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Form 990-PF



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Private Foundation

or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation

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2015

Open to Public Inspection

For calendar year 2015, or tax year beginning 11-01-2015 , and ending 10-31-2016

Name of foundation BEN COHEN CHARITABLE TRUST		A Employer identification number 03-0368595	
Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address) C/O GHP ADVISORS PC PO BOX 5550		Room/suite 	
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code BURLINGTON, VT 054025550		B Telephone number (see instructions) (802) 863-5099	
G Check all that apply ☐ Initial return ☐ Initial return of a former public charity ☐ Final return ☐ Amended return ☐ Address change ☐ Name change		C If exemption application is pending, check here ☐	
H Check type of organization ☒ Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation ☐ Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust ☐ Other taxable private foundation		D 1. Foreign organizations, check here ☐ 2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation ☐	
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col (c), line 16) ▶ \$ 3,764,754		E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here ☐	
J Accounting method ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual ☐ Other (specify) _____ (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis)		F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here ☐	

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses <i>(The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions))</i>		Revenue and expenses per books (a)	Net investment income (b)	Adjusted net income (c)	Disbursements for charitable purposes (d) (cash basis only)
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc , received (attach schedule)				
	2 Check ☒ if the foundation is not required to attach Sch B				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	1,607	1,607		
	4 Dividends and interest from securities	51,117	51,117		
	5a Gross rents				
	b Net rental income or (loss) _____				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10 	-70,344			
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a 1,478,189				
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV , line 2)		0		
	8 Net short-term capital gain				
	9 Income modifications				
	10a Gross sales less returns and allowances				
Operating and Administrative Expenses	b Less Cost of goods sold				
	c Gross profit or (loss) (attach schedule)				
	11 Other income (attach schedule) 	-184	-184		
	12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	-17,804	52,540		
	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc				
	14 Other employee salaries and wages				
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits				
	16a Legal fees (attach schedule).				
	b Accounting fees (attach schedule). 	4,735	3,735		1,000
	c Other professional fees (attach schedule)				
	17 Interest				
	18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions)				
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion				
	20 Occupancy				
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings.				
	22 Printing and publications				
	23 Other expenses (attach schedule). 	30,462			
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	35,197	3,735		1,000
	25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	211,657			211,657
	26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	246,854	3,735		212,657
	27 Subtract line 26 from line 12				
	a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	-264,658			
	b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		48,805		
	c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)				

Part II Balance Sheets		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only (See instructions)	Beginning of year	End of year	
			(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing	167,301	727,928	727,928
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments			
	3	Accounts receivable ▶ _____ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____			
	4	Pledges receivable ▶ _____ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____			
	5	Grants receivable			
	6	Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see instructions).	255	455	455
	7	Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule) ▶ _____ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____			
	8	Inventories for sale or use			
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			
	10a	Investments—U S and state government obligations (attach schedule)			
	b	Investments—corporate stock (attach schedule)	3,293,387	2,592,337	2,403,879
	c	Investments—corporate bonds (attach schedule)	102,857	137,164	137,329
	11	Investments—land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ _____ Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ _____			
	12	Investments—mortgage loans			
	13	Investments—other (attach schedule)	578,007	519,265	495,163
	14	Land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ _____ Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ _____			
15	Other assets (describe ▶ _____)				
16	Total assets(to be completed by all filers—see the instructions Also, see page 1, item I)	4,141,807	3,977,149	3,764,754	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses			
	18	Grants payable			
	19	Deferred revenue			
	20	Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	21	Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule).			
	22	Other liabilities (describe ▶ _____)			
	23	Total liabilities(add lines 17 through 22)		0	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ ☐ and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.				
	24	Unrestricted			
	25	Temporarily restricted			
	26	Permanently restricted			
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ ☒ and complete lines 27 through 31.				
	27	Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds	1,829,357	1,929,357	
	28	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg , and equipment fund			
	29	Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds	2,312,450	2,047,792	
30	Total net assets or fund balances(see instructions)	4,141,807	3,977,149		
31	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances(see instructions)	4,141,807	3,977,149		

Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances		
1	Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year—Part II, column (a), line 30 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1 4,141,807
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2 -264,658
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____	3 100,000
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4 3,977,149
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____	5
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5)—Part II, column (b), line 30	6 3,977,149

Part IV

Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e g , real estate, (a) 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shs MLC Co)		How acquired P—Purchase (b) D—Donation	Date acquired (c) (mo , day, yr)	Date sold (d) (mo , day, yr)
1 a	PUBLICLY TRADED SECURITIES (SCHWAB #7154)	P	2015-01-01	2016-10-31
b	PUBLICLY TRADED SECURITIES (SCHWAB #2395	P	2015-01-01	2016-10-31
c				
d				
e				

(e) Gross sales price	Depreciation allowed (f) (or allowable)	Cost or other basis (g) plus expense of sale	Gain or (loss) (h) (e) plus (f) minus (g)
a 569,650	0	577,311	-7,661
b 908,539	0	971,222	-62,683
c			
d			
e			

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			Gains (Col (h) gain minus col (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col (h)) (l)
(i) F M V as of 12/31/69	Adjusted basis (j) as of 12/31/69	Excess of col (i) (k) over col (j), if any	
a 0	0	0	-7,661
b 0	0	0	-62,683
c			
d			
e			

2	Capital gain net income or (net capital loss)	If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7	2	-70,344
3	Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6) If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c) (see instructions) If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8		3	

Part V

Qualification Under Section 4940(e) for Reduced Tax on Net Investment Income

(For optional use by domestic private foundations subject to the section 4940(a) tax on net investment income)
If section 4940(d)(2) applies, leave this part blank

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," the foundation does not qualify under section 4940(e) Do not complete this part

1 Enter the appropriate amount in each column for each year, see instructions before making any entries

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col (b) divided by col (c))
2014	495,635	5,099,946	0 097184
2013	328,421	4,694,849	0 069953
2012	361,371	4,395,376	0 082216
2011	355,525	3,142,445	0 113136
2010	189,953	3,472,559	0 054701

2	Total of line 1, column (d).	2	0 417190
3	Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period—divide the total on line 2 by 5, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years	3	0 083438
4	Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2015 from Part X, line 5.	4	3,859,283
5	Multiply line 4 by line 3.	5	322,011
6	Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b).	6	488
7	Add lines 5 and 6.	7	322,499
8	Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4.	8	212,657

If line 8 is equal to or greater than line 7, check the box in Part VI, line 1b, and complete that part using a 1% tax rate See
the Part VI instructions

Part VI

Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948—see page 18 of the instructions)

1a

Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here ☐ and enter "N/A" on line 1
Date of ruling or determination letter _____
(attach copy of letter if necessary—see instructions)

2

Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only Others enter -0-)

3

Add lines 1 and 2.

4

Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only Others enter -0-)

5

Tax based on investment income.Subtract line 4 from line 3 If zero or less, enter -0-

6

Credits/Payments

a

2015 estimated tax payments and 2014 overpayment credited to 2015

6a

1,535

b

Exempt foreign organizations—tax withheld at source

6b

c

Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868).

6c

d

Backup withholding erroneously withheld

6d

7

Total credits and payments Add lines 6a through 6d.

8

Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax Check here ☐ if Form 2220 is attached

9

Tax due.If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed

10

Overpayment.If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid.

11

Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2015 estimated tax 559 Refunded

1

976

2

0

3

976

4

5

976

6a

1,535

6b

6c

6d

7

1,535

8

9

10

559

11

Part VII-A

Statements Regarding Activities

1a	During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?		Yes	No
1a				No
b	Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see Instructions for definition)?			No
	If the answer is "Yes" to 1a or 1b, attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities			
c	Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?			No
d	Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year (1) On the foundation \$ (2) On foundation managers \$			
e	Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers \$			
2	Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities	2		No
3	Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes	3		No
4a	Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	4a		No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	4b		
5	Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T	5		No
6	Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either • By language in the governing instrument, or • By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?	6	Yes	
7	Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? If "Yes," complete Part II, col (c), and Part XV	7	Yes	
8a	Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) VT			
b	If the answer is "Yes" to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designate) of each state as required by General Instruction G? If "No," attach explanation	8b	Yes	
9	Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2015 or the taxable year beginning in 2015 (see instructions for Part XIV)? If "Yes," complete Part XIV	9		No
10	Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses	10		No

