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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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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) 1310 N Courthouse Rd No 700

Room/suite

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
Arlington, VA 22201

D Employer identification number

75-3148958

E Telephone number

(703) 224-3200

G Gross receipts \$ 44,934,576

F Name and address of principal officer

Luke Hilgemann
1310 N Courthouse Rd No 700
Arlington, VA 22201H(a) Is this a group return for
subordinates? Yes NoH(b) Are all subordinates
Included? Yes No

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

H(c) Group exemption number ►

I Tax-exempt status

 501(c)(3) 501(c) (4) (Insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527J Website: ► www.americansforprosperity.orgK Form of organization Corporation Trust Association Other ►

L Year of formation 2004

M State of legal domicile DC

Part I Summary

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)	3	5
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	5
5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)	5	0
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	4,658
7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0

8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	82,499,013	44,205,731
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	182,784	127,228
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	328	-633
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	0	50,259
12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	82,682,125	44,382,585

13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	278,045	497,567
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	15,503,929	17,551,979
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	154,482	206,387
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ► 6,382,735	74,475,619	27,472,000
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	90,412,075	45,727,933
18 Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	-7,729,950	-1,345,348
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12		

	Prior Year	Current Year
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Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
7,611,462	6,887,540
5,059,270	5,680,696
2,552,192	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

2016-11-15

Date

Luke Hilgemann CEO

Type or print name and title

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Preparer
Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name David C Moja	Preparer's signature David C Moja	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> 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?

Yes No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any programs or services?

Yes No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code) (Expenses \$ 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

1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A

2 Is the organization required to complete *Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors* (see instructions)?

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

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

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

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

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

8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III

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

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

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

- Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI
- 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
- 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
- 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
- Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X
- 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

12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII

12b 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

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

14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?

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

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

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

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)

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

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

20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H

b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?

	Yes	No
1		No
2	Yes	
3	Yes	
4		
5		No
6		No
7		No
8		No
9		No
10		No
11a	Yes	
11b		No
11c		No
11d	Yes	
11e	Yes	
11f	Yes	
12a	Yes	
12b	Yes	
13		No
14a		No
14b		No
15		No
16		No
17	Yes	
18		No
19		No
20a		No
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 Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25a	No	
b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25b	No	
26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II	26	No	
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III	27	No	
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)			
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28a	No	
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28b	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 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	36		
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI	37	No	
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	Yes	

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	1a	142	
b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	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? Note. 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).	7a		
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?	7b		
b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7c		
c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7d		
d If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7e		
e Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7f		
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7g		
g If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7h		
h If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	8		
8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.	9a		
Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	9b		
9a Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?			
b Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?			
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter	10a		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10b		
b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities			
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter	11a		
a Gross income from members or shareholders	11b		
b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)			
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.	13a		
a Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O	13b		
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	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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year

1a	5	Yes	No
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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 Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent

1b	5	Yes	No
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2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?

3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?

4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?

5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?

6 Did the organization have members or stockholders?

7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?

b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?

8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following

a The governing body?

b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?

9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O

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

10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?

b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?

11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?

b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990

12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13

b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?

c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done

13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?

14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?

15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?

a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official

b Other officers or key employees of the organization

If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions)

16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?

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?

	Yes	No
10a	Yes	
10b	Yes	
11a		No
12a	Yes	
12b	Yes	
12c	Yes	
13	Yes	
14	Yes	
15a	Yes	
15b	Yes	
16a		No
16b		

Section C. Disclosure

17 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

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c) (3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply

Own website Another's website Upon request Other (explain in Schedule O)

19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year

20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records
► 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 ContractorsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII **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	
		Or director	Indi- vidual trustee	In- stitutional Trustee	Offi- cer	Key employee	Highest compen- sation	Form 1099- MISC		
(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 Pfotenhauer Director	2 00 2 00	X						0	0	0
(4) Jim Miller Director	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) Christopher 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	Official Employee	Highest compensated Employee			
(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) Dernick 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							
1b Sub-Total								
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A								
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)						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
3	Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	3	No
4	For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	4	Yes
5	Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person	5	No

