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Form 990

OMB No 1545-0047

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2016

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

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A For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning **2016**, and ending **2016**

B Check if applicable:
☐ Address change
☐ Name change
☐ Initial return
☐ Final return/terminated
☒ Amended return
☐ Application pending

C Name of organization **ATLAS ECONOMIC RESEARCH FOUNDATION**
 Doing business as **ATLAS NETWORK**
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
1201 L STREET, NW, 2ND FLOOR
 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
WASHINGTON DC 20005-4019

D Employer identification number **94-2763845**

E Telephone number **(202) 443-8449**

F Name and address of principal officer
BRADLEY LIPS 1201 L STREET, NW, 2ND FLOOR WASHINGTON DC 20005

G Gross receipts \$ **18,036,745**

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? ☐ Yes ☒ No
H(b) Are all subordinates included? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 If No, attach a list (see instructions)

I Tax-exempt status ☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) () (Insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

J Website: **AtlasNetwork.org**

K Form of organization ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ☐

L Year of formation **1981** **M** State of legal domicile **DC**

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities **TO STRENGTHEN THE WORLDWIDE FREEDOM MOVEMENT BY SUPPORTING INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS WITH THE POTENTIAL TO CHAMPION THE ATLAS VISION OF A FREE, PROSPEROUS AND PEACEFUL SOCIETY.**

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

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

4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) **16**

5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2016 (Part V, line 2a) **34**

6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) **0**

7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 **0**

7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 **0**

8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) **11,333,100**

9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) **59,412**

10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) **66,600**

11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) **5,324**

12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) **11,464,436**

13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3) **4,253,385**

14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) **2,649,695**

15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10) **2,964,394**

16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) **21,375**

b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) **1,105,045**

17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e) **4,173,677**

18 Total expenses - Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) **11,098,132**

19 Revenue less expenses - Subtract line 18 from line 12 **366,304**

20 Total assets (Part X, line 16) **6,357,430**

21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) **103,115**

22 Net assets or fund balances - Subtract line 21 from line 20 **6,254,315**

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here **Bradley A Lips** **Nov 21, 2017**
 Signature of officer Date
BRADLEY A LIPS CEO
 Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only
 Preparer's name **DAVID C. BURKHARDT, CPA** Preparer's signature **David C. Burkhardt CPA** Date **11/21/17** Check ☐ if self-employed PTIN **P00234622**
 Firm's name **Hendershot, Burkhardt & Associates, Certified Public Accountants**
 Firm's address **7525 Presidential Lane Manassas VA 20109** Phone no **(703) 361-1592**

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

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Part III Statement of Program Service AccomplishmentsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III ☒**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission

TO STRENGTHEN THE WORLDWIDE FREEDOM
MOVEMENT BY SUPPORTING INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS WITH THE POTENTIAL TO
CHAMPION THE ATLAS VISION OF A FREE, PROSPEROUS AND PEACEFUL SOCIETY.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the priorForm 990 or 990-EZ? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If 'Yes,' describe these new services on Schedule O

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If 'Yes,' describe these changes on Schedule O

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported**4 a** (Code:) (Expenses \$ 1,056,651. including grants of \$ 273,992.) (Revenue \$ 0.)

OUTREACH AND DISCOVERY PROGRAMS-
ATLAS NETWORK EXTENDS THE FRONTIER OF THE "FREEDOM MOVEMENT" BY
SPREADING IDEAS AND FINDING LEADERS IN PARTS OF THE WORLD WHERE
THE IDEAS OF LIBERTY ARE IN SHORT SUPPLY.

4 b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 3,753,645. including grants of \$ 2,272,945.) (Revenue \$ 0.)

GRANTS AND AWARDS-
ATLAS RUNS COMPETITIVE PRIZES AND GRANT PROGRAMS TO REWARD EXCELLENCE
AND PROVIDE CRITICAL SEED FUNDING TO START-UP ORGANIZATIONS.

4 c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 2,537,170. including grants of \$ 191,970.) (Revenue \$ 565,901.)

NETWORKING & COLLABORATION-
THROUGH EVENTS AND COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMS, ATLAS CREATES SOCIAL CAPITAL
TO ADVANCE THE IDEAS OF LIBERTY.

4 d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

(Expenses \$ 4,603,706. including grants of \$ 2,695,894.) (Revenue \$ 61,910.)

4 e Total program service expenses 11,951,172.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

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

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

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

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

		Yes	No
1 a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable.	58	
1 b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.	0	
1 c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	X	
2 a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return.	34	
2 b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?	X	
Note: If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)			
3 a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
3 b	If 'Yes,' has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If 'No' to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O.		
4 a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		X
4 b	If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country: See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)		
5 a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		X
5 b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		X
5 c	If 'Yes,' to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		
6 a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?		X
6 b	If 'Yes,' did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
7 a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	X	
7 b	If 'Yes,' did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	X	
7 c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		X
7 d	If 'Yes,' indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.		
7 e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		X
7 f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		X
7 g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
7 h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
9 a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
9 b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter		
10 a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.		
10 b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities.		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter		
11 a	Gross income from members or shareholders.		
11 b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them).		
12 a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
12 b	If 'Yes,' enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.		
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.		
13 a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state?		
Note: See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O			
13 b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans.		
13 c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand.		
14 a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		X
14 b	If 'Yes,' has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If 'No,' provide an explanation in Schedule O.		

