in Schedule O)	
<b>19</b> 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	
<b>20</b> State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records Tim Carnahan 1310 N Courthouse Rd No 700 Arlington, VA 22201 (703) 224-3200	

Part VII

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

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

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

**1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) Frayda Levin ..... Chairman/Director	2 00 .....	X						0	0	0
(2) Richard Fink Part year ..... Director	2 00 ..... 2 00	X						0	0	0
(3) Nancy Pfothenhauer ..... Director	2 00 ..... 2 00	X						0	0	0
(4) Jim Miller ..... Director	2 00 ..... 2 00	X						0	0	0
(5) James Stephenson ..... Director	2 00 ..... 2 00	X						0	0	0
(6) Mark Holden ..... Director	2 00 ..... 2 00	X						0	0	0
(7) Tim Phillips ..... President	43 50 ..... 6 50			X				339,851	50,782	28,989
(8) Robert Heaton ..... CFO	24 50 ..... 25 50			X				141,977	147,772	26,912
(9) Luke Hilgemann ..... CEO	16 50 ..... 33 50			X				129,950	263,837	28,989
(10) Chrstopher Fink ..... COO	14 00 ..... 36 00			X				92,330	237,419	27,781
(11) Dennis Vegas Part year ..... CMO	16 50 ..... 33 50			X				71,777	145,730	10,797
(12) Victor Bernson ..... VP & General Counsel	20 00 ..... 30 00			X				103,892	155,838	17,168
(13) Slade O'Brien ..... VP/Grassroots Leadership A	1 50 ..... 48 50			X				6,517	210,731	18,389
(14) Brent Gardner ..... VP/Government Affairs	40 00 ..... 10 00			X				170,422	42,605	15,208



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			
(15) Teresa Oelke	26 50			X				136,546	121,088	26,304
VP, State Operations	23 50									
(16) Jennifer Stefano	1 00			X				3,723	182,431	825
VP-Bridge to Well Being	49 00									
(17) Adam Stryker Part Year	28 00			X				101,562	79,799	19,818
VP-Strategic Initiatives	22 00									
(18) Chase Downham	27 50					X		110,484	90,396	27,204
Regional Director	22 50									
(19) Derrick Sontag	22 00					X		85,992	109,445	9,823
Senior Regional Director	28 00									
(20) Dustin Zvonek	17 50					X		67,018	124,462	26,660
Regional Director	32 50									
(21) Mark Lucas	26 00					X		99,360	91,717	4,351
Regional Director	24 00									
(22) Peter Schalestock	27 00					X		98,301	83,738	14,487
Deputy General Council	23 00									

<b>1b Sub-Total</b>			
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b>			
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b>	1,759,702	2,137,790	303,705

**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 **13**

	Yes	No
<b>3</b> Did the organization list any <b>former</b> officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		No
<b>4</b> 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>	Yes	
<b>5</b> 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>		No

Section B. Independent Contractors

**1** Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
i360 LLC  PO Box 37046 Baltimore, MD 21297	Media	2,720,276
Innovative Advertising LLC  4250 Highway 22 Ste 7 Mandeville, LA 70471	Print & Mail Design, Distrnbution	983,411
Facebook LLC  15161 Collections Center Drnve Chicago, IL 60693	Media	597,604
Direct Mail Marketing Group  22780 Indian Creek Drive Suite 100 Dulles, VA 20166	Print & Mail Design	482,387
RR Donnelly Inc  PO Box 7810 Chicago, IL 60677	Print & Mail Design	475,289

