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Return of Private Foundation

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

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Form **990-PF**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

For calendar year 2017 or tax year beginning

, and ending

Name of foundation

The High Stakes Foundation

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

129 W. Alder

Room/suite

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

Missoula, MT 59802

G Check all that apply:

☐

Initial return

☐

Initial return of a former public charity

☐

Final return

☐

Amended return

☒

Address change

☐

Name change

H Check type of organization:

☒

Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

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☐ Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust☐ Other taxable private foundation

I Fair market value of all assets at end of year

(from Part II, col. (c), line 16)

\$ 1,306,880.

J Accounting method:

☒

Cash

☐

Accrual

☐ Other (specify)

(Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis.)

A Employer identification number

20-5815274

B Telephone number

406-726-2030C If exemption application is pending, check here ☐D 1. Foreign organizations, check here ☐2 Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation ☐E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here ☐F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here ☐**Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses**

(The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a).)

(a) Revenue and expenses per books

(b) Net investment income

(c) Adjusted net income

(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)

1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received

500,000.**N/A**2 Check ☐ if the foundation is not required to attach Sch. B

3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments

4 Dividends and interest from securities

20,468.**20,468.****Statement 1**

5a Gross rents

b Net rental income (or loss)

6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10

b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a

325,146.**13,505.**

7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)

13,505.

8 Net short-term capital gain

9 Income modifications

10a Gross sales less returns and allowances

b Less Cost of goods sold

c Gross profit or (loss)

11 Other income

161.**161.****Statement 2**

12 Total Add lines 1 through 11

534,134.**34,134.**

13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc.

0.**0.****0.**

14 Other employee salaries and wages

15 Pension plans, employee benefits

16a Legal fees

b Accounting fees

Stmt 3**5,085.****0.****5,085.**

c Other professional fees

Stmt 4**128,331.****14,331.****114,000.**

17 Interest

18 Taxes

19 Depreciation and depletion

20 Occupancy

21 Travel, conferences, and meetings

2,981.**0.****2,981.**

22 Printing and publications

23 Other expenses

Stmt 5**2,198.****0.****2,202.**

24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23

138,595.**14,331.****124,268.**

25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid

870,600.**870,600.**

26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25

1,009,195.**14,331.****994,868.**

27 Subtract line 26 from line 12:

a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements

<475,061.>

b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)

19,803.

c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)

N/A

Part II Balance Sheets		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only		
		Beginning of year	End of year	
		(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing			
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	255,268.	23,616.	23,616.
	3 Accounts receivable ▶			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	4 Pledges receivable ▶			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	5 Grants receivable			
	6 Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	7 Other notes and loans receivable ▶			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	8 Inventories for sale or use			
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			
	10a Investments - U.S. and state government obligations			
	b Investments - corporate stock Stmt 8	724,192.	694,322.	694,322.
	c Investments - corporate bonds Stmt 9	577,196.	525,704.	525,704.
	11 Investments - land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶			
Liabilities	Less accumulated depreciation ▶			
	12 Investments - mortgage loans			
	13 Investments - other Stmt 10	50,493.	37,593.	37,593.
	14 Land, buildings, and equipment: basis ▶			
	Less accumulated depreciation ▶			
	15 Other assets (describe ▶ Statement 11)	37,843.	25,645.	25,645.
	16 Total assets (to be completed by all filers - see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item I)	1,644,992.	1,306,880.	1,306,880.
	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	305.	300.	
	18 Grants payable			
	19 Deferred revenue			
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	21 Mortgages and other notes payable			
	22 Other liabilities (describe ▶)			
	23 Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)	305.	300.	
	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ ☐			
	and complete lines 24 through 26, and lines 30 and 31			
	24 Unrestricted			
	25 Temporarily restricted			
	26 Permanently restricted			
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ ☒			
	and complete lines 27 through 31.			
	27 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds	0.	0.	
	28 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg., and equipment fund	0.	0.	
	29 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds	1,644,687.	1,306,580.	
	30 Total net assets or fund balances	1,644,687.	1,306,580.	
	31 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	1,644,992.	1,306,880.	

Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

1 Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year - Part II, column (a), line 30 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1	1,644,687.
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	<475,061.>
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ See Statement 6	3	160,260.
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	1,329,886.
5 Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ See Statement 7	5	23,306.
6 Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) - Part II, column (b), line 30	6	1,306,580.

