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Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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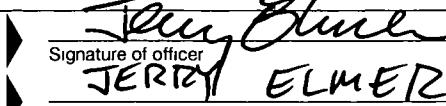
Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

- Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.
- Information about Form 990 and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning		July 1	, 2015, and ending	June 30	, 2016
B Check if applicable		C Name of organization		D Employer identification number	
<input type="checkbox"/> Address change		Environment Council of Rhode Island Education Fund		05-0456927	
<input type="checkbox"/> Name change		Doing business as		E Telephone number	
<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return		Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address)		401-621-8048	
<input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated		Room/suite		G Gross receipts \$ \$229833.25	
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended return		City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code		H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
<input type="checkbox"/> Application pending		Providence RI 02940		H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
		F Name and address of principal officer		If "No," attach a list (see instructions)	
		Jerry Elmer Humboldt St Providence RI 02906		H(c) Group exemption number ►	
I Tax-exempt status		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () (insert no) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527			
J Website: ► www.environmentcouncilri.org					
K Form of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ►				L Year of formation	1991
M State of legal domicile				RI	

Part I Summary		
Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities. Research and education on environmental issues in Rhode Island and fostering the environmental community	
	2 Check this box ► <input type="checkbox"/> 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 9
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4 9
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)	5 1
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6 25
	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	
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year 71813.31 Current Year 209893.81
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	12029.97 19932.24
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	0 0
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	0 7.20
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	84910.28 229833.25
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	750 750
	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)	\$14370 \$13260
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0 0
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ► 2826.00	2826.00
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	134374 208813.67
	18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	149494.33 222823.67
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	(-65584.05) 7009.82	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	RECEIVED	
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year 59055.19 End of Year 66065.01
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	0 0
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	59055.19 66065.01

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			Date 17 OCTOBER 2016
	Signature of officer	JERRY ELMER, PRESIDENT	
Type or print name and title			

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	Firm's name ►	Firm's EIN ►			
	Firm's address ►	Phone no			

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

The goals of the Fund are to create materials and programs designed to educate Rhode Island's citizens about environmental health and natural resource protection and restoration. The ECRI Ed fund also seeks to nurture and foster the development of the environmental community in Rhode Island

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? Yes No
If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? Yes No
If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

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

4a (Code: _____) (Expenses \$ 115558.31 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 120000)

Green Infrastructure Coalition: A coalition of about 40 member organizations focused on management of stormwater in Rhode Island. ECRI Education Fund is the Fiscal Agent for the coalition. Work includes advocacy for the creation of Stormwater Utility districts, research on best practices, research on the use of stormwater to benefit wildlife populations including amphibian breeding habitat, and the creation of small stormwater management infrastructure. Almost all of the work of the coalition is undertaken by the various coalition members. ECRI Ed Fund holds the grants and distributes funds to the various member organizations and for programs like the green infrastructure bus tour of Providence.

4b (Code: _____) (Expenses \$ 59068.85 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 77000.00)

Energize Rhode Island: A coalition of five organizations. The ECRI Ed Fund serves as the Fiscal Agent. The purpose of the coalition is to educate Rhode Islanders and RI policy leaders about how properly pricing carbon emissions would benefit Rhode Island.

4c (Code: _____) (Expenses \$ 13908.48 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 0)

The Coalition for Transportation Choices almost completely wound down its work this year. It received no new grants and spent most of its money putting on a conference on transportation in Rhode Island. It ended the fiscal year with \$1000 with plans to expend the last bit of it this fall.