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Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

11	At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule (see instructions).	11		No
12	Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If "Yes," attach statement (see instructions)	12		No
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address ▶ N/A	13	Yes	
14	The books are in care of ▶ GHP ADVISORS PC Telephone no ▶ (802) 863-5099 Located at ▶ 131 MAIN STREET 8th FLOOR BURLINGTON VT ZIP+4 ▶ 05401			
15	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041—Check here ▶ ☐ and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year ▶ 15	15		
16	At any time during calendar year 2015, did the foundation have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a bank, securities, or other financial account in a foreign country? See instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR) If "Yes", enter the name of the foreign country ▶	16	Yes No	No No

Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required

File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the "Yes" column, unless an exception applies.			Yes	No
1a	During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly) (1) Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No (2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No (3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No (4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No (5) Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)? ☐ Yes ☒ No (6) Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (Exception. Check "No" if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days). ☐ Yes ☒ No			
b	If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)–(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)? Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here. ▶ ☐	1b		
c	Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2015?	1c		No
2	Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5))			
a	At the end of tax year 2015, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2015? ☐ Yes ☒ No If "Yes," list the years ▶ 20____, 20____, 20____, 20____			
b	Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer "No" and attach statement—see instructions).	2b		
c	If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here ▶ 20____, 20____, 20____, 20____			
3a	Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
b	If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2015 as a result of (1) any purchase by the foundation or disqualified persons after May 26, 1969, (2) the lapse of the 5-year period (or longer period approved by the Commissioner under section 4943(c)(7)) to dispose of holdings acquired by gift or bequest, or (3) the lapse of the 10-, 15-, or 20-year first phase holding period? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2015).	3b		
4a	Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4a		No
b	Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2015?	4b		No

Part VII-B

Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required (Continued)

5a

During the year did the foundation pay or incur any amount to

(1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))?

☐ Yes

☒ No

(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955), or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive?

☐ Yes

☒ No

(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes?

☐ Yes

☒ No

(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc , organization described in section 4945(d)(4)(A)? (see instructions).

☐ Yes

☒ No

(5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals?

☐ Yes

☒ No

b

If any answer is "Yes" to 5a(1)–(5), did **any**of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)?

5b

No

Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here.

☐

c

If the answer is "Yes" to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945–5(d)

6a

Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?

☐ Yes

☒ No

b

Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?

6b

No

If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870

7a

At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?

☐ Yes

☒ No

b

If yes, did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction?

7b

Part VIII

Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors

1

List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation (see instructions).

(a) Name and address	Title, and average hours per week (b) devoted to position	(c) Compensation(If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	Expense account, (e) other allowances
BENNETT R COHEN CO GHP ADVISORS PC	TRUSTEE	0	0	0
PO BOX 5550	2 50			
BURLINGTON,VT 05402				
CHARLES LACY	ADMIN TRUSTEE	0	0	0
324 BROWNS TRACE ROAD	2 50			
JERICHO,VT 05465				

2

Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1—see instructions). If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	Title, and average hours per week (b) devoted to position	(c) Compensation	Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation (d)	Expense account, (e) other allowances
NONE				

Total

number of other employees paid over \$50,000.

0

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Part VIII

Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors *(continued)*

3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services (see instructions). If none, enter "NONE".

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services. ▶0

Part IX-A

Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc.

	Expenses
1	
2	
3	
4	

Part IX-B

Summary of Program-Related Investments (see instructions)

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2	Amount
1	
2	
All other program-related investments. See instructions.	
3	
Total. Add lines 1 through 3 ▶	

Part X Minimum Investment Return

(All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see instructions.)

