

Form 990

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2019

Department of the
Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

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

B Check if applicable:

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

C Name of organization THE AMERICAN INDEPENDENT FOUNDATION		D Employer identification number 33-1137541
Doing business as		E Telephone number (202) 387-3670
Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) 800 MAINE AVENUE SW NO 5TH FL		Room/suite
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code WASHINGTON, DC 20024		
F Name and address of principal officer: ANGELO CARUSONE 800 MAINE AVENUE SW NO 5TH FL WASHINGTON, DC 20024		G Gross receipts \$ 1,335,116

I Tax-exempt status: 501(c)(3) 501(c) () ► (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527J Website: ► WWW.AMERICANINDEPENDENT.COMK Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other ►

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? Yes No

H(b) Are all subordinates included? Yes No

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

H(c) Group exemption number ►

L Year of formation: 2006

M State of legal domicile: DC

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: SEE PART III, LINE 1.		
	2 Check this box ► <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	3
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	3
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2019 (Part V, line 2a)	5	4
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	3
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
	b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 39	7b	0
	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)		
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)			
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)			
12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)			

Revenue	Prior Year		Current Year
	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)		1,366,000
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		0
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)		0
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)		0
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)		1,366,000
	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)		30,000
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)		45,333
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		170,750
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ► 155,451			
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)		724,207	
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)		970,290	
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12		395,710	
20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)			
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)			
22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20			

Expenses	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	587,059	280,384
	186,915	93,593
	400,144	186,791

Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	587,059	280,384
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	186,915	93,593
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	400,144	186,791

Sign Here	*****	2020-11-16
	Signature of officer	Date
	KAILI JOY GRAY EXECUTIVE EDITOR Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00288314
	Firm's name ► GELMAN ROSENBERG & FREEMAN			Firm's EIN ► 52-1392008	
	Firm's address ► 4550 MONTGOMERY AVE SUITE 800N BETHESDA, MD 208142930			Phone no. (301) 951-9090	

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

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Part III

Statement of Program Service 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 THE ORGANIZATION IS TO FOSTER STRONG, INDEPENDENT JOURNALISM THAT HELPS CREATE POSITIVE SOCIETAL CHANGE THROUGH INCREASED PUBLIC AWARENESS OF PROGRESSIVE ISSUES.

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 \$ 1,334,156 including grants of \$ 30,000) (Revenue \$)
See Additional Data**4b** (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)**4c** (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)**4d** Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)
(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)**4e** Total program service expenses ► 1,334,156

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A 

2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)? 

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 

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 

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 

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 

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 

8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III 

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 

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 

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 

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 

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 

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 

e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X 

f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X 

12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII 

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 

13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E 

14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States? 

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 

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 

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 

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) 

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 

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 

20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H 

b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return? 

21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II 

	Yes	No
1	Yes	
2	Yes	
3		No
4		No
5		No
6		No
7		No
8		No
9		No
10		No
11a		No
11b		No
11c		No
11d		No
11e		No
11f	Yes	
12a	Yes	
12b		No
13		No
14a		No
14b	Yes	
15	Yes	
16		No
17	Yes	
18		No
19		No
20a		No
20b		
21		No

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

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

23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J

24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a

b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?

c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?

d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?

25a **Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.** Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I

b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I

26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5 or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II

27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity (including an employee thereof) or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III

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, key employee, creator or founder, or substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV

b A family member of any individual described in line 28a? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV

c A 35% controlled entity of one or more individuals and/or organizations described in lines 28a or 28b? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV

29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M

30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M

31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I

32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II

33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I

34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1

35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?

b If 'Yes' to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2

36 **Section 501(c)(3) organizations.** Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2

37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI

38 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.

	Yes	No
22		No
23		No
24a		No
24b		
24c		
24d		
25a		No
25b		No
26		No
27		No
28a		No
28b		No
28c		No
29		No
30		No
31		No
32		No
33		No
34		No
35a		No
35b		
36		No
37		No
38	Yes	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

1a Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable

1b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable

c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?

	Yes	No
1a	19	
1b	0	
1c	Yes	

Part V **Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance (continued)**

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

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

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?

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?

4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?

