

Form 990

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2018

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

► Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public

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A For the 2019 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2018, and ending 12-31-2018

B Check if applicable

Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Final return/terminated
 Amended return
 Application pending

C Name of organization
Applied Research Center of AlabamaD Employer identification number
63-1181805

Doing business as

E Telephone number

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address)
200 Century Park South No 112

(205) 402-2755

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
Birmingham, AL 35226

G Gross receipts \$ 498,937

F Name and address of principal officer

Phillip R Wiedmeyer
200 Century Park South Suite 112
Birmingham, AL 35226H(a) Is this a group return for
subordinates? Yes NoH(b) Are all subordinates
included? Yes No

If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

H(c) Group exemption number ►

I Tax-exempt status 501(c)(3) 501(c)(4) ► (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: ► N/A

K Form of organization Corporation Trust Association Other ►

L Year of formation 1996

M State of legal domicile AL

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities

To improve the environment and therefore improve the social welfare of the State of Alabama

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

3	2
4	2
5	0
6	0
7a	0
7b	0

3	2
4	2
5	0
6	0
7a	0
7b	0

8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)

Prior Year

Current Year

0 182,902

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

0 0

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

46,898 -4,087

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

34 0

12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)

46,932 178,815

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

0 91,451

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

0 0

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

0 9,600

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

0 0

b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ► 0

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

54,250 115,147

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

54,250 216,198

19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12

-7,318 -37,383

Net Assets or Fund Balances

Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
1,246,404	1,209,021
0	0
1,246,404	1,209,021

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here

Signature of officer

2019-11-14

Date

Julie Dozier Treasurer

Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date 2019-11-14	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00013592
Firm's name ► Haynes Downard LLP			Firm's EIN ► 63-1133963	
Firm's address ► 3161 Cahaba Heights Road Suite 203 Birmingham, AL 35243			Phone no (205) 254-3380	

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

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Part III

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

To improve the environment and therefore improve the social welfare of the State of Alabama

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

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

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

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported

4a	(Code) (Expenses \$ 61,599 including grants of \$ 9,145) (Revenue \$)
See Additional Data	
4b	(Code) (Expenses \$ 129,515 including grants of \$ 82,306) (Revenue \$)
See Additional Data	
4c	(Code) (Expenses \$ 5,245 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
See Additional Data	
4d	Other program services (Describe in Schedule O) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
4e	Total program service expenses ► 196,359

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	1	No
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)?	2	Yes
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	3	No
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	4	
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	5	No
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I	6	No
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II	7	No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III	8	No
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV	9	No
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V	10	No
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI	11a	No
b Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII	11b	No
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII	11c	No
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX	11d	No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	11e	No
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	11f	No
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII	12a	No
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional	12b	No
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13	No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	No
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV	14b	No
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV	15	No
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV	16	No
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)	17	No
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	18	No
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III	19	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20a	No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b	
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	21	Yes
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III	22	No

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

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

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

	Yes	No	
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096 Enter -0- if not applicable	1a	3
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	0
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	

2a Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a	0		
b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)	2b			
3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a	No		
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? <i>If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O</i>	3b			
4a At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a	No		
b If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ► See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)				
5a Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a	No		
b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b	No		
c If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c			
6a Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	6a	No		
b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b			
7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).	7a	No		
a Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7b			
b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7c	No		
c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?				
d If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d			
e Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e	No		
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f	No		
g If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g			
h If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h			
8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8			
9a Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a			
b Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b			
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter				
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a			
b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b			
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter				
a Gross income from members or shareholders	11a			
b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)	11b			
12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a			
b If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b			
13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.				
a Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O	13a			
b Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	13b			
c Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c			
14a Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a	No		
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? <i>If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O</i>	14b			
15 Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year? If "Yes," see instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N.	15	No		
16 Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income? If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O.	16	No		

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

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

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

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

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed►	AL
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024-A if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply	
<input type="checkbox"/> Own website <input type="checkbox"/> Another's website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upon request <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain in Schedule O)	
19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year	
20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records ►Julie Dozier 200 Century Park South Bte 112 Birmingham, AL 35226 (205) 427-4556	

Part VII

Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

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

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

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

Part VII

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

1b Sub-Total	►			
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A	►			
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)	►	9,600	0	0

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

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	3	No
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	4	No
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>	5	No

