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Form 990

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-0047

2016

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

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2016 , and ending 12-31-2016

B Check if applicable

☐ Address change

☐ Name change

☐ Initial return

☐ Final

☒ Return/terminated

☐ Amended return

☐ Application pending

C Name of organization

Center for Sustainable Economy

Doing business as

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address)

1294 14th Street

Room/suite

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code

West Linn, OR 97068

F Name and address of principal officer

JOHN TALBERTH

1294 14TH ST

WEST LINN, OR 97068

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates?

☐ Yes ☒ No

H(b) Are all subordinates included?

☐ Yes ☒ No

H(c) Group exemption number ▶

I Tax-exempt status

☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) () ◀(insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

J Website: ▶

sustainable-economy.org

K Form of organization

☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶

L Year of formation

2004

M State of legal domicile

NM

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities

PROMOTING ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY

2 Check this box ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets

3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)

3

4

4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)

4

3

5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2016 (Part V, line 2a)

5

2

6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)

6

5

7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12

7a

0

7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34

7b

Revenue

8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)

158,761

300,353

9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)

66,992

10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)

14

13

11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)

2,590

12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)

158,775

369,948

Expenses

13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)

66,625

14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)

0

15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)

108,162

160,298

16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)

0

16b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶12,537

17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)

57,071

90,436

18 Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)

165,233

317,359

19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12

-6,458

52,589

Net Assets or Fund Balances

20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)

97,418

150,007

21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)

0

22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20

97,418

150,007

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

Sign Here

Signature of officer

2017-03-23

Date

JOHN TALBERTH President

Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name

Kris Oliveira CPA

Preparer's signature

Kris Oliveira CPA

Date

Check ☒ if self-employed

PTIN

P00959389

Firm's name ▶ Kern & Thompson LLC

Firm's EIN ▶

Firm's address ▶ 1800 SW First Avenue Suite 410

Phone no (503) 222-3338

Portland, OR 97201

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)

☒ Yes ☐ No

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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