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each 'Yes' response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a 'No' response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI. ☒**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

	Yes	No
1 a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year. 17 If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O		
1 b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent 16		
2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?		X
3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		X
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		X
6 Did the organization have members or stockholders?		X
7 a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?		X
7 b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		X
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a The governing body?	X	
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	X	
9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If 'Yes,' provide the names and addresses in Schedule O		X

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

	Yes	No
10 a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		X
10 b If 'Yes,' did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?		
11 a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	X	
11 b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990		
12 a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If 'No,' go to line 13.	X	
12 b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	X	
12 c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If 'Yes,' describe in Schedule O how this was done	X	
13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	X	
14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	X	
15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
15 a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	X	
15 b Other officers or key employees of the organization.		X
If 'Yes' to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions)		
16 a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		X
16 b If 'Yes,' did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ▶ See Form 990, Page 6, Line 17 (continued) _____

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
☒ Own website ☒ Another's website ☒ Upon request ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)

19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.

20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records ▶
 BRADLEY A. LIPS 1201 L ST, NW, 2ND FLOOR WASHINGTON DC 20005 (202) 449-8449

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent ContractorsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII ☐**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees****1 a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of 'key employee.'
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** directors or trustees that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

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

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) GEORGE PEARSON DIRECTOR	4.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(2) ANDREA RICH DIRECTOR	4.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(3) RENE SCULL DIRECTOR	4.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(4) DEBBI GIBBS DIRECTOR/ VICE-CHAIR	4.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(5) TIMOTHY BROWNE DIRECTOR	4.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(6) NIKOLAOS MONOYIOS DIRECTOR	4.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(7) GEORGE OHRSTROM DIRECTOR	4.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(8) PETER GOETTLER DIRECTOR (END 09/2016)	4.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(9) WILLIAM SUMNER DIRECTOR	4.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(10) CURTIN WINSOR DIRECTOR	4.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(11) KATHY WASHBURN DIRECTOR	4.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(12) DAN GROSSMAN DIRECTOR	4.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(13) LUIS HENRIQUE BALL DIRECTOR	4.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(14) ROBERT BOYD DIRECTOR (START 09/2016)	4.00	X						0.	0.	0.

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(15) LAWSON BADER DIRECTOR (START 09/2016)	4.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(16) SCOTT BARBEE TREASURER	4.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(17) LINDA WHETSTONE DIRECTOR/CHAIR	8.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(18) ALEJANDRO CHAFUEN PRESIDENT, DIRECTOR	40.00	X		X				183,928.	0.	30,560.
(19) BRADLEY LIPS CEO	40.00			X				305,592.	0.	35,281.
(20) MATT WARNER VP/PROGRAMS	40.00			X				180,592.	0.	32,861.
(21) TOM PALMER EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT	40.00			X				238,000.	0.	8,438.
(22) DANIEL ANTHONY VP/COMMUNICATIONS	40.00					X		123,500.	0.	8,325.
(23) ROMULO LOPEZ-CORDERO DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION	40.00					X		102,592.	0.	31,616.
(24) STEPHANIE LIPS DIRECTOR OF OUTREACH	40.00					X		125,000.	0.	6,000.
(25)										

1 b Sub-total. 1,259,204. 0. 153,081.

c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A 1,259,204. 0. 153,081.

d Total (add lines 1b and 1c) 1,259,204. 0. 153,081.

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization 7

3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J for such individual

	Yes	No
3		X

4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J for such individual

	Yes	No
4	X	

5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J for such person

	Yes	No
5		X

Section B. Independent Contractors

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

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

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization 0

Part VIII Statement of RevenueCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII ☐

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514		
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1 a Federated campaigns	1 a						
	b Membership dues	1 b						
	c Fundraising events	1 c						
	d Related organizations	1 d						
	e Government grants (contributions) . .	1 e						
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above . .	1 f 14,659,146.						
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$	599,988.						
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		14,659,146.					
Program Service Revenue	2 a REGISTRATIONS		Business Code	900099	627,811.	627,811.	0.	0.
	b							
	c							
	d							
	e							
	f All other program service revenue . . .							
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		627,811.					
	Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts)			8,578.	0.	0.	8,578.
4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . .								
5 Royalties								
6 a Gross rents		(i) Real						
		(ii) Personal						
		b Less rental expenses						
		c Rental income or (loss)						
7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory		(i) Securities	2,701,527.					
		(ii) Other						
		b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	2,665,942.					
		c Gain or (loss)	35,585.					
d Net gain or (loss)			35,585.	0.	0.	35,585.		
8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18.		a						
		b Less direct expenses	b					
		c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events						
9 a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19.		a						
		b Less direct expenses	b					
		c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities						
10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances		a						
		b Less cost of goods sold	b					
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory							
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code						
11 a MISCELLANEOUS	900099	4,681.	0.	0.	4,681.			
b REIMBURSEMENTS	900099	35,002.	35,002.	0.	0.			
c								
d All other revenue								
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d		39,683.						
12 Total revenue. See instructions		15,370,803.	662,813.	0.	48,844.			