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (for example, real estate, 2-story brick warehouse; or common stock, 200 shs. MLC Co.)		(b) How acquired P - Purchase D - Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo., day, yr.)	(d) Date sold (mo., day, yr.)
1a Publicly Traded Securities				
b				
c				
d				
e				
(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) ((e) plus (f) minus (g))	
a 325,146.		311,641.	13,505.	
b				
c				
d				
e				
Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69.			(i) Gains (Col. (h) gain minus col. (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col. (h))	
(i) FMV as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col. (i) over col. (j), if any		
a			13,505.	
b				
c				
d				
e				
2 Capital gain net income or (net capital loss)		If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7		2 13,505.
3 Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6): If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c). If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8		If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7		3 N/A

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

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

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

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

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

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col. (b) divided by col. (c))
2016	459,447.	1,790,936.	.256540
2015	859,643.	2,657,329.	.323499
2014	1,123,176.	3,429,355.	.327518
2013	276,503.	1,673,530.	.165221
2012	477,818.	1,949,386.	.245112
2 Total of line 1, column (d)			2 1.317890
3 Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period - divide the total on line 2 by 5.0, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years			3 .263578
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2017 from Part X, line 5			4 1,532,812.
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3			5 404,016.
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)			6 198.
7 Add lines 5 and 6			7 404,214.
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4			8 994,868.

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

Part VI Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948 - see instructions)

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

b Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here ☒ and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b

c All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations, enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col. (b).

2 Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only; others, enter -0-)

3 Add lines 1 and 2

4 Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only; others, enter -0-)

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

6 Credits/Payments:

a 2017 estimated tax payments and 2016 overpayment credited to 2017

b Exempt foreign organizations - tax withheld at source

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

d Backup withholding erroneously withheld

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

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

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

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

11 Enter the amount of line 10 to be: **Credited to 2018 estimated tax**

6a	1,955.
6b	0.
6c	0.
6d	0.

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

	Yes	No
1a During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?		X
b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes? See the instructions for the definition. If the answer is "Yes" to 1a or 1b, attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities.		X
c Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
d Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year: (1) On the foundation. ☒ \$ 0. (2) On foundation managers. ☒ \$ 0.		
e Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers. ☒ \$ 0.		
2 Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities.		X
3 Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes		X
4a Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
5 Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T.		X
6 Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either: • By language in the governing instrument, or • By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?	X	
7 Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? If "Yes," complete Part II, col. (c), and Part XV	X	
8a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered. See instructions. ☒ MT		
b If the answer is "Yes" to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designate) of each state as required by General Instruction G? If "No," attach explanation	X	
9 Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2017 or the tax year beginning in 2017? See the instructions for Part XIV. If "Yes," complete Part XIV		X
10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses		X

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

	Yes	No
11 At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule. See instructions		X
12 Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If "Yes," attach statement. See instructions		X
13 Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address ► <u>www.highstakesfoundation.org</u>	X	
14 The books are in care of ► <u>Dawn McGee/Megan Robson</u> Telephone no. ► <u>406-726-2030</u> Located at ► <u>129 W. Alder, Missoula, MT</u> ZIP+4 ► <u>59802</u>		
15 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041 - check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	15	N/A
16 At any time during calendar year 2017, did the foundation have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a bank, securities, or other financial account in a foreign country? See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114. If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ►		X

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

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

	Yes	No
1a During the year, did the foundation (either directly or indirectly):		
(1) Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person?	☒ Yes ☐ No	
(5) Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
(6) Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (Exception. Check "No" if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days)	☐ Yes ☒ No	
b If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)-(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance? See instructions Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance, check here ► ☐	1b	X
c Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2017?	1c	X
2 Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5)):		
a At the end of tax year 2017, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2017? If "Yes," list the years: ► _____, _____, _____	☐ Yes ☒ No	
b Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer "No" and attach statement - see instructions.)	N/A	
c If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here. ► _____, _____, _____		
3a Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
b If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2017 as a result of (1) any purchase by the foundation or disqualified persons after May 26, 1969; (2) the lapse of the 5-year period (or longer period approved by the Commissioner under section 4943(c)(7)) to dispose of holdings acquired by gift or bequest; or (3) the lapse of the 10-, 15-, or 20-year first phase holding period? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2017.)	N/A	
4a Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4a	X
b Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2017?	4b	X

