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Form **990**  
 Department of the Treasury  
 Internal Revenue Service

# Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

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OMB No 1545-0047  
2015  
**Open to Public Inspection**

**A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 09-01-2015, and ending 08-31-2016**

<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 THE LOFT INC % ELIZABETH SCHOEPPLER Doing business as THE LOFT LITERARY CENTER Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite OPEN BOOK 1011 WASHINGTON AVE S City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55415 <b>F</b> Name and address of principal officer BRITT UDESEN 1011 WASHINGTON AVE S STE 200 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55415	<b>D</b> Employer identification number 41-1297735 <b>E</b> Telephone number (612) 215-2575 <b>G</b> Gross receipts \$ 3,203,378
<b>I</b> 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		<b>H(a)</b> Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <b>H(b)</b> Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list (see instructions) <b>H(c)</b> Group exemption number ▶
<b>J</b> Website: ▶ WWW LOFT ORG		
<b>K</b> Form of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶		<b>L</b> Year of formation 1975 <b>M</b> State of legal domicile MN

**Part I Summary**

<b>1</b>	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities THE LOFT'S MISSION IS TO ADVANCE THE ARTISTIC DEVELOPMENT OF WRITERS, TO FOSTER A THRIVING WRITING COMMUNITY, AND TO INSPIRE A PASSION FOR LITERATURE	
<b>2</b>	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets	
<b>3</b>	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	21
<b>4</b>	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	18
<b>5</b>	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)	21
<b>6</b>	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	50
<b>7a</b>	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	2,385
<b>7b</b>	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>8</b> Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	1,109,099
	<b>9</b> Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	800,636
	<b>10</b> Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	92,274
	<b>11</b> Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	48,253
	<b>12</b> Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	2,050,262
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>13</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	192,965
	<b>14</b> Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0
	<b>15</b> Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	1,010,206
	<b>16a</b> Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	15,560
	<b>b</b> Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 267,163	
	<b>17</b> Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	982,422
<b>18</b> Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2,201,153	
<b>19</b> Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	-150,891	
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>20</b> Total assets (Part X, line 16)	4,511,311
	<b>21</b> Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	317,353
	<b>22</b> Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	4,193,958

**Part II Signature Block**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge

<b>Sign Here</b>	***** Signature of officer BRITT UDESEN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Type or print name and title	2017-01-17 Date			
<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name JOHN LAWSON CPA	Preparer's signature JOHN LAWSON CPA	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00437001
	Firm's name ▶ SCHECHTER DOKKEN KANTER CPA'S			Firm's EIN ▶	
	Firm's address ▶ 100 WASHINGTON AVE SO 1600 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 554012192			Phone no (612) 332-5500	

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

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

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

**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission

SEE SCHEDULE O

**2** Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?  Yes  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 \$ 1,088,063 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 750,040 )  
 Creative Writing Education The Loft offers creative writing classes year-round at Open Book, at community sites throughout Minnesota, and online In FY16, the Loft served 3,760 adults and 1,024 young creative writing students in over 569 classes and workshops and three conferences representing the broadest range of genres In the past year's evaluations, 97% of students reported that their writing improved, 98% reported a greater understanding of the writing craft, 94% agreed that the class helped them identify their next steps as a writer Poetry Out Loud - a recitation competition - offered 6,435 students from 38 Minnesota schools the opportunity to participate in literary learning opportunities and advance to a national competition

**4b** (Code ) (Expenses \$ 565,456 including grants of \$ 207,000 ) (Revenue \$ 3,789 )  
 Awards, Grants, and Events The Loft provides mentorships, fellowship, and grants to support writers and their work The Loft Mentor Series awarded intensive artistic mentorships for 12 writers of demonstrated potential to work closely with nationally renowned writers The McKnight Artist Fellowships for Writers granted five \$25,000 awards to buy accomplished writers the time to write The Minnesota Emerging Writers' Grant program provided project funds of \$8,000 to help advance five writers' work The Spoken Word Community Immersion Fellowship provided grants of \$7,500 to four spoken word artists of color to engage in projects within communities that inspire their work The authors' readings and performances helped develop audiences while promoting and advancing the work of individual writers Community gatherings engaged both readers and writers in camaradene and celebration of the written word In the past year, 10,400 individuals attended 66 Loft-sponsored readings, performances, and other literary events Broadcasts and webcasts extended the Loft's reach to another 625,000 individuals

