

Form 990 (Rev. January 2020) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations) Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public. Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

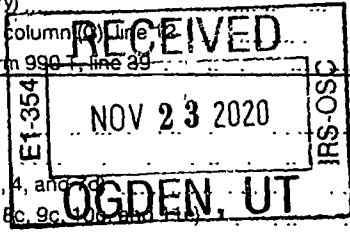
OMB No 1545-0047 2019 Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2019 calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending B Check if applicable: C Name of organization DEFEND COLORADO D Employer identification number 83-3211413 E Telephone number 970-241-3008 F Name and address of principal officer: KATIE KENNEDY 5910 S UNIVERSITY BLVD #C18 PMB 273, GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80121 G Gross receipts 2,247,736 H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? Yes No X No H(b) Are all subordinates included? Yes No H(c) Group exemption number J Website: N/A K Form of organization: X Corporation L Year of formation: 2019 M State of legal domicile: CO

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Part I Summary

Table with columns for Activities & Governance, Revenue, Expenses, and Net Assets or Fund Balances. Rows include mission statement, membership counts, revenue breakdown, and expenses.



Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge. Sign Here: KATIE KENNEDY, DIRECTOR. Preparer: SABRINA J. HOYT, CPA, DALBY, WENDLAND & CO., P.C.

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

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission
THE PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION IS TO CONDUCT RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS OF
CONDITIONS AFFECTING THE COLORADO STATE ECONOMY AND PROMOTE POLICIES
THAT STRENGTHEN THE STATE ECONOMY.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the
prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?
If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

Yes  No

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?
If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

Yes  No

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 \$ 2,103,730. including grants of \$ 149,334. ) (Revenue \$ )
GENERAL EDUCATION AND LITIGATION PROGRAM OPPOSING STATE LEGISLATION AND
POLICIES THAT NEGATIVELY IMPACT THE COLORADO STATE ECONOMY.

4b (Code ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4c (Code ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4d Other program services (Describe on Schedule O )
(Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4e Total program service expenses 2,103,730.

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

		Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>		X
2	Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> ?	X	
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>		X
4	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>		
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>		X
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i>		X
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>		X
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>		X
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i>		X
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in donor-restricted endowments or in quasi endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>		X
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		
11a	a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i>		X
11b	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i>		X
11c	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i>		X
11d	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i>		X
11e	e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>		X
11f	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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>		X
12a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i>		X
12b	b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i>		X
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		X
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
14b	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i>		X
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>		X
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i>		X
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i>		X
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>		X
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>		X
20a	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		X
20b	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	X	

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules** (continued)

		Yes	No
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III		X
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		X
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		X
24b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
24c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
24d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a	<b>Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
25b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
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		X
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		X
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions, for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)		
28a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, or substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
28b	A family member of any individual described in line 28a? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
28c	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		X
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		X
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		X
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I		X
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II		X
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		X
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		X
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		X
35b	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	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> 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		X
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? <b>Note:</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	X	

**Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance**

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

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

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

		Yes	No
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return 2a 0		
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? <b>Note:</b> If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)	2b	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a	X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation on Schedule O	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	X
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	X
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b	X
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	X
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b	
7	<b>Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>		
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a	X
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b	
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c	X
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	X
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f	X
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	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b> Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8	
9	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds</b>		
a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a	
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b	
10	<b>Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</b> 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	<b>Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</b> 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	<b>Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</b> 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	<b>Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.</b>		
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? <b>Note:</b> See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O	13a	
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans 13b		
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand 13c		
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a	X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation on Schedule O 14b		
15	Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year? If "Yes," see instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N	15	X
16	Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income? If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O	16	X

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

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

**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year. If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain on Schedule O.		
1b	Enter the number of voting members included on 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?		X
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		X
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		X
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?		X
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?		X
7b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		X
8a	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: The governing body?	X	
8b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?		X
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 on Schedule O.		X

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

		Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		X
10b	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?		
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	X	
11b	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.	X	
12b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?		X
12c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done.	X	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?		X
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?		X
15a	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? The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official.		X
15b	Other officers or key employees of the organization. If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).		X
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?		X
16b	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		

**Section C. Disclosure**

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed **NONE**
- 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 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 on Schedule O)
- 19 Describe on 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 **KATIE KENNEDY - 970-241-3008**  
**5910 S UNIVERSITY BLVD #C18 PMB 273, GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80121**





