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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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2016

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

<p>Name of foundation BESSONCOOPER FUND INC</p> <p>Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address) 262 SOUTH COCONUT LANE</p> <p>City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code MIAMI BEACH, FL 33139</p> <p>G Check all that apply <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return of a former public charity <input type="checkbox"/> Final return <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change</p> <p>H Check type of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation <input type="checkbox"/> Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other taxable private foundation</p> <p>I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col. (c), line 16) ► \$ 3,860,085</p>		<p>A Employer identification number 45-4076695</p> <p>B Telephone number (see instructions) (410) 685-5512</p> <p>C If exemption application is pending, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>D 1. Foreign organizations, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation ► <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here ► <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here ► <input type="checkbox"/></p>			
		<p>J Accounting method <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____</p> <p>(Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis)</p>			
<p>Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions))</p>		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received (attach schedule)				
	2 Check ► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch B				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments				
	4 Dividends and interest from securities	128,796	111,917		
	5a Gross rents				
	b Net rental income or (loss)				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	-76,902			
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a	2,363,462			
	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				
b Less Cost of goods sold					
c Gross profit or (loss) (attach schedule)					
11 Other income (attach schedule)					
12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	51,894	111,917			
Operating and Administrative Expenses	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc	0	0		0
	14 Other employee salaries and wages				
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits				
	16a Legal fees (attach schedule)				
	b Accounting fees (attach schedule)	2,500	2,500		0
	c Other professional fees (attach schedule)	13,929	13,929		0
	17 Interest				
	18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions)	13	0		0
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion				
	20 Occupancy				
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings	4,681	4,681		0
	22 Printing and publications				
	23 Other expenses (attach schedule)				
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses.	21,123	21,110		0
Add lines 13 through 23					
25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	508,194			508,194	
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	529,317	21,110		508,194	
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12					
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	-477,423				
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		90,807			
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				
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	95,242	93,800	93,800	
	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)				
	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)	1,738,897	1,827,882	1,844,116	
	c Investments—corporate bonds (attach schedule)	2,532,968	1,968,002	1,922,169	
	11 Investments—land, buildings, and equipment basis ►				
	Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ►				
	12 Investments—mortgage loans				
	13 Investments—other (attach schedule)				
	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)	4,367,107	3,889,684	3,860,085	
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 ► _____)	0	0	0	
	23 Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)	0	0	0	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> 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 ► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 31.				
	27 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds	0	0	0	
	28 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg , and equipment fund	0	0	0	
	29 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds	4,367,107	3,889,684	3,889,684	
	30 Total net assets or fund balances (see instructions)	4,367,107	3,889,684	3,889,684	
	31 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions)	4,367,107	3,889,684	3,889,684	

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	4,367,107
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	-477,423
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ►	3	0
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	3,889,684
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ►	5	0
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5)—Part II, column (b), line 30	6	3,889,684

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e.g., real estate, 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shs MLC Co.)			(b) How acquired P—Purchase D—Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo., day, yr.)	(d) Date sold (mo., day, yr.)
1 a CHARLES SCHWAB - LT			P	2015-01-01	2016-12-31
b CHARLES SCHWAB - ST			P	2016-01-01	2016-12-31
c CAPITAL GAINS DIVIDENDS			P		
d					
e					
(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)		
a 1,551,039		1,589,184	-38,145		
b 795,125		851,180	-56,055		
c 17,298			17,298		
d					
e					
Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69					
(i) F M V as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col (i) over col (j), if any	(l) Gains (Col (h) gain minus col (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col (h))		
a			-38,145		
b			-56,055		
c			17,298		
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	-76,902	
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					

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

 Yes No

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period?

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))
2015	410,591	4,566,685	0 089910
2014	406,611	4,911,965	0 082780
2013	264,531	4,996,636	0 052942
2012	87,143	4,974,799	0 017517
2011	0	0	0 000000
2 Total of line 1, column (d)			0 243149
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			0 048630
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2016 from Part X, line 5			4,101,322
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3			199,447
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)			908
7 Add lines 5 and 6			200,355
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XIII, line 4			508,194

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 instructions)

1a	Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> and enter "N/A" on line 1	1	908
	Date of ruling or determination letter _____ (attach copy of letter if necessary—see instructions)		
b	Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here ► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and enter 1% of Part I, line 2b	1	908
c	All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 2b Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col (b)		
2	Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only Others enter -0-)	2	0
3	Add lines 1 and 2.	3	908
4	Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only Others enter -0-)	4	0
5	Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3 If zero or less, enter -0-	5	908
6	Credits/Payments		
a	2016 estimated tax payments and 2015 overpayment credited to 2016	6a	1,120
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.	7	1,120
8	Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if Form 2220 is attached	8	
9	Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed	9	
10	Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid	10	212
11	Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2017 estimated tax ►	212	Refunded ►
		11	0

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?	1a	Yes	No
b	Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see Instructions for definition)?	1b	Yes	No
	<i>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</i>			
c	Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?	1c	Yes	No
d	Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year			
(1)	On the foundation ► \$ _____ 0	(2)	On foundation managers ► \$ _____ 0	
e	Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers ► \$ _____ 0			
2	Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS?	2	Yes	No
	<i>If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities</i>			
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? <i>If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes</i>	3	Yes	No
4a	Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	4a	Yes	No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	4b	Yes	No
5	Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year?	5	Yes	No
	<i>If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T</i>			
6	Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Part II, col (c), and Part XV</i>	7	Yes	
8a	Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions)			
	►MD			
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? <i>If "No," attach explanation</i>	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 2016 or the taxable year beginning in 2016 (see instructions for Part XIV)? <i>If "Yes," complete Part XIV</i>	9	Yes	No
10	Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses</i>	10	Yes	No

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 ►DAVID A GOLDNER Telephone no ►(410) 685-5512		
	Located at ►36 S CHARLES ST STE 1800 BALTIMORE MD ZIP+4 ►21201		

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	<input type="checkbox"/>
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16	At any time during calendar year 2016, 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?	16	Yes	No
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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 ►

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.

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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
	(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
	(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
	(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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)?.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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).	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 2016?			1c
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 2016, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2016? If "Yes," list the years ► 20____, 20____, 20____, 20____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
b	If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2016 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 2016).			3b
4a	Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?			4a
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 2016?			4b

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)? 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? 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?

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

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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
REBECCA L BESSON 36 S CHARLES ST STE 1800 BALTIMORE, MD 21201	PRESIDENT/TR 0 00	0	0	0
STUART COOPER 36 S CHARLES ST STE 1800 BALTIMORE, MD 21201	VICE PRESIDENT 0 00	0	0	0
DAVID A GOLDNER 36 S CHARLES ST STE 1800 BALTIMORE, MD 21201	SECRETARY 0 00	0	0	0

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

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.

1	Expenses

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	3,991,133
b	Average of monthly cash balances.	1b	172,646
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions).	1c	0
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c).	1d	4,163,779
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation).	1e	0
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets.	2	0
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3	4,163,779
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	62,457
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3 Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	4,101,322
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5.	6	205,066

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

1	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6.	1	205,066
2a	Tax on investment income for 2016 from Part VI, line 5.	2a	908
b	Income tax for 2016 (This does not include the tax from Part VI).	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b.	2c	908
3	Distributable amount before adjustments Subtract line 2c from line 1.	3	204,158
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions.	4	0
5	Add lines 3 and 4.	5	204,158
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions).	6	0
7	Distributable amount as adjusted Subtract line 6 from line 5 Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1.	7	204,158

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	508,194
b	Program-related investments—total from Part IX-B.	1b	0
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	508,194
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	908
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4.	6	507,286
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 2015	(c) 2015	(d) 2016
1 Distributable amount for 2016 from Part XI, line 7				204,158
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2016			0	
a Enter amount for 2015 only.			0	
b Total for prior years 20____, 20____, 20____		0		
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2016				
a From 2011.				
b From 2012.				
c From 2013.				
d From 2014.	23,152			
e From 2015.	184,443			
f Total of lines 3a through e.	207,595			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2016 from Part XII, line 4 ► \$ 508,194			0	
a Applied to 2015, but not more than line 2a			0	
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required—see instructions).		0		
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required—see instructions).	0			
d Applied to 2016 distributable amount.			204,158	
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	304,036			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2016 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a))	0			0
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5	511,631			
b Prior years' undistributed income Subtract line 4b from line 2b.		0		
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.		0		
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b Taxable amount—see instructions		0		
e Undistributed income for 2015 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount—see instructions			0	
f Undistributed income for 2016 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2017.				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)	0			
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2011 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions)	0			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2017. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a.	511,631			
10 Analysis of line 9				
a Excess from 2012.				
b Excess from 2013.				
c Excess from 2014.	23,152			
d Excess from 2015.	184,443			
e Excess from 2016.	304,036			

Part XIV Private Operating Foundations (see instructions and Part VII-A, question 9)

1a If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2016, enter the date of the ruling. ►				
b Check box to indicate whether the organization is a private operating foundation described in section <input type="checkbox"/> 4942(j)(3) or <input type="checkbox"/> 4942(j)(5)				
2a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed.	Tax year	Prior 3 years		
	(a) 2016	(b) 2015	(c) 2014	(d) 2013
b 85% of line 2a.				
c Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed.				
d Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities.				
e Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities Subtract line 2d from line 2c.				
3 Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon				
a "Assets" alternative test—enter				
(1) Value of all assets.				
(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)				
b "Endowment" alternative test—enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed.				
c "Support" alternative test—enter				
(1) Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties).				
(2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii).				
(3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization				
(4) Gross investment income				

Part XV Supplementary Information (Complete this part only if the organization had \$5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year—see instructions.)**1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:**

a 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))
See Additional Data Table

b 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

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

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

REBECCA L BESSON AND STUART COOPER
36 SOUTH CHARLES STREET STE 1800
BALTIMORE, MD 21201
(410) 685-5512

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

N/A

c Any submission deadlines

N/A

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

N/A

Part XV Supplementary Information (continued)

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

Part XVI-A Analysis of Income-Producing Activities

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated	Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(e) Related or exempt function income (See instructions)
	(a) Business code	(b) Amount	(c) Exclusion code	(d) Amount	
1 Program service revenue					
a					
b					
c					
d					
e					
f					
g Fees and contracts from government agencies					
2 Membership dues and assessments.					
3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments					
4 Dividends and interest from securities.			14	128,796	
5 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate					
a Debt-financed property.					
b Not debt-financed property.					
6 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property					
7 Other investment income.					
8 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory			18	-76,902	
9 Net income or (loss) from special events					
10 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory					
11 Other revenue a					
b					
c					
d					
e					
12 Subtotal Add columns (b), (d), and (e).		0		51,894	
13 Total. Add line 12, columns (b), (d), and (e).					51,894

19 Total Add line 12, columns (b), (d), and (e). (See worksheet in line 13 instructions to verify calculations.)

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

Part XVII

Information Regarding Transfers To and Transactions and Relationships With Noncharitable Exempt Organizations

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?

a Transfers from the reporting foundation to a noncharitable exempt organization of

• 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

(5) Loans or loan guarantees.

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

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

**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.

***** 2017-05-09 *****
Signature of officer or trustee Date Title
May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below
(see instr)? Yes No

**Paid
Preparer
Use Only**

Print/Type preparer's name REID T ROBERTS	Preparer's Signature	Date 2017-05-04	Check if self-employed ► <input type="checkbox"/>	PTIN P00525984
Firm's name ► GROSS MENDELSOHN & ASSOCIATES PA			Firm's EIN ► 52-0982413	
Firm's address ► 36 SOUTH CHARLES ST 18TH FLOOR BALTIMORE, MD 21201			Phone no (410) 685-5512	

Form 990PF Part XV Line 1a - 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).

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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 Paid during the year				
AAHA ADOPT A HOMELESS ANIMAL PO BOX 65351 BALTIMORE, MD 21209	NONE	PUBLIC	GENERAL	100
ANGUILLA ANIMAL RESCUE CORP 4883 PGA BLVD UNIT 303 PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL 33418	NONE	PUBLIC	GENERAL	6,000
APERTURE FOUNDATION 547 WEST 27TH STREET 4TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10001	NONE	PUBLIC	GENERAL	103,250
ASPCA 424 EAST 92ND STREET NEW YORK, NY 10128	NONE	PUBLIC	GENERAL	5,000
BARCS 301 STOCKHOLM STREET BALTIMORE, MD 21230	NONE	PUBLIC	GENERAL	2,000
BASS MUSEUM OF ART 2100 COLLINS AVENUE MIAMI BEACH, FL 33139	NONE	PUBLIC	GENERAL	5,000
DAYS END FARM HORSE RESCUE INC 1372 WOODBINE ROAD WOODBINE, MD 21797	NONE	PUBLIC	GENERAL	15,000
DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS 333 7TH AVENUE 2ND FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10001	NONE	PUBLIC	GENERAL	5,000
FRESH AIR FUND 633 THIRD AVENUE 14TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10017	NONE	PUBLIC	GENERAL	1,500
GILCHRIST HOSPICE CARE 11311 MCCORMICK ROAD SUITE 350 HUNT VALLEY, MD 21031	NONE	PUBLIC	GENERAL	2,000
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY 121 HABITAT STREET AMERICUS, GA 31709	NONE	PUBLIC	GENERAL	5,000
MARYLAND FOOD BANK 2200 HALETHORPE FARMS ROAD HALETHORPE, MD 21227	NONE	PUBLIC	GENERAL	5,000
MARYLAND INSTITUTE COLLEGE OF ART 1300 WEST MOUNT ROYAL AVENUE BALTIMORE, MD 21217	NONE	PUBLIC	GENERAL	215,844
MARYLAND SPCA 3300 FALLS ROAD BALTIMORE, MD 21211	NONE	PUBLIC	GENERAL	10,000
PEREZ ART MUSEUM 1103 BISCAYNE BLVD MIAMI BEACH, FL 33132	NONE	PUBLIC	GENERAL	5,000
Total				508,194
3a				

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Name and address (home or business)				
a Paid during the year				
PLANNED PARENTHOOD FEDERATION OF AMERICA 434 WEST 33RD STREET NEW YORK, NY 10001	NONE	PUBLIC	GENERAL	5,000
POLICE UNITY TOUR CHAPTER 9 PO BOX 381 HOCKESSIN, DE 19707	NONE	PUBLIC	GENERAL	2,500
PREPARE FOR SUCCESS COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL 6751 COLUMBIA GATEWAY DRIVE BOX 226 COLUMBIA, MD 21046	NONE	PUBLIC	GENERAL	10,000
SAVAGE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY 8521 CORRIDOR ROAD SAVAGE, MD 20763	NONE	PUBLIC	GENERAL	1,000
SHARE OUR STRENGTH NO KID HUNGRY 1030 15TH ST NW 11TH FL WEST WASHINGTON, DC 20005	NONE	PUBLIC	GENERAL	5,000
SMILE TRAIN 41 MADISON AVENUE 28TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10010	NONE	PUBLIC	GENERAL	5,000
TUPELO LEE HUMANE SOCIETY 2400 S GLOSTER ST TUPELO, MS 38801	NONE	PUBLIC	GENERAL	1,000
UNICEF 125 MAIDEN LANE NEW YORK, NY 10038	NONE	PUBLIC	GENERAL	5,000
UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE 1420 N CHARLES ST BALTIMORE, MD 21201	NONE	PUBLIC	GENERAL	1,000
WASHINGTON COLLEGE 300 WASHINGTON AVENUE CHESTERTOWN, MD 21620	NONE	PUBLIC	GENERAL	10,000
AMERICAN VISIONARY ARTS MUSEUM 800 KEY HWY BALTIMORE, MD 21230	NONE	PUBLIC	GENERAL	2,500
BARNES FOUNDATION 2025 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN PKWY PHILADELPHIA, PA 19130	NONE	PUBLIC	GENERAL	2,500
BATTERY DANCE CO 380 BROADWAY 5 NEW YORK, NY 10013	NONE	PUBLIC	GENERAL	1,000
ELLICOTT CITY PARTNERSHIP PO BOX 92 ELLICOTT CITY, MD 21041	NONE	PUBLIC	GENERAL	15,000
GODDARD COLLEGE 123 PITKIN RD PLAINFIELD, VT 05667	NONE	PUBLIC	GENERAL	5,000
Total				508,194
3a				

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Name and address (home or business)				
a Paid during the year				
INTERNATIONAL CENTER OF PHOTOGRAPHY 1114 6TH AVE NEW YORK, NY 10036	NONE	PUBLIC	GENERAL	10,000
ICA 16 WEST NORTH AVE BALTIMORE, MD 21202	NONE	PUBLIC	GENERAL	5,000
MUSEUM OF MODERN ART NY 11 W 53RD ST NEW YORK, NY 10019	NONE	PUBLIC	GENERAL	6,000
OMEGA HORSE RESCUE 8272 WOODBINE ROAD AIRVILLE, PA 17302	NONE	PUBLIC	GENERAL	5,000
PYE GLOBAL PO BOX 1481 LANGLEY, WA 98260	NONE	PUBLIC	GENERAL	5,000
SMITHSONIAN 600 MARYLAND AVENUE SW WASHINGTON, DC 20002	NONE	PUBLIC	GENERAL	5,000
WALTERS ART MUSEUM 600 N CHARLES ST BALTIMORE, MD 21201	NONE	PUBLIC	GENERAL	5,000
WHITNEY MUSEUM OF ART 99 GANSEVOORT ST NEW YORK, NY 10014	NONE	PUBLIC	GENERAL	10,000
Total				508,194
3a				

TY 2016 Accounting Fees Schedule

Name: BESSONCOOPER FUND INC**EIN:** 45-4076695

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
ACCOUNTING FEES	2,500	2,500		0

TY 2016 Investments Corporate Bonds Schedule

Name: BESSONCOOPER FUND INC

EIN: 45-4076695

Name of Bond	End of Year Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
DOMESTIC FIXED INCOME	901,018	900,512
INTER. US FIXED INCOME	517,082	492,162
SPECIALTY FIXED INCOME	450,090	435,430
INTERNATIONAL FIXED INCOME	99,812	94,065

TY 2016 Investments Corporate Stock Schedule

Name: BESSONCOOPER FUND INC

EIN: 45-4076695

Name of Stock	End of Year Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
DOMESTIC EQUITY	1,827,882	1,844,116

TY 2016 Other Professional Fees Schedule

Name: BESSONCOOPER FUND INC**EIN:** 45-4076695

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
INVESTMENTS FEES	13,929	13,929	0	0

TY 2016 Taxes Schedule

Name: BESSONCOOPER FUND INC**EIN:** 45-4076695

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
EXCISE TAX	13	0	0	0