5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?

6 Did the organization have members or stockholders?

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?

b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?

8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:

a The governing body?

b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?

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

	Yes	No
1a		3
1b		3
2		No
3		No
4	Yes	
5		No
6		No
7a		No
7b		No
8a	Yes	
8b		No
9		No

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

10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?

b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?

11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?

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

b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?

c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done

13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?

14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?

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

b Other officers or key employees of the organization

If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).

16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?

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?

	Yes	No
10a		No
10b		
11a	Yes	
12a	Yes	
12b	Yes	
12c	Yes	
13	Yes	
14	Yes	
15a		No
15b		No
16a		No
16b		

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed► CA , MA , NY , VA

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:
 ►PILAR MARTINEZ 800 MAINE AVENUE SW SUITE 500 WASHINGTON, DC 20024 (202) 387-3670

Part VII

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

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

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

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

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

See instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

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

Part VII

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

1b Sub-Total ► **c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A** ► **d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)** ► **157,150** **0** **988**

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 ► 1

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

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

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

	Yes	No
3		No
4		No
5		No

Section B. Independent Contractors

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

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
SUNSHINE SACHS 136 MADISON AVE 17TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10016	PUBLIC RELATIONS	179,708

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514
1a Federated campaigns . . .	1a				
b Membership dues . . .	1b				
c Fundraising events . . .	1c				
d Related organizations	1d				
e Government grants (contributions)	1e				
f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	1,306,809			
g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a - 1f: \$	1g	4,809			
h Total. Add lines 1a-1f . . . ►		1,306,809			
Program Service Revenue					
2a		Business Code			
b					
c					
d					
e					
f All other program service revenue.					
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f. . . ►					
3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) . . . ►					
4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds ►					
5 Royalties ►					
6a Gross rents	6a	(i) Real	(ii) Personal		
b Less: rental expenses	6b				
c Rental income or (loss)	6c				
d Net rental income or (loss) ►					
7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	7a	(i) Securities	(ii) Other		
b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	7b	4,947	8,360		
c Gain or (loss)	7c	4,573	8,360		
d Net gain or (loss) ►		374			374
8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	8a				
b Less: direct expenses	8b				
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . ►					
9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	9a				
b Less: direct expenses	9b				
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . ►					
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . .	10a				
b Less: cost of goods sold . . .	10b				
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . ►					
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code			
11a SALE OF TRADEMARK		900099	15,000	15,000	
b					
c					
d All other revenue					
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d ►		15,000			
12 Total revenue. See instructions ►		1,322,183	15,000	0	374

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, lines 15 and 16.	30,000	30,000		
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	158,138	146,300	11,838	
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	90,642	81,692	8,950	
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401 (k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	264		264	
9 Other employee benefits	4,962	3,466	1,496	
10 Payroll taxes	8,705	7,451	1,254	
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	59,010	57,774	1,236	
c Accounting	13,600		13,600	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	71,226			71,226
f Investment management fees	315		315	
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	1,063,873	986,373		77,500
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	179	61	118	
14 Information technology	7,717	4,743	2,734	240
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy				
17 Travel	5,169	169		5,000
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance	19,539	15,544	3,995	
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 MISCELLANEOUS	1,730	126	119	1,485
b PAYROLL FEES	467	457	10	
c				
d				
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	1,535,536	1,334,156	45,929	155,451
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation.				
Check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	226,993	1	194,148
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	360,000	2	85,000
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	4	3	5
	4 Accounts receivable, net	6	7	8
	5 Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons	9	10a	1,236
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	10b	10c	0
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net	11		
	8 Inventories for sale or use	12		
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	13		
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	14		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	15		
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	16		
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11	17		
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11	18		
	14 Intangible assets	19		
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	20		
	16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	21		280,384
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	22		93,593
	18 Grants payable	23		18
	19 Deferred revenue	24		19
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities	25		20
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D	26		21
	22 Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons	27		22
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	28		23
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties	29		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	30		25
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	31		186,915
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here ► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.	32		
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions	33	27	186,791
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions	34	28	0
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.	35		
	29 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds	36		29
	30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund	37		30
	31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	38		31
	32 Total net assets or fund balances	39	32	186,791
	33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	40	33	280,384

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	1,322,183
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,535,536
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-213,353
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	400,144
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	186,791

Part XII **Financial Statements and Reporting**Check 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		

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Form 990, Part III, Line 4a:

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SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or
990EZ)

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 instructions and the latest information.