**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 **49**

Part VIII

Statement of Revenue

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

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				(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					
	c	Fundraising events . . . . .	1c					
	d	Related organizations . . . . .	1d					
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e					
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	44,205,731				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$		560,351				
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f . . . . . ▶			44,205,731			
Program Service Revenue			Business Code					
	2a	Registration Fees	900099	127,228	127,228			
	b							
	c							
	d							
	e							
	f	All other program service revenue						
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f . . . . . ▶			127,228			
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) . . . . . ▶						
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . ▶						
	5	Royalties . . . . . ▶						
	6a	(i) Real		(ii) Personal				
	b	Less rental expenses						
	c	Rental income or (loss)						
	d	Net rental income or (loss) . . . . . ▶						
	7a	(i) Securities		(ii) Other				
		551,358						
		551,991						
		-633						
	d	Net gain or (loss) . . . . . ▶			-633		-633	
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 . . . . .		a				
	b	Less direct expenses . . . . .		b				
	c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . ▶						
	9a	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 . . . . .		a				
	b	Less direct expenses . . . . .		b				
	c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . ▶						
	10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .		a				
b	Less cost of goods sold . . . . .		b					
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . ▶							
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code						
11a	Other Income		900099	50,259	50,259			
b								
c								
d	All other revenue . . . . .							
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d . . . . . ▶			50,259				
12	Total revenue. See Instructions . . . . . ▶			44,382,585	177,487	0	-633	

**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
<b>1</b>	Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21 . . . . .	497,567	497,567		
<b>2</b>	Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22 . . . . .				
<b>3</b>	Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16 . . . . .				
<b>4</b>	Benefits paid to or for members . . . . .				
<b>5</b>	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees . . . . .	1,404,916	546,216	449,446	409,254
<b>6</b>	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) . . . . .				
<b>7</b>	Other salaries and wages . . . . .	13,830,980	9,453,789	2,856,756	1,520,435
<b>8</b>	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions) . . . . .	266,962	237,780	7,592	21,590
<b>9</b>	Other employee benefits . . . . .	1,427,423	1,233,030	71,849	122,544
<b>10</b>	Payroll taxes . . . . .	621,698	574,813	34,290	12,595
<b>11</b>	Fees for services (non-employees)				
<b>a</b>	Management . . . . .				
<b>b</b>	Legal . . . . .	437,021		437,021	
<b>c</b>	Accounting . . . . .	15,626		15,626	
<b>d</b>	Lobbying . . . . .				
<b>e</b>	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17 . . . . .	206,387			206,387
<b>f</b>	Investment management fees . . . . .				
<b>g</b>	Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O) . . . . .	2,199,906	1,566,397	419,081	214,428
<b>12</b>	Advertising and promotion . . . . .	8,299,136	6,833,925	63,009	1,402,202
<b>13</b>	Office expenses . . . . .	6,267,663	5,175,808	119,948	971,907
<b>14</b>	Information technology . . . . .	630,082	151,823	461,660	16,599
<b>15</b>	Royalties . . . . .				
<b>16</b>	Occupancy . . . . .	2,195,541	1,592,818	386,930	215,793
<b>17</b>	Travel . . . . .	4,822,280	3,886,113	192,700	743,467
<b>18</b>	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials . . . . .				
<b>19</b>	Conferences, conventions, and meetings . . . . .	2,030,497	1,642,415	12,673	375,409
<b>20</b>	Interest . . . . .				
<b>21</b>	Payments to affiliates . . . . .				
<b>22</b>	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization . . . . .	245,894	206,179	14,598	25,117
<b>23</b>	Insurance . . . . .				
<b>24</b>	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) . . . . .				
<b>a</b>	List rental . . . . .	138,224	26,500		111,724
<b>b</b>	Equipment leasing . . . . .	82,005	68,538	6,451	7,016
<b>c</b>	Taxes, licenses, fees . . . . .	41,306	26,836	12,253	2,217
<b>d</b>	Membership . . . . .	23,693	20,221	1,014	2,458
<b>e</b>	All other expenses . . . . .	43,126	40,599	934	1,593
<b>25</b>	<b>Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24e . . . . .	45,727,933	33,781,367	5,563,831	6,382,735
<b>26</b>	<b>Joint costs.</b> Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> 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			5,929,326	1	4,949,047
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments				2	
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net				3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net			10,052	4	40,244
	5	Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L				5	
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L				6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net				7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use				8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			505,807	9	699,416
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	840,942			
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	368,869	512,580	10c	472,073
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities				11	
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11				12	
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11				13	
	14	Intangible assets				14	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11			653,697	15	726,760
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)			7,611,462	16	6,887,540	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses			1,513,694	17	1,228,423
	18	Grants payable				18	
	19	Deferred revenue				19	
	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			3,545,576	25	4,452,273
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25			5,059,270	26	5,680,696
	Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.					
27		Unrestricted net assets			2,428,486	27	1,083,138
28		Temporarily restricted net assets			123,706	28	123,706
29		Permanently restricted net assets				29	
Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> 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			2,552,192	33	1,206,844
34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances			7,611,462	34	6,887,540	