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

(Expenses \$ \$4289 including grants of \$ 750.00) (Revenue \$ \$8235)

4e Total program service expenses ► 192826.44

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

		Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	✓	
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.		
a	Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI		✓
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		✓
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		✓
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		✓
e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part 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		✓
12a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII		✓
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		✓
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		✓

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

		Yes	No
20a	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H.	20a	✓
b	If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b	
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	✓
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	✓
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	✓
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	✓
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	✓
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	✓
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	✓
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	✓
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	✓
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV.	28b	✓
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	✓
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M.	29	✓
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M.	30	✓
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I.	31	✓
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	✓
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	✓
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	✓
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a	✓
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	✓
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	✓

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax ComplianceCheck 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 7	
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 ✓	
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 1	
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 ✓	
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 ✓	
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 ✓	
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b ✓	
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 ✓	
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b ✓	
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a ✓	
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b	
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c ✓	
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d	
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e ✓	
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f ✓	
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g ✓	
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h ✓	
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8	
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a	
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b	
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a	
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b	
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:		
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a	
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	11b	
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a	
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b	
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.		
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state?	13a	
b	Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.		
c	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	13b	
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c	
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a ✓	
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 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

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year.	1a	9
	If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.		
1b	9	1b	9
2	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	2	✓
3	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	✓
4	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	✓
5	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	5	✓
6	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	6	✓
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?	7a	✓
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	7b	✓
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:	8a	✓
a	The governing body?	8b	✓
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	9	✓
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.)

		Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a	✓
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?	10b	
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11a	✓
b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.	12a	✓
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12b	✓
b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12c	✓
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	✓
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	14	✓
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	15a	✓
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?	15b	✓
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	16a	✓
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization		
	If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).	16b	
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?		

Section C. Disclosure

- List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► **none Rhode Island does not require this document**
- 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.

Own website Another's website Upon request Other (explain in Schedule O)
- 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.
- State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: ► **Greg Gerritt ECRI Ed Fund PO Box 40568 Providence RI 02940 401-621-8048**

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

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, 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
		Officer	Individual trustee	Institutional trustee	Key employee	Employee			
(1) Jamie Rhodes President term ended June 2016	2	✓					0	0	0
(2) Jerry Elmer President Elect	1	✓					0	0	0
(3) Amelia Rose Treasurer	0	✓					0	0	0
(4) Meg Kerr Secretary	1	✓					0	0	0
(5) Susan Korte co VP communications	2	✓					0	0	0
(6) Kat Burnham VP for policy	3	✓					0	0	0
(7) Paul Beaudette director	1	✓					0	0	0
(8) Eugenia Marks VP for membership	1	✓					0	0	0
(9) Jonathan Berard co VP communications	1	✓					0	0	0
(10) Greg Gerritt Administrator	11					✓	13260.00	0	13260.00
(11)									
(12)									
(13)									
(14)									

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
		Or individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated			
(15)									
(16)									
(17)									
(18)									
(19)									
(20)									
(21)									
(22)									
(23)									
(24)									
(25)									
1b Sub-total									
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A									
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)							13260		13260
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 ► 0									

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	Yes	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	3	✓
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	4	✓
	5	✓

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
none		
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		

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

			(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	
			Total revenue	Related or exempt function revenue	Unrelated business revenue	Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a Federated campaigns . . .	1a 0					
	b Membership dues . . .	1b 0					
	c Fundraising events . . .	1c 5650					
	d Related organizations . . .	1d 5800					
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e 0					
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f 210141.05					
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f. \$	0					
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f . . . ►	221591.05					
Program Service Revenue		Business Code					
	2a Tisdale awards raffle		990			0	
	b Compost conference		5220			0	
	c RI nature video festival		2025			0	
	d					0	
	e					0	
	f All other program service revenue .		0				
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f . . . ►	8235					
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) . . . ►		7.20				
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds ►		0				
	5 Royalties . . .		0				
		(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
	6a Gross rents . . .	0	0				
	b Less: rental expenses						
	c Rental income or (loss)						
	d Net rental income or (loss) . . . ►						
Other Revenue	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory (i) Securities (ii) Other						
	b Less. cost or other basis and sales expenses .	0	0				
	c Gain or (loss) .	0	0				
	d Net gain or (loss) . . . ►		0				
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 0 of contributions reported on line 1c)						
	See Part IV, line 18 . . .	a	5650				
	b Less: direct expenses . . .	b	2860				
	c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . ►		2790			0	
9a Gross income from gaming activities.							
See Part IV, line 19 . . .	a	990					
b Less: direct expenses . . .	b	789					
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . ►		201					
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . .	a	0					
b Less: cost of goods sold . . .	b	0					
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . ►		0					
Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code						
11a none		0			0		
b							
c							
d All other revenue . . .							
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d . . . ►		0					
12 Total revenue. See instructions. . . ►		229833.25		0	0	0	

