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

Return of Private Foundation

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

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OMB No 1545-0052

2017

Open to Public Inspection

For calendar year 2017, or tax year beginning 01-01-2017 , and ending 12-31-2017

Name of foundation
The Merchants Fund of Philadelphia

A Employer identification number
23-1584975

Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address)
1528 Walnut St

Room/suite

B Telephone number (see instructions)
(215) 399-1339

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
Philadelphia, PA 19102

C If exemption application is pending, check here ▶ ☐

G Check all that apply ☐ Initial return ☐ Initial return of a former public charity ☐ Final return ☐ Amended return ☐ Address change ☐ Name change

D 1. Foreign organizations, check here ▶ ☐
2 Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation ▶ ☐

H Check type of organization ☑ Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation ☐ Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust ☐ Other taxable private foundation

E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here ▶ ☐

I Fair market value of all assets at end of year *(from Part II, col (c), line 16)* ▶$ 16,004,386

J Accounting method ☐ Cash ☑ Accrual ☐ Other (specify) _____
(Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis)

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) (see instructions))*

		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc , received (attach schedule)				
	2 Check ▶ ☑ if the foundation is **not** required to attach Sch B				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments				
	4 Dividends and interest from securities	900,279	900,279		
	5a Gross rents				
	b Net rental income or (loss) _____				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10				
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a _____				
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		22,057		
	8 Net short-term capital gain				
	9 Income modifications				
	10a Gross sales less returns and allowances _____				
	b Less Cost of goods sold _____				
	c Gross profit or (loss) (attach schedule)				
	11 Other income (attach schedule)	1,398,968	208,436		
	12 **Total.** Add lines 1 through 11	2,299,247	1,130,772		
Operating and Administrative Expenses	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc	104,853			104,853
	14 Other employee salaries and wages	25,800			25,800
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits	5,244			5,244
	16a Legal fees (attach schedule)				
	b Accounting fees (attach schedule)	9,072			9,072
	c Other professional fees (attach schedule)				
	17 Interest				
	18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions)	11,655			11,655
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion				
	20 Occupancy	18,305			18,305
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings				
	22 Printing and publications				
	23 Other expenses (attach schedule)	36,822			36,822
	24 **Total operating and administrative expenses.** Add lines 13 through 23	211,751	0		211,751
	25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	580,280			580,280
	26 **Total expenses and disbursements.** Add lines 24 and 25	792,031	0		792,031
	27 Subtract line 26 from line 12				
	a **Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements**	1,507,216			
	b **Net investment income** (if negative, enter -0-)		1,130,772		
	c **Adjusted net income** (if negative, enter -0-)				

Part II Balance Sheets Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only (See instructions)

		Beginning of year	End of year	
		(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	23,335	52,392	52,392
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	492,571	335,044	335,044
	3 Accounts receivable ▶			
	Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	4 Pledges receivable ▶			
	Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	5 Grants receivable			
	6 Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see instructions)			
	7 Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule) ▶			
	Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	8 Inventories for sale or use			
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		3,486	3,486
	10a Investments—U S and state government obligations (attach schedule)			
	b Investments—corporate stock (attach schedule)			
	c Investments—corporate bonds (attach schedule)			
	11 Investments—land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶			
	Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶			
	12 Investments—mortgage loans			
	13 Investments—other (attach schedule)	13,972,416	15,610,938	15,610,938
	14 Land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶			
	Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶			
	15 Other assets (describe ▶)	2,526	2,526	2,526
	16 **Total assets** (to be completed by all filers—see the instructions Also, see page 1, item I)	14,490,848	16,004,386	16,004,386
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	17,381	11,267	
	18 Grants payable			
	19 Deferred revenue			
	20 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	21 Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)			
	22 Other liabilities (describe ▶)	399	12,835	
	23 **Total liabilities**(add lines 17 through 22)	17,780	24,102	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	**Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ ☑ and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.**			
	24 Unrestricted	8,233,082	9,128,493	
	25 Temporarily restricted			
	26 Permanently restricted	6,239,986	6,851,791	
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ ☐ and complete lines 27 through 31.			
	27 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds			
	28 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg , and equipment fund			
	29 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds			
	30 **Total net assets or fund balances** (see instructions)	14,473,068	15,980,284	
	31 **Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances** (see instructions)	14,490,848	16,004,386	

