

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

THE MISSION OF DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS IS TO CONNECT PEOPLE WITH PLANTS, ESPECIALLY PLANTS FROM THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION AND SIMILAR REGIONS AROUND THE WORLD, PROVIDING DELIGHT AND ENLIGHTENMENT TO EVERYONE

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 \$ 3,676,166 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 0)
See Additional Data	

4b	(Code) (Expenses \$ 4,402,632 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 1,196,911)
See Additional Data	

4c	(Code) (Expenses \$ 2,619,721 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 2,144,468)
See Additional Data	

(Code) (Expenses \$ 14,346,849 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 7,263,147)
VISITOR EXPERIENCE IN 2018, 1,346,456 INDIVIDUALS VISITED THE DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS. SIX EXHIBITIONS WERE PRESENTED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR INCLUDING PIXELATED SCULPTURE BY MIKE WHITING AND INVISIBLE LINKS. BOTANICAL ART & ILLUSTRATION. BLOSSOMS OF LIGHT, THE GARDENS' LARGEST EVENT, WELCOMED 145,406 VISITORS. THE GARDENS ALSO HOSTED GLOW AT THE GARDENS, DA DE LOST MUERTOS, THE SPRING PLANT SALE, A WINTER GIFT MARKET AND THE FALL PLANT & BULB SALE. FREE DAYS OCCUR THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, THANKS TO FUNDING FROM THE SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL FACILITIES DISTRICT. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS. CAPITAL EXPENDITURES IN 2018 INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FREYER-NEWMAN CENTER FOR SCIENCE, ART & EDUCATION, SLATED TO OPEN IN SPRING 2020. CAPITAL EXPENSES ARE EXPENSED WHEN INCURRED AS A RESULT OF THE GARDENS' COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY & COUNTY OF DENVER. THE CITY & COUNTY OF DENVER OWNS THE PROPERTIES OPERATED BY THE DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS.

4d	Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)
(Expenses \$ 14,346,849 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 7,263,147)	

4e	Total program service expenses ▶ 25,045,368
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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 Yes	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (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	No
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 Yes	
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 Yes	
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 Yes	
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 Yes	
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 Yes	
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 Yes	
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	No
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	23	Yes	
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? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>	24a	Yes	
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		No
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		No
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		No
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25a		No
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>	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)			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28a		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28b		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28c		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	29	Yes	
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	30	Yes	
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	31		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>	32		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>	33		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>	34	Yes	
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a	Yes	
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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	35b	Yes	
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	36		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>	37		No
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	38	Yes	

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

		Yes	No	
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable	1a	120	
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	Yes	

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	380			
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	Yes	
3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?				3a	Yes	
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O				3b	Yes	
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).						
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?				7a	Yes	
b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?				7b	Yes	
c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?				7c		No
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?						
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? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O				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		
	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		
1b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent		
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?		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?		No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		No
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?		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?	Yes	
7b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		No
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a	The governing body?	Yes	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	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.		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?		No
10b	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?	Yes	
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.	Yes	
b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	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.	Yes	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	Yes	
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	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?		
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official.	Yes	
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization.	Yes	
	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?		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?		

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed: _____

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.

☒ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)

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

20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records.
 ► JOHN C CALDERHEAD 909 YORK STREET DENVER, CO 802063751 (720) 865-3500

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 ☐

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

[illegible]

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

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1b Sub-Total			
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A			
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)	1,313,154	0	164,886

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 ► 11

		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	Yes
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)	(B)	(C)
Name and business address	Description of services	Compensation
GH PHIPPS CONSTRUCTION CO 5995 GREENWOOD PLAZA BLVD SUITE 10 GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111	CONSTRUCTION	2,789,003
DAVIS PARTNERSHIP ARCHITECTS 2901 BLAKE STREET SUITE 100 DENVER, CO 80205	ARCHITECTURE	1,185,778
SAVATREE LLC 8585 EAST WARREN AVE DENVER, CO 80231	LANDSCAPE	345,506
CODE 4 SECURITY SERVICES LLC 1501 S LEMAY AVE SUITE 201 FORT COLLINS, CO 80524	SECURITY	155,522
CATERING BY DESIGN 11095 E 45TH AVE DENVER, CO 80239	CATERING	152,452

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 ► 5

Part VIII		Statement of Revenue					
Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII ☐							
		(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)		
		Total revenue	Related or exempt function revenue	Unrelated business revenue	Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514		
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a Federated campaigns	1a					
	b Membership dues	1b	3,370,997				
	c Fundraising events	1c	194,563				
	d Related organizations	1d	985,309				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e	10,507,591				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	7,331,314				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a - 1f \$		487,496				
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		22,389,774				
Program Service Revenue			Business Code				
	2a EDUC & HORT PROGRAMS		900099	9,375,194	9,375,194		
	b						
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f All other program service revenue						
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		9,375,194				
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		172,900				172,900
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5 Royalties		1,443				1,443
			(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
	6a Gross rents		844,803				
	b Less rental expenses		809,175				
	c Rental income or (loss)		35,628				
	d Net rental income or (loss)		35,628			-5,942	41,570
			(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory		89				
	b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses		0				
	c Gain or (loss)		89				
	d Net gain or (loss)		89				89
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 194,563 of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18		a 96,612				
	b Less direct expenses		b 96,612				
	c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		0				
	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 1,603,825				
	b Less cost of goods sold		b 738,160				
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory		865,665		865,665		
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code					
11a CONCESSION INCOME		900099		329,514	329,514		
b TOUR FEES		900099		18,108	18,108		
c VOLUNTEER FEES		900099		12,488	12,488		
d All other revenue				3,557	3,557		
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d				363,667			
12 Total revenue. See Instructions				33,204,360	10,604,526	-5,942	216,002