**4c** (Code ) (Expenses \$ 84,658 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 38,659 )  
 Writing Community and Writers Services Loft.org, the Loft's website, provided regular articles and fostered discussions about the writer's life and craft through our daily blog, The Writers' Block There, writers found interviews, writing excercises, literary reviews, commentary, news, and discussion The site also offered the 359,600 (unduplicated) visitors a calendar of Loft readings and events, a catalog of Loft classes, and writers' resources including information about writing groups, competitions, grants, awards, publishers, and agents Eighty-five thousand visitors to Open Book explored spaces to write, read, and meet, and perused a variety of resources in The Rachel Anne Gaschott Ritchie Small Press Library Sixty-four writers made use of the Loft's writers' studios and more than 22 distinct literary groups used the Loft's Book Club Room this year

**4d** Other program services (Describe in Schedule O )  
 (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

**4e Total program service expenses** 1,738,177

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include questions 1 through 20b regarding organizational activities, lobbying, fundraising, and hospital facilities.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, and Answer. Rows include questions 21 through 38 regarding organizational reporting, compensation, and tax-exempt status.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

Table with columns for question numbers (1a-14b), descriptions, and Yes/No columns. Includes sub-questions for various IRS forms and reporting requirements.

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure

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

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year (21); 1b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent (18); 2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee? (No); 3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? (No); 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? (No); 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? (No); 6 Did the organization have members or stockholders? (No); 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? (No); 7b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? (No); 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: a The governing body? (Yes); b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? (Yes); 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 (No).

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? (No); 10b 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? (No); 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? (No); 11b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990; 12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 (Yes); 12b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? (Yes); 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done (Yes); 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? (Yes); 14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? (Yes); 15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision? a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official (Yes); b Other officers or key employees of the organization (Yes); 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? (No); 16b 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? (No).

Section C. Disclosure

Table with 2 columns: Question, Answer. Rows include: 17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed (MN); 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply: [X] Own website, [ ] Another's website, [X] Upon request, [ ] Other (explain in Schedule O); 19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year; 20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: ELIZABETH SCHOEPLER 1011 WASHINGTON AVE S STE 200 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55415 (612) 215-2580.

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

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

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) Jocelyn Hale ..... Former Executive Director	40 0 ..... 0 0	X		X				57,292	0	0
(2) Elizabeth Schoeppler ..... Managing Director/Officer	40 0 ..... 0 0	X		X				84,467	0	0
(3) Kent Adams ..... Director	30 ..... 0 0	X						0	0	0
(4) Jack El-Hai ..... VICE CHAIR	30 ..... 0 0	X						0	0	0
(5) Carrie Obry ..... Director	30 ..... 0 0	X						0	0	0
(6) Edward Lee ..... Director	30 ..... 0 0	X						0	0	0
(7) Ruth Shields ..... Director/Treasurer	30 ..... 0 0	X		X				0	0	0
(8) Karen Sternal ..... Director	30 ..... 0 0	X						0	0	0
(9) Jacqueline Fletcher ..... CHAIR	30 ..... 0 0	X		X				0	0	0
(10) Nina Orezzoli ..... Director	30 ..... 0 0	X						0	0	0
(11) Nathan Perez ..... Director	30 ..... 0 0	X						350	0	0
(12) Elizabeth Schott ..... Director	30 ..... 0 0	X						0	0	0
(13) Margaret Wurtele ..... Director	30 ..... 0 0	X						0	0	0
(14) Elspeth Carlstrom ..... Director	30 ..... 0 0	X						0	0	0

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(15) Marlon James ..... Director	3 0 ..... 0 0	X						0	0	0
(16) Susan Lenfestey ..... Director	3 0 ..... 0 0	X						0	0	0
(17) Eric Roberts ..... Director	3 0 ..... 0 0	X						0	0	0
(18) Brent Udesen ..... EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/OFFICER	40 0 ..... 0 0	X		X				25,590	0	0
(19) Marge Barrett ..... Director	3 0 ..... 0 0	X						507	0	0
(20) David Francis ..... Director	3 0 ..... 0 0	X						0	0	0
(21) Barry Knight ..... Director	3 0 ..... 0 0	X						0	0	0
(22) Rosemarie Ndepuechi ..... Director	3 0 ..... 0 0	X						0	0	0
(23) Jeff Ondich ..... Director	3 0 ..... 0 0	X						0	0	0
<b>1b Sub-Total</b> . . . . .										
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b> . . . . .										
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b> . . . . .							168,206	0	0	0