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

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

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments See Part IV, line 21.	493,915.	493,915.		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals See Part IV, line 22.	112,240.	112,240.		
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.	4,828,646.	4,828,646.		
4 Benefits paid to or for members.				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees.	1,147,077.	776,671.	120,918.	249,488.
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B).	135,841.	93,540.	13,809.	28,492.
7 Other salaries and wages.	1,417,155.	1,009,025.	130,283.	277,847.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions).				
9 Other employee benefits.	90,861.	61,521.	9,578.	19,762.
10 Payroll taxes.	173,460.	117,448.	18,285.	37,727.
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management.				
b Legal.	45,484.	32,196.	1,036.	12,252.
c Accounting.	80,701.	11,671.	69,030.	0.
d Lobbying.				
e Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17.	5,040.			5,040.
f Investment management fees.				
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	982,329.	894,727.	10,921.	76,681.
12 Advertising and promotion.	561,269.	504,746.	16,776.	39,747.
13 Office expenses.	17,596.	15,298.	812.	1,486.
14 Information technology.	108,506.	92,044.	2,636.	13,826.
15 Royalties.				
16 Occupancy.	331,027.	293,456.	10,218.	27,353.
17 Travel.	460,834.	432,544.	270.	28,020.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials.				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings.	2,018,668.	1,982,044.	5,085.	31,539.
20 Interest.				
21 Payments to affiliates.				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization.	18,964.	16,789.	631.	1,544.
23 Insurance.	13,313.	0.	13,313.	0.
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O)				
a <u>PRINTING & REPRODUCTION</u>	241,772.	121,869.	264.	119,639.
b <u>DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS</u>	13,322.	10,392.	0.	2,930.
c <u>POSTAGE & SHIPPING</u>	81,852.	23,848.	247.	57,757.
d <u>DIRECT MAIL</u>	76,476.	3,977.	0.	72,499.
e All other expenses.	121,780.	22,565.	97,799.	1,416.
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	13,578,128.	11,951,172.	521,911.	1,105,045.
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash — non-interest-bearing	803,061.	1	1,084,046.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	81,468.	2	1,354,524.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	3,709,118.	3	5,860,801.
	4 Accounts receivable, net	30,045.	4	16,793.
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	18,588.	9	14,030.
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 307,386.		
	b Less accumulated depreciation	10b 274,813.	10c	32,573.
	11 Investments — publicly traded securities	1,637,013.	11	1,531.
	12 Investments — other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments — program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	33,820.	15	23,861.
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	6,357,430.	16	8,388,159.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	103,115.	17	373,840.
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	103,115.	26	373,840.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	250,393.	27	414,461.
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	6,003,922.	28	7,599,858.
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
	33 Total net assets or fund balances.	6,254,315.	33	8,014,319.
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances.	6,357,430.	34	8,388,159.	

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	15,370,803.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	13,578,128.
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	1,792,675.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	6,254,315.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	-32,671.
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	8,014,319.

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

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

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SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

► Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization

ATLAS ECONOMIC RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Employer identification number

94-2763845

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box.)

- 1 ☐ A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 ☐ A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ))
- 3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4 ☐ A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state _____
- 5 ☐ An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II)
- 6 ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 ☒ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II)
- 8 ☐ A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II)
- 9 ☐ An agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university _____
- 10 ☐ An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33-1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33-1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III)
- 11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 12 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box in lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
 - a ☐ **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
 - b ☐ **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
 - c ☐ **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
 - d ☐ **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
 - e ☐ Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
 - f Enter the number of supported organizations: _____
 - g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
Total						

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) 2016	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any 'unusual grants')	8,440,684.	11,459,155.	9,313,501.	11,333,100.	14,659,146.	55,205,586.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	8,440,684.	11,459,155.	9,313,501.	11,333,100.	14,659,146.	55,205,586.
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						21,705,349.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						33,500,237.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) 2016	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	8,440,684.	11,459,155.	9,313,501.	11,333,100.	14,659,146.	55,205,586.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	53,606.	83,642.	205,362.	66,600.	44,163.	453,373.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI)	13,592.	165.	178.	5,324.	39,683.	58,942.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						55,717,901.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions).						948,506.

13 **First five years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** ☐**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

14 Public support percentage for 2016 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	60.12 %
15 Public support percentage from 2015 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	61.20 %

16a **33-1/3% support test—2016.** If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33-1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☒b **33-1/3% support test—2015.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33-1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐17a **10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2016.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐b **10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2015.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐18 **Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ☐

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) 2016	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any 'unusual grants').						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge.						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year.						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) 2016	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12)						

14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here. ☐**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

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

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

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

19a 33-1/3% support tests—2016. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33-1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33-1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. ☐b 33-1/3% support tests—2015. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33-1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33-1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. ☐20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions. ☐

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box in line 12 on Part I. If you checked 12a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 12b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 12c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 12d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? <i>If 'No,' describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.</i>		
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If 'Yes,' explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).</i>		
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If 'Yes,' answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? <i>If 'Yes,' describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.</i>		
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? <i>If 'Yes,' explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.</i>		
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ('foreign supported organization')? <i>If 'Yes' and if you checked 12a or 12b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? <i>If 'Yes,' describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.</i>		
c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If 'Yes,' explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.</i>		
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>If 'Yes,' answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed, (ii) the reasons for each such action, (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action, and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).</i>		
b Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? <i>If 'Yes,' provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>		
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>		
9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? <i>If 'Yes,' provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? <i>If 'Yes,' provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
c Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? <i>If 'Yes,' provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? <i>If 'Yes,' answer 10b below.</i>		
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? <i>(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)</i>		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

- 11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?
- a A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?
- b A family member of a person described in (a) above?
- c A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? If 'Yes' to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI.