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 . . .	750	750		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals See Part IV, line 22 . . .	0	0		
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16 . . .	0	0		
4 Benefits paid to or for members . . .	0	0		
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees . . .	11714.22	0	11714.22	0
6 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
7 Other salaries and wages . . .	0	0	0	0
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	0	0	0	0
9 Other employee benefits . . .	0	0	0	0
10 Payroll taxes . . .	3820.71	0	3820.71	0
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management . . .	0	0	0	0
b Legal . . .	0	0	0	0
c Accounting . . .	636	0	636	0
d Lobbying . . .	0	0	0	0
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	0			
f Investment management fees . . .	0	0	0	0
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)	0	0	0	0
12 Advertising and promotion . . .	0	0	0	0
13 Office expenses . . .	580.02	0	580.02	0
14 Information technology . . .	1974.57	0	1974.75	0
15 Royalties . . .	0	0	0	0
16 Occupancy . . .	2271	0	2271	0
17 Travel . . .	0	0	0	0
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	0	0	0	0
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings . . .	3987.50	3987.50	0	2860
20 Interest . . .	0	0	0	0
21 Payments to affiliates . . .	0	0	0	0
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization . . .	0	0	0	0
23 Insurance . . .	1211.00	0	1211.00	0
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 Fiscal agency program project expenses	192826.44	192826.44	0	0
b _____				
c _____				
d _____				
e All other expenses 0				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	222823.67	197563.94	20996	2860
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	590155.19	1
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	0	2
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	0	3
	4 Accounts receivable, net	0	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	0	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	0	6
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net	0	7
	8 Inventories for sale or use	0	8
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	0	9
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 0	0
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 0	0
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	0	11
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11	0	12
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11	0	13
	14 Intangible assets	0	14
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	0	15
	16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)		16
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	0	17
	18 Grants payable	0	18
	19 Deferred revenue	0	19
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities	0	20
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D	0	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	0	22
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	0	23
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties	0	24
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D	0	25
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	0	26
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.		
	27 Unrestricted net assets	27	
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	28	
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.		
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds	59055.19	30
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund	0	31
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	0	32
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	59055.19	33
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	59055.19	34

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	229833.25
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	222823.67
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	7009.82
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	59055.19
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	0
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	0
7	Investment expenses	7	0
8	Prior period adjustments	8	0
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	66065.01

Part XII Financial Statements and ReportingCheck 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
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: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	2a	✓
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	2b	✓
c	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.	2c	✓
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?	3a	✓
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.	3b	

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

OMB No 1545-0047

2015**Open to Public
Inspection**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue ServiceComplete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section
4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

Environment Council of Rhode Island Education Fund

05-0456927

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ).)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state:
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33½% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33½% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
- 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box in lines 11a through 11d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e, 11f, and 11g.
 - a **Type I**. A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B**.
 - b **Type II**. A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C**.
 - c **Type III functionally integrated**. A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E**
 - d **Type III non-functionally integrated**. A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V**.
 - e Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
 - f Enter the number of supported organizations
 - g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1–9 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
Total						

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") . . .	139489.51	133681.53	123638.48	84910.28	229833.25	711553.05
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf . . .	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge . . .	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3 . . .	139489.51	133681.53	123638.48	84910.28	229833.25	711553.05
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f) . . .						0
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	139489.51	133681.53	123638.48	84910.28	229833.25	711553.05
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						0
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						0
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						0
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						711553.05
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ► <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	100 %
15 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	100 %
16a 33$\frac{1}{3}$% support test—2015. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % or more, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b 33$\frac{1}{3}$% support test—2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % or more, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2015. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here . Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here . Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ► <input type="checkbox"/>		

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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 organization Employer identification number