PROMOTING ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY

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 \$ 156,889	including grants of \$	66,625)	(Revenue \$ 66,992)
<p>SOLUTIONS FOR SUSTAINABILITY CSE works with governments, business leaders, educators and non-profits to develop innovative policies, new indicators of progress, and interactive on-line tools to foster the transition to a sustainable economy We promote policy solutions based on a new paradigm of growth centered on wellbeing rather than an ever expanding scale of industrial activity Our pioneering work on the Ecological Footprint and Genuine Progress Indicator helps establish these and other sustainability metrics as the vanguards for the new economy Our award winning online tools for measuring sustainability have helped spotlight the beneficial impacts of lifestyle changes and green products Our work on sustainability solutions includes Policy innovations Making a swift and equitable transition to a sustainable economy will require a new suite of policies that encourage investment in natural and human capital, local self reliance, cooperation, sustainable production and consumption, and many other fundamental shifts from the conventional economic growth model CSE helps develop public policy mechanisms like tax incentives, public procurement guidelines, regulatory standards and new institutions to encourage this transition We help identify and disseminate information on best practices using case examples worldwide We work cooperatively with public officials at the national, state, and local levels to develop policy innovations that are fine-tuned to local needs and circumstances Genuine Progress Indicator The Genuine Progress Indicator (GPI) is one of the leading candidates for supplementing or replacing gross domestic product (GDP) as an overall barometer of economic wellbeing Together with Redefining Progress, CSE helped pioneer advances to this metric and its application to economic policy decisions At a very basic level, the GPI is designed to answer two fundamental questions about economic activity (1) what portion of that activity is actually making us better off, or in other words, related to true economic well-being and (2) what portion of that activity is likely to be sustainable over the long run? CSE is working to promote use of the GPI at the national, state, and local levels, working with practitioners internationally to improve the accuracy and theoretical validity of the GPI and pioneering ways to apply GPI in policy settings Ecological footprint The Ecological Footprint is one of the worlds most ubiquitous and rigorous sustainability metrics It provides a spatial measure of just how much nature is being appropriated to support our lifestyles, production and consumption activities and assimilate our wastes CSE helps governments, non-profits, universities, and businesses adapt the ecological footprint to help measure sustainability performance We use ecological footprint analysis to help identify measures that can reduce their impact on the planet Sustainability online Center for Sustainable Economy provides interactive tools for government, business, and educators seeking to utilize the vast power of the web to promote sustainable decision-making and advance environmental education We host one of the worlds most popular ecological footprint calculators to help guide sustainable lifestyle choices We design ecological footprint calculators to demonstrate the benefits of green products We help develop and manage sustainability challenges for students and employees And we have designed on-line sustainability courses and curriculum modules addressing the ecological footprint, GPI, and green infrastructure Accomplishments in 2016 included Beyond Fossil Fuels NunavutTogether with Greenpeace Canada, CSE examined the pitfalls of increasing the extraction of fossil fuels and minerals in this largely pristine Arctic region and evaluated a range of sustainable development options that have great potential for eradicating poverty, preserving indigenous culture, and creating meaningful employment The report Beyond Fossil Fuels Sustainable Development Opportunities in Eastern Nunavut highlights four key sectors for future emphasis, including human capital, renewable energy, Indigenous tourism and sustainable Arctic fisheries Beyond Fossil Fuels AlaskaTogether with Greenpeace USA, and in coordination with our Nunavut work, CSE produced a second report discussing sustainable development challenges and opportunities in Alaska as the economy of that state is forced to make the transition away from fossil fuels as market conditions deteriorate and as the climate change signal grows stronger Using sustainable development criteria agreed to by 192 nations at the UNs Rio+20 Summit and embodied in global Sustainable Development Goals, CSEs report Beyond Fossil Fuels Planning a Just Transition for Alaskas Economy focuses on seven key sectors compatible with the goals and objectives of these international frameworks In particular, the report examines in detail the economic, social, and environmental benefits of investment in human capital, energy efficiency and renewables, local self-reliance, restoration of fossil fuel infrastructure sites, protected areas, indigenous tourism, and sustainable fisheries Fossil Fuel Risk Bonds In 2016, CSE continued its work on its climate risk bond policy tool as a way to internalize the public financial risks associated with fossil fuel infrastructure We issued an updated report entitled Fossil Fuel Risk Bonds Safeguarding Public Finances from Product Life Cycle Risks of Oil, Gas, and Coal to extend our policy recommendations to public financial risks all along the product lifecycle extraction, storage, transport, distribution, and combustion In addition to updating our report, CSE continued our work with partners to promote the concept on the ground to communities in several states Oregon Forest Communities CouncilCSE continued to expand membership in Oregon Forest Communities Council, a first-ever alliance of business voices, faith leaders, non-profit groups and others who comprise the vast majority of the Oregon economy and who are working together as a powerful voice calling for modernization of Oregon’s Forest Practices Act Genuine Progress Indicator 2.0 Pilot Accounts for the US, Maryland, and BaltimoreIn late 2015, CSE presented a proposed new methodology (GPI 2.0) at an international ecological economics conference in Vancouver, BC The ideas were well received and throughout 2016 CSE worked on a detailed manuscript describing the new method for submission to an academic journal sometime in the spring of 2017 Ecological Footprint QuizCSEs ecological footprint quiz at myfootprint.org remains one of the Worlds most popular on-line sustainability tools This year, we continued to provide the quiz to environmental and sustainability educators across the world as a classroom tool</p>					

