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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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2015

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning, 2015, and ending
B Check if applicable
C Montana Conservation Voters Inc.
D Employer identification number 81-0521030
E Telephone number (406) 254-1593
G Gross receipts \$ 291,759.
H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? Yes No
H(b) Are all subordinates included? Yes No
I Tax-exempt status 501(c)(3) 501(c) ( 4 ) (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527
J Website: www.mtvoters.org
K Form of organization X Corporation Trust Association Other
L Year of formation 1998 M State of legal domicile MT

Summary

Table with 3 main sections: Activities & Governance, Revenue, Expenses, and Net Assets or Fund Balances. Includes rows for mission statement, membership counts, revenue breakdown, and asset/liability totals.

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.

Signature of officer: Clayton Elliott, Executive Director, dated 6/30/2016.

Paid Preparer Use Only section with fields for preparer name, signature, date, firm name, address, EIN, and phone number.

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) Yes No

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Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III. [X]

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

See Schedule O

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 [X] No

If 'Yes,' describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? [ ] Yes [X] 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 \$ 112,256. including grants of \$ 12,500.) (Revenue \$ )

See Schedule O

4b (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 46,490. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

See Schedule O

4c (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 46,235. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

See Schedule O

4d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.)

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

4e Total program service expenses 204,981.

**Checklist of Required Schedules**

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule A		X
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)?	X	
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	X	
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	X	
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		X
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		X
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part III		X
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		X
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		X
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is 'Yes,' then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings and equipment in Part X, line 10? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part VI	X	
b Did the organization report an amount for investments – other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part VII		X
c Did the organization report an amount for investments – program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part VIII		X
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part IX		X
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part X	X	
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part X		X
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Parts XI, and XII		X
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If 'Yes,' and if the organization answered 'No' to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional		X
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule E		X
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
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		X
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		X
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		X
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)		X
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	X	
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		X

**Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)**

	Yes	No
<b>20a</b> Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If 'Yes', complete Schedule H.</i>		X
<b>b</b> If 'Yes' to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
<b>21</b> 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? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule I, Parts I and II.</i>	X	
<b>22</b> 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? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule I, Parts I and III.</i>		X
<b>23</b> 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? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J.</i>		X
<b>24a</b> 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? <i>If 'Yes,' answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If 'No,' go to line 25a.</i>		X
<b>b</b> Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
<b>c</b> Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
<b>d</b> Did the organization act as an 'on behalf of' issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
<b>25a</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I.</i>		X
<b>b</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? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I.</i>		X
<b>26</b> 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? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part II.</i>		X
<b>27</b> 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? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part III.</i>		X
<b>28</b> 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):		
<b>a</b> A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV.</i>		X
<b>b</b> A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV.</i>		X
<b>c</b> 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? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV.</i>		X
<b>29</b> Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule M.</i>		X
<b>30</b> Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule M.</i>		X
<b>31</b> Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule N, Part I.</i>		X
<b>32</b> Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule N, Part II.</i>		X
<b>33</b> Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part I.</i>		X
<b>34</b> Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1.</i>	X	
<b>35a</b> Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		X
<b>b</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)? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2.</i>		
<b>36</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2.</i>		
<b>37</b> 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? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part VI.</i>		X
<b>38</b> Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.	X	

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

1 a Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable 1 a 3
b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable 1 b 0
c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners? 1 c X
2 a 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 2 a 28
b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? 2 b X
3 a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year? 3 a X
b If 'Yes,' has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If 'No' to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O. 3 b
4 a 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)? 4 a X
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)
5 a Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? 5 a X
b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? 5 b X
c If 'Yes,' to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T? 5 c
6 a 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? 6 a X
b If 'Yes,' did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible? 6 b X
7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).
a Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor? 7 a
b If 'Yes,' did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided? 7 b
c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282? 7 c
d If 'Yes,' indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year. 7 d
e Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? 7 e
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? 7 f
g If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required? 7 g
h If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C? 7 h
8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year? 8
9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.
a Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966? 9 a
b Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person? 9 b
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12. 10 a
b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities. 10 b
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:
a Gross income from members or shareholders. 11 a
b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.) 11 b
12 a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041? 12 a
b If 'Yes,' enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year. 12 b
13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.
a Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? 13 a
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. 13 b
c Enter the amount of reserves on hand 13 c
14 a Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year? 14 a X
b If 'Yes,' has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If 'No,' provide an explanation in Schedule O 14 b

**Governance, Management, and Disclosure** For each 'Yes' response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a 'No' response to line 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**

Table with columns for line number, description, and Yes/No checkboxes. Includes lines 1a-10 regarding governing body members, relationships, and documentation.