1	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc , purposes		
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities.	1a	3,222,203
b	Average of monthly cash balances.	1b	695,851
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions).	1c	0
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c).	1d	3,918,054
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation).	1e	
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets.	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3	3,918,054
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	58,771
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3 Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	3,859,283
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5.	6	192,964

Part XI Distributable Amount
 (see instructions) (Section 4942(j)(3) and (j)(5) private operating foundations and certain foreign organizations check here ☐ and do not complete this part.)

1	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6.	1	192,964
2a	Tax on investment income for 2015 from Part VI, line 5.	2a	976
b	Income tax for 2015 (This does not include the tax from Part VI).	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b.	2c	976
3	Distributable amount before adjustments Subtract line 2c from line 1.	3	191,988
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions.	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4.	5	191,988
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions).	6	
7	Distributable amount as adjusted Subtract line 6 from line 5 Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1.	7	191,988

Part XII Qualifying Distributions (see instructions)

1	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc , purposes		
a	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc —total from Part I, column (d), line 26.	1a	212,657
b	Program-related investments—total from Part IX-B.	1b	
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc , purposes.	2	
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the		
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required).	3a	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule).	3b	
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	4	212,657
5	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b (see instructions).	5	
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4.	6	212,657

Note: The amount on line 6 will be used in Part V, column (b), in subsequent years when calculating whether the foundation qualifies for the section 4940(e) reduction of tax in those years

Part XIII

Undistributed Income (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2014	(c) 2014	(d) 2015
1 Distributable amount for 2015 from Part XI, line 7				191,988
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2015				
a Enter amount for 2014 only.			608	
b Total for prior years 20____, 20____, 20____				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015				
a From 2010.				190,500
b From 2011.				202,021
c From 2012.				162,380
d From 2013.				112,197
e From 2014.				242,038
f Total of lines 3a through e.	909,136			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2015 from Part XII, line 4 ► \$ 212,657				
a Applied to 2014, but not more than line 2a			608	
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required—see instructions).				
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required—see instructions).				
d Applied to 2015 distributable amount.				191,988
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	20,061			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2015 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a))				
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5	929,197			
b Prior years' undistributed income Subtract line 4b from line 2b.				
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed.				
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b Taxable amount—see instructions				
e Undistributed income for 2014 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount—see instructions				
f Undistributed income for 2016 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2015				0
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (Election may be required - see instructions).				
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2010 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions). . .	190,500			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	738,697			
10 Analysis of line 9				
a Excess from 2011. . . .				202,021
b Excess from 2012. . . .				162,380
c Excess from 2013. . . .				112,197
d Excess from 2014. . . .				242,038
e Excess from 2015. . . .				20,061

Part XIV

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b Check box to indicate whether the organization

Tax year	Prior 3 years			(e) Total
(a) 2015	(b) 2014	(c) 2013	(d) 2012	

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Part XV

1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:

List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than \$5,000) (See section 507(d)(2))

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List any managers of the foundation who own 10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the ownership of a partnership or other entity) of which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest

NONE

2 Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc., Programs:

Check here ☐ if the foundation only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds. If the foundation makes gifts, grants, etc. (see instructions) to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d.

The name, address, and telephone number or e-mail address of the person to whom applications should be addressed

BEN COHEN
C/O GHP ADVISORS PC PO BOX 5550
BURLINGTON,VT 05402
(802)863-5099

The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include

SEE ATTACHED

Any submission deadlines

SEE ATTACHED

Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors

SEE ATTACHED

Part XV

Supplementary Information(continued)

3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment

Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
a Paid during the year See Additional Data Table				
Total			▶ 3a	211,657
b Approved for future payment				
Total			▶ 3b	

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated

Part XVI-B Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes

[illegible]

1 Did the organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with any other organization described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3) organizations) or in section 527, relating to political organizations?			Yes	No
a Transfers from the reporting foundation to a noncharitable exempt organization of				
(1) Cash.		1a(1)		No
(2) Other assets.		1a(2)		No
b Other transactions				
(1) Sales of assets to a noncharitable exempt organization.		1b(1)		No
(2) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization.		1b(2)		No
(3) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets.		1b(3)		No
(4) Reimbursement arrangements.		1b(4)		No
(5) Loans or loan guarantees.		1b(5)		No
(6) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations.		1b(6)		No
c Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees.		1c		No
d If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," complete the following schedule. Column (b) should always show the fair market value of the goods, other assets, or services given by the reporting foundation. If the foundation received less than fair market value in any transaction or sharing arrangement, show in column (d) the value of the goods, other assets, or services received				