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

		Yes	No
5a During the year, did the foundation pay or incur any amount to:			
(1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))?	☐ Yes ☒ No		
(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955); or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive?	☐ Yes ☒ No		
(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes?	☐ Yes ☒ No		
(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 4945(d)(4)(A)? See instructions	☐ Yes ☒ No		
(5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals?	☐ Yes ☒ No		
b If any answer is "Yes" to 5a(1)-(5), did any of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance? See instructions	N/A	5b	
Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance, check here ☐			
c If the answer is "Yes" to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant?	N/A ☐ Yes ☐ No		
If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945-5(d).			
6a Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	☐ Yes ☒ No		
b Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		6b	X
If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870.			
7a At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	☐ Yes ☒ No		
b If "Yes," did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction?	N/A	7b	

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors**1** List all officers, directors, trustees, and foundation managers and their compensation.

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
See Statement 12		0.	0.	0.

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

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

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

0

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Part VIII

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

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

[illegible]

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

0

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

Expenses

1	N/A	
2		
3		
4		

Part IX-B	Summary of Program-Related Investments
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Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2.

Amount

1	N/A	
2		
All other program-related investments..See instructions.		
3		

Total. Add lines 1 through 3

0.

Part X Minimum Investment Return (All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see instructions.)

1 Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes:		
a Average monthly fair market value of securities	1a	1,330,909.
b Average of monthly cash balances	1b	225,245.
c Fair market value of all other assets	1c	
d Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	1,556,154.
e Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	1e	0.
2 Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	0.
3 Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	1,556,154.
4 Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	23,342.
5 Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	1,532,812.
6 Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6	76,641.

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

1 Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6	1	76,641.
2a Tax on investment income for 2017 from Part VI, line 5	2a	198.
b Income tax for 2017. (This does not include the tax from Part VI.)	2b	
c Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	198.
3 Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	76,443.
4 Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	12,199.
5 Add lines 3 and 4	5	88,642.
6 Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	6	0.
7 Distributable amount as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	7	88,642.

Part XII Qualifying Distributions (see instructions)

1 Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc., purposes:		
a Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc. - total from Part I, column (d), line 26	1a	994,868.
b Program-related investments - total from Part IX-B	1b	0.
2 Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	2	
3 Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the:		
a Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	3a	
b Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	3b	
4 Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8; and Part XIII, line 4	4	994,868.
5 Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income. Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b	5	198.
6 Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	994,670.

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

Part XIII Undistributed Income (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2016	(c) 2016	(d) 2017
1 Distributable amount for 2017 from Part XI, line 7				88,642.
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2017				
a Enter amount for 2016 only			0.	
b Total for prior years:		0.		
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2017:				
a From 2012	381,059.			
b From 2013	194,705.			
c From 2014	957,116.			
d From 2015	730,369.			
e From 2016	361,706.			
f Total of lines 3a through e	2,624,955.			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2017 from Part XII, line 4: ▶ \$	994,868.			
a Applied to 2016, but not more than line 2a			0.	
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required - see instructions)		0.		
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required - see instructions)	0.			
d Applied to 2017 distributable amount				88,642.
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	906,226.			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2017 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a))	0.			0.
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus. Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e. Subtract line 5	3,531,181.			
b Prior years' undistributed income. Subtract line 4b from line 2b		0.		
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed		0.		
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b. Taxable amount - see instructions.		0.		
e Undistributed income for 2016. Subtract line 4a from line 2a. Taxable amount - see instr.			0.	
f Undistributed income for 2017. Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1. This amount must be distributed in 2018				0.
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (Election may be required - see instructions)	0.			
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2012 not applied on line 5 or line 7	381,059.			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2018. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	3,150,122.			
10 Analysis of line 9:				
a Excess from 2013	194,705.			
b Excess from 2014	957,116.			
c Excess from 2015	730,369.			
d Excess from 2016	361,706.			
e Excess from 2017	906,226.			