**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

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

**Section B. Independent Contractors**

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

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

**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 Revenue**

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

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts</b>	<b>1a</b> Federated campaigns . . . . . <b>1a</b> _____					
	<b>b</b> Membership dues . . . . . <b>1b</b> _____					
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events . . . . . <b>1c</b> _____					
	<b>d</b> Related organizations . . . . . <b>1d</b> _____					
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions) <b>1e</b> _____ 255,429					
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above <b>1f</b> _____ 1,311,427					
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____					
	<b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f . . . . . <b>▶</b>		1,566,856			
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>		Business Code				
	<b>2a</b> ADMISSIONS _____	611600	5,752	5,752		
	<b>b</b> TUITION, COACHING & WORKSHOP _____	611600	704,997	704,997		
	<b>c</b> COLLABORATION & SERVICE FEES _____	611600	78,767	78,767		
	<b>d</b> OTHER INCOME _____	611600	2,972	2,972		
	<b>e</b> _____					
	<b>f</b> All other program service revenue _____					
<b>g Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f . . . . . <b>▶</b>		792,488				
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) . . . . . <b>▶</b>		45,992		45,992	
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . . . . <b>▶</b>		0			
	<b>5</b> Royalties . . . . . <b>▶</b>		0			
	<b>6a</b> Gross rents	(i) Real	33,513			
		(ii) Personal				
		<b>b</b> Less rental expenses				
		<b>c</b> Rental income or (loss)	33,513	0		
	<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss) . . . . . <b>▶</b>		33,513		33,513	
	<b>7a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	568,847	193,297		
		(ii) Other				
		<b>b</b> Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	568,786	219,122		
		<b>c</b> Gain or (loss)	61	-25,825		
	<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss) . . . . . <b>▶</b>		-25,764		-25,764	
	<b>8a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 . . . . . <b>a</b>					
		<b>b</b> Less direct expenses . . . . . <b>b</b>				
		<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . . . <b>▶</b>		0		
	<b>9a</b> Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 . . . . . <b>a</b>					
<b>b</b> Less direct expenses . . . . . <b>b</b>						
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . . . <b>▶</b>			0			
<b>10a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . . <b>a</b>						
	<b>b</b> Less cost of goods sold . . . . . <b>b</b>					
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . . . <b>▶</b>		0			
Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code					
<b>11a</b> ADS IN PUBLICATION _____	541800	2,385		2,385		
<b>b</b> _____						
<b>c</b> _____						
<b>d</b> All other revenue . . . . .						
<b>e Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d . . . . . <b>▶</b>		2,385				
<b>12 Total revenue.</b> See Instructions . . . . . <b>▶</b>		2,415,470	792,488	2,385	53,741	

**Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses**

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A)

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.		(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
<b>1</b>	Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments See Part IV, line 21 . . . . .	0			
<b>2</b>	Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals See Part IV, line 22 . . . . .	207,000	207,000		
<b>3</b>	Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals See Part IV, lines 15 and 16 . . . . .	0			
<b>4</b>	Benefits paid to or for members . . . . .	0			
<b>5</b>	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees . . . . .	200,373	59,526	80,239	60,608
<b>6</b>	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) . . . . .	0			
<b>7</b>	Other salaries and wages . . . . .	616,615	502,036	18,578	96,001
<b>8</b>	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions) . . . . .	0			
<b>9</b>	Other employee benefits . . . . .	0			
<b>10</b>	Payroll taxes . . . . .	131,335	92,442	14,053	24,840
<b>11</b>	Fees for services (non-employees)				
<b>a</b>	Management . . . . .	0			
<b>b</b>	Legal . . . . .	0			
<b>c</b>	Accounting . . . . .	79,107	47,042	21,915	10,150
<b>d</b>	Lobbying . . . . .	0			
<b>e</b>	Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17 . . . . .	24,320			24,320
<b>f</b>	Investment management fees . . . . .	0			
<b>g</b>	Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O) . . . . .	3,819	3,604	138	77
<b>12</b>	Advertising and promotion . . . . .	66,866	66,352		514
<b>13</b>	Office expenses . . . . .	42,558	29,735	2,756	10,067
<b>14</b>	Information technology . . . . .	71,697	57,923	4,717	9,057
<b>15</b>	Royalties . . . . .	0			
<b>16</b>	Occupancy . . . . .	76,598	58,602	6,549	11,447
<b>17</b>	Travel . . . . .	38,723	38,634	3	86
<b>18</b>	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials . . . . .	0			
<b>19</b>	Conferences, conventions, and meetings . . . . .	0			
<b>20</b>	Interest . . . . .	0			
<b>21</b>	Payments to affiliates . . . . .	0			
<b>22</b>	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization . . . . .	84,351	63,263	13,496	7,592
<b>23</b>	Insurance . . . . .	3,736	2,802	336	598
<b>24</b>	Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O )				
<b>a</b>	ARTIST PAY	432,084	431,984		100
<b>b</b>	HOSPITALITY, RECEPTION	31,833	27,648	1,409	2,776
<b>c</b>	BANK & TRANSACTION FEES	22,507	16,163		6,344
<b>d</b>	EVENT & VIDEO PRODUCTION	15,808	15,808		
<b>e</b>	All other expenses	21,435	17,613	1,236	2,586
<b>25</b>	<b>Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24e	2,170,765	1,738,177	165,425	267,163
<b>26</b>	<b>Joint costs.</b> Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