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	14,473,068
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	1,507,216
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	3	
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	15,980,284
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	5	
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5)—Part II, column (b), line 30	6	15,980,284

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

	(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e g , real estate, 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shs MLC Co)	(b) How acquired P—Purchase D—Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo , day, yr)	(d) Date sold (mo , day, yr)
1 a	TIFF mutual fund sales	P	2014-07-01	2017-09-15
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	373,504	0	351,447	22,057
b				
c				
d				
e				

	Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			(l) Gains (Col (h) gain minus col (k), but not less than -0-) **or** Losses (from col (h))
	(i) F M V as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col (i) over col (j), if any	
a	0	0	0	22,057
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	22,057
3	Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6) If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c) (see instructions) If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8	3	

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

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

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

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

1 Enter the appropriate amount in each column for each year, see 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	648,261	8,153,775	0 079504
2015	688,928	8,462,624	0 081408
2014	795,137	9,004,839	0 088301
2013	662,309	8,660,078	0 076478
2012	577,819	8,465,762	0 068254

2	**Total** of line 1, column (d)	2	0 393945
3	Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period—divide the total on line 2 by 5, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years	3	0 078789
4	Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2017 from Part X, line 5	4	8,637,522
5	Multiply line 4 by line 3	5	680,542
6	Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)	6	11,308
7	Add lines 5 and 6	7	691,850
8	Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4	8	792,031

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	1	11,308
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-)	2	0
3	Add lines 1 and 2	3	11,308
4	Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only Others enter -0-)	4	
5	**Tax based on investment income.** Subtract line 4 from line 3 If zero or less, enter -0-	5	11,308
6	Credits/Payments		
a	2017 estimated tax payments and 2016 overpayment credited to 2017 — 6a: 22,894		
b	Exempt foreign organizations—tax withheld at source — 6b:		
c	Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868) — 6c:		
d	Backup withholding erroneously withheld — 6d:		
7	Total credits and payments Add lines 6a through 6d	7	32,894
8	Enter any **penalty** for underpayment of estimated tax Check here ☐ if Form 2220 is attached	8	
9	**Tax due.** If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter **amount owed** ▶	9	
10	**Overpayment.** If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the **amount overpaid** ▶	10	21,586
11	Enter the amount of line 10 to be **Credited to 2018 estimated tax** ▶ 21,586 **Refunded** ▶	11	

Part VII-A **Statements Regarding Activities**

			Yes	No
1a	During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?	1a		No
b	Did it spend more than $100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see Instructions for definition)?	1b		No
	*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*			
c	Did the foundation file **Form 1120-POL** for this year?	1c		No
d	Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year **(1)** On the foundation ▶ $ _____ **(2)** On foundation managers ▶ $ _____			
e	Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers ▶ $ _____			
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*	2		No
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*	3		No
4a	Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of $1,000 or more during the year?	4a		No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on **Form 990-T** for this year?	4b		
5	Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? *If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T*	5		No
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?	6		No
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*	7	Yes	
8a	Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) ▶ PA			
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* .	8b	Yes	
9	Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2017 or the taxable year beginning in 2017 (see instructions for Part XIV)? *If "Yes," complete Part XIV*	9		No
10	Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? *If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses*	10		No

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

11	At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule (see instructions).	11		No
12	Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If "Yes," attach statement (see instructions)	12		No
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application?	13	Yes	

Website address ▶ www merchantsfund org

14 The books are in care of ▶ PATRICIA BLAKELY Telephone no ▶ (215) 399-1339

Located at ▶ 1528 Walnut St 1004 Philadelphia PA ZIP+4 ▶ 19102

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

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?	16		No

See instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR) If "Yes", enter the name of the foreign country ▶