[illegible]

2a Is the foundation directly or indirectly affiliated with, or related to, one or more tax-exempt organizations described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3)) or in section 527? ☐ Yes
☒ No

b If "Yes," complete the following schedule

(a) Name of organization	(b) Type of organization	(c) Description of relationship

Sign Here	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 taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.		
	***** Signature of officer or trustee	2017-03-13 Date	***** Title

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below?
 (see instr.)? ☐ Yes ☒ No

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below

(see instr)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name GEORGE H PHILIBERT CPA	Preparer's Signature	Date	Check if self-employed ☐	PTIN
	Firm's name ☐ GHP ADVISORS PC			Firm's EIN ☐	
	Firm's address ☐ 131 MAIN STREET 8TH FLOOR BURLINGTON, VT 05401			Phone no (802) 863-5099	

Form 990PF Part XV Line 3 - Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment

Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
a <i>Paid during the year</i>				
COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS 4 GRIFFIN ROAD NORTH SUITE 100B WINDSOR,CT 06095		PUBLIC	UNRESTRICTED	1,000
AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL 5 PENN PLAZA 16TH FL NEW YORK,NY 10001		PUBLIC	UNRESTRICTED	500
COTS 95 NORTH AVE BURLINGTON,VT 05401		PUBLIC	UNRESTRICTED	500
DISMAS OF VERMONT INC 103 EAST ALLEN ST WINOOSKI,VT 05404		PUBLIC	UNRESTRICTED	500
DREAM CORP 1611 TELEGRAPH AVE ST 600 OAKLAND,CA 06095		PUBLIC	UNRESTRICTED	5,000
Total ▶ 3a				211,657

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Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
a <i>Paid during the year</i>				
FLYNN CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS MAIN STREET BURLINGTON,VT 05401		PUBLIC	UNRESTRICTED	1,000
LAKES REGION COMM COLLEGE NH 379 BELMONT RD LACONIA,NH 03246		PUBLIC	UNRESTRICTED	1,000
MANNA SOUP KITCHEN 48 ELM ST NORTHAMPTON,MA 01061		PUBLIC	UNRESTRICTED	500
MUSIC IN SCHOOLS TODAY 528 MARKET ST SUITE 213 SAN FRANCISCO,CA 94104		PUBLIC	UNRESTRICTED	1,000
PEACE & JUSTICE CENTER 60 LAKE STREET 1C BURLINGTON,VT 05401		PUBLIC	UNRESTRICTED	4,500
Total ▶ 3a				211,657

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Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
a <i>Paid during the year</i>				
POGO 1100 G ST NW SUITE 500 WASHINGTON,DC 20005		PUBLIC	UNRESTRICTED	50,000
PEOPLE POWER INITIATIVES INC 191 BANK STREET BURLINGTON,VT 05401		PUBLIC	UNRESTRICTED	125,177
LOVE SERVE REMEMBER FOUNDATION 22631 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY 762 MALIBU,CA 90265		PUBLIC	UNRESTRICTED	5,000
RESOURCE VT 266 PINE ST BURLINGTON,VT 05401		PUBLIC	UNRESTRICTED	2,000
RIGHTS & DEMOCRACY ED FUND 70 S WINOOSKI AVE BURLINGTON,VT 05401		PUBLIC	UNRESTRICTED	2,500
Total ▶ 3a				211,657

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Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
a <i>Paid during the year</i>				
VT NATURAL RESOURCES COUNCIL 294 N WINOOSKI AVE MONTPELIER,VT 05602		PUBLIC	UNRESTRICTED	1,000
UNTOURS FOUNDATION 415 EAST JASPER ST MEDIA,PA 19063		PUBLIC	UNRESTRICTED	10,000
VT JOURNALISM TRUST 97 STATE ST 1 MONTPELIER,VT 05602		PUBLIC	UNRESTRICTED	480
Total ▶ 3a				211,657