**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

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

			(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	
			Total revenue	Related or exempt function revenue	Unrelated business revenue	Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514	
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts</b>	1 a	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	2,247,600.			
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	1g \$				
	h	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f		2,247,600.			
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>			Business Code				
	2 a						
	b						
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f	All other program service revenue					
g	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f						
<b>Other Revenue</b>	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		136.	136.		
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5	Royalties					
	6 a	Gross rents	(i) Real	6a			
			(ii) Personal	6b			
				6c			
	d	Net rental income or (loss)					
	7 a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	7a			
			(ii) Other	7b			
				7c			
	d	Net gain or (loss)					
	8 a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18		8a			
				8b			
	c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events					
9 a	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19		9a				
			9b				
c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities						
10 a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances		10a				
			10b				
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory						
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>			Business Code				
	11 a						
	b						
	c						
	d	All other revenue					
e	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d						
12	<b>Total revenue.</b> See instructions		2,247,736.	136.	0.	0.	

**Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses**

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

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21	149,334.	149,334.		
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				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees				
6 Compensation not included above to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages				
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes				
11 Fees for services (nonemployees)				
a Management				
b Legal	370,537.	370,537.		
c Accounting				
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O )	1,583,141.	1,583,141.		
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses				
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy				
17 Travel	718.	718.		
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance				
24 Other expenses: Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O )				
a <b>REGISTRATION FEES</b>	500.		500.	
b <b>BANK SERVICE CHARGES</b>	126.		126.	
c				
d				
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	2,104,356.	2,103,730.	626.	0.
26 Joint costs Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Check here  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 X

		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year	
<b>Assets</b>	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing		143,380.	
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments			
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net			
	4 Accounts receivable, net			
	5 Loans and other receivables from 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			
	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)			
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net			
	8 Inventories for sale or use			
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a		
	10b Less accumulated depreciation	10b	10c	
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities			
	12 Investments - other securities See Part IV, line 11			
	13 Investments - program-related See Part IV, line 11			
	14 Intangible assets			
	15 Other assets See Part IV, line 11			
16 <b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)		0.	143,380.	
<b>Liabilities</b>	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses			
	18 Grants payable			
	19 Deferred revenue			
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities			
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D			
	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			
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties			
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties			
	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			
	26 <b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25		0.	0.
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.</b>			
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions			
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions			
	<b>Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 29 through 33.</b>			
	29 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds	0.	0.	
	30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund	0.	0.	
	31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	0.	143,380.	
32 <b>Total net assets or fund balances</b>	0.	143,380.		
33 <b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b>	0.	143,380.		

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	2,247,736.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	2,104,356.
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	143,380.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	0.
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 on Schedule O)	9	0.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	143,380.

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

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

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> 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 <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		X
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		X
2c	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain on 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?		X
3b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

**SCHEDULE I  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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

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

▶ Attach to Form 990.

▶ Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for the latest information.

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Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization

**DEFEND COLORADO**

Employer identification number  
**83-3211413**

**Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance**

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

Yes  No

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

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

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section (if applicable)	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
PUBLIC TRUST INSTITUTE 5910 S. UNIVERSITY GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80121	84-3379897	501(C)(3)	49,334.	0.			EDUCATION
NO ON CC 727 E 16TH AVE DENVER, CO 80203	84-1894041	501(C)(4)	100,000.	0.			EDUCATION

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

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

2.

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Schedule I (Form 990) (2019)

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

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of noncash assistance

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

**PART I, LINE 2:**

**THE ORGANIZATION FOLLOWS STANDARD PROCEDURES IN AWARDING GRANTS AND MONITORING THE USE OF THOSE FUNDS IN FURTHERANCE OF ITS EXEMPT PURPOSE.**

**SCHEDULE O**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

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

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FORM 990, PART I, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

COLORADO STATE ECONOMY AND PROMOTE POLICIES THAT STRENGTHEN THE STATE  
ECONOMY.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 8B:

THE ORGANIZATION DID NOT HAVE ANY COMMITTEES WITH AUTHORITY TO ACT ON  
BEHALF OF THE GOVERNING BODY.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B:

FORM 990 IS REVIEWED BY THE DIRECTOR PRIOR TO FILING.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C:

COUNSEL REVIEWS ALL CONTRACTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19:

THE ORGANIZATION MAKES ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST.

FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G, OTHER FEES:

PUBLIC OUTREACH:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES 1,455,999.

MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES 0.

FUNDRAISING EXPENSES 0.

TOTAL EXPENSES 1,455,999.

CONSULTING:

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Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) (2019)

Name of the organization

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PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	113,142.
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	0.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	0.
TOTAL EXPENSES	113,142.

POLLING RESEARCH:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	14,000.
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	0.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	0.
TOTAL EXPENSES	14,000.
TOTAL OTHER FEES ON FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G, COL A	1,583,141.