4b	(Code)	(Expenses \$ 78,981	including grants of \$)	(Revenue \$)
<p>ADVOCACY CSE is dedicated to promoting best practices for federal, state and local agencies that are legally bound to justify the economic basis for their decisions and demonstrate that they serve the public interest To this end, we monitor, comment and if necessary challenge in court decisions that affect the well being of the nations economy and its citizens These include decisions related to land and resource management and economic policy We also help leaders in Congress, state legislatures as well as county and city councils and commissions analyze the impacts of innovative legislative approaches to solving our economic challenges Our advocacy initiatives are grouped into three separate categories Litigation CSE houses a team of experienced law fellows and expert witnesses that can help organizations hold public agencies accountable for their commitments to protect the environment, foster equity, and provide meaningful opportunities for public participation We help develop and coordinate litigation strategies that advance sustainability initiatives and guard against threats to the quality of our environment and economy Our fellows litigate under statutes such as the federal National Environmental Policy Act, Endangered Species Act, National Forest Management Act, Clean Water Act, Freedom of Information Act and their state level counterparts Our experts bolster their work by supplying declarations in the fields of environmental economics, conservation biology, and planning Administrative processes Public decisions and planning processes often require extensive involvement by interested parties and the expertise to decipher mountains of technical information CSEs environmental law, economics, and environmental policy fellows help organizations be effective in administrative processes that are often exceedingly complex We prepare administrative level comments and appeals on both a programmatic and site-specific basis, and help organizations develop systems to monitor upcoming projects Legislative support Making the transition to a sustainable society will require innovative legislative solutions in Congress and at the state and local levels CSE helps develop and build support for these solutions by commenting on legislative language, providing comprehensive analysis of proposals, sponsoring educational forums for legislators, and testifying in hearings While we do not lobby for or against specific legislative proposals, our broad expertise in economics and sustainability can help evaluate the efficacy of various approaches Accomplishments in 2016 Plant Conservation Areas in the Sierra Nevada National ForestsWorking with John Muir Project and Center for Biological Diversity, CSE prepared extensive comments on draft revised management plans for the Inyo, Sequoia, and Sierra National Forests in California CSEs emphasis was on the need for new standards to protect plant community diversity and reduce the harmful effects of logging on state and privately managed lands adjacent to these national forests Fossil Fuel Infrastructure Policy in Portland, OregonIn 2015, CSE helped lead an aggressive push for a comprehensive fossil fuel export policy in Portland, Oregon Our team provided legal research, expert policy analysis, and testimony to Portland officials Our collective efforts were rewarded on Nov. 12, 2015, when the Portland City Council voted 5-0 in support of the most ambitious fossil fuel export policy in the nation, if not the world In 2016, the City completed a rulemaking process to operationalize the ordinance CSEs team provided expert assistance and analysis throughout the process to ensure that the final ordinance reflected the will of the City Council and would survive any legal challenges it may face in the years ahead Modernizing Oregons Forest Practices ActIn collaboration with Pacific Rivers Council, CSE helped draft legislative concepts for a comprehensive overhaul of Oregons Forest Practices Act The legislative concepts we crafted include six key provisions forest management plans, numerical criteria for addressing cumulative watershed impacts, sensitive resource site protection, science-based buffers along all rivers, streams, and wetlands, new standards for logging roads and standards requiring retention and restoration of late successional/old growth forests Forest Carbon Tax and RewardIn collaboration with the Climate Action Coalition and other partners, CSE drafted a legislative concept entitled Forest Carbon Tax and Reward If enacted, the program would tax high emissions forest practices including clearcutting, chemical sprays and short rotation timber plantations at the social cost of carbon and reward forestland owners who implement climate smart forest practices such as set asides for water, fish and wildlife, selective cutting, and long rotations We also quantified the job impacts of such a program, concluding that it has the potential of creating over 6,000 jobs per year No New Fossil Fuel InfrastructureCSE continued work on its global campaign to persuade cities to follow Portlands lead and enact policies to halt construction of new fossil fuel infrastructure The campaign is being advanced via Facebook, a new website, international presentations and media This included presentations by Climate and Energy Program Director Daphne Wysham at the COP22 meeting in Marrakesh and before members of the Canadian Parliament in Ontario Just Transition SummitCSE co-hosted a Just Transition Summit in Portland, Oregon discussing how Portland can lead the country away from fossil fuel export infrastructure and toward a cleaner, more equitable economy Speakers included Joe Uehlein of Labor Network for Sustainability, Seattle City Councilor and Fight for \$15 advocate Kshama Sawant, Vancouver, BC City Councilor Andrea Reimer, and Just Transition Alliance Director Jose Bravo The Summit was co-hosted by 350PDX, Climate Jobs, Climate Action Coalition and others</p>					