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Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

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** **(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing documents?**

organization (described on lines in your governing document? monetary support (see instructions) other support (see instructions)

1- 10 above (see instructions)

Instructions))

Yes **No**

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Total _____

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

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

Section A. Public Support

	Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2015	(b) 2016	(c) 2017	(d) 2018	(e) 2019	(f) Total
1	Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grant.") . . .	300,614	248,114	50,038	1,366,000	1,306,809	3,271,575
2	Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf. . . .						
3	The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge..						
4	Total. Add lines 1 through 3	300,614	248,114	50,038	1,366,000	1,306,809	3,271,575
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). .						421,340
6	Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						2,850,235

Section B. Total Support

	Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2015	(b) 2016	(c) 2017	(d) 2018	(e) 2019	(f) Total
7	Amounts from line 4. . .	300,614	248,114	50,038	1,366,000	1,306,809	3,271,575
8	Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources. . .						
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.). .					15,000	15,029
11	Total support. Add lines 7 through 10	29					3,286,604
12	Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
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 ► <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14	Public support percentage for 2019 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	86.720 %
15	Public support percentage for 2018 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	84.200 %
16a	33 1/3% support test—2019. 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 ► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b	33 1/3% support test—2018. 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 ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
17a	10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2019. 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 ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
b	10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2018. 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 ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
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 ► <input type="checkbox"/>		

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) 2015	(b) 2016	(c) 2017	(d) 2018	(e) 2019	(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) 2015	(b) 2016	(c) 2017	(d) 2018	(e) 2019	(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 ► <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2019 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	
16 Public support percentage from 2018 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2019 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	
18 Investment income percentage from 2018 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	
19a 33 1/3% support tests—2019. 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 ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3% support tests—2018. 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 ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ► <input type="checkbox"/>		

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? 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.	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)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).	2	
3a	Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.	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)? If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.	3b	
c	Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.	3c	
4a	Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes" and if you checked 12a or 12b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.	4a	
b	Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? 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.	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)? 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.	4c	
5a	Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? 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).	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? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .	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? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).	7	
8	Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).	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))? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .	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? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .	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? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .	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)? If "Yes," answer line 10b below.	10a	
b	Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings).	10b	

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

a A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?

b A family member of a person described in (a) above?

c A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in **Part VI**.

	Yes	No
11a		
11b		
11c		

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

1 Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? If "No," describe in **Part VI** how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.

2 Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised or controlled the supporting organization.

	Yes	No
1		
2		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

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

	Yes	No
1		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

1 Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?

2 Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? If "No," explain in **Part VI** how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).

3 By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? If "Yes," describe in **Part VI** the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.

	Yes	No
1		
2		
3		

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions):

a The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete **line 2** below.

b The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete **line 3** below.

c The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in **Part VI** how you supported a government entity (see instructions)

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

a Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? If "Yes," then in **Part VI** identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.

b Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.

3 Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below.

a Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? Provide details in **Part VI**.

b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in **Part VI** the role played by the organization in this regard.

	Yes	No
2a		
2b		
3a		
3b		

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

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

Section A - Adjusted Net Income

(A) Prior Year

(B) Current Year
(optional)

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

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount

(A) Prior Year

(B) Current Year
(optional)

1 Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):	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 <input type="checkbox"/> 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 2019 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-2019
		(iii) Distributable Amount for 2019
1	Distributable amount for 2019 from Section C, line 6	
2	Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2019 (reasonable cause required-- explain in Part VI). See instructions.	
3	Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2019:	
a	From 2014.	
b	From 2015.	
c	From 2016.	
d	From 2017.	
e	From 2018.	
f	Total of lines 3a through e	
g	Applied to underdistributions of prior years	
h	Applied to 2019 distributable amount	
i	Carryover from 2014 not applied (see instructions)	
j	Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f.	
4	Distributions for 2019 from Section D, line 7: \$	
a	Applied to underdistributions of prior years	
b	Applied to 2019 distributable amount	
c	Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4.	
5	Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2019, 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 2019. 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 2020. Add lines 3j and 4c.	
8	Breakdown of line 7:	
a	Excess from 2015.	
b	Excess from 2016.	
c	Excess from 2017.	
d	Excess from 2018.	
e	Excess from 2019.	

