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Form **990-EZ**

**Short Form**

**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

OMB No. 1545-1150

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

**2015**

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**A** For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016

<b>B</b> Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<b>C</b> Name of organization GCC Midwest, Inc a/k/a Green Community Connections		<b>D</b> Employer identification number 47-1691970
	Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 166 N Humphrey Ave 1N		<b>E</b> Telephone number 773-315-1109
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code Oak Park, IL 60302		<b>F</b> Group Exemption Number ▶

**G** Accounting Method:  Cash  Accrual Other (specify) ▶

**I** Website: ▶ [www.greencommunityconnections.org](http://www.greencommunityconnections.org) **H** Check  if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

**J** Tax-exempt status (check only one) -  501(c)(3)  501(c) ( ) ◀ (insert no.)  4947(a)(1) or  527

**K** Form of organization:  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other

**L** Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ▶ \$ 101,430

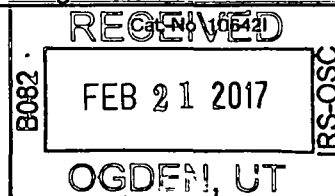
**Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (see the instructions for Part I)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I

		Revenue	
1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	91,309
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	5,684
3	Membership dues and assessments	3	
4	Investment income	4	1
5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
6	Gaming and fundraising events		
a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	
b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b	4,436
c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c	2,007
d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	2,429
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	
b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b	
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8	
9	<b>Total revenue.</b> Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	99,423
		Expenses	
10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	850
11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	
13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	68,950
14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	9,693
16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	26,836
17	<b>Total expenses.</b> Add lines 10 through 16	17	106,329
		Net Assets	
18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	(6,906)
19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	22,174
20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	
21	<b>Net assets or fund balances at end of year.</b> Combine lines 18 through 20	21	15,267

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Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No checkboxes. Includes questions 33 through 45b regarding organizational activities, financials, and compliance.

	Yes	No
<b>46</b> Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I . . . . .	46	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only**

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI . . . . .

	Yes	No
<b>47</b> 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 . . . . .	47	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>48</b> Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E . . . . .	48	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>49a</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? . . . . .	49a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>b</b> If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? . . . . .	49b	<input type="checkbox"/>

**50** Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
NONE				

**f** Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 . . . . . 0

**51** Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

**d** Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 . . . . . 0

**52** Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note:** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A . . . . .  Yes  No

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

<b>Sign Here</b>	<i>Sally Stovall</i> Signature of officer	2/14/2017 Date
	Sally Stovall, Treasurer Type or print name and title	

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

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions . . . . .  Yes  No

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

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2015**

Complete 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.

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Name of the organization GCC Midwest, Inc. a/k/a Green Community Connections	Employer identification number 47-1691970
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**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 33 1/3% 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 33 1/3% 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)						
<b>Total</b>						

**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.") . . . . .						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf . . . . .						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge . . . . .						
4 <b>Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3 . . . . .						
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) . . . . .						
6 <b>Public support.</b> 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 . . . . .						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources . . . . .						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on . . . . .						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) . . . . .						
11 <b>Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) . . . . .					12	
13 <b>First five years.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> . . . . . ▶ <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	%
15 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 . . . . .	15	%
16a <b>33 1/3% support test—2015.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . . ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>b 33 1/3% support test—2014.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . . ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
17a <b>10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2015.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> 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>b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2014.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> 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 <b>Private foundation.</b> 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"/>		

**Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)**

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")				50,648	91,309	141,957
<b>2</b> Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose . . . .				1,798	5,684	7,482
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513				0	0	0
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf . . . .				0	0	0
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge . . . .				0	0	0
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5 . . . .				52,446	96,993	149,439
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons . . . .				0	1,235	1,235
<b>b</b> Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year				0	0	0
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b . . . . .				0		1,235
<b>8 Public support.</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.) . . . . .						148,204

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6 . . . . .				52,446	96,993	149,439
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources . . . . .				1	1	2
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975 . . . . .				0	0	0
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b . . . . .				1	1	2
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on				0	0	
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) . . . . .				0	0	
<b>13 Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.) . . . . .				52,447	96,994	149,441
<b>14 First five years.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> . . . . . ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2015 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) . . . . .	<b>15</b>	%
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 . . . . .	<b>16</b>	%

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for 2015 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) . . . . .	<b>17</b>	%
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 . . . . .	<b>18</b>	%

**19a 33 1/3% support tests—2015.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . ▶

**b 33 1/3% support tests—2014.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶

**20 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ▶

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

**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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Name of the organization

Employer identification number

GCC Midwest, Inc a/k/a Green Community Connections

47-1691970

**FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16 (OTHER EXPENSES)**

Subscriptions and fees 2,279

Banners 864

Bank Charges 76

Equipment Rental 948

Events and Receptions 9,097

Film Licenses 8,228

Fines 102

Insurance 610

Supplies 558

Venue rentals 1,366

Volunteer t-shirts 1,692

Web Support 1,000

Filings 15

**TOTAL 26,836**

**FORM 990-EZ PART I, LINE 10 (GRANTS AND SIMILAR AMOUNTS PAID)**

Young Filmmaker's Contest Scholarship prizes 425

Matching Grant to National Resources Defense Council 75

Matching Grant to Environmental Law and Policy Center 100

Matching Grant to Active Transportation Alliance 250

**TOTAL 850**