	Yes	No
11a		
11b		
11c		

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

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

	Yes	No
1		
2		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

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

	Yes	No
1		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

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

	Yes	No
1		
2		
3		

Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations

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

2 Activities Test Answer (a) and (b) below.

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

	Yes	No
2a		
2b		
3a		
3b		

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

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

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

Section B – Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year)		
a	Average monthly value of securities	1 a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1 b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1 c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1 d	
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI)		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by .035	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	

Section C – Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2	Enter 85% of line 1	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6	

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

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

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

Section E – Distribution Allocations (see instructions)

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

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

Pt II Ln 10 Other Income Part II, Line 10 Description: MISCELLANEOUS 2012: 13592.
2013: 165. 2014: 178. 2015: 5324. 2016: 4681. Description:
REIMBURSEMENTS 2012: 0. 2013: 0. 2014: 0. 2015: 0. 2016: 35002.

**SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

Supplemental Financial Statements

► Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990,
Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.
► Attach to Form 990.

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

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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		

5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Part II Conservation Easements.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or education)	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a historically important land area
<input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a certified historic structure
<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space	

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

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

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

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ► _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 8

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

a ☐ Public exhibition

b ☐ Scholarly research

c ☐ Preservation for future generations

d ☐ Loan or exchange programs

e ☐ Other _____

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21

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

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

	Amount
c Beginning balance	1 c
d Additions during the year	1 d
e Distributions during the year	1 e
f Ending balance	1 f

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

b If 'Yes,' explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided on Part XIII ☐

Part V Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 10

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1 a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

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

a Board designated or quasi-endowment ☐ %

b Permanent endowment ☐ %

c Temporarily restricted endowment ☐ %

The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%

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

(i) unrelated organizations

(ii) related organizations

	Yes	No
3a(i)		
3a(ii)		
3b		

b If 'Yes' on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? ☐

4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

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

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1 a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		307,386.	274,813.	32,573.
e Other				

Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c) ☐ 32,573.

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Part VII Investments – Other Securities.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other		
(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
(I)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 12) . . . ▶		

Part VIII Investments – Program Related.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
(10)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 13) . . . ▶		

Part IX Other Assets.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 15) ▶	

Part X Other Liabilities.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25

(a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
(11)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 25) ▶	

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII. ☒

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

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

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	15,338,132.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2 a	-32,671.
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2 b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2 c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2 d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2 e	-32,671.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	15,370,803.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b.	4 a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4 b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4 c	
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	15,370,803.

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

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements.	1	13,578,128.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2 a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2 b	
c	Other losses	2 c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2 d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2 e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	13,578,128.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b.	4 a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4 b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4 c	
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	13,578,128.

Part XIII Supplemental Information.

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

FIN 48 (ASC 740) FOOTNOTE TEXT: "THE ORGANIZATION IS EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAX FOR RELATED PURPOSE NET INCOME AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE. ACCORDINGLY, CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ORGANIZATION ARE DEDUCTIBLE FOR FEDERAL INCOME, ESTATE, AND GIFT TAX PURPOSES. IN ADDITION, THE ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN CLASSIFIED BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE AS A PUBLIC CHARITY AND IS NOT A PRIVATE FOUNDATION. THE ORGANIZATION'S FORMS 990, RETURN OF ORGANIZATION EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAX, ARE SUBJECT TO EXAMINATION BY THE IRS, GENERALLY FOR THREE YEARS AFTER THEY WERE FILED."

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SCHEDULE F
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

Statement of Activities Outside the United States

- Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 14b, 15, or 16.
► Attach to Form 990.
► Information about Schedule F (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I **General Information on Activities Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 14b.

1 For grantmakers. Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of its grants and other assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? ☒ **Yes** ☐ **No**

2 For grantmakers. Describe in Part V the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of its grants and other assistance outside the United States

3 Activities per Region (The following Part I, line 3 table can be duplicated if additional space is needed)

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees, agents, and independent contractors in the region	(d) Activities conducted in the region (by type) (such as, fundraising, program services, investments, grants to recipients located in the region)	(e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in the region	(f) Total expenditures for and investments in the region
(1) Sub-Saharan Africa	0	0	GRANTS TO RECIPIENTS	ECONOMIC EDUCATION	238,793.
(2) East Asia and Pacific	0	0	GRANTS TO RECIPIENTS	ECONOMIC EDUCATION	231,624.
(3) North America	0	0	GRANTS TO RECIPIENTS	ECONOMIC EDUCATION	220,615.
(4) Europe	0	0	GRANTS TO RECIPIENTS	ECONOMIC EDUCATION	1,729,184.
(5) South America	0	0	GRANTS TO RECIPIENTS	ECONOMIC EDUCATION	1,585,505.
(6) Middle East	0	0	GRANTS TO RECIPIENTS	ECONOMIC EDUCATION	296,328.
(7) Central America	0	0	GRANTS TO RECIPIENTS	ECONOMIC EDUCATION	395,229.
(8) South Asia	0	0	GRANTS TO RECIPIENTS	ECONOMIC EDUCATION	273,060.
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3 a Sub-total	0	0			4,970,338.
b Total from continuation sheets to Part I					
c Totals (add lines 3a and 3b)	0	0			4,970,338.