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

	File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the "Yes" column, unless an exception applies.		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)?	1b		
	Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here ▶ ☐			
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		No
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? ☐ Yes ☑ No			
	If "Yes," list the years ▶ 20____ , 20____ , 20____ , 20____			
b	Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is **not** applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to **all** years listed, answer "No" and attach statement—see instructions)	2b		
c	If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to **any** of the years listed in 2a, list the years here ▶ 20____ , 20____ , 20____ , 20____			
3a	Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year? ☐ 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).*	3b		
4a	Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4a		No
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		No

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

5a	During the year did the foundation pay or incur any amount to				
	(1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))?	☐ Yes	☑ No		
	(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955), or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive?	☐ Yes	☑ No		
	(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes?	☐ Yes	☑ No		
	(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc , organization described in section 4945(d)(4)(A)? (see instructions)	☑ Yes	☐ No		
	(5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals?	☐ Yes	☑ No		
b	If any answer is "Yes" to 5a(1)–(5), did **any** of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53 4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)?			**5b**	**No**
	Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here ▶	☐			
c	If the answer is "Yes" to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant?	☐ Yes	☑ No		
	If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53 4945–5(d)				
6a	Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	☐ Yes	☑ No		
b	Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?			**6b**	**No**
	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?			**7b**	

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

1 List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation (see instructions).

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

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

Total number of other employees paid over $50,000 . . . . . ▶ 0

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

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than $50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

Total number of others receiving over $50,000 for professional services . . . . . ▶ 0

Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc	Expenses
1	
2	
3	
4	

Part IX-B Summary of Program-Related Investments (see instructions)

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2	Amount
1	
2	
All other program-related investments See instructions 3	
Total. Add lines 1 through 3 . . . . . ▶	

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	8,246,059
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	516,987
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions)	1c	6,012
d	**Total** (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	8,769,058
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation) 1e		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	8,769,058
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	131,536
5	**Net value of noncharitable-use assets.** Subtract line 4 from line 3 Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	8,637,522
6	**Minimum investment return.** Enter 5% of line 5	6	431,876

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	431,876
2a	Tax on investment income for 2017 from Part VI, line 5	2a	11,308		
b	Income tax for 2017 (This does not include the tax from Part VI)	2b			
c	Add lines 2a and 2b			2c	11,308
3	Distributable amount before adjustments Subtract line 2c from line 1			3	420,568
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions			4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4			5	420,568
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)			6	
7	**Distributable amount** as adjusted Subtract line 6 from line 5 Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1			7	420,568

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	792,031
b	Program-related investments—total from Part IX-B	1b	
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	792,031
5	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b (see instructions)	5	11,308
6	**Adjusted qualifying distributions.** Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	780,723

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				420,568
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2017				
a Enter amount for 2016 only.				
b Total for prior years 20___, 20___, 20___				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2017				
a From 2012. 577,819				
b From 2013. 662,309				
c From 2014. 795,137				
d From 2015. 691,752				
e From 2016. 242,378				
f Total of lines 3a through e.	2,969,395			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2017 from Part XII, line 4 ▶ $ 792,031				
a Applied to 2016, but not more than line 2a				
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required—see instructions).				
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required—see instructions).				
d Applied to 2017 distributable amount.				
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	792,031			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2017				
(If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a))				
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5	3,761,426			
b Prior years' undistributed income Subtract line 4b from line 2b				
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.				
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b Taxable amount —see instructions				
e Undistributed income for 2016 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount—see instructions				
f Undistributed income for 2017 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2018				420,568
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)				
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2012 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions) . . .	577,819			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2018. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	3,183,607			
10 Analysis of line 9				
a Excess from 2013. . . . 662,309				
b Excess from 2014. . . . 795,137				
c Excess from 2015. . . . 691,752				
d Excess from 2016. . . . 242,378				
e Excess from 2017. . . . 792,031				

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

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

b Check box to indicate whether the organization is a private operating foundation described in section ☐ 4942(j)(3) or ☐ 4942(j)(5)

	Tax year	Prior 3 years			(e) Total
	(a) 2017	(b) 2016	(c) 2015	(d) 2014	
2a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed					
b 85% of line 2a					
c Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed					
d Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities					
e Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities Subtract line 2d from line 2c					
3 Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon					
a "Assets" alternative test—enter					
(1) Value of all assets					
(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)					
b "Endowment" alternative test— enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed. . .					
c "Support" alternative test—enter					
(1) Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties)					
(2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii). . . .					
(3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization					
(4) Gross investment income					