**Part X Balance Sheet**

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

		(A)		(B)
		Beginning of year		End of year
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash—non-interest-bearing . . . . .	90,049	<b>1</b>	133,511
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .	1,257,905	<b>2</b>	1,016,076
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .	339,595	<b>3</b>	751,380
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net . . . . .	12,334	<b>4</b>	20,731
	<b>5</b> Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .	0	<b>5</b>	0
	<b>6</b> 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	<b>6</b>	0
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net . . . . .	0	<b>7</b>	0
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use . . . . .	0	<b>8</b>	0
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .	22,986	<b>9</b>	19,972
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment—cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	<b>10a</b> 519,326		
	<b>b</b> Less accumulated depreciation . . . . .	<b>10b</b> 291,199	191,163	<b>10c</b> 228,127
	<b>11</b> Investments—publicly traded securities . . . . .	2,597,279	<b>11</b>	2,665,425
	<b>12</b> Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .	0	<b>12</b>	0
	<b>13</b> Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .	0	<b>13</b>	0
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets . . . . .	0	<b>14</b>	0
	<b>15</b> Other assets See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .	0	<b>15</b>	0
<b>16</b> <b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) . . . . .	4,511,311	<b>16</b>	4,835,222	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .	55,777	<b>17</b>	75,464
	<b>18</b> Grants payable . . . . .	84,333	<b>18</b>	102,500
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue . . . . .	177,243	<b>19</b>	87,354
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities . . . . .	0	<b>20</b>	0
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D . . . . .	0	<b>21</b>	0
	<b>22</b> 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	<b>22</b>	0
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .	0	<b>23</b>	0
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .	0	<b>24</b>	0
	<b>25</b> 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	<b>25</b>	0
	<b>26</b> <b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 . . . . .	317,353	<b>26</b>	265,318
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Unrestricted net assets . . . . .	250,874	<b>27</b>	254,465
	<b>28</b> Temporarily restricted net assets . . . . .	1,399,835	<b>28</b>	1,771,360
	<b>29</b> Permanently restricted net assets . . . . .	2,543,249	<b>29</b>	2,544,079
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>			
	<b>30</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds . . . . .		<b>30</b>	
	<b>31</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund . . . . .		<b>31</b>	
	<b>32</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds . . . . .		<b>32</b>	
<b>33</b> Total net assets or fund balances . . . . .	4,193,958	<b>33</b>	4,569,904	
<b>34</b> Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances . . . . .	4,511,311	<b>34</b>	4,835,222	

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

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

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>1</b>	2,415,470
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2</b>	2,170,765
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	<b>3</b>	244,705
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	<b>4</b>	4,193,958
<b>5</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	<b>5</b>	120,228
<b>6</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>6</b>	11,013
<b>7</b>	Investment expenses	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	Prior period adjustments	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	<b>9</b>	
<b>10</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	<b>10</b>	4,569,904

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

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

		Yes	No
<b>1</b>	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
<b>2a</b>	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		No
<b>2b</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	Yes	
<b>2c</b>	If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O	Yes	
<b>3a</b>	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		No
<b>3b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

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

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

OMB No 1545-0047  
**2015**  
Open to Public Inspection

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

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization  
THE LOFT INC

Employer identification number  
41-1297735

**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		
<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
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any unusual grants.)						
<b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
<b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>4 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3						
<b>5</b> 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)						
<b>6 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
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4						
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
<b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>10</b> Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
<b>11 Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						
<b>12</b> Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					<b>12</b>	
<b>13 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**