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.				
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.	774,566	288,454	254,107	232,005
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.	9,490,959	8,572,031	577,945	340,983
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401 (k) and 403(b) employer contributions).	423,481	383,022	29,588	10,871
9 Other employee benefits.	1,605,136	1,382,393	149,848	72,895
10 Payroll taxes.	780,551	669,406	72,482	38,663
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management.				
b Legal.				
c Accounting.	40,565		40,565	
d Lobbying.				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17.				
f Investment management fees.				
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O).	2,019,587	1,889,970	100,726	28,891
12 Advertising and promotion.	396,526	69,888	326,638	
13 Office expenses.	1,019,678	681,102	30,173	308,403
14 Information technology.	319,720	286,151	23,249	10,320
15 Royalties.				
16 Occupancy.	1,224,626	1,163,676	30,475	30,475
17 Travel.	203,659	197,547	3,120	2,992
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials.				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings.	331,384	197,354	61,451	72,579
20 Interest.				
21 Payments to affiliates.				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization.	111,326	111,326		
23 Insurance.	201,260	178,990	13,150	9,120
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 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	6,560,775	6,560,775		
b PROGRAM SUPPLIES	1,006,248	1,006,213		35
c REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	472,135	472,135		
d PLANTS & SEEDS	295,791	293,449		2,342
e All other expenses	759,845	641,486	59,024	59,335
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	28,037,818	25,045,368	1,772,541	1,219,909
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 ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

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

				(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing		4,077,573	1	5,619,597	
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		7,701,222	2	13,358,700	
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net		10,631,001	3	9,517,002	
	4	Accounts receivable, net		645,308	4	370,271	
	5	Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L			5		
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L			6		
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net			7		
	8	Inventories for sale or use		257,115	8	333,763	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		144,658	9	225,809	
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment—cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D.	10a	1,427,755			
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	738,873	526,413	10c	688,882
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities			11		
	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		619,195	15	1,219,879	
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)		24,602,485	16	31,333,903		
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		1,786,396	17	3,207,686	
	18	Grants payable			18		
	19	Deferred revenue		533,511	19	677,097	
	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		2,319,907	26	3,884,783	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ☒ and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.						
	27	Unrestricted net assets		4,429,398	27	6,374,473	
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets		17,853,180	28	21,074,647	
	29	Permanently restricted net assets			29		
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ☐ 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		22,282,578	33	27,449,120		
34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		24,602,485	34	31,333,903		

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	33,204,360
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	28,037,818
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	5,166,542
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	22,282,578
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	27,449,120

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
- b** Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?
If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both
☐ Separate basis ☒ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis
- c** If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?
If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O
- 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		No
2b	Yes	
2c	Yes	
3a		No
3b		

Additional Data

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Form 990 (2018)

Form 990, Part III, Line 4a:

HORTICULTURE, SCIENCE AND CONSERVATION DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR LIVING PLANT COLLECTIONS AND HORTICULTURAL GARDEN DISPLAYS, WHICH INCLUDE MORE THAN 57,000 LIVING PLANTS, BELONGING TO 10,000+ SPECIES SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IS CLOSELY LINKED TO EVERYTHING AT THE GARDENS RESEARCH SCIENTISTS MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO NATIVE PLANT CONSERVATION BY MONITORING SPECIES NATIVE TO COLORADO THE GARDENS' ULTIMATE GOAL IS TO REVERSE THE DEGRADATION AND DECLINE OF NATIVE FLORA THROUGH CONSERVATION, EXPERIMENTATION AND THE DISSEMINATION OF KNOWLEDGE SEE SCHEDULE O RESEARCH DEPARTMENT EFFORTS INCLUDE POPULATION MONITORING, SEED COLLECTION, GENETIC INVESTIGATIONS OF RARE SPECIES, HABITAT RESTORATION, AND TRACKING PHENOLOGY (LIFE-HISTORY EVENTS) OF COMMON SPECIES THE GARDENS DOCUMENTS PLANT AND FUNGAL DIVERSITY OF THE SOUTHERN ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION THROUGH OUR COLLECTING EFFORTS THE KATHRYN KALMBACH VASCULAR PLANT HERBARIUM HOUSES NEARLY 70,000 SPECIMENS WHILE THE SAM MITCHEL HERBARIUM OF FUNGI HOUSES NEARLY 19,000 OF WELL-CURATED SPECIMENS FROM THE REGION THE GARDENS CONTINUES TO TRAIN THE NEXT GENERATION OF SCIENTISTS THROUGH GRADUATE STUDENT AND INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS IN COLLABORATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT DENVER THE GARDENS' CENTER FOR GLOBAL INITIATIVES IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE GARDENS' WORK AROUND THE GLOBE THE GARDENS AND METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITY OF DENVER JOINTLY MANAGE THE ONE WORLD ONE WATER CENTER (OWOW) WHICH COLLABORATES ON RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN WATER-EFFICIENT AGRICULTURE OWOW RECENTLY BECAME A PARTNER IN THE UNITED NATIONS' GLOBAL FRAMEWORK ON WATER SCARCITY IN AGRICULTURE THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF OWOW AND THE GARDENS' CENTER FOR GLOBAL INITIATIVES, A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WAS SIGNED ON MARCH 22, 2018 BETWEEN DENVER AND THE CITY OF SAN LUIS RIO COLORADO IN SONORA, MEXICO THAT CREATES SEVERAL CROSS BORDER COLLABORATIONS WHICH FURTHER WATER-WISE LANDSCAPE AND AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES CHATFIELD FARMS THE MISSION OF DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS CHATFIELD FARMS IS TO INSPIRE THE PUBLIC TO BE GOOD STEWARDS OF THE ENVIRONMENT BY CONNECTING PEOPLE TO OUR PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE RELATIONSHIPS WITH PLANTS OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION CHATFIELD FARMS IS A 700-ACRE NATIVE PLANT REFUGE AND WORKING FARM LOCATED ALONG THE BANKS OF DEER CREEK IN SOUTHERN JEFFERSON COUNTY THE VETERAN REINTEGRATION PROGRAM CONTINUED TO EXPAND IN ITS SIXTH YEAR WITH TWO SUMMER SESSIONS FOUR WEEKLY FARMSTANDS CONTINUED TO SELL FRESH PRODUCE TO LOW INCOME RESIDENTS IN FOOD DESERTS THE COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE (CSA) PROGRAM DISTRIBUTED TO 330 SUBSCRIBERS IN OCTOBER, MORE THAN 23,000 PEOPLE ATTENDED PUMPKIN FESTIVAL (SUNDAY WAS CANCELLED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER) WHILE 57,000+ VISITED CORN MAZE AND THE HAUNTED MAZE THE THIRD ANNUAL LAVENDER FESTIVAL DREW NEARLY 6,000 PEOPLE TO ENJOY LAVENDER PRODUCTS, CRAFTS AND WORKSHOPS AS WELL AS MUSIC, FOOD AND DRINKS