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

1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:

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

NONE

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

NA

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

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

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

PATRICIA BLAKELEY
1528 Walnut St Suite 1004
Philadelphia, PA 19102
(215) 399-1339

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

WRITTEN APPLICATION, BUSINESS TAX RETURNS FOR THE LAST 3 YEARS AND STATE/CITY LICENSES

c Any submission deadlines

GRANT APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY FEB 15 AND SEPT 15

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

APPLICANT MUST BE BUSINESS IN PHILADELPHIA 2 GRANT TYPES LIMITED TO A LIMIT OF $10,000 AND $20,000

Part XV Supplementary Information (continued)

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

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
a *Paid during the year* See Additional Data Table				
Total . . . . . ▶ **3a**				580,280
b *Approved for future payment*				
Total . . . . . ▶ **3b**				

Part XVI-A Analysis of Income-Producing Activities

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated	Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(e) Related or exempt function income (See instructions)
	(a) Business code	(b) Amount	(c) Exclusion code	(d) Amount	
1 Program service revenue					
a					
b					
c					
d					
e					
f					
g Fees and contracts from government agencies					
2 Membership dues and assessments. . . .					
3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments					
4 Dividends and interest from securities. . . .			6	900,279	
5 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate					
a Debt-financed property.					
b Not debt-financed property.					
6 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property					
7 Other investment income.					
8 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory					
9 Net income or (loss) from special events					
10 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory					
11 Other revenue a					
b					
c					
d					
e					
12 Subtotal Add columns (b), (d), and (e). .				900,279	
13 **Total.** Add line 12, columns (b), (d), and (e).				13	900,279

(See worksheet in line 13 instructions to verify calculations)

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

Line No. ▼	Explain below how each activity for which income is reported in column (e) of Part XVI-A contributed importantly to the accomplishment of the foundation's exempt purposes (other than by providing funds for such purposes) (See instructions)

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

			Yes	No
1	Did the organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with any other organization described in section 501 (c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3) organizations) or in section 527, relating to political organizations?			
a	Transfers from the reporting foundation to a noncharitable exempt organization of			
	(1) Cash	1a(1)		No
	(2) Other assets	1a(2)		No
b	Other transactions			
	(1) Sales of assets to a noncharitable exempt organization	1b(1)		No
	(2) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization	1b(2)		No
	(3) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets	1b(3)		No
	(4) Reimbursement arrangements	1b(4)		No
	(5) Loans or loan guarantees	1b(5)		No
	(6) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations	1b(6)		No
c	Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees	1c		No

d If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," complete the following schedule Column **(b)** should always show the fair market value of the goods, other assets, or services given by the reporting foundation If the foundation received less than fair market value in any transaction or sharing arrangement, show in column **(d)** the value of the goods, other assets, or services received

(a) Line No	(b) Amount involved	(c) Name of noncharitable exempt organization	(d) Description of transfers, transactions, and sharing arrangements

2a Is the foundation directly or indirectly affiliated with, or related to, one or more tax-exempt organizations described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3)) or in section 527? ☐ Yes ☑ No

b If "Yes," complete the following schedule

(a) Name of organization	(b) Type of organization	(c) Description of relationship

Sign Here

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

******	2017-04-25	******
Signature of officer or trustee	Date	Title

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

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's Signature	Date	Check if self-employed ▶ ☑	PTIN
JULIAN SUR CPA		2018-07-20		P00186728

Firm's name ▶ Julian Sur CPA — Firm's EIN ▶

Firm's address ▶ 675 Lancaster Ave, Berwyn, PA 193121636 — Phone no (610) 647-4833