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

N/A

- 1 a** If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2017, enter the date of the ruling

▶

- b**
- Check box to indicate whether the foundation is a private operating foundation described in section

☐ 4942(j)(3) or ☐ 4942(j)(5)

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

Tax year

Prior 3 years

(a) 2017

(b) 2016

(c) 2015

(d) 2014

(e) Total

- b 85% of line 2a**

- c** Qualifying distributions from Part XII,
line 4 for each year listed

- d** Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities

- e** Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities.

Subtract line 2d from line 2c

- 3** Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon:

- a "Assets" alternative test - enter:
(1) Value of all assets

- (2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)**

- b** "Endowment" alternative test - enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed

- c "Support" alternative test - enter:

- (1) Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties)

- (2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii)

- (3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization**

- (4) Gross investment income**

Part XV **Supplementary Information** (Complete this part only if the foundation had \$5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year-see instructions.)

1 - Information Regarding Foundation Managers:

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

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

None

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

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

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

See Statement 13

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

- c Any submission deadlines:

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

Part XV Supplementary Information (continued)

3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment				
Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
a Paid during the year				
AERO PO Box 1558 Helena, MT 59624	None	PC	General Operating	10,000.
American Indian Business Leaders Gallagher Business Building Suite 366 Missoula, MT 59812	None	PC	General Operating	10,000.
Big Brothers and Sisters of Park County 105 S 2nd St Livingston, MT 59047	None	PC	General Operating	10,000.
Big Sky Film Institute 113 W Front St #105 Missoula, MT 59802	None	PC	General Operating	5,000.
Blackfoot Challenge 255 W Front St Suite B Missoula, MT 59802	None	PC	General Operating	10,000.
Total	See continuation sheet(s)			870,600.
b Approved for future payment				
None				
Total				0.

Schedule B(Form 990, 990-EZ,
or 990-PF)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Schedule of Contributors**

- ▶ Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.
▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

OMB No 1545-0047

2017

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

The High Stakes Foundation**20-5815274**

Organization type (check one)

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

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- ☒ 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation
- ☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation
- ☐ 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.**Note:** Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.**General Rule**

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

Special Rules

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

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

LHA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the instructions for Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF. Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2017)

Name of organization

Employer identification number

The High Stakes Foundation**20-5815274****Part I Contributors** (see instructions) Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	Mary Stranahan 72730 Heart View Lane Arlee, MT 59821	\$ 500,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
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Name of organization

Employer identification number

The High Stakes Foundation**20-5815274**

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

Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed

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

Part XV Supplementary Information**3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year (Continuation)**

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Blackfoot Pathways Sculpture in the Wild MT-200 Lincoln, MT 59639	None	PC	General Operating	14,000.
Boys and Girls Club of the Flathead 63055 US Highway 93 Ronan, MT 59864	None	PC	General Operating	20,000.
Dress for Success Billings 304 N 29th St Billings, MT 59101	None	PC	General Operating	1,000.
EmpowerMT 1124 Cedar St Missoula, MT 59802	None	PC	General Operating	25,000.
Farm Hands Nourish the Flathead 1658 E Second St Whitefish, MT 59937	None	PC	General Operating	20,000.
Forward Montana Foundation 1535 Wyoming St Missoula, MT 59801	None	PC	General Operating	30,000.
Free Cycles Missoula (MIST) 732 S 1st St W Missoula, MT 59801	None	PC	General Operating	15,000.
Friends Forever Mentoring 49518 Us Highway 93 Polson, MT 59860	None	PC	General Operating	22,000.
Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness 108 E 4th St Suite 205 Libby, MT 59923	None	PC	General Operating	12,000.
Gallatin Valley Econ Devel Foundation 2015 Charlotte St #1 Bozeman, MT 59718	None	PC	General Operating	10,000.
Total from continuation sheets				825,600.

Part XV Supplementary Information**3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year (Continuation)**