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

Table with columns for line number, description, and Yes/No checkboxes. Includes lines 10a-16b regarding local chapters, conflict of interest, whistleblower, and investment policies.

**Section C. Disclosure**

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed: None
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
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. See Schedule O
20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: The Organization 2822 3rd Ave, Ste 203 Billings MT 59101 (406) 254-1593

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

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

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

**1 a** 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, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

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

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) Michelle Stearns Secretary	7 2	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(2) Jock Conyngham Director	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
(3) Juanita Vero Chairperson	7 0	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(4) Ben Graybill Director	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
(5) Robin Saha Vice Chair	7 0	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(6) Rich Day Director	4 5	X						0.	0.	0.
(7) Dave Chadwick Director	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
(8) Rachel Carroll Rivas Director	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
(9) Elizabeth Ametsbichler Treasurer	6 0	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(10) Derf Johnson Director	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
(11) Theresa Keaveny Executive Dir.	40 25			X			69,659.	0.	0.	0.
(12) Clayton Elliott Executive Dir.	40 20			X			7,084.	0.	0.	0.
(13)										
(14)										



**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees** (continued)

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)					(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee			
(15) -----									
(16) -----									
(17) -----									
(18) -----									
(19) -----									
(20) -----									
(21) -----									
(22) -----									
(23) -----									
(24) -----									
(25) -----									
<b>1 b Sub-total</b> .....						76,743.	0.	0.	
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b> .....						0.	0.	0.	
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b> .....						76,743.	0.	0.	
<b>2</b> Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization ▶ 0									

	Yes	No
<b>3</b> Did the organization list any <b>former</b> officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J for such individual.</i> .....	3	X
<b>4</b> For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If 'Yes' complete Schedule J for such individual</i> .....	4	X
<b>5</b> Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J for such person.</i> .....	5	X

**Section B. Independent Contractors**

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

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation

**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 ▶ 0

**Statement of Revenue**

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

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts</b>	<b>1 a</b> Federated campaigns.....	<b>1 a</b>				
	<b>b</b> Membership dues... ..	<b>1 b</b> 69,784.				
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events.....	<b>1 c</b>				
	<b>d</b> Related organizations... ..	<b>1 d</b> 40,000.				
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions)	<b>1 e</b>				
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above ..	<b>1 f</b> 145,706.				
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$					
	<b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f ...		255,490.			
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	<b>2 a</b> Business Code					
	<b>b</b> -----					
	<b>c</b> -----					
	<b>d</b> -----					
	<b>e</b> -----					
	<b>f</b> All other program service revenue ...					
	<b>g Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f.....					
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts) ...		138.	138.		
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds ..					
	<b>5</b> Royalties.....					
	<b>6 a</b> Gross rents.....	(i) Real				
		(ii) Personal				
	<b>b</b> Less: rental expenses					
	<b>c</b> Rental income or (loss) ..					
	<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss) .....					
	<b>7 a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities				
		(ii) Other				
	<b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses .....					
	<b>c</b> Gain or (loss).....					
	<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss) .....					
	<b>8 a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 .....	<b>a</b> 36,131.				
<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses.....	<b>b</b> 14,285.					
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events .....		21,846.		21,846.		
<b>9 a</b> Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 .....	<b>a</b>					
<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses.....	<b>b</b>					
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities.....						
<b>10 a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances .....	<b>a</b>					
	<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold. ....	<b>b</b>				
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory.....					
<b>11 a</b> Miscellaneous Revenue Business Code						
<b>b</b> -----						
<b>c</b> -----						
<b>d</b> All other revenue .....						
<b>e Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d.....						
<b>12 Total revenue.</b> See instructions .....		277,474.	138.	0.	21,846.	