<b>14</b> Public support percentage for 2015 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	<b>14</b>	
<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2014 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	<b>15</b>	
<b>16a 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"/>		
<b>17a 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"/>		
<b>18 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.")	976,374	1,603,429	1,245,396	1,109,099	1,566,856	6,501,154
<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	727,761	787,271	730,913	800,636	792,488	3,839,069
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						0
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						0
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						0
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5	1,704,135	2,390,700	1,976,309	1,909,735	2,359,344	10,340,223
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons	80,450	72,365	84,774	287,978	106,138	631,705
<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
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b	80,450	72,365	84,774	287,978	106,138	631,705
<b>8 Public support.</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						9,708,518

**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	1,704,135	2,390,700	1,976,309	1,909,735	2,359,344	10,340,223
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	83,945	73,780	66,735	116,653	83,375	424,488
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						0
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b	83,945	73,780	66,735	116,653	83,375	424,488
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on		2,982	5,384	2,210	2,385	12,961
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						0
<b>13 Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	1,788,080	2,467,462	2,048,428	2,028,598	2,445,104	10,777,672

**14 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**

**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>	90.080 %
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	<b>16</b>	88.343 %

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

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for <b>2015</b> (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	<b>17</b>	3.939 %
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from <b>2014</b> Schedule A, Part III, line 17	<b>18</b>	3.883 %

**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

**Part IV Supporting Organizations**

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 11 of Part I. If you checked 11a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 11b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 11c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 11d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

**Section A. All Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," describe in <b>Part VI</b> how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.		
<b>2</b> Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).		
<b>3a</b> Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.		
<b>b</b> Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? If "Yes," describe in <b>Part VI</b> when and how the organization made the determination.		
<b>c</b> Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.		
<b>4a</b> Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes" and if you checked 11a or 11b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.		
<b>b</b> Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.		
<b>c</b> Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.		
<b>5a</b> Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed, (ii) the reasons for each such action, (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action, and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).		
<b>b Type I or Type II only.</b> Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
<b>c Substitutions only.</b> Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
<b>6</b> Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (a) its supported organizations, (b) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (c) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .		
<b>7</b> Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in IRC 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35-percent controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).		
<b>8</b> Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? If "Yes," complete Part II of Schedule L (Form 990).		
<b>9a</b> Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .		
<b>b</b> Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9(a)) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .		
<b>c</b> Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9(a)) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .		
<b>10a</b> Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of IRC 4943 because of IRC 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer b below.		
<b>b</b> Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)		
<b>11</b> Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
<b>a</b> A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
<b>b</b> A family member of a person described in (a) above?		
<b>c</b> A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI.		

**Part IV Supporting Organizations** (continued)**Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations**

- 1** Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? *If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.*
- 2** Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? *If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised or controlled the supporting organization.*

	Yes	No
<b>1</b>		
<b>2</b>		

**Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations**

- 1** Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? *If "No," describe in Part VI how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).*

	Yes	No
<b>1</b>		

**Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations**

- 1** Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (1) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (2) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (3) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?
- 2** Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? *If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).*
- 3** By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? *If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.*

	Yes	No
<b>1</b>		
<b>2</b>		
<b>3</b>		

**Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations**

- 1** Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (**see instructions**)
- a**  The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete **line 2** below.
- b**  The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete **line 3** below.
- c**  The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).
- 2** Activities Test **Answer (a) and (b) below.**

- a** Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? *If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.*
- b** Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? *If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.*
- 3** Parent of Supported Organizations **Answer (a) and (b) below.**
- a** Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? *Provide details in Part VI.*
- b** Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs and activities of each of its supported organizations? *If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.*

	Yes	No
<b>2a</b>		
<b>2b</b>		
<b>3a</b>		
<b>3b</b>		

**Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations**

- 1** Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov 20, 1970 **See instructions.** All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E

**Section A - Adjusted Net Income**

	(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
<b>1</b> Net short-term capital gain	<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b> Recoveries of prior-year distributions	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b> Other gross income (see instructions)	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b> Add lines 1 through 3	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b> Depreciation and depletion	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b> Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b> Other expenses (see instructions)	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b> <b>Adjusted Net Income</b> (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)	<b>8</b>	

**Section B - Minimum Asset Amount**

	(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
<b>1</b> Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year)	<b>1</b>	
<b>a</b> Average monthly value of securities	<b>1a</b>	
<b>b</b> Average monthly cash balances	<b>1b</b>	
<b>c</b> Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	<b>1c</b>	
<b>d</b> <b>Total</b> (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	<b>1d</b>	
<b>e</b> <b>Discount</b> claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI) _____		
<b>2</b> Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt use assets	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b> Subtract line 2 from line 1d	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b> Cash deemed held for exempt use Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b> Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b> Multiply line 5 by 0.35	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b> Recoveries of prior-year distributions	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b> <b>Minimum Asset Amount</b> (add line 7 to line 6)	<b>8</b>	