**Part XI**   **Reconciliation of Net Assets**

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

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) . . . . .	<b>1</b>	44,382,585
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) . . . . .	<b>2</b>	45,727,933
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1 . . . . .	<b>3</b>	-1,345,348
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A)) . .	<b>4</b>	2,552,192
<b>5</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments . . . . .	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Investment expenses . . . . .	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	Prior period adjustments . . . . .	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) . . . . .	<b>9</b>	0
<b>10</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	<b>10</b>	1,206,844

**Part XII**   **Financial Statements and Reporting**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII . . . . . ☒

		Yes	No
<b>1</b>	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
<b>2a</b>	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 <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		No
<b>b</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 <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	Yes	
<b>c</b>	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	
<b>3a</b>	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>b</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		

SCHEDULE C  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527  
▶Complete if the organization is described below. ▶Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.  
▶Information about Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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Open to Public Inspection

If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations Complete Parts I-A and B Do not complete Part I-C
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations Complete Parts I-A and C below Do not complete Part I-B
- Section 527 organizations Complete Part I-A only

If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-A Do not complete Part II-B
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-B Do not complete Part II-A

If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then

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

Name of the organization Americans for Prosperity	Employer identification number 75-3148958
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Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

1	Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV	
2	Political expenditures	\$ 1,220,844
3	Volunteer hours	

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

1	Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955	\$	
2	Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955	\$	
3	If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
4a	Was a correction made?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
b	If "Yes," describe in Part IV		

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

1	Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities	\$	1,220,844
2	Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities	\$	
3	Total exempt function expenditures Add lines 1 and 2 Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b	\$	1,220,844
4	Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
5	Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC) If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV		

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization If none, enter -0-
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

Part II-A

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

A

Check

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if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures)

B

Check

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if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1a	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)														
b	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)														
c	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)														
d	Other exempt purpose expenditures														
e	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)														
f	Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns														
<table><tr><th>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th><th>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th></tr><tr><td>Not over \$500,000</td><td>20% of the amount on line 1e</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td><td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td><td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td><td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$17,000,000</td><td>\$1,000,000</td></tr></table>		If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000		
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:														
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e														
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000														
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000														
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000														
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000														
g	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)														
h	Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zero or less, enter -0-														
i	Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, enter -0-														
j	If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?														

☐ Yes

☐ No

4-Year Averaging Period Under section 501(h)

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a)2012	(b)2013	(c)2014	(d)2015	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots nontaxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

**Part II-B**

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

For each "Yes" response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity

	(a)	(b)	
	Yes	No	Amount
<b>1</b> During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of			
<b>a</b> Volunteers?			
<b>b</b> Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
<b>c</b> Media advertisements?			
<b>d</b> Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
<b>e</b> Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
<b>f</b> Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
<b>g</b> Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
<b>h</b> Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
<b>i</b> Other activities?			
<b>j</b> Total. Add lines 1c through 1i			
<b>2a</b> Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
<b>b</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
<b>c</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
<b>d</b> If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

**Part III-A**

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b> Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b> Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	<b>3</b>	

**Part III-B**

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No" OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."