Section B. Independent Contractors

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

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

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

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a Federated campaigns	1a					
	b Membership dues	1b					
	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	2a Registration Fees		Business Code				
			900099	127,228	127,228		
	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 Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
	b Less rental expenses						
	c Rental income or (loss)						
	d Net rental income or (loss)						
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
		551,358					
	b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses						
	c Gain or (loss)	-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
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments See Part IV, line 21	497,567	497,567		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	1,404,916	546,216	449,446	409,254
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	13,830,980	9,453,789	2,856,756	1,520,435
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	266,962	237,780	7,592	21,590
9 Other employee benefits	1,427,423	1,233,030	71,849	122,544
10 Payroll taxes	621,698	574,813	34,290	12,595
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal	437,021		437,021	
c Accounting	15,626		15,626	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17	206,387			206,387
f Investment management fees				
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	2,199,906	1,566,397	419,081	214,428
12 Advertising and promotion	8,299,136	6,833,925	63,009	1,402,202
13 Office expenses	6,267,663	5,175,808	119,948	971,907
14 Information technology	630,082	151,823	461,660	16,599
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	2,195,541	1,592,818	386,930	215,793
17 Travel	4,822,280	3,886,113	192,700	743,467
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	2,030,497	1,642,415	12,673	375,409
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	245,894	206,179	14,598	25,117
23 Insurance				
24 Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O)				
a List rental	138,224	26,500		111,724
b Equipment leasing	82,005	68,538	6,451	7,016
c Taxes, licenses, fees	41,306	26,836	12,253	2,217
d Membership	23,693	20,221	1,014	2,458
e All other expenses	43,126	40,599	934	1,593
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	45,727,933	33,781,367	5,563,831	6,382,735
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation Check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X Balance SheetCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X

		(A) Beginning of year	(B) 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		
	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		
	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	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 AssetsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI

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

Part XII Financial Statements and ReportingCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII

1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 Cash Accrual Other _____
 If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O

2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?

If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both

Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis

2b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?

If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both

Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis

3a 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

3b 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?

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

	Yes	No
2a		No
2b	Yes	
2c	Yes	
3a		No
3b		

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**(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.**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

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 ► \$ 1,220,844

2 Political expenditures

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? Yes No

4a Was a correction made? Yes 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? Yes 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 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 if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures

(The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)

<p>1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)</p> <p>b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)</p> <p>c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)</p> <p>d Other exempt purpose expenditures</p> <p>e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)</p> <p>f Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; padding: 2px;">If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th style="text-align: left; padding: 2px;">The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Not over \$500,000</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">20% of the amount on line 1e</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Over \$17,000,000</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">\$1,000,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)</p> <p>h Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zero or less, enter -0-</p> <p>i Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, enter -0-</p>	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												

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	
1				
a				
b				
c				
d				
e				
f				
g				
h				
i				
j				
2a				
b				
c				
d				

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

1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?
 2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?
 3 Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?

1	No
1	
2	
3	

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."

1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members
 2 Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (**do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid**).
 a Current year
 b Carryover from last year
 c Total
 3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues
 4 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?
 5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)

1	
2a	
2b	
2c	
3	
4	
5	

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

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(Form 990)**Supplemental Financial Statements**

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

Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.Department of the
Treasury
Internal Revenue ServiceName of the organization
Americans for Prosperity

Employer identification number

75-3148958

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		

5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? Yes No

6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? Yes No

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)

Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education)
 Protection of natural habitat
 Preservation of open space

Preservation of an historically important land area
 Preservation of a certified historic structure

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year

	Held at the End of the Year
2a	
2b	
2c	
2d	

a Total number of conservation easements

b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements

c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)

d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ► _____

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ► _____

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? Yes No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year
► _____

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year
► \$ _____

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? Yes No

9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items

(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► \$ _____

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► \$ _____

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► \$ _____

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► \$ _____

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets
(continued)

3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

a Public exhibition

d Loan or exchange programs

b Scholarly research

e Other

c Preservation for future generations

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	
1d	
1e	
1f	

c Beginning balance

d Additions during the year

e Distributions during the year

f 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

Yes

(ii) related organizations

No

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

3b

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)	Accumulated (c) 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 VII Investments—Other Securities. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other		

Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12)

Part VIII Investments—Program Related.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13)

Part IX Other Assets. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d See Form 990, Part X, line 15

Total (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B), line 15.)

Part X Other Liabilities. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25) ► 4,452,273

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII.

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	8,571,847
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	27,525
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	8,571,847
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	27,525
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

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SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue ServiceSupplemental 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/form990Name of the organization
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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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mail solicitations	e <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of non-government grants
b <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internet and email solicitations	f <input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of government grants
c <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phone solicitations	g <input type="checkbox"/> Special fundraising events
d <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 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.

	(a) Event #1 (event type)	(b) Event #2 (event type)	(c) Other events (total number)	(d) Total events (add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue				
1 Gross receipts				
2 Less Contributions				
3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)				
Direct Expenses				
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.