Form 990, Part III, Line 4b:

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH IN 2018, DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS' EDUCATION PROGRAMS REACHED 29,000 SCHOOL CHILDREN, PROVIDING HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES, STANDARDS-BASED SCIENCE LESSONS AND THE OPPORTUNITY FOR CHILDREN TO EXPLORE THE MARVELS OF THE PLANT WORLD OVER 6,500 OF THESE CHILDREN CAME FROM LOW-INCOME SCHOOLS AND BENEFITED FROM THE GARDENS' EDUCATIONAL ACCESS PROGRAM SEE SCHEDULE O MORE THAN 12,000 PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS WHILE THE MORDECAI CHILDREN'S GARDEN CONTINUED TO FLOURISH ADULT CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS SERVED 13,000 REGISTRANTS, INCLUDING CLASSES THROUGH THE GARDENS' SCHOOL OF BOTANICAL ART AND ILLUSTRATION THE HELEN FOWLER LIBRARY WELCOMED MORE THAN 22,000 VISITING PATRONS OUTREACH PROGRAMS ARE A CORNERSTONE IN THE GARDENS' MISSION AND INCLUDE HORTICULTURE THERAPY SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND VETERANS OUR URBAN FOOD INITIATIVES PROGRAMS PROVIDED FRESH PRODUCE TO LOCAL FOOD DESERT COMMUNITIES, DISTRIBUTING OVER 3,500 POUNDS OF FRESH PRODUCE TO VARIOUS COMMUNITY GROUPS THROUGH A GRANT FROM THE CLINTON FAMILY FUND, DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS GO2GARDENS COMMUNITY SHUTTLE PROVIDES FREE ADMISSION AND TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN VARIOUS DENVER METRO AREA CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS, COMMUNITY CENTERS AND RESIDENCES TO DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS YORK STREET, DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS CHATFIELD FARMS AND PLAINS CONSERVATION CENTER

Form 990, Part III, Line 4c:

CHATFIELD FARMS THE MISSION OF DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS CHATFIELD FARMS IS TO INSPIRE THE PUBLIC TO BE GOOD STEWARDS OF THE ENVIRONMENT BY CONNECTING PEOPLE TO OUR PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE RELATIONSHIPS WITH PLANTS OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION CHATFIELD FARMS IS A 700-ACRE NATIVE PLANT REFUGE AND WORKING FARM LOCATED ALONG THE BANKS OF DEER CREEK IN SOUTHERN JEFFERSON COUNTY THE VETERAN REINTEGRATION PROGRAM CONTINUED TO EXPAND IN ITS SIXTH YEAR WITH TWO SUMMER SESSIONS FOUR WEEKLY FARMSTANDS CONTINUED TO SELL FRESH PRODUCE TO LOW INCOME RESIDENTS IN FOOD DESERTS SEE SCHEDULE O THE COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE (CSA) PROGRAM DISTRIBUTED TO 330 SUBSCRIBERS IN OCTOBER, MORE THAN 23,000 PEOPLE ATTENDED PUMPKIN FESTIVAL (SUNDAY WAS CANCELLED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER) WHILE 57,000+ VISITED CORN MAZE AND THE HAUNTED MAZE THE THIRD ANNUAL LAVENDER FESTIVAL DREW NEARLY 6,000 PEOPLE TO ENJOY LAVENDER PRODUCTS, CRAFTS AND WORKSHOPS AS WELL AS MUSIC, FOOD AND DRINKS

Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors										
(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
RICHARD CLARK BOARD CHAIR	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
KATHY HODGSON VICE CHAIR	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
WY LIVINGSTON SECRETARY	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
MIKE IMHOFF TREASURER	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
JANDEL ALLEN-DAVIS PAST CHAIR	1 00	X						0	0	0
DAWN BOOKHARDT DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
CHRISTINA CAULKINS DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
MARY LEE CHIN DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
PAMELA CLUTE DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
EDWARD CONNORS DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0

Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors										
(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
PAPA M DIA DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
BJ DYER DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
MELISSA ELIOT DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
VICTORIA EPPLER DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
RHONDA FIELDS DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
AL GERACE DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
CATHERINE HANCE DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
ALLEGRA HAPPY HAYNES DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
DING WEN HSU DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
RICHARD KIRK DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0

Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors										
(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
PATRICIA LEPIANI DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
JIM LOCHHEAD DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
TISH MAES DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
ALLYSON MENDENHALL DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
JANET MORDECAI DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
JUDI NEWMAN DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
JANE O'SHAUGHNESSY DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
SCOTT RICHARDS DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
BETTY ROBERTS DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
ABE RODRIGUEZ DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0

Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors										
(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
BRIAN VOGT CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	60 00			X				361,378	0	23,228
JOHN CALDERHEAD CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	40 00			X				171,456	0	24,960
JOHANNA KELLY DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT	40 00				X			168,749	0	24,796
JENNIFER RILEY-CHETWYND DIRECTOR OF MARKETING	40 00					X		141,562	0	28,573
SARADA KRISHNAN DIRECTOR OF HORTICULTURE	40 00					X		126,080	0	14,290
SUZI LATONA DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS	40 00					X		123,362	0	8,559
MARY BRADLEY DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP	40 00					X		114,721	0	14,053
LARRY VICKERMAN DIRECTOR OF CHATFIELD FARMS	40 00					X		105,846	0	26,427

SCHEDULE A

(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Department of the Treasury

Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS INC

Public Charity Status and Public Support

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

OMB No 1545-0047

2018

Open to Public Inspection

Employer identification number

84-0440359

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

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

- 1

☐

A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2

☐

A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ))
- 3

☐

A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 4

☐

A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state
- 5

☐

An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II)
- 6

☐

A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
- 7

☒

An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II)
- 8

☐

A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)
- 9

☐

An agricultural research organization described in **170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land grant college of agriculture See instructions Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university
- 10

☐

An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III)
- 11

☐

An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 12

☐

An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2).** See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box in lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g
- a

☐

Type I. A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
- b

☐

Type II. A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
- c

☐

Type III functionally integrated. A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
- d

☐

Type III non-functionally integrated. A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
- e

☐

Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization
- f

Enter the number of supported organizations
- g

Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

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

Part II

Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv), 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), and 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, 8, or 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support							
	Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2014	(b) 2015	(c) 2016	(d) 2017	(e) 2018	(f) Total
1	Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grant ")	14,357,983	4,101,308	12,872,708	19,865,233	21,140,045	72,337,277
2	Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf	3,934,420	4,153,456	4,263,713	4,429,136	4,657,267	21,437,992
3	The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4	Total. Add lines 1 through 3	18,292,403	8,254,764	17,136,421	24,294,369	25,797,312	93,775,269
5	The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						8,162,007
6	Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						85,613,262

Section B. Total Support							
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►		(a)2014	(b)2015	(c)2016	(d)2017	(e)2018	(f)Total
7	Amounts from line 4	18,292,403	8,254,764	17,136,421	24,294,369	25,797,312	93,775,269
8	Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	992,415	647,177	788,444	923,691	1,019,146	4,370,873
9	Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10	Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI)	3,027,427	1,777,828	1,581,379	2,027,977	1,967,492	10,382,103
11	Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						108,528,245
12	Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions)					12	41,340,580
13	First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ► ☐						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage		
14	Public support percentage for 2018 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14 78.890 %
15	Public support percentage for 2017 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15 75.290 %
16a	33 1/3% support test—2018. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ ☒	
b	33 1/3% support test—2017. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ ☐	
17a	10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2018. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ ☐	
b	10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2017. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ ☐	
18	Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ▶ ☐	

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

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

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2014	(b) 2015	(c) 2016	(d) 2017	(e) 2018	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2014	(b) 2015	(c) 2016	(d) 2017	(e) 2018	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						

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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2018 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	
16 Public support percentage from 2017 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2018 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	
18 Investment income percentage from 2017 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	

19a 33 1/3% support tests—2018. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► ☐

b 33 1/3% support tests—2017. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► ☐

20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ► ☐

Part IV Supporting Organizations

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

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

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

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

	Yes	No
11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
b A family member of a person described in (a) above?		
c A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? <i>If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI</i>		
	11a	
	11b	
	11c	

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

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

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

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

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

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

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions)		
a ☐ The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.		
b ☐ The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.		
c ☐ The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).		
2 Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below.		
a Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? <i>If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.</i>		
	2a	
b Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.</i>		
	2b	
3 Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below.		
a Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? <i>Provide details in Part VI.</i>		
	3a	
b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs and activities of each of its supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.</i>		
	3b	

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

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

Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1 Net short-term capital gain	1		
2 Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2		
3 Other gross income (see instructions)	3		
4 Add lines 1 through 3	4		
5 Depreciation and depletion	5		
6 Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6		
7 Other expenses (see instructions)	7		
8 Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)	8		
Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1 Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year)	1		
a Average monthly value of securities	1a		
b Average monthly cash balances	1b		
c Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c		
d Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d		
e Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI)			
2 Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt use assets	2		
3 Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3		
4 Cash deemed held for exempt use Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4		
5 Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5		
6 Multiply line 5 by .035	6		
7 Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7		
8 Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8		
Section C - Distributable Amount			Current Year
1 Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1		
2 Enter 85% of line 1	2		
3 Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3		
4 Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4		
5 Income tax imposed in prior year	5		
6 Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6		
7 ☐ Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions)			

Part V

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

Section D - Distributions	Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI) See instructions	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI) See instructions	
9 Distributable amount for 2018 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2018	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2018
1 Distributable amount for 2018 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2018 (reasonable cause required-- explain in Part VI) See instructions			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2018			
a From 2013.			
b From 2014.			
c From 2015.			
d From 2016.			
e From 2017.			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2018 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2013 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f			
4 Distributions for 2018 from Section D, line 7 \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2018 distributable amount			
c Remainder Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2018, if any Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 If the amount is greater than zero, explain in Part VI See instructions			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2018 Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 If the amount is greater than zero, explain in Part VI See instructions			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2019. Add lines 3j and 4c			
8 Breakdown of line 7			
a Excess from 2014.			
b Excess from 2015.			
c Excess from 2016.			
d Excess from 2017.			
e Excess from 2018.			