<b>1</b> Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b> Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
<b>a</b> Current year	<b>2a</b>	
<b>b</b> Carryover from last year	<b>2b</b>	
<b>c</b> Total	<b>2c</b>	
<b>3</b> Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b> If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b> Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	<b>5</b>	

**Part IV**

Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1, Part I-B, line 4, Part I-C, line 5, Part II-A (affiliated group list), Part II-A, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions), and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
Part I-A, Line 1	Television and digital media



Name of the organization Americans for Prosperity	Employer identification number 75-3148958
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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? <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</div>	
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? <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</div>	

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) <div><input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or education)<div><input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space</div><input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of an historically important land area <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a certified historic structure</div>	
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	Held at the End of the Year
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2a
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2b
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2c
3	Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ►	2d
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? <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</div>	
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)? <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</div>	
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				
b	Contributions				
c	Net investment earnings, gains, and losses				
d	Grants or scholarships				
e	Other expenditures for facilities and programs				
f	Administrative expenses				
g	End of year balance				

2

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

a

Board designated or quasi-endowment

b

Permanent endowment

c

Temporarily restricted endowment

The percentages 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)		
3a(ii)		
3b		

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			
d	Equipment	126,669	32,400	94,269
e	Other	714,273	336,469	377,804
Total.	Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c))			472,073



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	52,926,907
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	8,571,847
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1 . . . . .		3	44,355,060
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	27,525
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c.(This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12 ) . . . . .		5	44,382,585

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	54,272,255
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	8,571,847
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1 . . . . .		3	45,700,408
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	27,525
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18 ) . . . . .		5	45,727,933

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
Part X, Line 2	The financial statement effects of a tax position taken or expected to be taken are recognized in the financial statements when it is more likely than not, based on the technical merits, that the position will be sustained upon examination. Interest and penalties, if any, are included in expenses in the statements of activities. As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, AFP had no uncertain tax positions that qualify for recognition or disclosure in the financial statements. AFP is generally no longer subject to U.S. federal and state income tax examinations by tax authorities for years before 2012.

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

Return Reference	Explanation
Part XII, Line 4b - Other Adjustments	Disposal of assets 27,525

SCHEDULE G  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization  
Americans for Prosperity

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](http://www.irs.gov/form990)

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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 Three Creative 10211 Wincopin Circle Suite 100  Columbia, MD 21146	Direct mail fundraising		No	991,317	103,545	887,772
2 ClearWord Communications 10302 Bristow Center Dr Unit 51  Bristow, VA 20136	Direct mail fundraising		No	507,783	58,007	449,776
3 Brilliant Communications 9305 Schubert Court  Vienna, VA 22182	Direct mail fundraising		No	274,172	41,838	232,234
4 HSP 20130 Lakeview Center Plaza Suite  Ashburn, VA 20147	Direct mail fundraising		No	9,303	2,997	6,306
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
Total ▶				1,782,575	206,387	1,576,088

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.

AL, AK, CO, CT, DC, FL, GA, HI, IL, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MN, MS, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, UT, VA, WA, WV, WI, AR, CA

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	(b)Event #2	(c)Other events	(d)	
		(event type)	(event type)	(total number)	Total events (add col (a) through col (c))	
Direct Expenses	1	Gross receipts . . . . .				
	2	Less: Contributions . . . . .				
	3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2) . . . . .				
	4	Cash prizes . . . . .				
	5	Noncash prizes . . . . .				
	6	Rent/facility costs . . . . .				
	7	Food and beverages . . . . .				
	8	Entertainment . . . . .				
	9	Other direct expenses . . . . .				
	10	Direct expense summary: Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) . . . . . ▶				
	11	Net income summary: Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) . . . . . ▶				

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 . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No		
	7	Direct expense summary: Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) . . . . . ▶				
	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

**13a**

%

**13b**

%

**14**

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

**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

**13a**

%

**13b**

%

**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 G (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2015



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

[illegible]

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

**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
Part I, Line 2	Grant funds were paid pursuant to an agreement requiring the recipient to expend the funds for exclusively for 501(c)(4) purposes. The organization reviews the recipient's Form 990, IRS tax-exemption letter, articles of incorporation, by-laws, and validates the recipient's tax ID #.