Environment Council of Rhode Island Education Fund 05-0456927

Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV.
- 2 Political expenditures ► \$ 4750
- 3 Volunteer hours ► \$ 10

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 ► \$ 0
- 2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ► \$ 0
- 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 ► \$
- 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 ► \$
- 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)				
(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.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1a	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)	0													
b	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	4750													
c	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)	4750													
d	Other exempt purpose expenditures	218073													
e	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)	222823													
f	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.	44564													
<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 2px;">If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</td> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 2px;">The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000</td> </tr> </table>		If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000		
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:														
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e														
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.														
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000														
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000														
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000														
g	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)	11141													
h	Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-	0													
i	Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-	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?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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		0	0	4750	4750
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column (e))					7125
c Total lobbying expenditures		0	0	4750	4750
d Grassroots nontaxable amount		0	0	11141	11141
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					16711
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures		0	0	0	0

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 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:			
a Volunteers?			
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
c Media advertisements?			
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
i Other activities?			
j Total. Add lines 1c through 1i			
2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

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

	Yes	No
1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1	
2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	2	
3 Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	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	1
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	2a
b Carryover from last year	2b
c Total	2c
3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3
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)	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

I am not quite sure I filled out section 2 properly. But we have no liabilities nor did we spend above the limits. We have only had the (h) designation for 2 or 3 years, and this is the first time we have had any lobbying expenditures.

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

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► Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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

Name of the organization

Environment Council of Rhode Island Education Fund

Employer identification number

04-0456927

Part III program services #2, #3 In the 2015 fiscal year that ended 6/30/2016 several of the projects we do fiscal agency for had big changes

**The Urban Pond Procession is now its own 501c3 so we no longer handle their finances. Most of their money was turned over to them by
by the end of FY 2014, but we finished up the last of it in fy 2015.**

The Energize RI Coalition began its work in FY 2015. They received \$77000 in grants and hope to continue their work for several years.

Part III 4 d other programs

Coalition for Water Security program spent \$68 to keep its website operating

Compost Initiative put on the annual RI compost conference and trade show expenses of \$2339.

RI School Recycling Club spent \$4350 to recognize RI Schools that are recycling leaders. They had one grant of \$6000

RI Nature Video Festival spent \$1161.50 to put on the festival

**Tisdale awards spent \$789. Most of this is 3 small grants of \$250 each to RI schools for environmental projects. The other \$39 includes
licenses to the City and State so we can conduct the raffle that pays for the project (sold \$990 worth of raffle tickets at \$5 a piece)
and \$24 to buy raffle ticket paper.**

Part VI #4 Updated bylaws included.

#11 We email the 990 to all of the board members for review

#19 Our bylaws are on the web, but all other documents we email to interested persons.

SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**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.

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Name of the organization

Environment Council of Rhode Island Education FundName of the organization
Employer identification number
01-0456927**Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.

	(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity
(1)						
(2)						
(3)						
(4)						
(5)						
(6)						

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.

	(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?
							Yes
(1) Environment Council of Rhode Island	PO Box 9061 Providence RI 02940 05-041660	Lobbying	Rhode Island	501c4	neither		✓
(2)							
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							
(6)							
(7)							

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

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?	(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?	(k) Percentage ownership	
										Yes	No
(1)											
(2)											
(3)											
(4)											
(5)											
(6)											
(7)											

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

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	(j) Yes No	
									Yes	No
(1)										
(2)										
(3)										
(4)										
(5)										
(6)										
(7)										

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 Shanning of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)

o Shanning 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)

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) Environment Council of Rhode Island	n, o, s	\$5800	Yearly management fee for about

(2) *1/5 of the costs for the office and*

(3) *the shared part time employee.*

(4)

(5)

(6)

Part V 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
(1)												
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Part VII Supplemental Information

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

Related organization ECRI 501c4 and ECRI Ed fund 501c3 ECRI with a budget of about \$8000 for the year pays a management fee to the Ed fund to cover about 1/5 of office expenses and the one shared employee. ECRI pays for all expenses directly that are related to lobbying.