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

Facts And Circumstances Test

990 Schedule A, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE A, PART II, LINE 10, EXPLANATION OF OTHER INCOME	INVENTORY SALES AND MISCELLANEOUS - 2014 AMOUNT \$ 3,027,427 2015 AMOUNT \$ 1,777,828 2016 AMOUNT \$ 1,581,379 2017 AMOUNT \$ 2,027,977 2018 AMOUNT \$ 1,967,492

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SCHEDULE D

(Form 990)

Supplemental Financial Statements

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

► Attach to Form 990.

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Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS INC

Employer identification number

84-0440359

Part I

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

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

1

Total number at end of year

2

Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)

3

Aggregate value of grants from (during year)

4

Aggregate value at end of year

(a) Donor advised funds

(b) Funds and other accounts

5

Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?

Yes

No

6

Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?

Yes

No

Part II

Conservation Easements.

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

1

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

☐ Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or education)

☐ Preservation of an historically important land area

☐ Protection of natural habitat

☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure

☐ Preservation of open space

2

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

2a

Total number of conservation easements

2b

Total acreage restricted by conservation easements

2c

Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)

2d

Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 7/25/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register

3

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

4

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

5

Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?

Yes

No

6

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

7

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

8

Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

Yes

No

9

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

Part III

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

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

1a

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

1b

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

(i)

Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

► \$

(ii)

Assets included in Form 990, Part X

► \$

2

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

a

Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

► \$

b

Assets included in Form 990, Part X

► \$

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Part III

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

3

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

a

☒

Public exhibition

b

☒

Scholarly research

c

☒

Preservation for future generations

d

☐

Loan or exchange programs

e

☐

Other

4

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

5

During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Part IV

Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a

Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

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

c

Beginning balance

d

Additions during the year

e

Distributions during the year

f

Ending balance

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a

Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

☐

Part V

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

	(a)Current year	(b)Prior year	(c)Two years back	(d)Three years back	(e)Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	30,136,358	25,913,158	24,524,382	22,874,642	22,761,622
b Contributions	547,568	1,280,452	540,783	3,072,339	260,216
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	-1,466,957	3,907,147	1,832,334	-406,688	638,450
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	1,007,667	964,399	984,341	1,015,911	785,646
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	28,209,302	30,136,358	25,913,158	24,524,382	22,874,642

2

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

a

Board designated or quasi-endowment

26 670 %

b

Permanent endowment

73 330 %

c

Temporarily restricted endowment

0 %

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

3a

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

(i) unrelated organizations

(ii) related organizations

b

If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

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

4

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

Part VI

Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

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

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings		134,957		134,957
c Leasehold improvements		80,959	56,900	24,059
d Equipment		1,211,839	681,973	529,866
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c))				688,882

Part VII

Investments—Other Securities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

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

Part VIII

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

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

Part IX

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

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

Part X

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

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

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

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

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

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	27,712,481
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	163,110
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	905,787
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	1,068,897
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	26,643,584
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	6,560,776
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	6,560,776
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	33,204,360

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

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	22,545,940
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	163,110
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	905,787
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	1,068,897
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	21,477,043
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1 :		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	6,560,775
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	6,560,775
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	28,037,818

Part XIII Supplemental Information

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

Return Reference	Explanation
See Additional Data Table	

Part XIII Supplemental Information *(continued)*

Return Reference	Explanation

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 84-0440359
Name: DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS INC

Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
PART III, LINE 4	THE GARDENS' COLLECTIONS, WHICH WERE ACQUIRED THROUGH PURCHASES AND CONTRIBUTIONS SINCE THE GARDENS' INCEPTION, ARE NOT RECOGNIZED AS ASSETS ON THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION PURCHASES OF COLLECTION ITEMS ARE RECORDED AS DECREASES IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS IN THE YEAR IN WHICH THE ITEMS ARE ACQUIRED CONTRIBUTED COLLECTION ITEMS ARE NOT REFLECTED ON THE COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PROCEEDS FROM DEACCESSIONS OR INSURANCE RECOVERIES ARE REFLECTED AS INCREASES IN THE APPROPRIATE NET ASSET CLASSES THE GARDENS' COLLECTIONS CONSIST OF LIVING PLANTS, HERBARIUM, A LIBRARY AND HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS THE GARDENS' LIVING PLANT AND HERBARIUM COLLECTIONS ARE MADE UP OF OVER 18,000 TAXA OF PLANTS, 63,000 HERBARIUM SPECIMEN SHEETS AND 18,000 PRESERVED AND DOCUMENTED NATIVE MUSHROOMS THE GARDENS HAS A LIBRARY CONSISTING OF OVER 30,000 BOOKS, PERIODICALS, SEED AND NURSERY CATALOGS, SLIDES AND PAMPHLETS THE GARDENS HAS OVER 1,400 TWO-DIMENSIONAL WORKS OF ART IN AN ARRAY OF MEDIA INCLUDING PHOTOGRAPHS, LITHOGRAPHY DRAWINGS, MAPS, AND ENGRAVINGS, AND 60 PIECES OF THREE-DIMENSIONAL ART IN THE FORM OF BRONZE, GLASS AND STONE SCULPTURES ADDITIONALLY, THE GARDENS HAS HISTORIC BUILDINGS, TOOLS AND FARM IMPLEMENTS AT ITS CHATFIELD FARMS LOCATION ALL OF THESE COLLECTIONS ARE HELD FOR EDUCATIONAL, RESEARCH, SCIENTIFIC AND CURATORIAL PURPOSES EACH OF THESE COLLECTION ITEMS IS CATALOGED, PRESERVED, CARED FOR AND ACTIVITIES VERIFYING THEIR EXISTENCE AND ASSESSING THEIR CONDITION ARE PERFORMED CONTINUOUSLY THE COLLECTIONS ARE SUBJECT TO A POLICY THAT REQUIRES PROCEEDS FROM THEIR SALES TO BE USED TO SUPPORT THE GARDENS' COLLECTIONS DURING 2018, DEACCESSIONED ITEMS, PRIMARILY TRADED OR DONATED TO OTHER BOTANICAL GARDENS, WERE NOT SIGNIFICANT