**Additional Data**

**Software ID:**  
**Software Version:**  
**EIN:** 75-3148958  
**Name:** Americans for Prosperity

**Form 990, Schedule I, Part II, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.**

<b>(a)</b> Name and address of organization or government	<b>(b)</b> EIN	<b>(c)</b> IRC section if applicable	<b>(d)</b> Amount of cash grant	<b>(e)</b> Amount of non-cash assistance	<b>(f)</b> Method of valuation (book, FMV , appraisal, other)	<b>(g)</b> Description of non-cash assistance	<b>(h)</b> Purpose of grant or assistance
Beacon Center of Tennessee PO Box 198646 Nashville, TN 37219	20-1808567	501(c)(3)	10,000				Program Support
Home School Legal Defense Association 1 Patrick Henry Circle Purcelville, VA 20132	54-1719605	501(c)(3)	6,000				Program Support
Kansas Senior Consumer Alliance LLC 2805 N Funston Iola, KS 66749	46-5584033		42,000				Program Support

**Form 990, Schedule I, Part II, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.**

<b>(a)</b> Name and address of organization or government	<b>(b)</b> EIN	<b>(c)</b> IRC section if applicable	<b>(d)</b> Amount of cash grant	<b>(e)</b> Amount of non-cash assistance	<b>(f)</b> Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	<b>(g)</b> Description of non-cash assistance	<b>(h)</b> Purpose of grant or assistance
KidsFirst Mississippi Political Issue Committee PO Box 2572 Ridgeland, MS 39158	47-5003575	501(c)(4)	210,000				Program Support
Protect my Check 2102 W Cass St Tampa, FL 33606	47-1855595	501(c)(4)	50,000				Program Support

Schedule J

(Form 990)

Compensation Information

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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.

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

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Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization  
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Part I

Questions Regarding Compensation

- 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

☐ Housing allowance or residence for personal use

☐ Travel for companions

☐ Payments for business use of personal residence

☐ Tax indemnification and gross-up payments

☐ Health or social club dues or initiation fees

☐ Discretionary spending account

☐ 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.
- 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?
- 3** Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.
- ☒ Compensation committee

☐ Written employment contract

☐ Independent compensation consultant

☒ Compensation survey or study

☒ Form 990 of other organizations

☒ Approval by the board or compensation committee
- 4** During the year, did any person listed 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 9** If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

	Yes	No
1b	Yes	
2	Yes	
4a	Yes	
4b		No
4c		No
5a		No
5b		No
6a		No
6b		No
7	Yes	
8		No
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				
See Additional Data Table							

**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
Part I, Line 1a	First class travel may be provided if there are last minute flight changes or there is no other available travel alternative. All travel is for a bona fide business purpose.
Part I, Line 3	The organization relied on the methods used by Americans for Prosperity Foundation (a related organization) to establish the compensation of the organization's President.
Part I, Line 4a	Dennis Vegas, CMO, received a total severance of \$60,000, \$19,800 from the filing organization and \$40,200 from a related organization. Adam Stryker, VP-Strategic Initiatives, received a total severance of \$45,000, \$25,200 from the filing organization and \$19,800 from a related organization.
Part I, Line 7	The Organization pays out discretionary bonuses.

Additional Data

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Name: Americans for Prosperity

Form 990, Schedule J, Part II - Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