4c	(Code)	(Expenses \$ 56,415	including grants of \$)	(Revenue \$ 66,992)
<p>ANALYSIS OF PUBLIC AGENCY DECISIONS CSE houses a top-notch team of researchers with a diverse background in a number of disciplines at the forefront of thinking about the new economy We specialize in benefit-cost analysis, net public benefits analysis, non-market valuation, regional modeling, ecological footprints and sustainability analysis Our projects are grouped into four core initiatives, including Net public benefits Typically, both public and private decision makers lack all the information necessary for determining whether or not a proposed program, policy, or project is in the public interest Our economists help expose the true costs of these decisions on the public as well as benefits that may be important but are difficult to quantify through standard economic analysis techniques Our expertise includes non-market valuation, benefit-cost analysis, regional modeling, and other techniques needed to provide a more complete picture of overall economic impact Climate economics By any account, the economic costs of climate change are expected to be staggering One recent global assessment that added the specter of a decade long pulse of methane from the melting Arctic to standard climate impacts models found that net costs of climate change could range from \$119 to \$458 trillion depending upon what emissions scenario unfolds Our analysts address the economics of climate change in a number of ways We help evaluate the true costs of additional fossil fuel development We estimate climate change costs on both market and nonmarket dimensions of economic wellbeing And we help governments and communities identify cost-effective adaptation options Green vs. gray infrastructure Investments in green infrastructure solutions like wetlands often provide economically superior ways to achieve environmental quality outcomes than conventional investments in gray infrastructure like new wastewater treatment plants To help investigate the financial and economic tradeoffs, CSE helped pioneer Green vs. Gray Analysis (GGA) GGA builds on standard public investment analysis to help decision makers identify the least cost options for mitigating disaster risk, achieving regulatory targets, or maximizing net public benefits of public infrastructure CSE is assisting a growing number of municipal water providers, land managers, and businesses quantify the bottom line benefits of restoring wetlands, forests, rivers and coastal ecosystems as an alternative to expensive technological solutions to their infrastructure needs Sustainability An increasing number of nations, communities, academic institutions and businesses are committed to the overall idea of environmental, economic, and social sustainability CSE helps define and measure sustainability with precision using state of the art metrics and techniques We help identify initiatives that foster sustainability as well as practices that erode natural, human, built, and social capital over time Accomplishments in 2016 included Ocean Acidification and Warming The Economic Toll and Implications for the Social Cost of CarbonMounting evidence indicates ocean acidification and warming (OAW) pose significant risks of systemic collapse of many critical ocean and coastal ecosystem services Attention has focused on drastic reductions, if not extinction, of coral reefs, inundation of coastlines, massive ocean dead zones, collapse of both capture and subsistence fisheries in highly dependent regions and significant disruption of the oceans carbon sequestration capacity The economic costs of OAW have yet to be adequately researched or included in estimates of the social cost of carbon (SCC) A new CSE paper, published by Elsevier as part of their new reference module Encyclopedia of the Anthropocene, summarizes current knowledge about the economic costs of OAW and suggests alternative approaches for incorporating these costs into the federal governments SCC Preliminary results suggest that accounting for OAW would raise SCC 1.5 to 4.7 times higher than the current federal rate, to \$60-\$200 per metric ton CO2-e</p>					

4d	Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)	(Expenses \$	including grants of \$)	(Revenue \$)
4e	Total program service expenses ▶	292,285			

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i> 	1 Yes	
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)? 	2 Yes	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>	3	No
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>	4	No
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>	5	No
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i>	6	No
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>	7	No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>	8	No
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i>	9	No
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>	10	No
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i>	11a	No
b Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i>	11b	No
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i>	11c	No
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i>	11d	No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>	11e	No
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>	11f	No
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i>	12a	No
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i>	12b	No
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>	13	No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	No
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i>	14b	No
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>	15	No
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i>	16	No
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)</i>	17	No
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>	18	No
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>	19	No

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	Yes	
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>		No
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>		No
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>		No
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		No
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		No
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		No
25a Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		No
b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		No
26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>		No
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>		No
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		No
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		No
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		No
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>		No
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>		No
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>		No
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		No
b If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		No
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		No
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>		No
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	Yes	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax ComplianceCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V ☐

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable.		
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.		
1c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	Yes	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return.		
2b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions).	Yes	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		No
3b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O.		No
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		No
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: _____ See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		No
5b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		No
5c	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?		No
6b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
7c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		No
7d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.		0
7e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		No
7f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		No
7g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		No
7h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		No
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		No
9a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		No
9b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		No
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.	10a	
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities.	10b	
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter		
a	Gross income from members or shareholders.	11a	
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them).	11b	
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a	No
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.	12b	
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.		
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.	13a	No
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans.	13b	
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand.	13c	
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a	No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.	14b	

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to 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

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

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

		Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a	No
b	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?	10b	
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11a	No
b	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	12a	Yes
b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	Yes
c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	12c	No
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	No
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	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	15a	No
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b	No
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions)			
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?	16a	No
b	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b	

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed NM, OR

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.
☐ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ 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
 ► JOHN TALBERTH 1294 14th Street WEST LINN, OR 97068 (503) 657-7336

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

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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