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations or Entities Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 15, for any recipient who received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

1	(a) Name of organization	(b) IRS code section and EIN (if applicable)	(c) Region	(d) Purpose of grant	(e) Amount of cash grant	(f) Manner of cash disbursement	(g) Amount of noncash assistance	(h) Description of noncash assistance	(i) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1)			Sub-Saharan Africa	ECONOMIC EDUCATION	238,793.	WIRE			
(2)			East Asia and Pacific	ECONOMIC EDUCATION	231,624.	WIRE			
(3)			North America	ECONOMIC EDUCATION	220,615.	WIRE			
(4)			Europe	ECONOMIC EDUCATION	1,729,184.	WIRE			
(5)			South America	ECONOMIC EDUCATION	1,585,505.	WIRE			
(6)			Middle East	ECONOMIC EDUCATION	296,328.	WIRE			
(7)			Central America	ECONOMIC EDUCATION	395,229.	WIRE			
(8)			South Asia	ECONOMIC EDUCATION	273,060.	WIRE			
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2 Enter total number of recipient organizations listed above that are recognized as charities by the foreign country, recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS, or for which the grantee or counsel has provided a section 501(c)(3) equivalency letter 8

3 Enter total number of other organizations or entities.

Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 16. Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Region	(c) Number of recipients	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Manner of cash disbursement	(f) Amount of noncash assistance	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1) ECONOMIC EDUCATION	Sub-Saharan Africa	87	238,793.	WIRE			
(2) ECONOMIC EDUCATION	Europe	146	1,729,184.	WIRE			
(3) ECONOMIC EDUCATION	South America	144	1,585,505.	WIRE			
(4) ECONOMIC EDUCATION	Middle East	27	296,328.	WIRE			
(5) ECONOMIC EDUCATION	South Asia	49	273,060.	WIRE			
(6) ECONOMIC EDUCATION	Central America	15	395,229.	WIRE			
(7) ECONOMIC EDUCATION	East Asia and Pacific	59	231,624.	WIRE			
(8) ECONOMIC EDUCATION	North America	14	220,615.	WIRE			
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Schedule F (Form 990) 2016

Part IV Foreign Forms

- 1 Was the organization a U S transferor of property to a foreign corporation during the tax year? If 'Yes,' the organization may be required to file Form 926, Return by a U S Transferor of Property to a Foreign Corporation (see Instructions for Form 926). ☐ Yes ☒ No
- 2 Did the organization have an interest in a foreign trust during the tax year? If 'Yes,' the organization may be required to separately file Form 3520, Annual Return To Report Transactions with Foreign Trusts and Receipt of Certain Foreign Gifts, and/or Form 3520-A Annual Information Return of Foreign Trust With a U S Owner (see Instructions for Forms 3520 and 3520-A, do not file with Form 990). ☐ Yes ☒ No
- 3 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign corporation during the tax year? If 'Yes,' the organization may be required to file Form 5471, Information Return of U S Persons With Respect To Certain Foreign Corporations (see Instructions for Form 5471) ☐ Yes ☒ No
- 4 Was the organization a direct or indirect shareholder of a passive foreign investment company or a qualified electing fund during the tax year? If 'Yes,' the organization may be required to file Form 8621, Information Return by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund (see Instructions for Form 8621) ☐ Yes ☒ No
- 5 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign partnership during the tax year? If 'Yes,' the organization may be required to file Form 8865, Return of U S Persons With Respect to Certain Foreign Partnerships (see Instructions for Form 8865). ☐ Yes ☒ No
- 6 Did the organization have any operations in or related to any boycotting countries during the tax year? If 'Yes,' the organization may be required to separately file Form 5713, International Boycott Report (see Instructions for Form 5713, do not file with Form 990). ☐ Yes ☒ No

Part V Supplemental Information

Provide the information required by Part I, line 2 (monitoring of funds), Part I, line 3, column (f) (accounting method; amounts of investments vs. expenditures per region), Part II, line 1 (accounting method); Part III (accounting method), and Part III, column (c) (estimated number of recipients), as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information. See instructions.

Pt I Line 2 ATLAS RELIES ON THE GRANT COMMITTEE OF ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO PROVIDE OVERSIGHT OF THE WORK OF ATLAS STAFF IN ESTABLISHING THE ELIGIBILITY AND APPROPRIATENESS OF CANDIDATES FOR GRANTS WITHIN ATLAS PROGRAMS. ATLAS SUPPORTS (A) ORGANIZATIONS THAT OPERATE AS NON-PROFIT RESEARCH INSTITUTES, (B) "INTELLECTUAL ENTREPRENEURS" EMBARKING ON THE CREATION OF SUCH ORGANIZATIONS, AND (C) SCHOLARS WORKING IN FIELDS OF INTELLECTUAL INQUIRY RELEVANT TO ATLAS PROGRAMS. GRANTEES RECEIVING \$5,000 OR MORE FROM ATLAS MUST PROVIDE REPORTS REGARDING THE USE OF FUNDS, EXCEPT FOR THOSE INSTANCES IN WHICH ATLAS'S GRANTS REPRESENT PRIZES TO RECOGNIZE OUTSTANDING WORK (ALREADY COMPLETED OR ONGOING) IN THE FIELDS OF ENDEAVOR CENTRAL TO THE ATLAS MISSION.

SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule G (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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

1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

- a ☒ Mail solicitations e ☒ Solicitation of non-government grants
b ☒ Internet and email solicitations f ☐ Solicitation of government grants
c ☒ Phone solicitations g ☒ Special fundraising events
d ☒ In-person solicitations

2a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees, or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? ☒ Yes ☐ No

b If 'Yes,' list the 10 highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in column (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
1 A.C. FITZGERALD & ASSOC, LLC	GENERAL FUNDRAISING ADVICE		X	0.	5,040.	-5,040.
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4						
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Total				0.	5,040.	-5,040.