Section B. Independent Contractors

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

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

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

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514
1a Federated campaigns . . .	1a				
b Membership dues . . .	1b				
c Fundraising events . . .	1c				
d Related organizations	1d				
e Government grants (contributions)	1e				
f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	182,902			
g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a - 1f \$		182,902			
h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		182,902			
Program Service Revenue		Business Code			
2a					
b					
c					
d					
e					
f All other program service revenue					
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f					
Other Revenue					
3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		47,175	47,175		
4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
5 Royalties					
6a Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
b Less rental expenses					
c Rental income or (loss)					
d Net rental income or (loss)					
7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	268,860				
c Gain or (loss)	320,122				
d Net gain or (loss)	-51,262		-51,262	-51,262	
8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	a				
b Less direct expenses	b				
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events					
9a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19	a				
b Less direct expenses	b				
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities					
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a				
b Less cost of goods sold	b				
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory					
11a Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code				
b					
c					
d All other revenue					
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d					
12 Total revenue. See Instructions		178,815	-4,087	0	0

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

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

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21	91,451	91,451		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, line 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	9,600		9,600	
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages				
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401 (k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes				
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	2,800		2,800	
d Lobbying	375	375		
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees	3,149		3,149	
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	4,500	4,500		
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	463		463	
14 Information technology	2,035	1,628	407	
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	5,906	4,725	1,181	
17 Travel	1,145	1,145		
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance				
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a Executive Director serv	91,451	91,451		
b Dues and subscriptions	2,239		2,239	
c Program expense	1,084	1,084		
d				
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	216,198	196,359	19,839	0
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				
Check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X **Balance Sheet**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets				
1	Cash—non-interest-bearing	3,577	1	4,401
2	Savings and temporary cash investments	850,777	2	317,883
3	Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
4	Accounts receivable, net		4	
5	Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions) Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
7	Notes and loans receivable, net	4,928	7	7,930
8	Inventories for sale or use		8	
9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
10a	Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a		
b	Less accumulated depreciation	10b		10c
11	Investments—publicly traded securities	385,351	11	877,036
12	Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11		12	
13	Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11		13	
14	Intangible assets		14	
15	Other assets See Part IV, line 11	1,771	15	1,771
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	1,246,404	16	1,209,021
Liabilities				
17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	0	17	0
18	Grants payable		18	
19	Deferred revenue		19	
20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
21	Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
22	Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17 - 24) Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	0	26	0
Net Assets or Fund Balances				
	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
27	Unrestricted net assets	1,246,404	27	1,209,021
28	Temporarily restricted net assets		28	
29	Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		31	
32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
33	Total net assets or fund balances	1,246,404	33	1,209,021
34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	1,246,404	34	1,209,021

Part XI**Reconciliation of Net Assets**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	178,815
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	216,198
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-37,383
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	1,246,404
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	1,209,021

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

1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 Cash Accrual Other _____
 If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O

2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?

If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both

Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis

2b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?

If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both

Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis

2c If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?

If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O

3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?

b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits

	Yes	No
2a	Yes	
2b		No
2c		No
3a		No
3b		

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Form 990 (2018)

Form 990, Part III, Line 4a:

Transportation Planning (50%) - The Center continued its ongoing participation in the local transportation planning process for Jefferson and Shelby counties with its Executive Director serving on the Transportation Citizens Committee of the Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Organization. The Center also continued its involvement in a coalition to educate the public on the benefits of completing a major highway development project in Jefferson County, the Northern Beltline (Beltline). The organization was founded in October 2008 as an Alabama nonprofit corporation, the Coalition for Regional Transportation (CRT), and the Center's Executive Director serves on CRT's Board of Directors. The Beltline, a limited access expressway from I-59/20 west of the City of Birmingham around the northern fringes of the Birmingham metropolitan area to I-59 northeast of the City of Birmingham, has been considered since the 1960's when the Interstate Highway System in the region was developed. The Beltline is designated as an Appalachian Regional Commission Development Corridor (Corridor X-1) and is proposed to be a part of the nation's interstate highway system as I-422. The Beltline will provide transportation improvements for the region, traffic congestion relief, air quality improvements and public safety improvements in the area. Construction of the Beltline will provide a safer, more efficient highway facility where no convenient east-west access currently exists in northern Jefferson County.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4b:

Alternative Fuels (45%) - The Center provided office space to and remained active in the management and operation of the Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition, Inc (ACFC), a participant in the U S Department of Energy's Clean Cities Program. This program promotes the use of alternative fuels (AF) and alternative fueled vehicles (AFV) to expand the market, create job opportunities, improve air quality, and to reduce dependence of foreign sources of energy. ACFC was founded in 2002 as an Alabama nonprofit corporation. ACFC and its members work primarily with state and local governments to provide them with information on the benefits of AF and to identify potential AFV uses and AF infrastructure projects. The use of alternative fuels increased significantly in Alabama in 2018 and provided a reduction in the use of petroleum of more than 12.5 million gallons of gasoline gallon equivalent (GGE) and 62,488 tons of greenhouse gas emissions. This effort was lead primarily by state and local governments with assistance from the ACFC. During 2018, alternative fuels (E85 Ethanol, B20 Biodiesel, and Propane) continued to be included on the state fuel contract. In addition to being available to state agencies, these alternative fuels can be purchased by local governments on the state contract from approved vendors in all 67 counties in Alabama. Use of alternative fuels in the fleets of government agencies in Alabama continued to expand in 2018. the Alabama Department of Transportation used 104,201 gallons of B20 Biodiesel and 171,399 gallons of E85 Ethanol, the Alabama Department of Corrections used 29,993 gallons of Propane, the Alabama State Docks used 2,495 gallons of Propane, the Alabama State Motor Pool used 54,422 gallons of E85 Ethanol, the Marshall Space Flight Center used 39,968 gallons of E85 Ethanol, the City of Birmingham used 159,884 gallons of E85 Ethanol and 192 gallons of Propane, City of Birmingham Schools used 1,112 gallons of Propane, the Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority (BJCTA) used 1,155,304 GGE of CNG, the ACFC developed public access CNG station at the BJCTA facility dispensed 347,223 GGE of CNG to the general public, the City of Mobile used 388 gallons of Propane and the Mobile County Schools used 254,058 gallons of Propane, the Lee County Sheriff's Office used 26,285 gallons of Propane, the Town of Gordo used 73,778 GGE of CNG, the City of Athens used 65,072 GGE of CNG, the City of Tuscaloosa used 17,241 gallons of Propane, Tuscaloosa Transit used 19,431 gallons of Propane, Tuscaloosa City Schools used 450,759 gallons of Propane, Lawson State Community College used 2,965 GGE of CNG, the University of Alabama at Birmingham, Auburn University, and the City of Montgomery operated electric vehicles in their fleet which reduced 35,644 GGE of petroleum, and waste vegetable oil to biodiesel initiatives continued at the City of Alabaster, the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind and Alabama A&M University, where these programs produced more than 3,117 gallons of B100 Biodiesel. ACFC programs and activities laid the foundation for additional alternative fuel infrastructure projects increased the availability of cleaner burning fuels to the public in Alabama during calendar year 2018 and beyond. Increasing availability of these fuels will improve air quality. In addition, other potential projects were identified for future funding and/or technical assistance.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4c:

Air Quality (5%) - The Center continued its ongoing involvement in planning and implementing the Alabama Partners for Clean Air Program (APCA) in Jefferson and Shelby counties. This program develops and implements voluntary strategies that improve air quality in order to enhance the area's ability to meet federal air quality standards, to have economic sanctions on the area lifted, and to improve public health.

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**Schedule I
(Form 990)**

OMB No 1545-0047

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

Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.

► Attach to Form 990.

► Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.**2018****Open to Public
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Treasury
Internal Revenue ServiceName of the organization
Applied Research Center of AlabamaEmployer identification number
63-1181805**Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance**

1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?

 Yes No

2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States

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

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section (if applicable)	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1) Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition 200 Century Park South Suite 112 Birmingham, AL 35226	13-4214691	501(c)(3)		82,306	FMV	Contribution of management services	To provide management services for the organization
(2) WRATT Foundation 200 Century Park South Suite 112 Birmingham, AL 35226	63-1096844			9,145	FMV	Contribution of management services	To provide management services for the organization

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table ►

3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table ►

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

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of noncash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of noncash assistance
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					
(7)					

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

Return Reference	Explanation

SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)

Noncash Contributions

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Part I Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art—Works of art				
2 Art—Historical treasures				
3 Art—Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities—Publicly traded				
10 Securities—Closely held stock				
11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities—Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution—Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution—Other				
15 Real estate—Residential				
16 Real estate—Commercial				
17 Real estate—Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ► (Administrative support)	X	0	182,902	Fair market value
26 Other ► (_____)				
27 Other ► (_____)				
28 Other ► (_____)				

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

29

30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it
must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which is not required to be used for exempt
purposes for the entire holding period?

	Yes	No
30a		No

b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II

31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any nonstandard contributions?

31	No

32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash
contributions?

32a	No

b If "Yes," describe in Part II

33 If the organization did not report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked,
describe in Part II

Part II**Supplemental Information.**

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

Return Reference	Explanation

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury

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

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990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11b	The board performs an annual review regarding the compliance with policies

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 12c	The board performs an annual review regarding the compliance with policies

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19	Annual review report and tax return are available for public review upon request