Supplemental Information	
Return Reference	Explanation
PART V, LINE 4	ENDOWMENT FUNDS SHALL BE USED BY DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS FOR PURPOSES SET FORTH BY THE ENDO WMENT DONOR(S) SUCH USES INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO HORTICULTURE, EDUCATION, SCIENCE OR GENERAL SUPPORT

Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
PART X, LINE 2	THE GARDENS FOLLOWS THE GUIDANCE OF ACCOUNTING STANDARDS CODIFICATION TOPIC 820, ACCOUNTING FOR UNCERTAINTY IN INCOME TAXES. AFTER EVALUATING THE TAX POSITIONS TAKEN, NONE ARE CONSIDERED TO BE UNCERTAIN, THEREFORE, NO AMOUNTS HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZED AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018. IF INCURRED, INTEREST AND PENALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH TAX POSITIONS ARE RECORDED IN THE PERIOD ASSESSED IN ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS. NO INTEREST OR PENALTIES HAVE BEEN ASSESSED AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018.

Supplemental Information	
Return Reference	Explanation
PART XI, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS	SPECIAL EVENT EXPENSES 96,612 RENTAL EXPENSES 809,175

Supplemental Information	
Return Reference	Explanation
PART XI, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS	CAPITAL PROJECTS 6,560,776

Supplemental Information	
Return Reference	Explanation
PART XII, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS	SPECIAL EVENT EXPENSES 96,612 RENTAL EXPENSES 809,175

Supplemental Information	
Return Reference	Explanation
PART XII, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS	CAPITAL PROJECTS 6,560,775

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

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d)
		FETE DES FLEURS (event type)	(event type)	(total number)	Total events (add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	291,175			291,175
	2 Less Contributions	194,563			194,563
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	96,612			96,612
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs				
	7 Food and beverages	76,996			76,996
	8 Entertainment	14,275			14,275
	9 Other direct expenses	5,341			5,341
	10 Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶				96,612
11 Net income summary Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) ▶				0	

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

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

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

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

b If "No," explain _____

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

b If "Yes," explain _____

11 Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers?	☐ Yes ☐ No						
12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming?	☐ Yes ☐ No						
13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in							
a The organization's facility	<table border="1" style="display: inline-table; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 10%;">13a</td> <td style="width: 80%;"></td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: right;">%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>13b</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">%</td> </tr> </table>	13a		%	13b		%
13a		%					
13b		%					
b An outside facility							
14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records							
Name ►							
Address ►							
15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?	☐ Yes ☐ No						
b If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ► \$ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ► \$							
c If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party							
Name ►							
Address ►							
16 Gaming manager information							
Name ►							
Gaming manager compensation ► \$							
Description of services provided ►							
☐ Director/officer ☐ Employee ☐ Independent contractor							
17 Mandatory distributions							
a Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license?							
☐ Yes ☐ No							
b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ► \$							

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

Return Reference	Explanation
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Schedule J (Form 990)	Compensation Information For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees ▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23. ▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ Go to <u>www.irs.gov/Form990</u> for instructions and the latest information.		OMB No 1545-0047
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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation		
	Yes	No
1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items		
☐ First-class or charter travel ☐ Travel for companions ☐ Tax indemnification and gross-up payments ☐ Discretionary spending account ☐ Housing allowance or residence for personal use ☐ Payments for business use of personal residence ☐ Health or social club dues or initiation fees ☐ Personal services (e g , maid, chauffeur, chef)		
b If any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain	1b	
2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?	2	
3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director Check all that apply Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III		
☒ Compensation committee ☒ Independent compensation consultant ☒ Form 990 of other organizations ☐ Written employment contract ☒ Compensation survey or study ☒ Approval by the board or compensation committee		
4 During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization		
a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?	4a	No
b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?	4b	No
c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement? If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III	4c	No
Only 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.		
5 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of		
a The organization?	5a	No
b Any related organization? If "Yes," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III	5b	No
6 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of		
a The organization?	6a	No
b Any related organization? If "Yes," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III	6b	No
7 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III	7	Yes
8 Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III	8	No
9 If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?	9	

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

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

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Part III **Supplemental Information**

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

Return Reference	Explanation
PART I, LINE 7	SOME PORTIONS OF THE BONUS POOL ARE DISCRETIONARY

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Schedule K
(Form 990)

Supplemental Information on Tax-Exempt Bonds

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part VI, line 24a. Provide descriptions, explanations, and any additional information in Part VI.
► Attach to Form 990.
► Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