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

Alabama _____
Alaska _____
Arkansas _____
California _____

See Part I, Line 3 List of States Registered or Licensed to Solicit Funds

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

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

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

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add column (a) through column (c))
REVENUE	1 Gross revenue				
EXPENSES	2 Cash prizes				
	3 Noncash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses				
	6 Volunteer labor	Yes _____ % No	Yes _____ % No	Yes _____ % No	
	7 Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)				
	8 Net gaming income summary Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d)				

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities _____

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

b If 'No,' explain _____

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

b If 'Yes,' explain _____

- 11 Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust, or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? ☐ Yes ☐ No

13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in

- | | | |
|-------------------------------|------|---|
| a The organization's facility | 13 a | % |
| b An outside facility | 13 b | % |

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

Name ▶ _____

Address ▶ _____

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

- b If 'Yes,' enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$ _____

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

Name ▶ _____

Address ▶ _____

16 Gaming manager information

Name ▶ _____

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ _____

Description of services provided ▶ _____

☐ Director/officer☐ Employee☐ Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions

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

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

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

SCHEDULE I
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.
▶ Attach to Form 990.

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

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Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

- Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States

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

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section (if applicable)	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1) ALABAMA POLICY INSTITUTE -- 2213 MORRIS AVENUE, FIRST BIRMINGHAM AL 35203	63-0809568	501(C)3	10,000.				ECONOMIC EDUCA
(2) AMERICAN PRINCIPLES PROJE -- 1130 CONNECTICUT AVE NW S WASHINGTON DC 20036	26-4442148	501(C)3	15,000.				ECONOMIC EDUCA
(3) ARCHBRIDGE INSTITUTE -- 16957 TAKEAWAY LANE DUMFRIES VA 22026	47-4252296	501(C)3	20,000.				ECONOMIC EDUCA
(4) BECKETT FUND FOR RELIGIOU -- 1200 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVE NW WASHINGTON DC 20036	52-1858532	501(C)3	5,525.				ECONOMIC EDUCA
(5) BUCKEYE INSTITUTE FOR PUB -- 88 EAST BROAD ST STE 1120 COLUMBUS OH 43215	31-1278593	501(C)3	25,800.				ECONOMIC EDUCA
(6) CARDINAL INSTITUTE FOR WE -- PO BOX 11495 CHARLESTON WV 25339	47-1932521	501(C)3	40,000.				ECONOMIC EDUCA
(7) CATO INSTITUTE -- 1000 MASSACHUSETTS AVE NW WASHINGTON DC 20001	23-7432162	501(C)3	11,545.				ECONOMIC EDUCA
(8) CENTER FOR INVESTIGATIVE -- 3837 9TH RD S ARLINGTON VA 22204	46-4533074	501(C)3	10,000.				ECONOMIC EDUCA

- Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table 25
- Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table 1

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Schedule I (Form 990) (2016)

Continuation Sheet for Schedule I (Form 990)

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▶ Attach to Form 990 to list additional information for Schedule I (Form 990), Part II and Part III.

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Name of the organization

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Part III Continuation of Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments. (Schedule I (Form 990), Part II.)

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section (if applicable)	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
COMMONWEALTH FOUNDATION F. 225 STATE ST STE 302 HARRISBURG PA 17101	23-2473845	501(C)3	10,000.				ECONOMIC EDUCA
EUROPEAN STUDENTS FOR LIB. 1101 17TH ST NW STE 810 WASHINGTON DC 20036	94-3435899	501(C)3	21,480.				ECONOMIC EDUCA
FOUNDATION FOR ECONOMIC E. 1819 PEACHTREE RD NE STE ATLANTA GA 30309	13-6006960	501(C)3	21,000.				ECONOMIC EDUCA
FOUNDATION FOR GOVERNMENT. 15275 COLLIER BLVD STE 20 NAPLES FL 34119	45-2637507	501(C)3	30,800.				ECONOMIC EDUCA
FOUNDATION FOR INDIVIDUAL. 510 WALNUT ST STE 1250 PHILADELPHIA PA 19106	04-3467254	501(C)3	25,441.				ECONOMIC EDUCA
FRANKLIN CENTER FOR GOVER. 107 S. WEST ST. STE 718 ALEXANDRIA VA 22314	26-4066298	501(C)3	10,000.				ECONOMIC EDUCA
EVERGREEN FREEDOM FOUNDAT. 2403 PACIFIC AVE SE OLYMPIA WA 98501	94-3136961	501(C)3	20,000.				ECONOMIC EDUCA
GOLDWATER INSTITUTE 500 EAST CORONADO RD PHOENIX AZ 85004	85-0597661	501(C)3	35,750.				ECONOMIC EDUCA
ILLINOIS POLICY INSTITUTE. 190 SOUTH LASALLE ST STE CHICAGO IL 60603	41-2057028	501(C)3	13,300.				ECONOMIC EDUCA
INDEPENDENT INSTITUTE. 100 SWAN WAY OAKLAND CA 94621	94-3008370	501(C)3	10,000.				ECONOMIC EDUCA

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Schedule I Cont (Form 990) 2016

Continuation Sheet for Schedule I (Form 990)

▶ Attach to Form 990 to list additional information for Schedule I (Form 990), Part II and Part III.