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Garden City Harvest 1657 River Rd Missoula, MT 59801	None	PC	General Operating	55,000.
HATCH 2358 Whitetail Rd Bozeman, MT 59715	None	PC	General Operating	20,000.
Home Resources 1515 Wyoming St Missoula, MT 59801	None	PC	General Operating	3,000.
Hopa Mountain 234 E Babcock St Suite E Bozeman, MT 59715	None	PC	General Operating	20,000.
HRDC District IX 32 South Tracy Ave Bozeman Bozeman, MT 59715	None	PC	General Operating	20,000.
Irwin & Florence Rosten Foundation 515 Madison St Hamilton, MT 59840	None	PC	FBO MAPS Media	45,000.
Jeannette Rankin Peace Center 519 S Higgins Ave Missoula, MT 59801	None	PC	FBO Climate Smart Missoula	1,500.
Lake County CDC 407 Main St SW Ronan, MT 59864	None	PC	General Operating	1,000.
Leadership Montana 105 W Main St Ste 2G Bozeman, MT 59715	None	PC	General Operating	5,000.
Livingston Food Pantry of Park County 202 S 2nd St Livingston, MT 59047	None	PC	General Operating	46,000.
Total from continuation sheets				

Part XV Supplementary Information**3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year (Continuation)**

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Mainstreet Uptown Butte 66 W Park St #214 Butte, MT 59701	None	PC	General Operating	25,000.
Missoula Community Foundation 110 W Front St Missoula, MT 59802	None	PC	General Operating	30,000.
Missoula Community Radio (MIR) 208 E Main St Missoula, MT 59802	None	PC	General Operating	5,000.
Missoula Urban Demonstration Project 1527 Wyoming St Missoula, MT 59801	None	PC	General Operating	5,000.
Missoula Writing Collaborative 28 Fort Missoula Rd #2 Missoula, MT 59804	None	PC	General Operating	30,000.
Montana Budget and Policy Center 101 N Last Chance Gulch #220 Helena, MT 59601	None	PC	General Operating	25,000.
Montana Environmental Information Center 107 W Lawrence St Helena, MT 59601	None	PC	General Operating	15,000.
Montana Human Rights Network Cedar St Helena, MT 59601	None	PC	FBO Montana Women Vote	20,000.
Montana Human Rights Network Cedar St Helena, MT 59601	None	PC	General Operating	25,000.
Montana State University Foundation 1501 S 11th Ave Bozeman, MT 59717	None	PC	General Operating	10,000.
Total from continuation sheets				

Part XV Supplementary Information**3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year (Continuation)**

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
MontPIRF PO Box 505 Missoula, MT 59806	None	PC	General Operating	7,000.
MTRM dba Montana Automotive Technologies 2100 W Sussex Ave Missoula, MT 59801	None	PC	General Operating	9,400.
National Wildlife Federation 240 N Higgins Avenue Suite 2 Missoula, MT 59802	None	PC	General Operating	20,000.
NCAT 3040 Continental Dr Butte, MT 59701	None	PC	General Operating	15,000.
North Missoula CDC 1500 Burns St Missoula, MT 59802	None	PC	General Operating	15,000.
Northern Plains Resource Council 432 N Last Chance Gulch H Helena, MT 59601	None	PC	General Operating	50,000.
O'Connor Center for the Rocky Mtn West 600 University Ave Missoula, MT 59801	None	PC	General Operating	5,000.
Paradise Elementary School Preservation P. O. Box 162 Paradise, MT 59856	None	PC	General Operating	10,000.
Prickly Pear Land Trust 40 W Lawrence St a Helena, MT 59601	None	PC	General Operating	15,000.
Sage Gardeners 1112 S Willson Ave Bozeman, MT 59715	None	PC	General Operating	3,700.
Total from continuation sheets				

Part XV Supplementary Information**3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year (Continuation)**

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Sanders County CDC 2504 Tradewinds Way, Ste C1 Thompson Falls, MT 59873	None	PC	General Operating	10,000.
SEE 23532 Calabasas Rd Calabasas, CA 91302	None	PC	FBO Soft Landing Missoula	12,000.
The Nature Conservancy 255 W Front St Missoula, MT 59802	None	PC	General Operating	10,000.
The Vital Ground Foundation 20 Fort Missoula Rd Missoula, MT 59804	None	PC	General Operating	10,000.
Western Sustainability Exchange 207 S C St Livingston, MT 59047	None	PC	General Operating	10,000.
Whitefish Legacy Partners 525 Railway St Whitefish, MT 59937	None	PC	General Operating	43,000.
Women's Foundation of Montana PO Box 1145 Helena, MT 59624-1145	None	PC	General Operating	5,000.
Total from continuation sheets				

Form 990-PF	Dividends and Interest from Securities	Statement	1
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Source	Gross Amount	Capital Gains Dividends	(a) Revenue Per Books	(b) Net Investment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income
Charles Schwab	20,468.	0.	20,468.	20,468.	
To Part I, line 4	20,468.	0.	20,468.	20,468.	