**Section C - Distributable Amount**

		Current Year
<b>1</b> Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b> Enter 85% of line 1	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b> Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b> Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b> Income tax imposed in prior year	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b> <b>Distributable Amount.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b> Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions) <input type="checkbox"/>		

**Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)**

<b>Section D - Distributions</b>	<b>Current Year</b>
<b>1</b> Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
<b>2</b> Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
<b>3</b> Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
<b>4</b> Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
<b>5</b> Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
<b>6</b> Other distributions (describe in Part VI) See instructions	
<b>7 Total annual distributions.</b> Add lines 1 through 6	
<b>8</b> Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI) See instructions	
<b>9</b> Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6	
<b>10</b> Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	

<b>Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)</b>	<b>(i) Excess Distributions</b>	<b>(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2015</b>	<b>(iii) Distributable Amount for 2015</b>
<b>1</b> Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6			
<b>2</b> Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2015 (reasonable cause required--see instructions)			
<b>3</b> Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015			
<b>a</b>			
<b>b</b>			
<b>c</b>			
<b>d</b> From 2013. . . . . _____			
<b>e</b> From 2014. . . . . _____			
<b>f Total</b> of lines 3a through e			
<b>g</b> Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
<b>h</b> Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
<b>i</b> Carryover from 2010 not applied (see instructions)			
<b>j</b> Remainder Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f			
<b>4</b> Distributions for 2015 from Section D, line 7			
\$ _____			
<b>a</b> Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
<b>b</b> Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
<b>c</b> Remainder Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4			
<b>5</b> Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2015, if any Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
<b>6</b> Remaining underdistributions for 2015 Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
<b>7 Excess distributions carryover to 2016.</b> Add lines 3j and 4c			
<b>8</b> Breakdown of line 7			
<b>a</b>			
<b>b</b>			
<b>c</b> Excess from 2013. . . . . _____			
<b>d</b> From 2014. . . . . _____			
<b>e</b> From 2015. . . . . _____			

**Part VI Supplemental Information.**

Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

<b>Facts And Circumstances Test</b>

Return Reference	Explanation

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

**Supplemental Financial Statements**  
**► Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.**  
**► Attach to Form 990.**  
Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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**Name of the organization**  
THE LOFT INC  
**Employer identification number**  
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**Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.**  
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
<b>1</b> Total number at end of year		
<b>2</b> Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
<b>3</b> Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
<b>4</b> Aggregate value at end of year		
<b>5</b> Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>6</b> Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

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

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

Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education)  Preservation of an historically important land area

Protection of natural habitat  Preservation of a certified historic structure

Preservation of open space

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

	Held at the End of the Year
<b>a</b> Total number of conservation easements	<b>2a</b>
<b>b</b> Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	<b>2b</b>
<b>c</b> Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	<b>2c</b>
<b>d</b> Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	<b>2d</b>

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

**4** Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ► \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets**

(continued)

- 3** Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)
- a**  Public exhibition
  - b**  Scholarly research
  - c**  Preservation for future generations
  - d**  Loan or exchange programs
  - e**  Other
- 4** Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII
- 5** During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?  Yes  No

**Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

- 1a** Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?  Yes  No

**b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table

	Amount
<b>c</b> Beginning balance	<b>1c</b>
<b>d</b> Additions during the year	<b>1d</b>
<b>e</b> Distributions during the year	<b>1e</b>
<b>f</b> Ending balance	<b>1f</b>

- 2a** Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability?  Yes  No

**b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

**Part V Endowment Funds.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
<b>1a</b> Beginning of year balance . . . . .	2,611,795	2,815,792	2,494,034	2,352,646	2,151,567
<b>b</b> Contributions . . . . .	830	10,640	24,110	20,881	122,926
<b>c</b> Net investment earnings, gains, and losses . . . . .	182,913	-74,793	415,446	228,217	191,054
<b>d</b> Grants or scholarships . . . . .					
<b>e</b> Other expenditures for facilities and programs . . . . .	106,725	115,625	95,000	90,000	99,366
<b>f</b> Administrative expenses . . . . .	23,148	24,219	22,798	17,710	13,535
<b>g</b> End of year balance . . . . .	2,665,665	2,611,795	2,815,792	2,494,034	2,352,646

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

- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶
  - b** Permanent endowment ▶ 100 000 %
  - c** Temporarily restricted endowment ▶
- The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%

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

- (i)** unrelated organizations . . . . .
- (ii)** related organizations . . . . .