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Part I Bond Issues											
(a) Issuer name	(b) Issuer EIN	(c) CUSIP #	(d) Date issued	(e) Issue price	(f) Description of purpose	(g) Defeased		(h) On behalf of issuer		(i) Pool financing	
						Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
A CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER	84-6000580	000000000	02-16-2017	15,506,673	REFUNDING OF ISSUE DTD 11/12/08	X			X		X

Part II	Proceeds								
		A		B		C		D	
1	Amount of bonds retired								
2	Amount of bonds legally defeased	15,690,000							
3	Total proceeds of issue	17,302,394							
4	Gross proceeds in reserve funds								
5	Capitalized interest from proceeds								
6	Proceeds in refunding escrows	67,847							
7	Issuance costs from proceeds	302,534							
8	Credit enhancement from proceeds								
9	Working capital expenditures from proceeds								
10	Capital expenditures from proceeds								
11	Other spent proceeds								
12	Other unspent proceeds								
13	Year of substantial completion	2011							
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
14	Were the bonds issued as part of a current refunding issue?		X						
15	Were the bonds issued as part of an advance refunding issue?	X							
16	Has the final allocation of proceeds been made?	X							
17	Does the organization maintain adequate books and records to support the final allocation of proceeds?	X							

Part III Private Business Use									
		A		B		C		D	
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
1	Was the organization a partner in a partnership, or a member of an LLC, which owned property financed by tax-exempt bonds?		X						
2	Are there any lease arrangements that may result in private business use of bond-financed property?		X						

Part III Private Business Use (Continued)

	A		B		C		D	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
3a Are there any management or service contracts that may result in private business use of bond-financed property?		X						
b If "Yes" to line 3a, does the organization routinely engage bond counsel or other outside counsel to review any management or service contracts relating to the financed property?								
c Are there any research agreements that may result in private business use of bond-financed property?		X						
d If "Yes" to line 3c, does the organization routinely engage bond counsel or other outside counsel to review any research agreements relating to the financed property?								
4 Enter the percentage of financed property used in a private business use by entities other than a section 501(c)(3) organization or a state or local government	0 %							
5 Enter the percentage of financed property used in a private business use as a result of unrelated trade or business activity carried on by your organization, another section 501(c)(3) organization, or a state or local government	0 %							
6 Total of lines 4 and 5	0 %							
7 Does the bond issue meet the private security or payment test? . . .		X						
8a Has there been a sale or disposition of any of the bond-financed property to a nongovernmental person other than a 501(c)(3) organization since the bonds were issued?		X						
b If "Yes" to line 8a, enter the percentage of bond-financed property sold or disposed of . .								
c If "Yes" to line 8a, was any remedial action taken pursuant to Regulations sections 1.141-12 and 1.145-2?								
9 Has the organization established written procedures to ensure that all nonqualified bonds of the issue are remediated in accordance with the requirements under Regulations sections 1.141-12 and 1.145-2?	X							

Part IV Arbitrage

	A		B		C		D	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
1 Has the issuer filed Form 8038-T, Arbitrage Rebate, Yield Reduction and Penalty in Lieu of Arbitrage Rebate?		X						
2 If "No" to line 1, did the following apply?								
a Rebate not due yet?		X						
b Exception to rebate?		X						
c No rebate due?	X							
If "Yes" to line 2c, provide in Part VI the date the rebate computation was performed								
3 Is the bond issue a variable rate issue?		X						
4a Has the organization or the governmental issuer entered into a qualified hedge with respect to the bond issue?		X						
b Name of provider								
c Term of hedge								
d Was the hedge superintegrated?								
e Was the hedge terminated?								

Part IV Arbitrage (Continued)

	A		B		C		D	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
5a Were gross proceeds invested in a guaranteed investment contract (GIC)?		X						
b Name of provider								
c Term of GIC								
d Was the regulatory safe harbor for establishing the fair market value of the GIC satisfied?								
6 Were any gross proceeds invested beyond an available temporary period?		X						
7 Has the organization established written procedures to monitor the requirements of section 148?	X							

Part V Procedures To Undertake Corrective Action

	A		B		C		D	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Has the organization established written procedures to ensure that violations of federal tax requirements are timely identified and corrected through the voluntary closing agreement program if self-remediation is not available under applicable regulations?	X							

Part VI Supplemental Information. Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule K (see instructions).

Return Reference	Explanation
DATE REBATE COMPUTATION PERFORMED	ISSUER NAME CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER DATE THE REBATE COMPUTATION WAS PERFORMED 11/12/2013

Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE K, PART I	IN 2008 THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER ENTERED INTO A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$17,735,000 WITH CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION (2008 COPS) EXECUTED AND DELIVERED IN A CORRESPONDING AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT TO CONSTRUCT A PARKING FACILITY TO BE OWNED BY THE CITY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS (DBG) AT THE TIME OF DELIVERY OF THE 2008 COPS, DBG AND THE CITY ENTERED INTO A THIRD AMENDMENT OF A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH DBG OPERATES THE PARKING FACILITY AS THE CITY'S AGENT IN 2017 THE CITY ENTERED INTO AN AMENDED AND RESTATED LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT (2017 LEASE) IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$15,506,673 TO REFINANCE THE 2008 LEASE AND 2008 COPS THE CITY OWNS THE LAND AND ASSETS OF DBG AS SUCH, THE PARKING FACILITY IS NOT AN ASSET ON THE BOOKS OF DBG AND THE OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE 2017 LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT ARE NOT THE OBLIGATION OF THE DBG AND THEREFORE IS NOT INCLUDED AS A LIABILITY OF DBG

Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE K, PART II, LINE 3	A RESERVE FUND WAS NOT REQUIRED IN THE 2017 REFINANCING OF THE 2008 LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT, THEREFORE, THE MONEYS ON DEPOSIT IN THE OLD RESERVE FUND WERE TREATED AS TRANSFERRED PROCEEDS OF THE 2017 COPS AND USED, TOGETHER WITH THE SALE PROCEEDS OF THE 2017 COPS, TO ADVANCE REFUND THE 2008 LEASE AND 2008 COPS

Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE K, PART III, LINE 9, PART IV, LINE 7, AND PART V	PRIOR TO 2017, DBG RELIED ON THE WRITTEN PROCEDURES OF THE CITY & COUNTY OF DENVER TO ENSURE PROPER COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL TAX REQUIREMENTS AND REGULATIONS EFFECTIVE IN 2017, DBG ESTABLISHED WRITTEN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO ENSURE ONGOING COMPLIANCE WITH SECTIONS 141, 145 AND 148 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE

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SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
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Noncash Contributions

►Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
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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	X	84	362,850	FMV
2 Art—Historical treasures . .				
3 Art—Fractional interests . .				
4 Books and publications . .	X		10,229	FMV
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles . . .				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities—Publicly traded .	X	9	71,880	FMV
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 ► (EVENT FOOD)	X	10	18,973	FMV
26 Other ► (GARDEN SUPPLY)	X	28	17,393	FMV
27 Other ► (DININGWARE)	X	6	6,171	FMV
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

1

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?

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

Yes

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)

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

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Name of the organization

DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS INC

Employer identification number

84-0440359

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A	THE PRESIDENT OR OTHER DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE OF EACH OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS SH ALL BE AN EX-OFFICIO VOTING MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES COLORADO FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS, DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS ENDOWMENT, INC , DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS GUILD, DENVER DEBUT ANTE BALL, AND THE GARDEN CLUB OF DENVER EACH AFORESAID ORGANIZATION SHALL DESIGNATE AN I NDIVIDUAL TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT LEAST TWO MONTHS PRIOR TO THE END OF THE GA RDENS' FISCAL YEAR IN ORDER FOR THEM TO BE BRIEFED BY THE NOMINATING AND GOVERNANCE COMMIT TEE IN ADDITION, THE MAYOR OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER OR, AT THE ELECTION AND PLEAS URE OF THE MAYOR, THE MANAGER OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER SH ALL ALSO BE AN EX-OFFICIO VOTING TRUSTEE

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B	THE FORM 990 WAS REVIEWED IN DETAIL BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND MADE AVAILABLE TO EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT PRIOR TO FILING

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	THE GARDENS ADOPTED AN UPDATED COMPREHENSIVE CODE OF ETHICS IN 2017 WHICH INCLUDES CONFLICT OF INTEREST, WHISTLE BLOWING AND DOCUMENT RETENTION POLICIES WHICH WERE SUBSEQUENTLY INCORPORATED INTO THE EMPLOYEE GUIDELINES MANUAL AND THE VOLUNTEER HANDBOOK THE CODE WAS DESIGNED AS A CONTINUOUSLY EVOLVING DOCUMENT THE CODE APPLIES TO ALL REPRESENTATIVES ASSOCIATED WITH THE GARDENS, INCLUDING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, NON-TRUSTEE MEMBERS ON THE COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, AND OFFICIALLY AFFILIATED GROUPS BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS ARE REQUIRED ANNUALLY TO DECLARE ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST THE DECLARATIONS ARE REVIEWED, AND IF A CONFLICT ARISES ANYONE INVOLVED IS REQUIRED TO RECUSE THEMSELVES FROM DECISIONS OR ACTIONS SURROUNDING THE AREA OF CONFLICT THE CODE IS REVIEWED WHENEVER ORIENTATIONS ARE HELD, WITH ADDITIONAL PERIODIC REVIEWS BEING CONDUCTED

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15	THE GARDENS PARTICIPATES ANNUALLY IN SALARY SURVEYS AND USES THIS DATA AS GUIDANCE IN DETERMINING SALARY/WAGE RANGES FOR POSITIONS AND IN MAKING ADJUSTMENTS WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION ADJUSTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS ARE REVIEWED BY THE CEO AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	THE GARDENS MAKES ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE GARDENS' WEBSITE WWW BOTANICGARDENS ORG

SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.
▶ Attach to Form 990.
▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
(1)DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS ENDOWMENT INC 909 YORK STREET DENVER, CO 80206 84-1202946	SUPPORTS DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS	CO	501(C)(3)	LINE 12A, I	DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS	Yes	
(2)PLANT SELECT CSU 1173 CAMPUS DELIVERY FORT COLLINS, CO 80523 26-0199189	EDUCATION & RESEARCH	CO	501(C)(3)	LINE 12A, I			No

Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income(related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512- 514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	

Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of- year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512(b) (13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No

Part V Transactions With Related Organizations Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.

Note. Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule

1 During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

a Receipt of (i) interest, (ii)annuities, (iii) royalties, or(iv) rent from a controlled entity

1a

No

b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)

1b

No

c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)

1c

Yes

d Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)

1d

No

e Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)

1e

No

f Dividends from related organization(s)

1f

No

g Sale of assets to related organization(s)

1g

No

h Purchase of assets from related organization(s)

1h

No

i Exchange of assets with related organization(s)

1i

No

j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)

1j

No

k Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)

1k

No

l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)

1l

Yes

m Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)

1m

No

n Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)

1n

Yes

o Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)

1o

No

p Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses

1p

No

q Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses

1q

Yes

r Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)

1r

No

s Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)

1s

No

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1)DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS ENDOWMENT INC	C	985,309	FMV

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

[illegible]

Part VII **Supplemental Information**

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

Return Reference	Explanation