(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				
1Tim PhillipsPresident	(i)	244,151	95,700	0	9,222	16,395	365,468	0
	(ii)	36,482	14,300	0	1,378	-	-	0
						2,450	54,610	
1Robert HeatonCFO	(i)	112,577	29,400	0	4,176	9,234	155,387	0
	(ii)	117,172	30,600	0	4,347	-	-	0
						9,611	161,730	
2Luke HilgemannCEO	(i)	83,750	46,200	0	3,498	6,219	139,667	0
	(ii)	170,037	93,800	0	7,102	-	-	0
						12,626	283,565	
3Chrstopher FinkCOO	(i)	69,930	22,400	0	2,630	5,277	100,237	0
	(ii)	179,819	57,600	0	6,762	-	-	0
						13,568	257,749	
4Dennis Vegas Part yearCMO	(i)	51,977	0	19,800	0	3,651	75,428	0
	(ii)	105,530	0	40,200	0	-	-	0
						7,412	153,142	
5Victor Bernson VP & General Counsel	(i)	81,892	22,000	0	4,205	3,468	111,565	0
	(ii)	122,838	33,000	0	6,308	-	-	0
						5,202	167,348	
6Slade O'Brien VP/Grassroots Leadership A	(i)	4,867	1,650	0	0	565	7,082	0
	(ii)	157,381	53,350	0	0	-	-	0
						18,280	229,011	
7Brent Gardner VP/Government Affairs	(i)	122,422	48,000	0	6,862	5,670	182,954	0
	(ii)	30,605	12,000	0	1,715	-	-	0
						1,417	45,737	
8Teresa Oelke VP, State Operations	(i)	96,796	39,750	0	4,195	9,988	150,729	0
	(ii)	85,838	35,250	0	3,720	-	-	0
						8,857	133,665	
9Jennifer Stefano VP-Bridge to Well Being	(i)	3,323	400	0	7	9	3,739	0
	(ii)	162,831	19,600	0	362	-	-	0
						447	183,240	
10Adam Stryker Part Year VP-Strategic Initiatives	(i)	76,362	0	25,200	3,120	7,978	112,660	0
	(ii)	59,999	0	19,800	2,452	-	-	0
						6,269	88,520	
11Chase Downham Regional Director	(i)	77,484	33,000	0	4,518	10,695	125,697	0
	(ii)	63,396	27,000	0	3,697	-	-	0
						8,750	102,843	
12Dernck Sontag Senior Regional Director	(i)	68,392	17,600	0	1,922	2,601	90,515	0
	(ii)	87,045	22,400	0	2,447	-	-	0
						3,310	115,202	
13Dustin Zvonek Regional Director	(i)	49,518	17,500	0	2,735	6,596	76,349	0
	(ii)	91,962	32,500	0	5,080	-	-	0
						12,249	141,791	
14Mark Lucas Regional Director	(i)	73,360	26,000	0	2,026	237	101,623	0
	(ii)	67,717	24,000	0	1,870	-	-	0
						219	93,806	
15Peter Schalestock Deputy General Council	(i)	87,501	10,800	0	3,996	3,827	106,124	0
	(ii)	74,538	9,200	0	3,404	-	-	0
						3,260	90,402	





**Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No
(1) Christopher Fink	Family relationship with Director, Richard Fink	100,236	Employee compensation		No

**Part V Supplemental Information**

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

Return Reference	Explanation
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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](http://www.irs.gov/form990)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization  
Americans for Prosperity

Employer identification number  
75-3148958

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	3	548,701	Fair 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 . . . . .				
20 Drugs and medical supplies . . . . .				
21 Taxidermy . . . . .				
22 Historical artifacts . . . . .				
23 Scientific specimens . . . . .				
24 Archeological artifacts . . . . .				
25 Other ► ( _____ Miscellaneous )	X	4	11,650	Fair market value
26 Other ► ( _____ )				
27 Other ► ( _____ )				
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

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

Yes

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
Part I, Column (b)	The number of contributors represents the number of contributions received, not the number of items contributed

**SCHEDULE O**  
**(Form 990 or**  
**990-EZ)**Department of the  
Treasury  
Internal Revenue  
Service**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on  
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at  
[www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).**2015****Open to Public  
Inspection**Name of the organization  
Americans for Prosperity**Employer identification number**

75-3148958

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 1	Several Members of the Board of Directors are on the Executive Committee of the AFP Board of Directors Under the AFP bylaw s and Board resolution, the Executive Committee may exercise the powers of the Board w hen the Board is not in session, but must report its actions to the Board at the next Board meeting The Executive Committee may not (1) amend, alter, or repeal the organization's bylaw s or articles of incorporation, (2) elect, appoint, or remove any officer or director, or (3) authorize the disposition of any of the organization's property and assets
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 2	Richard Fink and Chris Fink have a family relationship