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Name of the organization		Employer identification number					
ATLAS ECONOMIC RESEARCH FOUNDATION		94-2763845					
Part III Continuation of Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments. (Schedule I (Form 990), Part II)							
(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section (if applicable)	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
LIBERTAS INSTITUTE 785 EAST 200 SOUTH STE 2 LEHI UT 84043	45-5254794	501(C)3	25,000.				ECONOMIC EDUCA
MACKINAC CENTER FOR PUBLI 140 WEST MAIN ST PO BOX 5 MIDLAND MI 48640	38-2701547	501(C)3	8,300.				ECONOMIC EDUCA
MANHATTAN INSTITUTE FOR P 52 VANDERBILT AVE NEW YORK NY 10017	13-2912529	501(C)3	10,000.				ECONOMIC EDUCA
NATIONAL REVIEW INSTITUTE 215 LEXINGTON AVE 11TH FL NEW YORK NY 10016	13-3649537	501(C)3	10,800.				ECONOMIC EDUCA
STUDENTS FOR LIBERTY 2221 S CLARK ST ARLINGTON VA 22202	94-3435899	501(C)3	10,500.				ECONOMIC EDUCA
TALIESIN NEXUS 3328 OAKHURST AVE #204 LOS ANGELES CA 90034	27-4737588	501(C)3	45,341.				ECONOMIC EDUCA
THINK FREELY MEDIA 1920 L ST STE 325 WASHINGTON DC 20036	27-1110796	501(C)3	13,000.				ECONOMIC EDUCA

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

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of noncash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of noncash assistance
1 PRIZES	4	100,000.	0.	N/A	N/A
2 RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS	1	300.	0.	N/A	N/A
3 TRAVEL GRANTS	17	11,940.	0.	N/A	N/A
4					
5					
6					
7					

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

Pt I Line 2 ATLAS RELIES ON THE GRANTS COMMITTEE OF ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO PROVIDE OVERSIGHT OF THE WORK OF ATLAS STAFF IN ESTABLISHING THE ELIGIBILITY AND APPROPRIATENESS OF CANDIDATES FOR GRANTS WITHIN ATLAS PROGRAMS. ATLAS SUPPORTS (A) ORGANIZATIONS THAT OPERATE AS NON-PROFIT RESEARCH INSTITUTES, (B) "INTELLECTUAL ENTREPRENEURS" EMBARKING ON THE CREATION OF SUCH ORGANIZATIONS, AND (C) SCHOLARS WORKING ON FIELDS OF INTELLECTUAL INQUIRY RELEVANT TO ATLAS PROGRAMS. GRANTEES RECEIVING \$5,000 OR MORE FROM ATLAS MUST PROVIDE REPORTS REGARDING THE USE OF FUNDS, EXCEPT FOR THOSE INSTANCES IN WHICH ATLAS'S GRANTS REPRESENT PRIZES TO RECOGNIZE OUTSTANDING WORK (ALREADY COMPLETE OR ONGOING) IN THE FIELD OF ENDEAVOR CENTRAL TO THE ATLAS MISSION.

SCHEDULE J
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

► Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.

► Attach to Form 990.

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

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ATLAS ECONOMIC RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

1 a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items

☐ First-class or charter travel

☐ Travel for companions

☐ Tax indemnification and gross-up payments

☐ Discretionary spending account

☐ Housing allowance or residence for personal use

☐ Payments for business use of personal residence

☒ Health or social club dues or initiation fees

☐ Personal services (such as, maid, chauffeur, chef)

b If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If 'No,' complete Part III to explain

2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?

3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III

☒ Compensation committee

☐ Independent compensation consultant

☐ Form 990 of other organizations

☐ Written employment contract

☒ Compensation survey or study

☒ Approval by the board or compensation committee

4 During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization

a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?

b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?

c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?

If 'Yes' to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III

Only section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.

5 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of

a The organization?

b Any related organization?

If 'Yes' on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III

6 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of

a The organization?

b Any related organization?

If 'Yes' on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III

7 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments not described on lines 5 and 6? If 'Yes,' describe in Part III

8 Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If 'Yes,' describe in Part III

9 If 'Yes' on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

Yes No

1 b X

2 X

4 a X

4 b X

4 c X

5 a X

5 b X

6 a X

6 b X

7 X

8 X

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Schedule J (Form 990) 2016

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed

For each individual whose compensation must be reported on Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII.

Note: The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
	(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
ALEJANDRO CHAFUEN							
1 PRESIDENT, DIRECTOR	(i) 183,928.	(ii) 0.	(iii) 0.	0.	30,560.	214,488.	0.
BRADLEY LIPS	(i) 305,592.	(ii) 0.	(iii) 0.	0.	35,281.	340,873.	0.
2 CEO	(i) 0.	(ii) 0.	(iii) 0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
MATT WARNER	(i) 180,592.	(ii) 0.	(iii) 0.	0.	32,861.	213,453.	0.
3 VP/PROGRAMS	(i) 0.	(ii) 0.	(iii) 0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
TOM PALMER	(i) 238,000.	(ii) 0.	(iii) 0.	0.	8,438.	246,438.	0.
4 EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT	(i) 0.	(ii) 0.	(iii) 0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
5	(i)	(ii)	(iii)				
6	(i)	(ii)	(iii)				
7	(i)	(ii)	(iii)				
8	(i)	(ii)	(iii)				
9	(i)	(ii)	(iii)				
10	(i)	(ii)	(iii)				
11	(i)	(ii)	(iii)				
12	(i)	(ii)	(iii)				
13	(i)	(ii)	(iii)				
14	(i)	(ii)	(iii)				
15	(i)	(ii)	(iii)				
16	(i)	(ii)	(iii)				

Part III Supplemental Information

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Pt I Line 1a	SOCIAL CLUB DUES: ATLAS NETWORK PAYS FOR A SOCIAL CLUB FOR ITS CEO TO CONDUCT MEETINGS AND DISCUSS BUSINESS MATTERS.
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SCHEDULE L
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Transactions With Interested Persons

- **Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or 40b.**
► **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**
► **Information about Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**