Form 990-PF	Other Income	Statement	2
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Description	(a) Revenue Per Books	(b) Net Investment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income
Loan interest	161.	161.	
Total to Form 990-PF, Part I, line 11	161.	161.	

Form 990-PF	Accounting Fees	Statement	3
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Description	(a) Expenses Per Books	(b) Net Investment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income	(d) Charitable Purposes
Accounting Fees	5,085.	0.		5,085.
To Form 990-PF, Pg 1, ln 16b	5,085.	0.		5,085.

Form 990-PF	Other Professional Fees	Statement	4
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Description	(a) Expenses Per Books	(b) Net Investment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income	(d) Charitable Purposes
Investment Management Fees	14,331.	14,331.		0.
Management Fees	114,000.	0.		114,000.
To Form 990-PF, Pg 1, ln 16c	128,331.	14,331.		114,000.

Form 990-PF	Other Expenses	Statement	5
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Description	(a) Expenses Per Books	(b) Net Invest- ment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income	(d) Charitable Purposes
Miscellaneous	2,198.	0.		2,202.
To Form 990-PF, Pg 1, ln 23	2,198.	0.		2,202.

Form 990-PF	Other Increases in Net Assets or Fund Balances	Statement	6
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Description	Amount
Prior period adjustment	65,137.
Unrealized gain/loss	95,123.
Total to Form 990-PF, Part III, line 3	160,260.

Form 990-PF	Other Decreases in Net Assets or Fund Balances	Statement	7
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Description	Amount
Timing adjustment on investment income	23,306.
Total to Form 990-PF, Part III, line 5	23,306.

Form 990-PF	Corporate Stock	Statement	8
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Description	Book Value	Fair Market Value
Charles Schwab Equities - see stmt	694,322.	694,322.
Total to Form 990-PF, Part II, line 10b	694,322.	694,322.

Form 990-PF	Corporate Bonds	Statement	9
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Description	Book Value	Fair Market Value
Charles Schwab Fixed Income - See stmt	525,704.	525,704.
Total to Form 990-PF, Part II, line 10c	525,704.	525,704.

Form 990-PF	Other Investments	Statement	10
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Description	Valuation Method	Book Value	Fair Market Value
Charles Schwab Other Investments - See stmt	FMV	34,476.	34,476.
Accrued Interest	FMV	3,117.	3,117.
Total to Form 990-PF, Part II, line 13		37,593.	37,593.

Form 990-PF	Other Assets	Statement	11
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Description	Beginning of Yr Book Value	End of Year Book Value	Fair Market Value
Western Montana Growers Cooperative PRI	37,843.	25,645.	25,645.
To Form 990-PF, Part II, line 15	37,843.	25,645.	25,645.

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Part VIII - List of Officers, Directors
Trustees and Foundation Managers

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Name and Address	Title and Avrg Hrs/Wk	Compen- sation	Employee Ben Plan	Expense Contrib Account
Dawn McGee 129 W. Alder Missoula, MT 59802	President/Secretary 1.00	0.	0.	0.
Elizabeth Crook 129 W. Alder Missoula, MT 59802	Director 1.00	0.	0.	0.
Mary Stranahan 129 W. Alder Missoula, MT 59802	Director 1.00	0.	0.	0.
Molly Stranahan 129 W. Alder Missoula, MT 59802	Director 1.00	0.	0.	0.
Joel Solomon 129 W. Alder Missoula, MT 59802	Director 1.00	0.	0.	0.
Totals included on 990-PF, Page 6, Part VIII		0.	0.	0.

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Grant Application Submission Information
Part XV, Lines 2a through 2d

Statement 13

Name and Address of Person to Whom Applications Should be Submitted ✓

Mary Stranahan
P.O. Box 96
Arlee, MT 59821

Telephone Number

406-726-2030

Form and Content of Applications

Completed application form and grant proposal request. See
<https://highstakesfoundation.wordpress.com/how-to-apply/> for grant
application procedures.

Any Submission Deadlines

April 1 and September 1

Restrictions and Limitations on Awards

None