Section B. Independent Contractors

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

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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
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a Federated campaigns . . .	1a				
	b Membership dues . . .	1b	16,446			
	c Fundraising events . . .	1c				
	d Related organizations	1d				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	283,907			
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____					
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		300,353			
Program Service Revenue			Business Code			
	2a CONTRACT REVENUE		900099	66,992	66,992	
	b _____					
	c _____					
	d _____					
	e _____					
	f All other program service revenue					
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		66,992			
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		13			13
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds		0			
	5 Royalties		0			
			(i) Real	(ii) Personal		
	6a Gross rents					
	b Less rental expenses					
	c Rental income or (loss)					
	d Net rental income or (loss)		0			
			(i) Securities	(ii) Other		
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory					
	b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses					
	c Gain or (loss)					
	d Net gain or (loss)		0			
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18		a			
	b Less direct expenses	b				
	c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		0			
	9a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19		a			
	b Less direct expenses	b				
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities		0			
	10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances		a			
b Less cost of goods sold	b					
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory		0				
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code				
11a OTHER INCOME		900099	2,590	2,590		
b _____						
c _____						
d All other revenue						
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d			2,590			
12 Total revenue. See Instructions			369,948	69,582		

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

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

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX ☒**Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.**

	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21.	66,625	66,625		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22.	0			
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, line 15 and 16.	0			
4 Benefits paid to or for members.	0			
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees.	84,000	75,600	4,200	4,200
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B).	0			
7 Other salaries and wages.	57,500	51,750	2,875	2,875
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions).	0			
9 Other employee benefits.	5,962	5,366	298	298
10 Payroll taxes.	12,836	11,552	642	642
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management.	0			
b Legal.	0			
c Accounting.	0			
d Lobbying.	0			
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17.	0			
f Investment management fees.	0			
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O).	55,002	49,502	2,750	2,750
12 Advertising and promotion.	0			
13 Office expenses.	1,561	1,407	77	77
14 Information technology.	0			
15 Royalties.	0			
16 Occupancy.	0			
17 Travel.	20,372	18,334	1,019	1,019
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials.	0			
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings.	1,960	1,764	98	98
20 Interest.	0			
21 Payments to affiliates.	0			
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization.	0			
23 Insurance.	0			
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O):				
a TELEPHONE/INTERNET.	4,133	3,719	207	207
b BANK CHARGES AND FEES.	3,833	3,449	192	192
c BOARD EXPENSES.	1,723	1,551	86	86
d DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS.	1,320	1,188	66	66
e All other expenses.	532	478	27	27
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	317,359	292,285	12,537	12,537
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

Part X Balance SheetCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX ☐

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	97,418	1	150,007
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments		2	0
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	0
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4	0
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L.		5	0
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L.		6	0
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	0
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	0
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	0
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D.	10a		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	10c	0
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities		11	0
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	0
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	0
	14 Intangible assets		14	0
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		15	0
	16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	97,418	16	150,007
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses		17	
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D.		21	
	22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D.		25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	0	26	0
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	97,418	27	150,007
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets		28	
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	97,418	33	150,007
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	97,418	34	150,007

Part XI Reconciliation of Net AssetsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI ☐

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	369,948
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	317,359
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	52,589
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	97,418
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	150,007

Part XII Financial Statements and ReportingCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII ☐

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		No
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		No
c If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O		
3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		No
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		

Additional Data

Software ID: 16000303
Software Version: 2016v3.0
EIN: 36-4541988
Name: Center for Sustainable Economy

SCHEDULE A (Form 990 or 990-EZ)	Public Charity Status and Public Support 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 .	OMB No 1545-0047 2016 Open to Public Inspection
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Name of the organization Center for Sustainable Economy		Employer identification number 36-4541988

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 12, 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 agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land grant college of agriculture See instructions Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university _____
- 10 ☒ 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)
- 11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 12 ☐ 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 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g
- 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- 10 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		
Total						

Part II

Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, 8, or 9 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)2012	(b)2013	(c)2014	(d)2015	(e)2016	(f)Total
1	Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grant.")						
2	Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3	The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4	Total. Add lines 1 through 3						
5	The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6	Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						

Section B. Total Support							
	Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a)2012	(b)2013	(c)2014	(d)2015	(e)2016	(f)Total
7	Amounts from line 4						
8	Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9	Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10	Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
11	Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						
12	Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
13	First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage		
14	Public support percentage for 2016 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14
15	Public support percentage for 2015 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15
16a	33 1/3% support test—2016. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	
b	33 1/3% support test—2015. 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 stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	
17a	10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2016. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	
b	10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2015. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	
18	Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 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)2012	(b)2013	(c)2014	(d)2015	(e)2016	(f)Total
1	Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	15,891	179,774	168,888	158,761	300,353	823,667
2	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	29,009	38,601			69,582	137,192
3	Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						0
4	Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						0
5	The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						0
6	Total. Add lines 1 through 5	44,900	218,375	168,888	158,761	369,935	960,859
7a	Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						0
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
c	Add lines 7a and 7b						
8	Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						960,859