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Part I Excess Benefit Transactions (section 501(c)(3), section 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations only).
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b

1	(a) Name of disqualified person	(b) Relationship between disqualified person and organization	(c) Description of transaction	(d) Corrected?	
				Yes	No
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					

2 Enter the amount of tax incurred by the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958 ► \$

3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization ► \$

Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or Form 990, Part IV, line 26; or if the organization reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 5, 6, or 22.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship with organization	(c) Purpose of loan	(d) Loan to or from the organization?		(e) Original principal amount	(f) Balance due	(g) In default?		(h) Approved by board or committee?		(i) Written agreement?	
			To	From			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
(1)												
(2)												
(3)												
(4)												
(5)												
(6)												
(7)												
(8)												
(9)												
(10)												
Total						► \$						

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefiting Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 27

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of assistance	(d) Type of assistance	(e) Purpose of assistance
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				
(7)				
(8)				
(9)				
(10)				

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Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No
(1) STEPHANIE LIPS	SPOUSE OF CEO	125,000.	COMPENSATION		X
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					
(7)					
(8)					
(9)					
(10)					

Part V Supplemental Information

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule L (see instructions).

**SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Noncash Contributions

- ▶ Complete if the organizations answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
- ▶ Attach to Form 990.
- ▶ Information about Schedule M (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art — Works of art				
2 Art — Historical treasures				
3 Art — Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities — Publicly traded				
10 Securities — Closely held stock				
11 Securities — Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities — Miscellaneous	X	1	3,012.	FMV
13 Qualified conservation contribution — Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution — Other				
15 Real estate — Residential				
16 Real estate — Commercial				
17 Real estate — Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ▶ (ADVERTISING)	X	14	482,511.	FMV
26 Other ▶ (EVENT COSTS)	X	1	114,165.	INVOICED COST
27 Other ▶ (HONORARIUM CONTRACT)	X	1	300.	INVOICED COST
28 Other ▶ (.)				

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement **29** 0.

	Yes	No
30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which isn't required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?		X
b If 'Yes,' describe the arrangement in Part II		
31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any nonstandard contributions?	X	
32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?		X
b If 'Yes,' describe in Part II		
33 If the organization didn't report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II		

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Schedule M (Form 990) (2016)

Part II **Supplemental Information.** Provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33, and whether the organization is reporting in Part I, column (b), the number of contributions, the number of items received, or a combination of both. Also complete this part for any additional information.

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

► Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

► Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is
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Pt VI, Line 11b

Pt VI, Line 12c

Pt VI, Line 15a

Pt VI, Line 19

Other

Other

A DRAFT OF THE FEDERAL 990 IS REVIEWED BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE. AFTER REVIEWING THE 900, THE AUDIT COMMITTEE PROVIDES A DRAFT COPY TO THE FULL BOARD FOR REVIEW. AFTER ADDRESSING ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE FULL BOARD THE AUDIT COMMITTEE APPROVES THE 990 FOR FILING WITH THE IRS. THE AUDIT COMMITTEE HAS BEEN DELEGATED THIS AUTHORITY BY THE GOVERNING BODY. OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND KEY EMPLOYEES ARE REQUIRED ANNUALLY TO SIGN STATEMENTS DISCLOSING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.

ATLAS HAS A COMPENSATION COMMITTEE THAT IS COMPOSED OF INDEPENDENT PERSONS. DECISIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE BASED ON COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF COMPENSATION LEVELS AND TRENDS AT PEER NON-PROFIT INSTITUTIONS. THE COMMITTEE DECIDES AND APPROVES COMPENSATION OF THE CEO. THIS WAS LAST DONE IN DECEMBER, 2015.

ATLAS POSTS ITS FORMS 990 AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ON ITS WEBSITE. IT DOES NOT MAKE ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

PAGE 2, PART III: "THE MISSION OF ATLAS IS TO STRENGTHEN THE WORLDWIDE FREEDOM MOVEMENT BY CULTIVATING A HIGHLY EFFECTIVE AND EXPANSIVE NETWORK THAT INSPIRES AND INCENTIVIZES ALL COMMITTED INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO ACHIEVE LASTING IMPACT. THE VISION OF THE ORGANIZATION IS THAT THERE WILL BE EFFECTIVE INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATION IN EVERY COUNTRY BUILDING A PUBLIC CONSENSUS AROUND THE PRINCIPLES THAT FOSTER FREEDOM, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, PROSPERITY AND PEACE. THESE PRINCIPLES INCLUDE INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY AND RESPONSIBILITY, PROPERTY RIGHTS, FREE MARKETS, AND LIMITED GOVERNMENT UNDER THE RULE OF LAW. ATLAS ACCOMPLISHES THIS VIA EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS, TRAINING WORKSHOPS, GRANTS AND PRIZE PROGRAMS, AND SERVICES THAT FOSTER COLLABORATION AMONG THINK TANKS THAT PERFORM AND PROMOTE POLICY RESEARCH TO IMPROVE THE CLIMATE OF IDEAS."

EXPLANATION OF AMENDED FORM 990: ATLAS WAS IN THE PROCESS OF HAVING AN INDEPENDENT AUDIT PERFORMED WHEN IT BECAME APPARENT THE AUDIT WOULD NOT BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO THE FILING DEADLINE. ATLAS FILED A FORM 990 USING UNAUDITED NUMBERS, AND HAS HAD THIS AMENDED FORM 990 PREPARED TO UPDATE THE RETURN USING THE AUDITED INFORMATION.