**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 .. . . . . .

<b>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</b>	<b>(A)</b> Total expenses	<b>(B)</b> Program service expenses	<b>(C)</b> Management and general expenses	<b>(D)</b> Fundraising expenses
<b>1</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21. . . . .	12,500.	12,500.		
<b>2</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22. . . . .				
<b>3</b> Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16. . . . .				
<b>4</b> Benefits paid to or for members . . . . .				
<b>5</b> Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees . . . . .	34,978.	16,483.	8,232.	10,263.
<b>6</b> Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B). . . . .	0.	0.	0.	0.
<b>7</b> Other salaries and wages . . . . .	142,358.	104,280.	8,232.	29,846.
<b>8</b> Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions). . . . .	1,297.	900.	86.	311.
<b>9</b> Other employee benefits . . . . .	14,348.	7,609.	4,065.	2,674.
<b>10</b> Payroll taxes. . . . .	16,647.	11,538.	1,470.	3,639.
<b>11</b> Fees for services (non-employees):				
<b>a</b> Management. . . . .				
<b>b</b> Legal. . . . .				
<b>c</b> Accounting. . . . .	361.	277.	31.	53.
<b>d</b> Lobbying . . . . .				
<b>e</b> Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17. . . . .				
<b>f</b> Investment management fees . . . . .				
<b>g</b> Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.) . . . . .	13,602.	6,945.	5,238.	1,419.
<b>12</b> Advertising and promotion . . . . .	315.	162.	90.	63.
<b>13</b> Office expenses. . . . .	1,546.	1,090.		456.
<b>14</b> Information technology . . . . .	6,465.	4,789.	234.	1,442.
<b>15</b> Royalties . . . . .				
<b>16</b> Occupancy . . . . .	9,955.	7,743.	2,212.	
<b>17</b> Travel . . . . .	15,958.	9,735.	2,203.	4,020.
<b>18</b> Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials . . . . .				
<b>19</b> Conferences, conventions, and meetings. . . . .	7,981.	6,421.	376.	1,184.
<b>20</b> Interest . . . . .				
<b>21</b> Payments to affiliates . . . . .				
<b>22</b> Depreciation, depletion, and amortization . . . . .				
<b>23</b> Insurance . . . . .	1,150.	832.	86.	232.
<b>24</b> Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.) . . . . .				
<b>a</b> <u>Printing and Publications</u> . . . . .	8,078.	4,489.	1,134.	2,455.
<b>b</b> <u>Postage and Shipping</u> . . . . .	5,795.	3,316.	118.	2,361.
<b>c</b> <u>Small Equipment</u> . . . . .	5,517.		5,517.	
<b>d</b> <u>Dues/Registrations</u> . . . . .	4,342.	4,340.	1.	1.
<b>e</b> All other expenses . . . . .	6,912.	1,532.	3,591.	1,789.
<b>25</b> Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e . . . . .	310,105.	204,981.	42,916.	62,208.
<b>26</b> 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) . . . . .				

**Balance Sheet**

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

		(A)		(B)	
		Beginning of year		End of year	
<b>Assets</b>	1	Cash — non-interest-bearing	7,328.	1	40,118.
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	182,567.	2	116,078.
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5	Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	7,535.	
	10b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	7,535.	10c
	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	1,308.	15	1,308.
16	<b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34).	191,203.	16	157,504.	
<b>Liabilities</b>	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		17	
	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.	1,318.	25	250.
	26	<b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25	1,318.	26	250.
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>				
	27	Unrestricted net assets	189,885.	27	157,254.
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets		28	
	29	Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>				
	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	<b>Total net assets or fund balances.</b>	189,885.	33	157,254.	
34	<b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances.</b>	191,203.	34	157,504.	

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**Reconciliation of Net Assets**

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	277,474.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	310,105.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-32,631.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	189,885.
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	157,254.

**Financial Statements and Reporting**

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

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>See Sch. O</u>		
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?		X
If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis			
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?		X
If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis			
2c	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.			
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		X
3b	If 'Yes,' did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

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**SCHEDULE C**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities**

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2015**

▶ **Complete if the organization is described below. ▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**  
▶ **Information about Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).**

**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 instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see instructions), then**

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

Name of organization <b>Montana Conservation Voters Inc.</b>	Employer identification number <b>81-0521030</b>
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**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. See Part IV
- 2 Political expenditures . . . . . ▶ \$ 23,559.
- 3 Volunteer hours . . . . .