Form 990PF Part XV Line 3 - Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
a *Paid during the year*				
INDIGENT AGED RECIPIENTS See list held by Fund Philadelphia, PA 19102		N/A	Financial assistance	70,220
Made Institute448 N 10th St Philadelphia, PA 19123		N/A	Business Stablization Grant	2,494
Philly Farm & Food 2901 W Hunting Park Ave Philadelphia, PA 19129		N/A	Business Stablization Grant	2,500
Abbbi Print321 Sth 60th St Philadelphia, PA 19143		N/A	Business Stablization Grant	9,997
Good Karma331 Sth 22nd St Philadelphia, PA 19103		N/A	Business Stablization Grant	10,780
Total . . . . . ▶ 3a				580,280

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a *Paid during the year*				
Finanta1301 North 2nd St Philadelphia, PA 19122		N/A	Business Stablization Grant	58,757
Cozy Toes3502 Scotts Lane Philadelphia, PA 19129		N/A	Business Stablization Grant	9,978
Da Basement Gear & Footwear 6109 Woodland Ave Philadelphia, PA 19142		N/A	Business Stablization Grant	9,907
Fruit Star2239 Sth 7th St Philadelphia, PA 19148		N/A	Business Stablization Grant	10,000
Campagnola Funeral Home 4405 North 5th St Philadelphia, PA 19140		N/A	Business Stablization Grant	10,000
Total 3a . . . . . ▶				580,280

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a *Paid during the year*				
Will BYOB1911 East Passyunk Ave Philadelphia, PA 19148		N/A	Business Stablization Grant	9,978
Rosa's Fresh PizzaSouth 41st St Philadelphia, PA 19104		N/A	Business Stablization Grant	20,000
Medina Mini Market 804 W Susquehana Ave Philadelphia, PA 19122		N/A	Business Stablization Grant	9,997
Grace Tavern2229 Grays Ferry Ave Philadelphia, PA 19146		N/A	Business Stablization Grant	10,000
Philly Food Works 2901 W Hunting Park Ave Philadelphia, PA 19129		N/A	Business Stablization Grant	11,146
Total 3a . . . . . ▶				580,280

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a *Paid during the year*				
Blums Antiques43 E Chestnut Hill Philadelphia, PA 19118		N/A	Business Stablization Grant	10,000
Murphy's Irish Saloon3333 Conrad St Philadelphia, PA 19129		N/A	Business Stablization Grant	10,000
Kensington Mini Market 2558 Kensington Ave Philadelphia, PA 19125		N/A	Business Stablization Grant	9,998
Africa House6406 Woodland Ave Philadelphia, PA 19142		N/A	Business Stablization Grant	10,039
Carolyn Verdi1746 E Passyunk Ave Philadelphia, PA 19148		N/A	Business Stablization Grant	10,000
Total 3a . . . . . ▶				580,280

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a *Paid during the year*				
Sedso Design1050 N Hanock St Philadelphia, PA 19123		N/A	Business Stablization Grant	9,539
Harrison PT2034 E Allegheny Ave Philadelphia, PA 19134		N/A	Business Stablization Grant	10,000
SEAMAAC1711 S Broad St Philadelphia, PA 19148		N/A	Business Stablization Grant	500
Another Level7947 Castor Ave Philadelphia, PA 19149		N/A	Business Stablization Grant	10,000
Rising Sun Pizza6919 Rising Sun Ave Philadelphia, PA 19111		N/A	Business Stablization Grant	10,000
Total . . . . . ▶ 3a				580,280

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a *Paid during the year*				
Occasionette1825 East Pasyunk Ave Philadelphia, PA 19148		N/A	Business Stablization Grant	9,873
Tim Eads5630 Chester Ave Philadelphia, PA 19143		N/A	Business Stablization Grant	9,946
Tweed Video16 n 3rd St Philadelphia, PA 19106		N/A	Business Stablization Grant	9,498
Menagerie18 S 3rd St Philadelphia, PA 19106		N/A	Business Stablization Grant	9,732
Graficolors119 E Clearfield St Philadelphia, PA 19134		N/A	Business Stablization Grant	10,000
Total 3a . . . . . ▶				580,280