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 4	The governing Board amended the AFP Bylaw s to create the position of Chief Executive Officer and simultaneously eliminate from the Bylaw s other officer positions not required by law in order to provide CEO w ith greater flexibility to appoint officers and manage team
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11	The Form 990 is prepared by an independent CPA firm The COO, VP of Finance, and General C ounsel review the Form 990 The 990 is then distributed to the audit committee, acting on behalf of the board for review and questions prior to filing w ith the IRS

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 12c	The Organization has in place a conflict of interest policy covering all staff, directors and officers that it monitors through the quarterly meetings of the Board of Directors' Audit Committee and an annual employee survey. Should a conflict be disclosed, it is addressed by company management or the board, as appropriate.
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 15	The board for Americans for Prosperity Foundation, a related organization, reviews comparative data in determining pay for the CEO and other officers and key employees. This process is documented in the employee's personnel file. This process was last completed during the tax year for all officers.

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19	The organization makes available to the public documents required by law to be made publicly available in accordance with IRS procedures
Form 990, Part V, Line 2a, Part VII, Part IX, Lines 5 - 10 and Schedule J	The filing organization shares employees with Americans for Prosperity Foundation, a related organization. The related organization handles all applicable filings with the IRS. Compensation paid to individuals working for both organizations is reported in Part VII, Part IX and Schedule J based primarily on the percentage of time devoted to each respective organization. Part VII, Columns D and E need to be added together in order to tie out to Form W-2, Box 5 wages.



**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VIII, Line 7a/7b	The organization has a policy w hereby all contributed securities are immediately sold through the broker that receives those contributions on the organization's behalf
Form 990, Part XII, Line 2c	The organization's Audit Committee assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit of it s financial statements and selection of its independent accountant This process has not c hanged since the prior year

SCHEDULE R  
(Form 990)

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

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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.

► Attach to Form 990. ► Information about Schedule R (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

Name of the organization Americans for Prosperity	Employer identification number 75-3148958
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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) PRDIST LLC 1310 N Courthouse Rd Ste 700 Arlington, VA 22201 27-3120702	Educate and mobilize citizens	VA	0	2,000	Americans for Prosperity

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?	
						Yes	No
(1)Americans for Prosperity Foundation 1310 N Courthouse Rd Ste 700  Arlington, VA 22201 52-1527294	Educate citizens	DE	501(c)(3)	Line 7	N/A		No

**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, 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 V Transactions With Related Organizations** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.

**Note.** Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule

**1** During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

**a** Receipt of **(i)** interest, **(ii)** annuities, **(iii)** royalties, or **(iv)** rent from a controlled entity . . . . .

**b** Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s) . . . . .

**c** Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s) . . . . .

**d** Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s) . . . . .

**e** Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s) . . . . .

**f** Dividends from related organization(s) . . . . .

**g** Sale of assets to related organization(s) . . . . .

**h** Purchase of assets from related organization(s) . . . . .

**i** Exchange of assets with related organization(s) . . . . .

**j** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s) . . . . .

**k** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s) . . . . .

**l** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)  
. . . . .

**m** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s) . . . . .

**n** Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s) . . . . .

**o** Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s) . . . . .

**p** Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses . . . . .

**q** Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses . . . . .

**r** Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s) . . . . .

**s** Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s) . . . . .

	Yes	No
<b>1a</b>		No
<b>1b</b>		No
<b>1c</b>		No
<b>1d</b>		No
<b>1e</b>		No
<b>1f</b>		No
<b>1g</b>		No
<b>1h</b>		No
<b>1i</b>		No
<b>1j</b>		No
<b>1k</b>		No
<b>1l</b>		No
<b>1m</b>		No
<b>1n</b>	Yes	
<b>1o</b>	Yes	
<b>1p</b>		No
<b>1q</b>	Yes	
<b>1r</b>		No
<b>1s</b>		No

<b>2</b> If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds			
(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1)Americans for Prosperity Foundation	N		
(2)Americans for Prosperity Foundation	O		
(3)Americans for Prosperity Foundation	P		

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

[illegible]

**Part VII**   **Supplemental Information**

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

Return Reference	Explanation
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