**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.

**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 . . . . . ▶ \$ 6,085.
- 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 . . . . . ▶ \$ 6,085.
- 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-
(1) MT Conservation Voters Action Fund	2822 3rd Ave, Ste 203 Billings, MT 59101	81-0531919		2,740.
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				

**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.)

(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals
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- 1 a** Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying) . . . . .
- b** Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying) . . . . .
- c** Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b) . . . . .
- d** Other exempt purpose expenditures . . . . .
- e** Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d) . . . . .
- f** Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns. . . . .

If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.

- g** Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f) . . . . .
- h** Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0- . . . . .
- i** Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0- . . . . .

**j** If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year? . . . . .  Yes  No

**4-Year Averaging Period Under section 501(h)**  
(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the 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
<b>2 a</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount . . . . .					
<b>b</b> Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column (e)). . . . .					
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures . . . . .					
<b>d</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount . . . . .					
<b>e</b> Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e)) . . . . .					
<b>f</b> Grassroots lobbying expenditures . . . . .					

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

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

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

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

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

<b>1</b> Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members.....	<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b> Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
<b>a</b> Current year .....	<b>2a</b>	
<b>b</b> Carryover from last year .....	<b>2b</b>	
<b>c</b> Total .....	<b>2c</b>	
<b>3</b> Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues .....	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b> If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?..	<b>4</b>	0.
<b>5</b> Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions) .....	<b>5</b>	0.

**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.

**Part I-A, Line 1 - Direct and Indirect Political Campaign Activities**

In the summer and fall of 2015, MCV chapter leaders and staff prepared non-partisan questionnaires mailed to candidates running for the city councils and commissions in Billings, Bozeman, Helena, Missoula, Whitefish and Livingston and invited them to participate at chapter membership meetings. MCV also communicated with members about what was at stake in the 2015 city elections and provided voter information to



**Supplemental Information** *(continued)*

**Part I-A, Line 1 - Direct and Indirect Political Campaign Activities (continued)**

residents of these communities about the environmental positions of those who responded to questionnaires.

SCHEDULE D (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.

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

Montana Conservation Voters Inc.

81-0521030

Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.

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

Table with 3 columns: Question number, (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows 1-4 cover total number, aggregate value of contributions, grants, and 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...
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes...

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).
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.

Table titled 'Held at the End of the Tax Year' with rows 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d.

- 3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year
4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located
5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?
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)?
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.

Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

- 1 a 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.

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

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

- a  Public exhibition
- b  Scholarly research
- c  Preservation for future generations
- d  Loan or exchange programs
- e  Other \_\_\_\_\_

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?  Yes  No

**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.

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

2 a 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 on Part XIII

**Endowment Funds.** Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1 a 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%.

3 a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

	Yes	No
(i) unrelated organizations	3a(i)	
(ii) related organizations	3a(ii)	
b If 'Yes' on line 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.

**Land, Buildings, and Equipment.**

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1 a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment				
e Other		7,535.	7,535.	0.
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)				0.

**Investments – Other Securities.**

N/A

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 _____		
(A) _____		
(B) _____		
(C) _____		
(D) _____		
(E) _____		
(F) _____		
(G) _____		
(H) _____		
(I) _____		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 12.) . . . ▶		

**Investments – Program Related.**

N/A

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

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) _____		
(2) _____		
(3) _____		
(4) _____		
(5) _____		
(6) _____		
(7) _____		
(8) _____		
(9) _____		
(10) _____		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 13.) . . . ▶		

**Other Assets.**

N/A

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

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1) _____	
(2) _____	
(3) _____	
(4) _____	
(5) _____	
(6) _____	
(7) _____	
(8) _____	
(9) _____	
(10) _____	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 15.) . . . . . ▶	

**Other Liabilities.**

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

(a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2) Credit Card	249.
(3) Rounding	1.
(4) _____	
(5) _____	
(6) _____	
(7) _____	
(8) _____	
(9) _____	
(10) _____	
(11) _____	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 25.) . . . . . ▶	250.

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.

**Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return.** N/A

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

<b>1</b>	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements . . . . .		<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
	<b>a</b> Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments . . . . .	<b>2 a</b>	
	<b>b</b> Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	<b>2 b</b>	
	<b>c</b> Recoveries of prior year grants . . . . .	<b>2 c</b>	
	<b>d</b> Other (Describe in Part XIII.) . . . . .	<b>2 d</b>	
	<b>e</b> Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b> . . . . .		<b>2 e</b>
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b> . . . . .		<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
	<b>a</b> Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .	<b>4 a</b>	
	<b>b</b> Other (Describe in Part XIII.) . . . . .	<b>4 b</b>	
	<b>c</b> Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b> . . . . .		<b>4 c</b>
<b>5</b>	Total revenue. Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.) . . . . .		<b>5</b>

**Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.** N/A

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

<b>1</b>	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements . . . . .		<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
	<b>a</b> Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	<b>2 a</b>	
	<b>b</b> Prior year adjustments . . . . .	<b>2 b</b>	
	<b>c</b> Other losses . . . . .	<b>2 c</b>	
	<b>d</b> Other (Describe in Part XIII.) . . . . .	<b>2 d</b>	
	<b>e</b> Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b> . . . . .		<b>2 e</b>
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b> . . . . .		<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
	<b>a</b> Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .	<b>4 a</b>	
	<b>b</b> Other (Describe in Part XIII.) . . . . .	<b>4 b</b>	
	<b>c</b> Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b> . . . . .		<b>4 c</b>
<b>5</b>	Total expenses. Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.) . . . . .		<b>5</b>

**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.

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

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**Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities**

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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

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

**1** Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

- a  Mail solicitations
- b  Internet and email solicitations
- c  Phone solicitations
- d  In-person solicitations
- e  Solicitation of non-government grants
- f  Solicitation of government grants
- g  Special fundraising events

**2a** Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? .....  Yes  No

**b** If 'Yes,' list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

	(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in column (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
			Yes	No			
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							
9							
10							
<b>Total</b>							0.

**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.

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**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	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events
		Conservation C (event type)	Annual Meeting (event type)	None (total number)	(add column (a) through column (c))
REVENUE	1	Gross receipts.....	18,915.	17,216.	36,131.
	2	Less: Contributions .....			
	3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2).....	18,915.	17,216.	36,131.
DIRECT EXPENSES	4	Cash prizes .....			
	5	Noncash prizes.....	4,000.		4,000.
	6	Rent/facility costs .....	2,500.	1,100.	3,600.
	7	Food and beverages.....	3,070.	1,400.	4,470.
	8	Entertainment ...		200.	200.
	9	Other direct expenses.....	2,015.		2,015.
	10	Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) .....			14,285.
	11	Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d).....			21,846.

**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 column (a) through column (c))
		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: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

10 a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? . . .  Yes  No

b If 'Yes,' explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

- 11 Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers?  Yes  No
- 12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming?  Yes  No

13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in:

a The organization's facility	13 a	%
b An outside facility	13 b	%

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 to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**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 provide any additional information (see instructions).



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

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**General Information on Grants and Assistance**

- 1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?  Yes  No
- 2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States.

**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.

1 (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
(1) <u>League of Conservation Voters</u> <u>1920 L Street NW, Ste 800</u> <u>Washington, DC 20036</u>	52-1733698	501(c)(4)	12,500.	0.			Direct Lobby, Voters Education
(2) -----							
(3) -----							
(4) -----							
(5) -----							
(6) -----							
(7) -----							
(8) -----							

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

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

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

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					

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

**SCHEDULE O**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

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Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

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

▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is  
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**Form 990, Part III, Line 1 - Organization Mission**

Montana Conservation Voters, Inc.'s primary exempt purpose is to educate and activate voters to be vital and effective participants in Montana's democratic process, to protect air and water quality, public health, fish and wildlife and open space. MCV informs the public about the votes and actions of local, state and federal elected officials pertaining to conservation and environmental issues, and encourages their involvement in government.

**Form 990, Part III, Line 4a - Program Service Accomplishments**

Conservation Policy Campaign: MCV's 2015 Conservation Policy Campaign was dedicated to working in the 2015 Montana State Legislature and with the administration of Governor Steve Bullock to ensure strong environmental policies and prevent any rollbacks of key environmental laws. Specific areas of work in 2015 included

- 1) work in the 2015 Montana State Legislature advocating for bills to advance clean, renewable energy and energy efficiency, public lands protection, as well as clean water laws and measures to ensure broad-based citizen participation, while opposing roll backs;
- 2) opposing proposals to transfer federal lands to the state as well as the dedication of any state funds to study this;
- 3) post-2015 legislature, testifying before the Interim Energy and Telecommunications legislative subcommittee and the Environmental Quality Council;
- 4) coordination of weekly meetings during the session of the Conservation Working Group, a coalition of groups organized to advocate for strong environmental policies; and
- 5) recruiting and securing appointments of conservation and environmental group leaders to openings on relevant local and statewide boards and commissions.