	(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue				
1 Gross revenue				
Direct Expenses				
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 _____

Yes No

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

13a	%
13b	%

a The organization's facility

b An outside facility

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

Name ► _____

Address ► _____

15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? Yes No

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

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

Name ► _____

Address ► _____

16 Gaming manager information

Name ► _____

Gaming manager compensation ► \$ _____

Description of services provided ► _____

Director/officer

Employee

Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions

a Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? Yes No

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

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

Return Reference

Explanation

Schedule I (Form 990)

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

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

► Attach to Form 990.

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

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Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

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

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
See Additional Data Table							

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

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.**

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) 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.

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) 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

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(Form 990)**Compensation Information**

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.

► Attach to Form 990.

► Information about Schedule J (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.Department of the
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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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use
<input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions	<input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence
<input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments	<input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees
<input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)

Yes**No****b** If any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain**1b** Yes**2** Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?**2** Yes**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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract
<input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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**4a** Yes**a** Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?**4b** No**b** Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?**4c** No**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**5a** No**a** The organization?**5b** No**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**6a** No**a** The organization?**6b** No**b** Any related organization?

If "Yes," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III

7 Yes**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** No**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)?

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 benefits	(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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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				
1 Tim Phillips President	(i) 244,151	95,700	0	9,222	16,395	365,468	0
	(II) 36,482	14,300	0	1,378	2,450	54,610	0
2 Robert Heaton CFO	(i) 112,577	29,400	0	4,176	9,234	155,387	0
	(II) 117,172	30,600	0	4,347	9,611	161,730	0
3 Luke Hilgemann CEO	(i) 83,750	46,200	0	3,498	6,219	139,667	0
	(II) 170,037	93,800	0	7,102	12,626	283,565	0
4 Christopher Fink COO	(i) 69,930	22,400	0	2,630	5,277	100,237	0
	(II) 179,819	57,600	0	6,762	13,568	257,749	0
5 Dennis Vegas Part year CMO	(i) 51,977	0	19,800	0	3,651	75,428	0
	(II) 105,530	0	40,200	0	7,412	153,142	0
6 Victor Benson VP & General Counsel	(i) 81,892	22,000	0	4,205	3,468	111,565	0
	(II) 122,838	33,000	0	6,308	5,202	167,348	0
7 Slade O'Brien VP/Grassroots Leadership A	(i) 4,867	1,650	0	0	565	7,082	0
	(II) 157,381	53,350	0	0	18,280	229,011	0
8 Brent 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	1,417	45,737	0
9 Teresa 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	8,857	133,665	0
10 Jennifer Stefano VP-Bridge to Well Being	(i) 3,323	400	0	7	9	3,739	0
	(II) 162,831	19,600	0	362	447	183,240	0
11 Adam 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	6,269	88,520	0
12 Chase Downham Regional Director	(i) 77,484	33,000	0	4,518	10,695	125,697	0
	(II) 63,396	27,000	0	3,697	8,750	102,843	0
13 Dernick 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	3,310	115,202	0
14 Dustin Zvonek Regional Director	(i) 49,518	17,500	0	2,735	6,596	76,349	0
	(II) 91,962	32,500	0	5,080	12,249	141,791	0
15 Mark Lucas Regional Director	(i) 73,360	26,000	0	2,026	237	101,623	0
	(II) 67,717	24,000	0	1,870	219	93,806	0
16 Peter 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	3,260	90,402	0

Schedule L
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Transactions with Interested Persons

- ▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or 40b.
- ▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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

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Part I Excess Benefit Transactions (section 501(c)(3), section 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations only)

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b

2 Enter the amount of tax incurred by organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958 ► \$

3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization ► \$

Part II **Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a, or Form 990, Part IV, line 26, or if the organization reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 5, 6, or 22

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefiting Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons

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

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/form990Name of the organization
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Part I Types of Property

- 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
- 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)
- 26 Other ► (_____)
- 27 Other ► (_____)
- 28 Other ► (_____)

	(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

29

Yes No

30a Yes No

31 Yes

32a Yes No

- 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?
- 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?
- 32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?
- 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

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)**

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Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

► Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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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 bylaws and Board resolution, the Executive Committee may exercise the powers of the Board when 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 bylaws 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 Bylaws to create the position of Chief Executive Officer and simultaneously eliminate from the Bylaws other officer positions not required by law in order to provide CEO with 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 Counsel 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 with 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 whereby 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 its financial statements and selection of its independent accountant. This process has not changed since the prior year

**SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)****Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships**

OMB No 1545-0047

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.

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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
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(1) PRDIST LLC
1310 N Courthouse Rd Ste 700
Arlington, VA 22201
27-3120702

Educate and mobilize citizens

VA

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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?
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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.

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.

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

2 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		

Part VI Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 37.

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.

Part VII Supplemental Information

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

Return Reference	Explanation