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

Facts And Circumstances Test

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Financial Statements****2019****Open to Public
Inspection**

► 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.

► Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.**Name of the organization**

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

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

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

5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Part II Conservation Easements.

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

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education) <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of an historically important land area
	<input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a certified historic structure
	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space
2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.	Held at the End of the Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 7/25/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d
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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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.
b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:
(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► \$
(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► \$
2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items:
a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► \$
b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► \$

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

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

- a Public exhibition
- b Scholarly research
- c Preservation for future generations
- d Loan or exchange programs
- e Other

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

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

Yes No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

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

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					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

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

a Board designated or quasi-endowment ►

b Permanent endowment ►

c Temporarily restricted endowment ►

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

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?

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

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

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				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment				
e Other				

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

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Part VII Investments—Other Securities.

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

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other		
(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
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.

(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	1,321,868
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	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	1,321,868
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	315
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	315
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	1,322,183

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	1,535,221
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	1,535,221
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	315
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	315
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	1,535,536

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

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Return Reference	Explanation
PART X, LINE 2:	FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019, THE ORGANIZATION HAS DOCUMENTED ITS CONSIDERATION OF FASB ASC 740-10, INCOME TAXES, THAT PROVIDES GUIDANCE FOR REPORTING UNCERTAINTY IN INCOME TAXES AND HAS DETERMINED THAT NO MATERIAL UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS QUALIFY FOR EITHER RECOGNITION OR DISCLOSURE IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

SCHEDULE F
(Form 990)

Statement of Activities Outside the United States

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► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 14b, 15, or 16.

► Attach to Form 990.

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Name of the organization

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

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

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

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

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees, agents, and independent contractors in the region	(d) Activities conducted in region (by type) (such as, fundraising, program services, investments, grants to recipients located in the region)	(e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in the region	(f) Total expenditures for and investments in the region
EUROPE	0	0	GRANTS TO RECIPIENTS LOCATED IN REGION		30,000
3a Sub-total	0	0			30,000
b Total from continuation sheets to Part I	0	0			0
c Totals (add lines 3a and 3b)	0	0			30,000

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

2 Enter total number of recipient organizations listed above that are recognized as charities by the foreign country, recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS, or for which the grantee or counsel has provided a section 501(c)(3) equivalency letter

3 Enter total number of other organizations or entities

Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 16.

Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

Part IV Foreign Forms

1 Was the organization a U.S. transferor of property to a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 926, Return by a U.S. Transferor of Property to a Foreign Corporation (see Instructions for Form 926)* Yes No

2 Did the organization have an interest in a foreign trust during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to separately file Form 3520, Annual Return to Report Transactions with Foreign Trusts and Receipt of Certain Foreign Gifts, and/or Form 3520-A, Annual Information Return of Foreign Trust With a U.S. Owner (see Instructions for Forms 3520 and 3520-A; don't file with Form 990)* Yes No

3 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5471, Information Return of U.S. Persons with Respect to Certain Foreign Corporations. (see Instructions for Form 5471)* Yes No

4 Was the organization a direct or indirect shareholder of a passive foreign investment company or a qualified electing fund during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8621, Information Return by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund. (see Instructions for Form 8621)* Yes No

5 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign partnership during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8865, Return of U.S. Persons with Respect to Certain Foreign Partnerships (see Instructions for Form 8865)* Yes No

6 Did the organization have any operations in or related to any boycotting countries during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to separately file Form 5713, International Boycott Report (see Instructions for Form 5713; don't file with Form 990)* Yes No

Part V**Supplemental Information**

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

990 Schedule F, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
PART I, LINE 2:	GRANTEE SUBMITS A DETAILED AND TIMELY GRANT REPORT COVERING EACH CALENDAR OR FISCAL YEAR, DURING WHICH GRANTOR'S FUNDS ARE SPENT BY GRANTEE UNDER THE AGREEMENT. THE REPORT COVERS GRANTEE'S ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN THE AGREEMENT AND FINANCIAL REPORTS ON THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS, INCLUDING ANY AMOUNTS SPENT ON INFLUENCING LEGISLATION.