	Yes	No
<b>3a(i)</b>		No
<b>3a(ii)</b>		No
<b>3b</b>		

- b** If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? . . . . .
- 4** Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

**Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.**

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

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
<b>1a</b> Land . . . . .				
<b>b</b> Buildings . . . . .				
<b>c</b> Leasehold improvements . . . . .		39,032	21,853	17,179
<b>d</b> Equipment . . . . .		480,294	269,346	210,948
<b>e</b> Other . . . . .				

**Total.** Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c)) . . . . . ▶ 228,127



**Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return**

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

<b>1</b>	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements . . . . .		<b>1</b>	2,572,534
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12			
<b>a</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments . . . . .	<b>2a</b>	120,228	
<b>b</b>	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	<b>2b</b>	11,013	
<b>c</b>	Recoveries of prior year grants . . . . .	<b>2c</b>		
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII ) . . . . .	<b>2d</b>	-2	
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b> . . . . .			<b>2e</b> 131,239
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b> . . . . .			<b>3</b> 2,441,295
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line <b>1</b>			
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .	<b>4a</b>		
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII ) . . . . .	<b>4b</b>	-25,825	
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b> . . . . .			<b>4c</b> -25,825
<b>5</b>	Total revenue Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12 ) . . . . .			<b>5</b> 2,415,470

**Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.**

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

<b>1</b>	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements . . . . .		<b>1</b>	2,170,765
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25			
<b>a</b>	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	<b>2a</b>		
<b>b</b>	Prior year adjustments . . . . .	<b>2b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Other losses . . . . .	<b>2c</b>		
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII ) . . . . .	<b>2d</b>		
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b> . . . . .			<b>2e</b>
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b> . . . . .			<b>3</b> 2,170,765
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line <b>1</b> :			
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .	<b>4a</b>		
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII ) . . . . .	<b>4b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b> . . . . .			<b>4c</b>
<b>5</b>	Total expenses Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18 ) . . . . .			<b>5</b> 2,170,765

**Part XIII Supplemental Information**

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part IV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, line 2, Part XI, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b Also complete this part to provide any additional information

Return Reference	Explanation
UNCERTAIN TAX POSITION	MANAGEMENT EVALUATED THE ORGANIZATION'S TAX POSITIONS AND CONCLUDED THAT THE ORGANIZATION HAD TAKEN NO UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS THAT REQUIRE ADJUSTMENT TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS GUIDANCE RELATED TO UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS

**Part XIII Supplemental Information (continued)**

Return Reference	Explanation
LOSS ON DISPOSAL OF ASSETS	THE LOSS AMOUNT OF (25,825) IS ALREADY INCLUDED ON FORM 990 PART VIII LINE 12 BUT IS NOT INCLUDED IN LINE 1 FINANCIAL STMT INCOME
ROUNDING	THE AMOUNT OF (2) REPRESENTS A ROUNDING RECONCILIATION

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

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Supplemental Information Regarding  
Fundraising or Gaming Activities**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a  
 Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ  
 Information about Schedule G (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990)

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THE LOFT INC

Employer identification number  
41-1297735

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

- 1** Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.
- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <b>a</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Mail solicitations               | <b>e</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of non-government grants |
| <b>b</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Internet and email solicitations | <b>f</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of government grants     |
| <b>c</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Phone solicitations              | <b>g</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Special fundraising events                       |
| <b>d</b> <input type="checkbox"/> In-person solicitations          |  |
- 2a** Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services?  Yes  No
- b** If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
1 DON SOMMERS 210 WEST GRANT STREET 626  MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55403	GRANT WRITING		No	1,207,429	24,320	1,183,109
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
<b>Total</b>				1,207,429	24,320	1,183,109

**3** List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing

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**Part II Fundraising Events.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

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

**Part III Gaming.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a)Bingo	(b)Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c)Other gaming	(d)
					Total gaming (add col (a) through col (c))
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>1</b> Gross revenue . . . . .				
<b>Direct Expenses</b>	<b>2</b> Cash prizes . . . . .				
	<b>3</b> Noncash prizes . . . . .				
	<b>4</b> Rent/facility costs . . . . .				
	<b>5</b> Other direct expenses . . . . .				
<b>6</b> Volunteer labor . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No		
<b>7</b> Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) . . . . . ▶					
<b>8</b> Net gaming income summary Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d). . . . . ▶					

**9** Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states?  Yes  No

**b** If "No," explain \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**b** If "Yes," explain \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**11** Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers?  Yes  No

**12** Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming?  Yes  No

**13** Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in

<b>a</b>	The organization's facility	<b>13a</b>	%
<b>b</b>	An outside facility	<b>13b</b>	%

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

Name ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

Address ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Name ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

Address ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

**16** Gaming manager information

Name ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Description of services provided ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

Director/officer                       Employee                       Independent contractor

**17** Mandatory distributions

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

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

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

Return Reference	Explanation
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Schedule I (Form 990)

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

OMB No 1545-0047

2015

Open to Public Inspection

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

Attach to Form 990.