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►		(a)2012	(b)2013	(c)2014	(d)2015	(e)2016	(f)Total
9	Amounts from line 6	44,900	218,375	168,888	158,761	369,935	960,859
10a	Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources		6	15	14	13	48
b	Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						0
c	Add lines 10a and 10b		6	15	14	13	48
11	Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						0
12	Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						0
13	Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	44,900	218,381	168,903	158,775	369,948	960,907

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

15	Public support percentage for 2016 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	100.000 %
16	Public support percentage from 2015 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	99.990 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17	Investment income percentage for 2016 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	0.0 %
18	Investment income percentage from 2015 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	0.010 %

19a 33 1/3% support tests—2016. 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—2015. 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 12 of Part I. If you checked 12a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 12b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 12c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 12d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.</i>	1	
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).</i>	2	
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.</i>	3a	
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)? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.</i>	3b	
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.</i>	3c	
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes" and if you checked 12a or 12b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.</i>	4a	
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? <i>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.</i>	4b	
c 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)? <i>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.</i>	4c	
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>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).</i>	5a	
b Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?	5b	
c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?	5c	
6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>	6	
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>	7	
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>	8	
9a 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))? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>	9a	
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>	9b	
c Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>	9c	
10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? <i>If "Yes," answer line 10b below.</i>	10a	
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? <i>(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)</i>	10b	

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

	Yes	No
11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a 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 A family member of a person described in (a) above?		
c A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? <i>If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI</i>		
11a		
11b		
11c		

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
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? <i>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.</i>		
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? <i>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.</i>		
1		
2		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
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)? <i>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).</i>		
1		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
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, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) 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? <i>If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).</i>		
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? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.</i>		
1		
2		
3		

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 <input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.		
b <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.		
c <input type="checkbox"/> 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? <i>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.</i>		
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? <i>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.</i>		
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? <i>Provide details in Part VI.</i>		
b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs and activities of each of its supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.</i>		
2a		
2b		
3a		
3b		

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

1

Net short-term capital gain

2

Recoveries of prior-year distributions

3

Other gross income (see instructions)

4

Add lines 1 through 3

5

Depreciation and depletion

6

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)

7

Other expenses (see instructions)

8

Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)

(A) Prior Year

(B) Current Year (optional)

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount

1

Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year)

a

Average monthly value of securities

b

Average monthly cash balances

c

Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets

d

Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)

e

Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI)

2

Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt use assets

3

Subtract line 2 from line 1d

4

Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)

5

Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)

6

Multiply line 5 by .035

7

Recoveries of prior-year distributions

8

Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)

(A) Prior Year

(B) Current Year (optional)

Section C - Distributable Amount

1

Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)

2

Enter 85% of line 1

3

Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)

4

Enter greater of line 2 or line 3

5

Income tax imposed in prior year

6

Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)

Current Year

7

☐ Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions)

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

Section D - Distributions	Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI) See instructions	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI) See instructions	
9 Distributable amount for 2016 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2016	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2016
1 Distributable amount for 2016 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2016 (reasonable cause required--see instructions)			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2016			
a			
b			
c From 2013.			
d From 2014.			
e From 2015.			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2016 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2011 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f			
4 Distributions for 2016 from Section D, line 7 \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2016 distributable amount			
c Remainder Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2016, if any Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2016 Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2017. Add lines 3j and 4c			
8 Breakdown of line 7			
a			
b Excess from 2013.			
c Excess from 2014.			
d Excess from 2015.			
e Excess from 2016.			

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).

Facts And Circumstances Test

Schedule I
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
Center for Sustainable Economy

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

Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.
▶ Attach to Form 990.
▶ Information about Schedule I (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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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?

☒ Yes ☐ No
- 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

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1) FOREST AGRICULTURE RESEARCH M PO BOX 551754 KAPAAU, HI 96755	47-1952182		64,125	0			RESEARCH NATIVE FOREST RESTORATION

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table ▶ 0

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

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
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					
(7)					

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
Grantmaker's Description of How Grants are Used	THE ORGANIZATION REQUESTS REGULAR FINANCIAL AND PROGRESS UPDATES

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)Department of the Treasury
~~Internal Revenue Service~~Name of the organization
Center for Sustainable Economy**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
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990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Line 11b Form 990 Review Process	FORM 990 IS REVIEWED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Line 19 Other Organization Documents Publicly Available	THESE ITEMS ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST