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Form 990-PF

Return of Private Foundation

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

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For calendar year 2016 or tax year beginning

, and ending

| | | |
|---|--|--|
| Name of foundation MINNESOTA POWER FOUNDATION | | A Employer identification number 56-2560595 |
| Number and street (or P.O. box number if mail is not delivered to street address) 30 WEST SUPERIOR STREET | Room/suite | B Telephone number 218-355-3169 |
| City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code DULUTH, MN 55802 | | C If exemption application is pending, check here <input type="checkbox"/> |
| G Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return of a former public charity <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Name change | | D 1. Foreign organizations, check here <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 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 | | E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col (c), line 16) \$ 830,675. | J Accounting method: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) | F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here <input type="checkbox"/> |

| 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)) | | (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 | 250,000. | | | |
| | 2 Check <input type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch B | | | | |
| | 3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments | 3,452. | 3,452. | | STATEMENT 1 |
| | 4 Dividends and interest from securities | | | | |
| | 5a Gross rents | | | | |
| | b Net rental income or (loss) | | | | |
| | 6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10 | | | | |
| | b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a | | | | |
| | 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) | | | | | |
| 11 Other income | | | | | |
| 12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11 | 253,452. | 3,452. | 0. | | |
| Operating and Administrative Expenses | 13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| | 14 Other employee salaries and wages | | | | |
| | 15 Pension plans, employee benefits | | | | |
| | 16a Legal fees | | | | |
| | b Accounting fees | | | | |
| | c Other professional fees | | | | |
| | 17 Interest | | | | |
| | 18 Taxes | | | | |
| | 19 Depreciation and depletion | | | | |
| | 20 Occupancy | | | | |
| | 21 Travel, conferences, and meetings | | | | |
| | 22 Printing and publications | | | | |
| | 23 Other expenses STMT 2 | 26,916. | 531. | 0. | 26,385. |
| | 24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23 | 26,916. | 531. | 0. | 26,385. |
| | 25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid | 717,200. | | | 717,200. |
| 26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25 | 744,116. | 531. | 0. | 743,585. | |
| 27 Subtract line 26 from line 12: | | | | | |
| a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements | <490,664.> | | | | |
| b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-) | | 2,921. | | | |
| c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-) | | | 0. | | |

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| Part II Balance Sheets | | Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only | | |
|--|---|---|----------------|-----------------------|
| | | Beginning of year | End of year | |
| | | (a) Book Value | (b) Book Value | (c) Fair Market Value |
| Assets | 1 Cash - non-interest-bearing | 2,307. | 254,191. | 254,191. |
| | 2 Savings and temporary cash investments | 1,319,032. | 576,484. | 576,484. |
| | 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 | | | |
| | 7 Other notes and loans receivable ▶ | | | |
| | 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 | | | |
| | b Investments - corporate stock | | | |
| | c Investments - corporate bonds | | | |
| | 11 Investments - land, buildings and equipment basis ▶ | | | |
| Less: accumulated depreciation ▶ | | | | |
| 12 Investments - mortgage loans | | | | |
| 13 Investments - other | | | | |
| 14 Land, buildings, and equipment: basis ▶ | | | | |
| Less: accumulated depreciation ▶ | | | | |
| 15 Other assets (describe ▶) | | | | |
| 16 Total assets (to be completed by all filers - see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item I) | 1,321,339. | 830,675. | 830,675. | |
| Liabilities | 17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses | | | |
| | 18 Grants payable | 315,000. | 10,000. | |
| | 19 Deferred revenue | | | |
| | 20 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons | | | |
| | 21 Mortgages and other notes payable | | | |
| | 22 Other liabilities (describe ▶) | | | |
| 23 Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22) | 315,000. | 10,000. | | |
| Net Assets or Fund Balances | Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31 | | | |
| | 24 Unrestricted | 1,321,339. | 820,675. | |
| | 25 Temporarily restricted | <315,000.> | 0. | |
| | 26 Permanently restricted | | | |
| | Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 31. | | | |
| | 27 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds | | | |
| | 28 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg., and equipment fund | | | |
| | 29 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds | | | |
| | 30 Total net assets or fund balances | 1,006,339. | 820,675. | |
| | 31 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances | 1,321,339. | 830,675. | |

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 | 1,006,339. |
| 2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a | 2 | <490,664.> |
| 3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ SEE STATEMENT 3 | 3 | 305,000. |
| 4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3 | 4 | 820,675. |
| 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 | 820,675. |

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.) |
|--|--|--|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1a | | | | |
| b NONE | | | | |
| c | | | | |
| 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 | | | |
| b | | | |
| c | | | |
| 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 | | | |
| b | | | |
| c | | | |
| d | | | |
| e | | | |

| | | | |
|--|---|----------|--|
| 2 Capital gain net income or (net capital loss) | { If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7 | 2 | |
| 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). If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8 | | 3 | |

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

(For optional use by domestic private foundations subject to the section 4940(a) tax on net investment income.)

If section 4940(d)(2) applies, leave this part blank.

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," the foundation does not qualify under section 4940(e). Do not complete this part.

1 Enter the appropriate amount in each column for each year; see the 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 | 756,234. | 740,107. | 1.021790 |
| 2014 | 987,516. | 740,853. | 1.332945 |
| 2013 | 778,483. | 880,196. | .884443 |
| 2012 | 1,007,367. | 1,042,649. | .966161 |
| 2011 | 1,097,613. | 1,114,640. | .984724 |

| | | |
|--|----------|----------|
| 2 Total of line 1, column (d) | 2 | 5.190063 |
| 3 Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period - divide the total on line 2 by 5, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years | 3 | 1.038013 |
| 4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2016 from Part X, line 5 | 4 | 937,028. |
| 5 Multiply line 4 by line 3 | 5 | 972,647. |
| 6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b) | 6 | 29. |
| 7 Add lines 5 and 6 | 7 | 972,676. |
| 8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 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. | 8 | 743,585. |

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. Date of ruling or determination letter: _____ (attach copy of letter if necessary-see instructions) | | 1 | 58. |
| b Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b | | | |
| c All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col. (b). | | 2 | 0. |
| 2 Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-) | | 3 | 58. |
| 3 Add lines 1 and 2 | | 4 | 0. |
| 4 Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-) | | 5 | 58. |
| 5 Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0- | | | |
| 6 Credits/Payments: | | | |
| a 2016 estimated tax payments and 2015 overpayment credited to 2016 | 6a | | |
| 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 | | 0. |
| 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 | | 58. |
| 10 Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid | 10 | | |
| 11 Enter the amount of line 10 to be: Credited to 2017 estimated tax <input type="checkbox"/> Refunded <input type="checkbox"/> | 11 | | |

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

| | Yes | No |
|---|-----|----|
| 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? | | X |
| 1b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see instructions for the definition)? 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 | | X |
| 1c Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year? | | X |
| 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? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities | | X |
| 3 Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes | | X |
| 4a Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year? | | X |
| b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year? | | |
| 5 Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T | | X |
| 6 Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either: • By language in the governing instrument, or • By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument? | X | |
| 7 Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? If "Yes," complete Part II, col. (c), and Part XIV | X | |
| 8a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) <u>MN</u> | | |
| b If the answer is "Yes" to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designate) of each state as required by General Instruction G? If "No," attach explanation | X | |
| 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)? If "Yes," complete Part XIV | | X |
| 10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses | X | |

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Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

| | Yes | No |
|--|-----|----|
| 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) | | X |
| 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) | | X |
| 13 Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address ► <u>MNPOWER.COM/COMPANY/MPFOUNDATION</u> | X | |
| 14 The books are in care of ► <u>NATALIE ANDERSON</u> Telephone no. ► <u>218-355-3481</u> Located at ► <u>30 WEST SUPERIOR STREET, DULUTH, MN</u> ZIP+4 ► <u>55802-2093</u> | | |
| 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 ► <u>15</u> N/A | | |
| 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? See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114. If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ► | | X |

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

File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the "Yes" column, unless an exception applies.

| | Yes | No |
|--|-----|----|
| 1a During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly): (1) Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person? <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 N/A | 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 | X |
| 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 ► <u> </u> , <u> </u> , <u> </u> <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.) N/A c If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here. ► <u> </u> , <u> </u> , <u> </u> , <u> </u> | 2b | |
| 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.) N/A | 3b | |
| 4a Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes? | 4a | X |
| 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 | X |

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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)?

N/A

5b

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?

N/A

☐ 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

6b

X

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

7b

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

N/A

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

1 List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation.

| (a) Name and address | (b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position | (c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-) | (d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation | (e) Expense account, other allowances |
|----------------------|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| SEE STATEMENT 5 | | 0. | 0. | 0. |
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2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1). If none, enter "NONE."

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

0

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Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors *(continued)***3** Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services. If none, enter "NONE."

| (a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000 | (b) Type of service | (c) Compensation |
|---|---------------------|------------------|
| NONE | | |
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Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services

0

Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

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

| | Expenses |
|-------|----------|
| 1 N/A | |
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| 2 | |
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| 3 | |
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Part IX-B Summary of Program-Related Investments

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2.

| | Amount |
|--|--------|
| 1 N/A | |
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| | |
| 2 | |
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| | |
| All other program-related investments. See instructions. | |
| 3 | |
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Total. Add lines 1 through 3

0.

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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 | 0. |
| b | Average of monthly cash balances | 1b | 951,297. |
| c | Fair market value of all other assets | 1c | |
| d | Total (add lines 1a, b, and c) | 1d | 951,297. |
| 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 | 951,297. |
| 4 | Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions) | 4 | 14,269. |
| 5 | Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4 | 5 | 937,028. |
| 6 | Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5 | 6 | 46,851. |

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

| | | | |
|----|---|----|---------|
| 1 | Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6 | 1 | 46,851. |
| 2a | Tax on investment income for 2016 from Part VI, line 5 | 2a | 58. |
| b | Income tax for 2016. (This does not include the tax from Part VI.) | 2b | |
| c | Add lines 2a and 2b | 2c | 58. |
| 3 | Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1 | 3 | 46,793. |
| 4 | Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions | 4 | 0. |
| 5 | Add lines 3 and 4 | 5 | 46,793. |
| 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 | 46,793. |

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 | 743,585. |
| 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 | 743,585. |
| 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 | 5 | 0. |
| 6 | Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4 | 6 | 743,585. |

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.

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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 | | | | 46,793. |
| 2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2016 | | | | |
| a Enter amount for 2015 only | | | 0. | |
| b Total for prior years: | | 0. | | |
| 3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2016: | | | | |
| a From 2011 | 1,041,908. | | | |
| b From 2012 | 955,262. | | | |
| c From 2013 | 734,479. | | | |
| d From 2014 | 950,473. | | | |
| e From 2015 | 719,229. | | | |
| f Total of lines 3a through e | 4,401,351. | | | |
| 4 Qualifying distributions for 2016 from Part XII, line 4: ► \$ | 743,585. | | | |
| 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 | | | | 46,793. |
| e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus | 696,792. | | | |
| 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: | 5,098,143. | | | |
| a Corpus. Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e. Subtract line 5 | | | | |
| 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 instr. | | | 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 | 1,041,908. | | | |
| 9 Excess distributions carryover to 2017. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a | 4,056,235. | | | |
| 10 Analysis of line 9: | | | | |
| a Excess from 2012 | 955,262. | | | |
| b Excess from 2013 | 734,479. | | | |
| c Excess from 2014 | 950,473. | | | |
| d Excess from 2015 | 719,229. | | | |
| e Excess from 2016 | 696,792. | | | |

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

N/A

- 1 a** 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 foundation is a private operating foundation described in section

| | | | |
|--|---------------|--|------------|
| | 4942(i)(3) or | | 4942(i)(5) |
|--|---------------|--|------------|

- 2 a** Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed
- 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.

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 foundation 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).)

NONE

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.

NONE

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

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

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

SEE STATEMENT 6

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

SEE STATEMENT 6

c Any submission deadlines

SEE STATEMENT 6

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

SEE STATEMENT 6

Part XV Supplementary Information (continued)**3** Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment

| Recipient Name and address (home or business) | 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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| a Paid during the year | | | | |
| SEE STATEMENT 7 | | | | 717,200. |
| | | | | |
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| | | | | |
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| | | | | |
| Total | | | 3a | 717,200. |
| b Approved for future payment | | | | |
| MINNESOTA STATE VETERANS MEMORIAL 15550 HWY 115 LITTLE FALLS, MN 56345 | | | VETERANS ART PROJECT | 10,000. |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Total | | | 3b | 10,000. |

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



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

[illegible]

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

| (a) Name of organization | (b) Type of organization | (c) Description of relationship |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| N/A | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |

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.

Sign Here   **TREASURER**

Signature of officer or trustee Date Title

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below (see instr. 1)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

Schedule B

(Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Schedule of Contributors**

▶ Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.
▶ Information about Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) and
its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

OMB No 1545-0047

2016

Name of the organization

MINNESOTA POWER FOUNDATION

Employer identification number

56-2560595

Organization type (check one)

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

☐ 501(c)() (enter number) organization☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation☐ 527 political organization

Form 990-PF

☒ 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation☐ 501(c)(3) taxable private foundationCheck if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.**Note:** Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.**General Rule**

- ☒ For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

Special Rules

- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.
- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.
- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year. ▶ \$ _____

Caution: An organization that isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990, or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

LHA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF. Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2016)

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Part I Contributors (See instructions) Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed

| (a) No. | (b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4 | (c) Total contributions | (d) Type of contribution |
|------------|--|----------------------------|--|
| 1 | ALLETE, INC 30 WEST SUPERIOR STREET DULUTH, MN 55802 | \$ 250,000. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions) |
| (a) No. | (b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4 | (c) Total contributions | (d) Type of contribution |
| | | \$ | Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions) |
| (a) No. | (b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4 | (c) Total contributions | (d) Type of contribution |
| | | \$ | Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions) |
| (a) No. | (b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4 | (c) Total contributions | (d) Type of contribution |
| | | \$ | Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions) |
| (a) No. | (b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4 | (c) Total contributions | (d) Type of contribution |
| | | \$ | Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions) |
| (a) No. | (b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4 | (c) Total contributions | (d) Type of contribution |
| | | \$ | Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions) |
| (a) No. | (b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4 | (c) Total contributions | (d) Type of contribution |
| | | \$ | Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions) |

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Part II Noncash Property (See instructions) Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed

| (a) No. from Part I | (b) Description of noncash property given | (c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions) | (d) Date received |
|------------------------------|--|--|----------------------|
| | | \$ | |
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| | | \$ | |
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| | | \$ | |
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Part III

Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year (Enter this info. once) ▶ \$

Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed

| (a) No. from Part I | (b) Purpose of gift | (c) Use of gift | (d) Description of how gift is held |
|---------------------------|---|-----------------|--|
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | (e) Transfer of gift | | |
| | Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4 | | Relationship of transferor to transferee |
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| | (e) Transfer of gift | | |
| | Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4 | | Relationship of transferor to transferee |
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| | (e) Transfer of gift | | |
| | Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4 | | Relationship of transferor to transferee |
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| | (e) Transfer of gift | | |
| | Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4 | | Relationship of transferor to transferee |
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| | (e) Transfer of gift | | |
| | Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4 | | Relationship of transferor to transferee |
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| | | | |

FORM 990-PF INTEREST ON SAVINGS AND TEMPORARY CASH INVESTMENTS STATEMENT 1

| SOURCE | (A) REVENUE PER BOOKS | (B) NET INVESTMENT INCOME | (C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| INTEREST-SAVINGS/SHORT-TERM INV | 3,452. | 3,452. | 0. |
| TOTAL TO PART I, LINE 3 | 3,452. | 3,452. | 0. |

FORM 990-PF OTHER EXPENSES STATEMENT 2

| DESCRIPTION | (A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS | (B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME | (C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME | (D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| INSURANCE | 4,006. | 0. | 0. | 4,006. |
| MEMBERSHIP DUES - ORGANIZATION | 4,300. | 0. | 0. | 4,300. |
| OUTSIDE COMPUTER SERVICES | 13,115. | 0. | 0. | 13,115. |
| OUTSIDE ADMINISTRATOR | 4,200. | 0. | 0. | 4,200. |
| BANK FEES | 531. | 531. | 0. | 0. |
| MISC EXPENSES - OTHER | 764. | 0. | 0. | 764. |
| TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 23 | 26,916. | 531. | 0. | 26,385. |

FORM 990-PF OTHER INCREASES IN NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES STATEMENT 3

| DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT |
|---|----------|
| DECREASE IN GRANTS PAYABLE & ACCRUED EXPENSES | 305,000. |
| TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART III, LINE 3 | 305,000. |

| | | |
|-------------|---|-------------|
| FORM 990-PF | LIST OF SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTORS PART VII-A, LINE 10 | STATEMENT 4 |
|-------------|---|-------------|

| | |
|---------------------|---|
| NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR | ADDRESS |
| ALLETE, INC. | 30 WEST SUPERIOR STREET DULUTH, MN 55802 |

| | | |
|-------------|---|-------------|
| FORM 990-PF | PART VIII - LIST OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS TRUSTEES AND FOUNDATION MANAGERS | STATEMENT 5 |
|-------------|---|-------------|

| NAME AND ADDRESS | TITLE AND AVRG HRS/WK | COMPEN- SATION | EMPLOYEE BEN PLAN CONTRIB | EXPENSE ACCOUNT |
|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| AL HODNIK | PRESIDENT 0.50 | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| PAT MULLEN | VICE PRESIDENT 0.50 | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| LAURA SCHAUER | TREASURER 0.50 | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| AIMEE CURTIS | SECRETARY 0.50 | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| KELLY DESORMEY | DIRECTOR 0.50 | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| GARY WHEELOCK | DIRECTOR 0.50 | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| MIKE PERALA | DIRECTOR 0.50 | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| TODD SIMMONS | DIRECTOR 0.50 | 0. | 0. | 0. |

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| | | | | |
|--|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| MELISSA WEGLARZ | DIRECTOR 0.50 | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| NANCY NORR | DIRECTOR 0.50 | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| JOHN MUEHLBAUER | DIRECTOR 0.50 | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| JEFFREY SCISSONS | DIRECTOR 0.50 | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| TOTALS INCLUDED ON 990-PF, PAGE 6, PART VIII | | <u>0.</u> | <u>0.</u> | <u>0.</u> |

Form 990-PF, Part XV, Lines 2a, b, c, d

Line 2 (a)

Proposals may be submitted to the Foundation office located at:
Minnesota Power Foundation
c/o Aimee Curtis
30 West Superior Street
Duluth, MN 55802

2 (b)

Applicants must submit the following information:

ORGANIZATION: Provide the organization's name and address, plus contact person's name, title and telephone number. Also include the organization's web site and contact's e-mail address if applicable.

ORGANIZATION HISTORY: include mission statement. List any financial or other type of Minnesota Power involvement with the organization.

REQUEST: describe the project, program or use for which funds are requested. Include a range of donation levels describing how each level would assist the organization.

AMOUNT: Requested: state the dollar amount requested from the Minnesota Power Foundation.

PROJECT BUDGET: Include a detailed budget. List other funding partners involved with the project and indicate whether they are confirmed or tentative and what their respective financial commitments are to the specific project.

EMPLOYEE INVOLVEMENT: list any Minnesota Power or ALLETE employees currently volunteering with your organization or serving on your board of directors.

TIME FRAME: Identify the period of time grant money will be used.

PROGRAM EVALUATION: Detail how the program or project will be financed in the future and the methods to be used to evaluate its effectiveness.

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENTS:

Copy of IRS tax exempt letter
List of board of directors or committee members
Project budget

2 (c)

Grant applications are accepted and reviewed throughout the year.

2 (d)

The Minnesota Power Foundation is committed to improving the quality of life in the communities where the company conducts business. The Minnesota Power Foundation focuses its giving in the following areas:

- Education
- Environment
- Community Services
- Youth Development
- Arts and Culture
- Health and Human Services

In general, all awards are considered one-time grants. Highest priority is given to nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations within our service territory that submit well-defined requests for projects or programs that meet the following criteria:

- Improve the community's quality of life
- Have a broad base of support
- Take an innovative and cost-effective approach
- Do not duplicate other efforts already in existence
- Increase public awareness

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Foundation Grants

Form 990-PF, Part XV, Line 3a

Tax year: 2016

| Name of Applicant | Address | Project Title | Amount |
|---|--|---|-------------|
| Akeley Community Food Shelf | 31510 County Rd 23 Akeley, MN 56433 | March Food Shelf Drive | \$500 00 |
| Alzheimer's Association | 525 South Lake Avenue Duluth, MN 55802 | Walk to End Alzheimer's | \$500 00 |
| American Red Cross | 2524 Maple Grove Rd Duluth, MN 55811 | Disaster Relief/Deer River Storm | \$1,000 00 |
| Animal Allies Humane Society | 4006 Airport Rd Duluth, MN 55811 | Landscape Beautification | \$500 00 |
| Aurora Food Shelf | 315 N Main St Aurora, MN 55705 | Food Share Month Donation | \$750 00 |
| Autism Society of Minnesota | 2380 Wycliff Street #102 St Paul, MN 55114 | Social Skills Programs for Duluth Children and Teens with Autism Spectrum Disorders | \$1,000 00 |
| Barnum Fire Dept | 3842 Main St Barnum, mn 55707 | cascade system | \$2,500 00 |
| BEARegards | 1500 St. Louis Avenue Duluth, MN 55802 | Duluth Unit Teddy Bears | \$660 00 |
| Blandin Employees For Life | 350 NW 1st Ave, Suite E Grand Rapids, MN 55744 | Direct donation to GRACF Cancer Fund | \$500 00 |
| Boys & Girls Club of the Northland | PO Box 16435 Duluth, MN 55816 | Strategic Technology Upgrades | \$5,000 00 |
| Brainerd Family YMCA | 602 Oak Street Brainerd, MN 56401 | Lap Pool/Family Locker Room | \$1,000 00 |
| Browerville Area Food Shelf | 250 4th St W STE 8 Browerville, MN 56438 | March Food Shelf Donation | \$500 00 |
| Carlton Area Public Library | PO Box 309 Carlton, MN 55718 | Donation for New Shelves | \$500 00 |
| Central Range 10u Baseball | 16 W 2nd Ave N Aurora, MN 55705 | Central Range 10u Baseball | \$700 00 |
| CHI St. Gabriel's Health | 815 2nd Street SE Little Falls, MN 56345 | Keeping Kids Safe, One Helmet at a Time | \$1,000 00 |
| Chisholm Food Shelf | 208 W Lake St Chisholm, MN 55719 | Food Share Month Donation | \$750 00 |
| Churches United in Ministry (CHUM) | 102 West Second Street Duluth, MN 55802-2017 | Food Share Month Donation | \$1,500 00 |
| City of Keewatin | 125 3rd ave W Keewatin, Mn 55753 | Keewatin Community Center - Donation for Appliances | \$1,000 00 |
| City of Silver Bay | 7 Davis Drive Silver Bay, MN 55614 | Electric Ice Resurfacer | \$5,000 00 |
| Clanessa Community Museum, Inc | 205 Main Street West, P O Box 532 Clanessa, MN 56440 | Clanessa Community Museum Building Project | \$1,000 00 |
| Cloquet Area Fire District | 2801 Dewey Ave Cloquet, MN 55720 | Home Safety Visit program | \$1,000 00 |
| Cloquet Educational Foundation | 302 14th Street Cloquet, MN 55720 | The Invest In Kids Sponsorship Program | \$750 00 |
| Community Cafe Inc | PO Box 5192 Grand Rapids, MN 55744 | Community Cafe Volunteering Event | \$500 00 |
| Companies to Classrooms, Duluth | 2307 West Superior Street Duluth, MN 55806 | Back-to-School 2016-17 | \$500 00 |
| Confidence Learning Center | 1620 Mary Fawcett Memorial Dr East Gull Lake, MN 56401 | People First, Disabilities Second | \$1,000 00 |
| Construct Tomorrow c/o Minnesota DEED | c/o 402 West First Street Duluth, MN 55802 | Construct Tomorrow 2016 Event | \$500 00 |
| Cook County Chamber of Commerce | PO Box 805 Grand Marais, MN 55604 | Great Place Project | \$10,000 00 |
| Cook County Community YMCA | 105 W 5th Street PO Box 787 Grand Marais, MN 55604 | Ham Run Half Marathon, 5k, and Little Runt's Run | \$1,000 00 |
| Cook County Sheriff | 143 Gunflint Trail Grand Marais, MN 55604 | Cook County Rehab/Mobile Command Trailer | \$5,000 00 |
| Cuyuna Range Youth Center | 15 3rd Ave SW Crosby, MN 56441 | Cuyuna Range Youth Center After School Program | \$1,000 00 |
| Cyclists of the Gitchee Gumee Shores, Inc (COGGS) | P O Box 161261 Duluth, MN 55815 | Posively Powerful Volunteer Team Grant | \$500 00 |
| Cyclists of the Gitchee Gumee Shores, Inc (COGGS) | P O Box 161261 Duluth, MN 55815 | Trailwork for Mission Creek - Fond du Lac | \$500 00 |
| Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch | 6301 19th Ave NW Minot, ND 58701 | Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch Appliances | \$6,000 00 |
| Damiano Center | 206 West Fourth St Duluth, MN 55806 | Clothes That Work | \$1,000 00 |
| Deer River Wrestling Fan Club | PO Box 111 Deer River, MN 56636 | PeeWee Wrestling Program | \$2,500 00 |
| Denfeld DNA FIRST Robotics Team 4009 | 401 N 44th Ave W Duluth, MN 55807 | 2017 Robotics Season | \$1,000 00 |
| Douglas County Veterans Service Office | 1316 N 14th Street, Ste 385 Superior 54880 | Douglas County Soldiers & Sailors Relief Fund | \$500 00 |

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| Duluth Amateur Hockey Association | 120 S 120 S Ave W 8501 Congdon Blvd Duluth, MN 55806 | Learn to Skate/Financial Aid | \$1,000 00 |
| Duluth Curling Club | 327 Harbor Drive Duluth, MN 55802-2639 | Restore the Floor | \$5,000 00 |
| Duluth East Daredevils Robotics Team 2512 | 301 N 40th Ave E Duluth, MN 55804 | Duluth East Daredevils Robotics Team Support | \$1,000 00 |
| Duluth East Youth Football | P O Box 3194 Duluth, MN 55803 | Equipment Donation | \$500 00 |
| Duluth Edison Charter Schools | 3301 Technology Dr Duluth, MN 55811 | DECS Robotics | \$1,500 00 |
| Duluth Fire Department | 602 West 2nd Street Duluth, MN 55802 | Regional All-Hazards Response Vessel | \$10,000 00 |
| Duluth Lacrosse Booster Club | PO Box 3504 Duluth, MN 55803 | ISD 709 Duluth High Schools Boys and Girls Wolfpack Lacrosse | \$1,500 00 |
| Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation | Zeitgeist Arts Building 222 E Superior St , Ste 302 Duluth, MN 55802 | New Generation Scholarships | \$19,500 00 |
| Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation | Zeitgeist Arts Building 222 E Superior St , Ste 302 Duluth, MN 55802 | Community Involment Scholarship | \$25,000 00 |
| Duluth Superior PRIDE | PO Box 3198 Duluth, MN 55803 | Hummingbird Family 5K Fun Run/Walk | \$500 00 |
| Ely Food Shelf | PO Box 786 15 W Conan St Ely, MN 55731 | Food Share Month Donation | \$750 00 |
| Employment Enterprises, Inc | PO Box 303 Little Falls, MN 56345 | POS for Success | \$750 00 |
| Esko Public Schools | PO Box 10 2 Hwy 61 East Esko, MN 55733 | Destination Imagination Registration | \$500 00 |
| Eveleth Gilbert Football Boosters | P O Box 537 Eveleth, MN 55734 | 2016 Capital Campaign | \$2,000 00 |
| Eveleth Police Department | 415 Pierce Street Eveleth, MN 55734 | Eveleth Police Department K-9 Unit | \$3,000 00 |
| Falls Hunger Coalition | 1000 5th Street International Falls, MN 56649 | Food Share Month Donation | \$750 00 |
| FIRST Robotics | 200 Bedford St Manchester, NH 03101 | 2016 FIRST Lake Superior and Northern Lights Regional Competitions | \$10,000 00 |
| Floodwood Youth Volleyball | 115 West 4th Avenue Floodwood, MN 55736 | Equipment Purchase | \$250 00 |
| Food Angels | 600 Pleasant Avenue Park Rapids, MN 56470 | Food Angels Weekend Backpack Program | \$500 00 |
| Food Shelf - Cuyuna Range | PO Box 33 Crosby, MN 56441 | Food Share Month Donation | \$500 00 |
| Food Shelf - Hubbard County | 308 Pleasant Ave Park Rapids, MN 56470 | Food Share Month Donation | \$500 00 |
| Food Shelf - Pillager | 305 Fir St West Pillager, MN 56473 | Food Share Month Donation | \$500 00 |
| Food Shelf - Pine River | PO Box 1 Pine River, MN 56474 | Food Share Month Donation | \$500 00 |
| Food Shelf - Proctor Area | 5th Avenue & 3rd Street Duluth, MN 55810 | Food Share Month Donation | \$500 00 |
| Food Shelf - Sebeka | 100 Jefferson Ave S Sebeka, MN 56477 | Food Share Month Donation | \$500 00 |
| Food Shelf - Walker | 609 Minnesota Ave W #4 Walker, MN 56484 | Food Share Month Donation | \$500 00 |
| Glen Avon Hockey Club | 130 W Superior Street, Ste 712 Duluth, MN 55802 | Outdoor Hockey Rink Rebuild | \$500 00 |
| GND Development Alliance | 2631 West Superior Stree Suite 2 Duluth, MN 55806 | GND REC - Phase I - Pleasure Skating Rink | \$15,000 00 |
| Grace House of Itasca County | 501 SW 1st Avenue Grand Rapids, MN 55746 | Grace House Programming | \$500 00 |
| Grand Itasca Foundation | 1601 Golf Course Road Grand Rapids, MN 55744 | Caring Fore Kids Fund | \$2,500 00 |
| Grand Itasca Foundation | 1601 Golf Course Road Grand Rapids, MN 55744 | "Close to Home" The Campaign for Cancer Care at Grand Itasca | \$25,000 00 |
| Grand Rapids FFA | 800 Conifer Drive NE Grand Rapids, MN 55744 | 2016 National FFA Convention Competition | \$500 00 |
| Great Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank | 4503 Airpark Blvd, Duluth, MN 55811-5737 | Packing Volunteers | \$500 00 |
| Habitat for Humanity - North St Louis | County Po Box 24 Virginia, MN 55792 | Flooring & Trimming Habitat Home | \$500 00 |

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| Habitat for Humanity of Morrison County | 65 East Broadway, P O Box 321 Little Falls, MN 56345 | Marts Home - Little Falls, MN | \$1,000 00 |
| Hackensack Area Community Food Shelf | PO Box 55 209 State 371 South Hackensack, MN 56452 | Food Share Month Donation | \$500 00 |
| Hackensack Fire & Rescue Department | 213 1st Street N Hackensack, MN 56452 | Mustang Water Rescue Kit | \$510 00 |
| Hartley Nature Center | 3001 Woodland Avenue Duluth, MN 55803 | Solar Plus Storage | \$12,000 00 |
| Hartley Nature Center | 3001 Woodland Avenue Duluth, MN 55803 | Help Heal Hartley | \$500 00 |
| Head of the Lakes United Way | 424 W Superior St Duluth, MN 55802 | UW 2016 Campaign Support | \$34,375 00 |
| Head of the Lakes United Way | 424 W Superior St Duluth, MN 55802 | UW 2016 Campaign Support | \$34,375 00 |
| Head of the Lakes United Way | 424 W Superior St Duluth, MN 55802 | UW 2016 Campaign Support | \$68,750 00 |
| Hibbing Food Shelf | 1910 1st Ave Hibbing, MN 55746 | Food Share Month Donation | \$750 00 |
| Hibbing Public Library | 2020 East 5th Ave Hibbing, MN 55746 | 2016 Summer Reading Program "Read for the Win" | \$500 00 |
| Hibbing Trap Club | PO Box 633 Hibbing, MN 55746 | Hibbing Trap Club AED purchase | \$500 00 |
| Horizon Health Services (Faith in Action Program) | PO Box 220 Pierz, MN 56364 | Faith in Action- Transportation | \$750 00 |
| Humane Society of Douglas County | PO Box 891 Superior, WI 54880 | Cause for Paws Walk/5K | \$500 00 |
| Initiative Foundation | 405 First Street Southeast Little Falls, MN 56345 | Emerging Leaders | \$10,000 00 |
| Iron Range Off Road Cyclists (IRORC) | 407 E Howard St Hibbing, MN 55746 | Maple Hill Trail Work | \$500 00 |
| Iron Range Off Road Cyclists (IRORC) | 407 E Howard St Hibbing, MN 55746 | Lookout Mountain Climb Addition | \$2,050 00 |
| ISD #100 Wrenshall High School | 207 Pioneer Drive Wrenshall, MN 55718 | Cross County Ski Donation | \$100 00 |
| ISD #100 Wrenshall High School | 207 Pioneer Drive Wrenshall, MN 55718 | Archery Program | \$500 00 |
| ISD #100 Wrenshall School | 207 Pioneer Drive Wrenshall, MN 55718 | Robotics Program | \$1,000 00 |
| ISD 318 First Robotics Program | 800 NW Conifer Drive Grand Rapids, MN 55744 | Grand Rapids High School Shell Eco-Marathon Team | \$500.00 |
| Itasca Area Cancer Crisis Fund (through GRACF) | 350 NW 1st Avenue Grand Rapids, MN 55744 | Bash 7 T-shirt Support | \$1,000 00 |
| Itasca Community College | 1851 East Hwy 169 Grand Rapids, MN 55744 | Process Operations Program | \$25,000 00 |
| Itasca County Family YMCA | 400 River Road Grand Rapids, MN 55744 | Itasca County Family YMCA Youth Program | \$1,000 00 |
| Jamie Tennison Memorial Compass Program | 350 NW 1st Ave Suite E Grand Rapids, Mn 55721 | Jamie Tennison Memorial Compass Fund | \$620 00 |
| Junior Achievement of the Twin Ports Area | 301 West 1st Street Duluth, MN 55802 | Workforce Readiness Programs | \$2,500 00 |
| Junior Achievement of the Twin Ports Area | 301 West 1st Street Duluth, MN 55802 | Workforce Readiness Programs | \$2,500 00 |
| Lake Superior Chapter, SAF | 3673 Mattson Road Cloquet, MN 55720 | 2016 Duluth 5th Grade Forestry Field Day | \$1,000 00 |
| Lake Superior Community Theatre | 137 Banks Boulevard Silver Bay, MN 55603 | West Side Story Production | \$500.00 |
| Lakes Area Food Shelf | P O Box 724 Nisswa, MN 56468 | Food Share Month Donation | \$500 00 |
| Life House, Inc | 102 West First Street Duluth, MN 55802 | Workspace Furnishings for Life House Futures Program | \$1,000 00 |
| Life House, Inc | 102 West First Street Duluth, MN 55802 | Posively Power Volunteer Team Grant | \$500 00 |
| Little Falls Community High School | 1001 5th Ave SE Little Falls, MN 56345 | Day of Canng | \$1,000 00 |
| Little Falls Community Schools | 1005 5th Ave SE Little Falls, MN 56345 | "Flyer Pnde Pack" Weekend Food Backpack Program | \$1,000 00 |
| Little Falls Community Schools | 1005 5th Ave SE Little Falls, MN 56345 | "Flyer Pnde Pack" Weekend Food Backpack Program | \$1,000 00 |
| Little Falls Youth Baseball Association | 1212 Parkview Drive Little Falls, MN 56345 | Little Falls Baseball Complex | \$3,440 00 |
| Long Prairie Emergency Food Pantry | PO box 165 Long Prairie, MN 56347 | Food Share Month Donation | \$500 00 |
| Lutheran Social Service Senior Nutrition | 715 11th Street North Moorhead, MN 56560 | Installation of make up air system at Pierz Senior Center | \$1,000 00 |
| Mandan FFA Livestock Judging Team | 210 2nd Ave NW Mandan, ND 58554 | Nabonal FFA Convention Donation | \$500 00 |
| Manner Robotics | 137 Banks Blvd Silver Bay, MN 55614 | Manner Robotics 2016 | \$1,000 00 |
| Menahga Food Shelf | 120 1st Street NE Menahga, MN 56484 | Food Share Month Donation | \$500 00 |

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| Mesabi Family YMCA | 8367 Unity Drive Virginia, MN 55792 | YMCA Open Doors Program - 2016 | \$1,000 00 |
| Minnesota Discovery Center | 1005 Discovery Drive Chisholm, MN 55719 | 2016 Iron Range Science & Engineering Festival | \$5,000 00 |
| Minnesota Discovery Center | 1005 Discovery Drive Chisholm, MN 55719 | 2016 Iron Range Science & Engineering Festival | \$5,000 00 |
| Minnesota Diversified Industries | 825 Lily Lane Grand Rapids, MN 55744 | Helping Hired Hands Increase its Capacity and Protect the Environment | \$20,000 00 |
| Minnesota Warriors Duluth | 362 Ikola Road Esko, MN 55733 | Minnesota Warriors Duluth Expansion Team | \$2,500 00 |
| Missouri Slope Areawide United Way | 515 N 4th St P O Box 2111 Bismarck, ND 58502 | UW 2016 Campaign Support | \$5,000 00 |
| MN Adult & Teen Challenge - Northland Campus | 2 East 2nd Street Duluth, MN 55802 | Transformed Lives | \$2,500 00 |
| Momson County Food Shelf | 912 1 Ave SW Little Falls, MN 56345 | Food Share Month Donation | \$500 00 |
| Momson County United Way | 107 2nd St SE #102 Little Falls, MN 56345 | UW 2016 Campaign Support | \$10,000 00 |
| Morton County 4H Council | 210 2ND AVE NW Mandan, ND 58554 | Morton County 4H Achievement Livestock Show and Sale | \$2,500 00 |
| Morton County 4-H Judging Teams | 210 2nd Ave NW Mandan, ND 58554 | National Contest Donation | \$500 00 |
| Motley Area Food Shelf | 697 Third Ave So PO Box 525 Motley, MN 56466 | Food Share Month Donation | \$500 00 |
| NE MN Regional Science Fair | c/o Nora Rosemore MN Power, Duluth MN 55802 | 2016 NE Regional Science Fair | \$1,500 00 |
| New Salem-Almont High School | 310 Elm Ave New Salem, ND 58563 | Dollars for Scholars 2016 | \$500 00 |
| North Shore Health Care Foundation, Oral Health | PO Box 454 Grand Marais, MN 55604 | Oral Health Task Force | \$500 00 |
| Northern Lights Special Education Cooperative | 302 14th Street Cloquet, MN 55720 | Mentoring Day 2016 | \$1,000 00 |
| Northern Lights Special Education Cooperative | 302 14th Street Cloquet, MN 55720 | 2017 Mentoring Day | \$1,000 00 |
| Northland Counseling Center | 215 SE 2nd Avenue Grand Rapids, MN 55744 | Children's Residential Therapeutic Farm | \$25,000 00 |
| Northland Foundation | 202 West Superior Street 202 W Superior St Duluth, MN 55802 | Minnesota Power KIDS PLUS Youth In Philanthropy Program | \$25,000 00 |
| NORTHLAND YOUTH MUSIC PROGRAM | 9670 E ELM RD 9670 E Elm POPLAR, WI 54864 | Summer Music Education Program Tuition Support | \$1,000 00 |
| NoteWorthy Kids | 5615 1/2 Grand Ave Duluth, MN 55807 | Student Music Instruction | \$2,000 00 |
| Pierz Food Shelf | 224 Main St S Pierz, MN 56364 | Food Share Month Donation | \$500 00 |
| Pierz Youth Baseball | PO Box 142 Pierz, MN 56364 | Bulb Replacement | \$500 00 |
| Power Lunch Reading Program | 515 Granite Street Cloquet, MN 55720 | Power Lunch Reading | \$500.00 |
| Proctor Public Schools | 131 9th AVE 131 Ninth St Proctor, MN 55810 | Don Shippar Community Leadership Finalist - Peterson | \$1,000 00 |
| Quad City Food Shelf | P O Box 1015 Gilbert, MN 55741 | Food Share Month Donation | \$750 00 |
| Rapids Aene #2469 | 1776 Hwy 169 South Grand Rapids, MN 55746 | Don Shippar Leadership Award | \$1,000 00 |
| Range Engineering Council (REC) | 3800 Fifth Avenue West Hibbing, MN 55746 | 2016 Range Engineering Council STEM Outreach & Education | \$5,000 00 |
| Rice Area Food Shelf | 315 1st Ave NE Rice, MN 56367 | Food Share Month Donation | \$500 00 |
| Ruby's Pantry | PO Box 8 Cohasset, MN 55721 | 2016 Donation | \$1,080 00 |
| Salvation Army - Brainerd | PO Box 1029 Brainerd, MN 56401-1029 | Deer River/Lake Shore Storm Relief | \$1,000 00 |
| Salvation Army - Cloquet | 316 Carlton Ave Cloquet, MN 55800 | Food Share Month Donation | \$500 00 |
| Salvation Army - Duluth | 215 South 27th Ave W P O Box 16052 Duluth, MN 55816 | Food Share Month Donation | \$500 00 |
| Salvation Army - Momson County | 213 1st St SE Little Falls, MN 56345 | Gift Giving Program | \$500 00 |
| Salvation Army - Superior | 916 Hughitt Ave Superior, WI 54880 | Bell Ringing | \$500 00 |
| Schroeder Area Historical Society | 7932 West Highway 61 P O Box 337 P O Box 337 Schroeder, MN 55613 | 2016 Operational Funding | \$2,000 00 |
| Sebeka School District | 200 1st Street NW Sebeka, MN 56477 | Cool to Care Program | \$550 00 |

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| Second Harvest North Central Food Bank | PO Box 5130 2222 Cromell Drive Grand Rapids, MN 55744 | Increasing the Impact of the Kids-Packs-to-Go Backpack Program | \$3,000 00 |
| Second Harvest North Central Food Bank | PO Box 5130 2222 Cromell Drive Grand Rapids, MN 55744 | 2016 Itasca Holiday Program | \$2,000 00 |
| SPIN Worldwide, Inc | 4521 Oneida St Duluth, MN 55804 | Don Shippa Leadership Award Finalist - Bayha | \$2,500 00 |
| St John's | 1 West Chisholm St Duluth, MN 55803 | Wolf Ridge ELC 2016 | \$500 00 |
| St Louis River Quest | c/o Duluth Seaway Port, 1200 Port Terminal Drive 1200 Port Terminal Drive Duluth, MN 55802 | 2016 River Quest | \$500 00 |
| STEP, Inc | 501 West 6th Street PO box 206 Browerville, MN 56438 | IT for Disabled Workers | \$1,500 00 |
| SubZero Robotics/ISD #99 | PO Box 10 Esko, MN 55733 | 2016 FIRST Robotics Competition Season | \$1,000 00 |
| Superior Amateur Hockey Association | 1015 Oakes Ave Superior, WI 54880 | Outdoor Hockey Rink Improvements | \$500 00 |
| Superior Math League | c/o Nick Larson SWL&P Superior, WI 54880 | Superior Math League | \$750 00 |
| Talon's Robotics/ISD #700 | 4335 Hawk Circle Drive Hermantown, MN 55811 | 2017 Season | \$1,000 00 |
| Team 4480 UC-Botics | 415 South Main Street Upsala, MN 56384 | 2016 Robotics | \$500 00 |
| The College of St Scholastica | 1200 Kenwood Avenue Duluth, MN 55811 | 2016 Twin Ports Thanksgiving Buffet | \$3,500 00 |
| The Nature Conservancy | 394 S Lake Avenue, #308 Duluth, MN 55802 | Interactive Story Maps Depicting Northern Minnesota Forest Restoration Projects | \$3,000 00 |
| The Salvation Army HeatShare | 2445 Prior Ave Roseville, MN 55112 | HeatShare | \$25,000 00 |
| TopperBots Robotics | 1215 Rice Lake Rd Duluth, MN 55811 | 2016 TopperBots FRC Robotics Season | \$1,000 00 |
| Tower Food Shelf | 414 Main St Tower, MN 55790 | Food Share Month Donation | \$750 00 |
| Two Harbors Area Food Shelf | PO Box 601 2124 10th Street Two Harbors, MN 55616 | Food Share Month Donation | \$500 00 |
| Two Harbors Soccer Club | 1880 Big Rock Road Two Harbors, MN 55616 | Field Expansion Project | \$500 00 |
| UMD Swenson College of Science and Engineering | 140 Engineering Building 1303 Ordean Court Duluth, MN 55812 | UMD Swenson College of Science and Engineering | \$6,000 00 |
| Union Gospel Mission Inc | 219 E 1st Street Duluth, MN 55802 | 2016 Donation | \$490 00 |
| United Way - Crow Wing | 424 S 8th St Brainerd, MN 56401 | UW 2016 Campaign Support | \$5,000 00 |
| United Way of 1000 Lakes | 350 NW 1st Ave, Suite A Grand Rapids, MN 55744 | UW 2016 Campaign Support | \$50,000 00 |
| United Way of 1000 Lakes | 350 NW 1st Ave, Suite A Grand Rapids, MN 55744 | Annual Meeting Celebration - Power of Plaid | \$5,000 00 |
| United Way of Carlton County | 202 Avenue C P O Box 250 Cloquet, MN 55720 | UW 2016 Campaign Support | \$12,500 00 |
| United Way of Northeastern Minnesota, Inc | 229 West Lake Street Chisholm, MN 55719 | 2016 Support | \$30,000 00 |
| University of Minnesota Duluth Clean Snowmobile | 1305 Ordean Court Duluth, MN 55812 | SAE Clean Snowmobile Club | \$1,000 00 |
| University of Minnesota Foundation | 1049 University Drive 315 Darland Administration Building Duluth, MN 55812 | 2017 Boulder Lake ELC Teacher Workshops | \$13,000 00 |
| Virginia Community Foundation | PO Box 559 Virginia, MN 55792 | Olcott Park Fountain Restoration | \$10,000 00 |

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