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**Form 990, Part III, Line 4a - Program Service Accomplishments**

Accomplishments include the passage of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Water Compact and passage of the Sage Grouse Conservation Act. Additional accomplishments include the defeat of legislation that would have transferred federal lands to the state, in part thanks to the hundreds of public comments submitted to the EQC, defeat of measures that would have weakened Montana's Renewable Energy Standard as it affects clean energy, energy rates and jobs, and defeat of bills that would have rolled back essential local planning tools. Accomplishments were achieved with the support of the Conservation Working Group, comprised of 13 allied organizations.

Montana Conservation Voters' 2015 State Legislative Scorecard was published in May, 2015 and sent to members, legislators, state and federal officials and participants in the Conservation Working Group. It was the centerpiece of post-legislative meetings held throughout the state.

As it does each year, MCV released the national League of Conservation Voters Congressional Scorecard in February, 2015 with a press release and in-studio TV interviews in Billings, MT. A special Congressional Scorecard was released in late January, featuring votes during the 2014 Congressional Lame Duck session, and MCV released this with similar earned and social media.

MCV coordinated, with chapters and Board members, five meetings with legislators in Billings (27 in attendance) Bozeman 38 in attendance), Missoula (19 in attendance), Great Falls (21 in attendance), Whitefish (29 in attendance) and Helena (18 in attendance) after the 2015 legislative session to discuss environmental policy priorities during the 2015-2016 state legislative interim.

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**Form 990, Part III, Line 4a - Program Service Accomplishments**

At the federal level, MCV advocated passage of the Production Tax Credit (to promote renewal energy), as well as range of public lands policies including full funding for the Land and Water Fund. MCV also worked to reform chemical policy and continued its work to defend the Clean Air Act. Staff took two trips to Washington DC to lobby Congress (two staff people in each trip, two leaders in the second trip), and convened meetings with Sen. Tester. Cong. Zinke and the staff of Sen. Daines.

In the summer and fall of 2015, MCV chapter leaders and staff prepared non-partisan questionnaires mailed to candidates running for the city councils and commissions in Billings, Bozeman, Helena, Missoula, Whitefish and Livingston and invited them to participate at chapter membership meetings. MCV also communicated with members about what was at stake in the 2015 city elections and provided voter information to residents of these communities about the environmental positions of those who responded to questionnaires.

Total Expense: \$112,256

**Form 990, Part III, Line 4b - Program Service Accomplishments****Leadership and Staff Development:**

Four MCV staff and two board members attended the national League of Conservation Voters training meeting in Annapolis, MD; three staff and one board member attended a fundraising training in Seattle, WA; one staff attended a public policy and advocacy training sessions in Washington, DC; one staff person attended a leadership training hosted by the Ballot Initiative Service Center; one staff person attended a leadership training sponsored by NTEN; and one staff person took online training to learn how to effectively utilize MCV's new data base. Additionally, MCV staff continued training for on the new data base, as part of a 4-state pilot project with

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**Form 990, Part III, Line 4b - Program Service Accomplishments**

the national League of Conservation Voters. MCV held one leadership orientation session in 2015 attended by 11 board members

Additionally, MCV launched a strategic planning process that included a January, 2015 retreat, followed by periodic leadership calls to finalize the plan. This was done working with a consultant who conveyed key planning principles, and who assisted in the creation of the plan. For more than half of the leaders and staff, this strategic planning process was their first such experience.

A new MCV Executive Director was recruited, screened, hired and orientation and training began in late 2015. This included an overview to organizational goals and objectives, fundraising training, personnel and financial management. This work included an extensive search process with a team of MCV Board members, who were assisted by a consultant and who learned basics of job description development, skills assessment and recruitment and screening interview techniques.

The MCV Board of Directors and staff also began a financial literacy program offered by the League of Conservation Voters, "Fun with Financials", which included a "Fiscal Fitness Test" and follow up leadership and staff development program. The program included one face to face training session with three MCV staff, three sessions with the MCV Finance Committee and Board of Directors, and a transition call with the outgoing and new Executive Director.

Ongoing staff development included participation in monthly League of Conservation Voters Development Director calls, monthly organizing calls and participation at LCV's Executive Director meeting which included a staff development component. MCV

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**Form 990, Part III, Line 4b - Program Service Accomplishments**

staff carried out their professional development plans including training on legal compliance issues, civic engagement, environmental policy and fundraising skills.

Total expense: \$46,490

**Form 990, Part III, Line 4c - Program Service Accomplishments**

Outreach and Community Organizing: In 2015, MCV ran a grassroots canvass and public education campaign to call on Governor Bullock to support the Clean Power Plan, a proposal by EPA to reduce carbon emissions in order to halt further climate change. MCV contacted approximately 4,300 voters at their doors, obtained postcards from 1,271 which were subsequently turned in to Gov. Bullock, and received post card returns from another 526 people. These individuals were then sent public education materials in the fall to bring them up to speed on the final Clean Power Plan rule and provide avenues for action.

The Flathead MCV Chapter, with staff assistance, provided public education information to members about an April, 2015 local mill levy increase to raise funds to protect Haskell Basin, the main source of water to Whitefish Lake. The measure passed by 81%.

MCV's four chapters, Yellowstone Cty, Gallatin-Park Cty, Missoula Cty and Flathead cty each convened membership meetings attended by a low of 18 members and a high of 79. Chapter boards meet approximately 9 times per year.

Total expense: \$46,235

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**Form 990, Part VI, Line 11b - Form 990 Review Process**

The MCV board reviews the Form 990 before it is submitted. It is available on file for review by members and the public upon request.

**Form 990, Part VI, Line 12c - Explanation of Monitoring and Enforcement of Conflicts**

At its meetings, the board regularly monitors and enforces the conflict of interest policy.

**Form 990, Part VI, Line 15a - Compensation Review & Approval Process - CEO & Top Management**

Board performs an annual review at an Executive Committee meeting before any salary adjustment is given to Executive Director.

**Form 990, Part VI, Line 15b - Compensation Review & Approval Process - Officers & Key Employees**

Board is provided 1-3 salary/wage/benefit comparisons annually when the budget is adopted. It is discussed in Executive session before the budget is adopted. There is no review of salary/wages by an independent entity.

**Form 990, Part VI, Line 19 - Other Organization Documents Publicly Available**

All MCV governing documents are assembled in an organizational manual which is updated annually and reviewed by the Board and staff in an orientation session. This manual is also available to all MCV members upon request. The organizational manual is also available to chapter boards upon request.

**Form 990, Part XII, Line 1 - Other Accounting Method**

Modified Cash



**SCHEDULE R**  
(Form 990)

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**Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships**

- ▶ Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37. Attach to Form 990.
- ▶ Information about Schedule R (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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**Identification of Disregarded Entities** Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity
(1) -----					
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(2) -----					
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(3) -----					
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**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) Sec 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
(1) Montana Conservation Voters Educat PO Box 853 Billings, MT 59103 81-0525336	Research and education to MT conservation	MT	501(c)3	501(c)3	N/A		X
(2) -----							
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(3) -----							
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(4) -----							
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**Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership** Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.

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

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

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

**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?

	Yes	No
<b>a</b> Receipt of (i) interest, (ii) annuities, (iii) royalties, or (iv) rent from a controlled entity		X
<b>b</b> Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)		X
<b>c</b> Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)	X	
<b>d</b> Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)		X
<b>e</b> Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)		X
<b>f</b> Dividends from related organization(s)		X
<b>g</b> Sale of assets to related organization(s)		X
<b>h</b> Purchase of assets from related organization(s)		X
<b>i</b> Exchange of assets with related organization(s)		X
<b>j</b> Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)		X
<b>k</b> Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)		X
<b>l</b> Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)		X
<b>m</b> Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)		X
<b>n</b> Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)	X	
<b>o</b> Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)	X	
<b>p</b> Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses		X
<b>q</b> Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses		X
<b>r</b> Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)		X
<b>s</b> Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)		X

**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) Montana Conservation Voters Education Fd	c	40,000.	
(2) Montana Conservation Voters Education Fd	n	21,069.	cost/time allo
(3) Montana Conservation Voters Education Fd	o	192,522.	cost/time allo
(4) Montana Conservation Voters Education Fd	q	70,702.	cost/time allo
(5)			
(6)			

**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.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(e) Are all partners section 501(c)(3) organizations?		(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
				Yes	No			Yes	No		Yes	No	
(1) -----													
(2) -----													
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**Supplemental Information**

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

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