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a *Paid during the year*				
Believe Childrens Boutique 1226 Ritner St Philadelphia, PA 19148		N/A	Business Stablization Grant	9,994
Models Ink915 Tyson Ave Philadelphia, PA 19111		N/A	Business Stablization Grant	10,001
Villavilekula8419 Germantown Ave Philadelphia, PA 19118		N/A	Business Stablization Grant	10,001
Ali's Wagon2017 Fairmount Ave Philadelphia, PA 19130		N/A	Business Stablization Grant	10,013
Rona FisherCrane Arts Building Philadelphia, PA 19122		N/A	Business Stablization Grant	10,000
Total 3a . . . . . ▶				580,280

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a *Paid during the year*				
Bright Star12029 Bustleton Ave Philadelphia, PA 19116		N/A	Business Stablization Grant	10,000
Philly In Movement500 Kenilworth St Philadelphia, PA 19147		N/A	Business Stablization Grant	10,000
Aslam2330 South 7th St Philadelphia, PA 19148		N/A	Business Stablization Grant	10,000
Felt & Fat3401 I Street Philadelphia, PA 19134		N/A	Business Stablization Grant	20,000
La Mixtequita401 WAllegheny St Philadelphia, PA 19133		N/A	Business Stablization Grant	10,000
Total 3a . . . . . ▶				580,280

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a *Paid during the year*				
Vanily Bakery1611 East Passyunk Ave Philadelphia, PA 19148		N/A	Business Stablization Grant	10,000
Chestnut Hill Sports 8628 Germantown Ave Philadelphia, PA 19118		N/A	Business Stablization Grant	5,400
Christy's Multiservice3761 n 9th St Philadelphia, PA 19140		N/A	Business Stablization Grant	10,000
Cerulean Arts1355 Ridge Ave Philadelphia, PA 19123		N/A	Business Stablization Grant	20,000
Journey Hair Salon7041 Castor Ave Philadelphia, PA 19149		N/A	Business Stablization Grant	9,992
Total 3a . . . . . ▶				580,280

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a *Paid during the year*				
Fabriq Spa728 South 4th St Philadelphia, PA 19147		N/A	Business Stablization Grant	10,000
iMunch1233 N 31st Street Philadelphia, PA 19121		N/A	Business Stablization Grant	10,000
Total 3a . . . . . ▶				580,280

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TY 2017 Investments - Other Schedule

Name: The Merchants Fund of Philadelphia

EIN: 23-1584975

Investments Other Schedule 2

Category/ Item	Listed at Cost or FMV	Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
Vanguard Fund		518,068	518,068
TIFF Fund		8,241,079	8,241,079
Elkin Fund		6,563,307	6,563,307
Geddes Fund		288,484	288,484

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TY 2017 Other Assets Schedule

Name: The Merchants Fund of Philadelphia

EIN: 23-1584975

Other Assets Schedule

Description	Beginning of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Fair Market Value
Security deposit	2,526	2,526	2,526

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EIN: 23-1584975

Other Assets Schedule

Description	Beginning of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Fair Market Value
Security deposit	2,526	2,526	2,526

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Other Assets Schedule

Description	Beginning of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Fair Market Value
Security deposit	2,526	2,526	2,526

TY 2017 Other Expenses Schedule

Name: The Merchants Fund of Philadelphia

EIN: 23-1584975

Other Expenses Schedule

Description	Revenue and Expenses per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
Web media	468			468
Insurance	15,928			15,928
Office	8,078			8,078
Consultants	12,348			12,348

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TY 2017 Other Income Schedule

Name: The Merchants Fund of Philadelphia

EIN: 23-1584975

Other Income Schedule

Description	Revenue And Expenses Per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income
Capital gain distributions	208,436	208,436	
Perpetual trust income	286,599		
Unrealized gains	881,876		
Realized capital gains	22,057		

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TY 2017 Other Liabilities Schedule

Name: The Merchants Fund of Philadelphia

EIN: 23-1584975

Description	Beginning of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Book Value
Conduit payable	399	12,835

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TY 2017 Other Liabilities Schedule

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EIN: 23-1584975

Description	Beginning of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Book Value
Conduit payable	399	12,835

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TY 2017 Taxes Schedule

Name: The Merchants Fund of Philadelphia

EIN: 23-1584975

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
Payroll taxes	11,655			11,655