990 Schedule F, Supplemental Information

		Return Reference	Explanation
PART III ACCOUNTING METHOD:			

SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

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

Organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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

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

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

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

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

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?	(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col. (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No		
BONNER GROUP INC 800 MAINE AVE SW 4TH FL	PROFESSIONAL FUNDRAISING		No	569,809	71,226
WASHINGTON, DC 20024					498,583
Total				569,809	71,226
					498,583

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

CA, MA, MO, NY, VA

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

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

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

	(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add 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	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes % <input type="checkbox"/> 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	13a	%
b An outside facility	13b	%

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 O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZComplete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
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- ▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.
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THE AMERICAN INDEPENDENT FOUNDATION

Employer identification number

33-1137541

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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 4	THE ORGANIZATION CHANGED ITS NAME FROM THE AMERICAN INDEPENDENT TO THE AMERICAN INDEPENDENT FOUNDATION DURING 2019. THE ORGANIZATION NOTIFIED THE IRS OF THE NAME CHANGE ON THE 2018 FORM 990.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 8B	THE ORGANIZATION DOES NOT HAVE ANY COMMITTEES WITH AUTHORITY TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNING BODY.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B	THE 990 WAS COMPLETED BY A CPA FIRM, IT WAS THEN REVIEWED BY THE CFO, LEGAL COUNSEL, EXECUTIVE EDITOR AND THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. A COPY OF THE 990 WAS PROVIDED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRIOR TO FILING WITH THE IRS.

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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	ALL EMPLOYEES AND BOARD MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE ANY INTERESTS THAT COULD GIVE RISE TO CONFLICTS ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. INDIVIDUALS WITH KNOWLEDGE OF POSSIBLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST MUST DISCLOSE THE CONFLICT TO THE OTHER DIRECTORS, OTHER MEMBERS OF A COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OR AN OFFICER OF THE ORGANIZATION. UPON DISCLOSURE, THE REMAINING DIRECTORS, OR IN THE EVENT OF AN EMPLOYEE, THE OFFICERS OF THE ORGANIZATION, WILL GATHER INFORMATION AND DETERMINE WHETHER A CONFLICT EXISTS. IF IT IS DETERMINED THAT A CONFLICT DOES EXIST, THEN THE INTERESTED PERSON WILL BE RECUSED FROM ANY DECISION MAKING POSITION WITH REGARD TO THE TRANSACTION. A TRANSACTION, ARRANGEMENT, OR SOME ALTERNATIVE, MAY BE APPROVED IF IT IS IN THE ORGANIZATION'S BEST INTEREST AND FOR ITS OWN BENEFIT, IS FAIR AND REASONABLE TO THE ORGANIZATION, AND IS THE MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TRANSACTION OR ARRANGEMENT THE ORGANIZATION CAN OBTAIN WITH REASONABLE EFFORTS UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES. IF AN EMPLOYEE, OFFICER, DIRECTOR, OR MEMBER OF A COMMITTEE, WITH BOARD-DELEGATED POWERS, VIOLATES THIS POLICY, DISCIPLINARY ACTION MAY BE TAKEN INCLUDING TERMINATION OF THE TRANSACTION OR ARRANGEMENT GENERATING THE CONFLICT, FORMAL REPRIMAND, SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT AND/OR REMOVAL FROM THE BOARD AS APPROPRIATE.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	THE ORGANIZATION MAKES ITS ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND FORM 990 AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G	OTHER CONSULTANTS: PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES 232,700. MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES 0. FUNDRAISING EXPENSES 77,500. TOTAL EXPENSES 310,200. EDITOR: PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES 753,673. MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES 0. FUNDRAISING EXPENSES 0. TOTAL EXPENSES 753,673.