TY 2015 Accounting Fees Schedule**Name:** BEN COHEN CHARITABLE TRUST**EIN:** 03-0368595

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
GHP ADVISORS, PC TAX ADV/PREPARATION AND ACCTNG	4,735	3,735		1,000

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TY 2015 Gain/Loss from Sale of Other Assets Schedule

Name: BEN COHEN CHARITABLE TRUST

EIN: 03-0368595

Name	Date Acquired	How Acquired	Date Sold	Purchaser Name	Gross Sales Price	Basis	Basis Method	Sales Expenses	Total (net)	Accumulated Depreciation
PUBLICLY TRADED SECURITIES (SCHWAB #7154)		Purchased		PUBLICLY TRADED	569,650	577,311			-7,661	
PUBLICLY TRADED SECURITIES (SCHWAB #2395)		Purchased		PUBLICLY TRADED	908,539	971,222			-62,683	

TY 2015 General Explanation Attachment**Name:** BEN COHEN CHARITABLE TRUST**EIN:** 03-0368595

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
	PART XV, LINE 2 b, c, d	THE BEN COHEN CHARITABLE TRUST DOES NOT HAVE A FORMAL APPLICATION OR FORM FOR APPLICANTS SEEKING GRANTS TO COMPLETE THE ORGANIZATION DOES NOT LIMIT ITS CONSIDERATION OF APPLICANTS TO PRE-SELECTED CHARITIES OR LIMIT ITS AWARDS TO A SPECIFIC DOLLAR AMOUNT OR BY GEOGRAPHIC REGION THE TRUST GIVES TO QUALIFIED CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE A DEMONSTRATED HISTORY OR INTENTION FOR INVOLVEMENT IN SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE ISSUES THERE ARE NO GRANT DEADLINES THAT EXIST REQUESTS FOR GRANT FUNDS ARE REVIEWED BY THE TRUSTEE OF THE BEN COHEN CHARITABLE TRUST FOR PROPRIETY AND COMPATIBILITY WITH THE CHARITABLE PURPOSES SPECIFIED WITHIN THE TRUST INDENTURE

TY 2015 Investments Corporate Bonds Schedule**Name:** BEN COHEN CHARITABLE TRUST**EIN:** 03-0368595

Name of Bond	End of Year Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
VANGUARD SHORT-TERM BOND-1075	86,417	86,559
ISHARES FLOATING RATE-1,000	50,747	50,770

TY 2015 Investments Corporate Stock Schedule**Name:** BEN COHEN CHARITABLE TRUST**EIN:** 03-0368595

Name of Stock	End of Year Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
CHARLES SCHWAB #XX54 (SEE ATTACHMENT 1)	1,441,281	1,229,032
CHARLES SCHWAB #XX95 (SEE ATTACHMENT 2)	901,056	924,847
EMERGENCE BIOENERGY INC.	250,000	250,000

TY 2015 Investments - Other Schedule**Name:** BEN COHEN CHARITABLE TRUST**EIN:** 03-0368595

Category/ Item	Listed at Cost or FMV	Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
MONEY IN MOTION LLC		298,791	298,791
OPPORTUNITIES CREDIT UNION CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT		138,018	138,018
ENTERPRISE PRDTS		29,936	20,192
MPLX LP		16,534	8,505
MAGELLAN MIDSTREAM		28,178	21,850
CYRUSONE LLC		7,808	7,807

TY 2015 Other Expenses Schedule**Name:** BEN COHEN CHARITABLE TRUST**EIN:** 03-0368595

Description	Revenue and Expenses per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
Investment portfolio mgmt fees	30,462			

TY 2015 Other Income Schedule**Name:** BEN COHEN CHARITABLE TRUST**EIN:** 03-0368595

Description	Revenue And Expenses Per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income
Investment in LLC	-184	-184	

TY 2015 Other Increases Schedule**Name:** BEN COHEN CHARITABLE TRUST**EIN:** 03-0368595

Description	Amount
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED	100,000