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

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization THE LOFT INC

Employer identification number

41-1297735

Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?
2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States

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

Table with 8 columns: (a) Name and address of organization or government, (b) EIN, (c) IRC section if applicable, (d) Amount of cash grant, (e) Amount of non-cash assistance, (f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other), (g) Description of non-cash assistance, (h) Purpose of grant or assistance.

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

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

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance
MCKNIGHT ARTIST FELLOWSHIP (1) AWARDS	5	125,000			
(2) EMERGING WRITERS AWARD	5	40,000			
SPOKEN WORD IMMERSION (3) FELLOWSHIPS	4	30,000			
(4) MENTOR SERIES	12	12,000			

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

Return Reference	Explanation
MONITORING GRANT PROCESS	THE ORGANIZATION'S PROGRAM AND MANAGING DIRECTORS ENSURE ALL GRANTS PAID TO INDIVIDUALS AGREE WITH THE TERMS SET FORTH IN THE ORIGINAL GRANT AGREEMENTS WHERE APPROPRIATE, GRANTEEES SUBMIT NARRATIVE REPORTS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

**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.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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

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Treasury  
Internal Revenue  
Service

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**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

Return Reference	Explanation
PROCESS THE ORGANIZATION USES TO REVIEW THE 990	EACH YEAR THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND MANAGING DIRECTOR MAKE A THOROUGH REVIEW OF THE 990 AND THE TREASURER/FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR PRESENTS AN OVERVIEW TO THE BOARD BECAUSE OF HOLIDAY SCHEDULING IN MOST YEARS THIS WILL OCCUR AT THE JANUARY MEETING, AND WILL REQUIRE A 2 WEEK DELAY IN THE FILING OF THE FORM 990, ACCOMPLISHED BY THE PRO-FORMA FILING OF AN EXTENSION WITH THE IRS THE FORM 990 IS DUE ON JANUARY 15TH
CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY	EACH YEAR, TYPICALLY AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE FISCAL YEAR AS A 'STANDING AGENDA ITEM,' ALL BOARD MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO REVIEW THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY FOR THE PURPOSE OF STATING AND/OR UPDATING THEIR DISCLOSURES, AND TO SIGN AND DATE THE FORM

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PROCEDURE TO MAKE DECISIONS REGARDING EXECUTIVE AND STAFF COMPENSATION	RELYING IN SUBSTANTIAL PART ON THE BI-ANNUAL SURVEY OF NON-PROFIT SALARIES CONDUCTED AND PUBLISHED BY THE MINNESOTA COUNCIL OF NON-PROFITS, THE BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, FOLLOWING A THOROUGH WRITTEN PERFORMANCE REVIEW, ESTABLISHES THE SALARY FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WITHIN THE LIMITS ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN APPROVING THE ORGANIZATION'S BUDGET THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IN TURN, USES THE SAME PROCEDURE FOR ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR ALL OTHER STAFF, INCLUDING THE MANAGING DIRECTOR
GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	THE ORGANIZATION MAKES ITS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND 990 AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON ITS WEB SITE THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY ARE HELD AT THE ORGANIZATION 'S OFFICES AND ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
MISSION STATEMENT	THE LOFT ADVANCES THE ARTISTIC DEVELOPMENT OF WRITERS, FOSTERS A THRIVING LITERARY COMMUNITY, AND INSPIRES A PASSION FOR LITERATURE AS AN INTERGENERATIONAL, MULTICULTURAL LITERARY ARTS CENTER, THE LOFT OPERATES AS AN ARTIST SERVICE ORGANIZATION, A GATHERING PLACE FOR READERS AND WRITERS, A COMMUNITY SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS, AND A PRESENTING ORGANIZATION EACH YEAR THE LOFT NURTURES HUNDREDS OF NOVELISTS, POETS, SPOKEN WORD ARTISTS, AND WRITERS IN EVERY GENRE AND STYLE, AND CONNECTS READERS AND LIVE AUDIENCES IN THE TWIN CITIES AND ACROSS MINNESOTA, WITH CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE, REACHING OVER 750,000 PEOPLE ANNUALLY