

For calendar year 2020, or tax year beginning 01-01-2020, and ending 12-31-2020

Name of foundation BENTON INSTITUTE FOR BROADBAND & SOCIETY		A Employer identification number 13-6075750	
Number and street (or P.O. box number if mail is not delivered to street address) 1041 RIDGE RD NO 214		Room/suite	
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code WILMETTE, IL 60091		B Telephone number (see instructions) (847) 328-3040	
G Check all that apply: ☐ Initial return ☐ Initial return of a former public charity ☐ Final return ☐ Amended return ☒ Address change ☐ Name change		D 1. Foreign organizations, check here..... 2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation ...	
H Check type of organization: ☒ Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation ☐ Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust ☐ Other taxable private foundation		E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here	
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col. (c), line 16) ▶\$ 4,023,760		F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here	
J Accounting method: ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other (specify) _____ (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis.)			

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions).)		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received (attach schedule)	173,000			
	2 Check ☐ if the foundation is not required to attach Sch. B				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments				
	4 Dividends and interest from securities . . .	67,610	67,610	67,610	
	5a Gross rents				
	b Net rental income or (loss)				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	-9,711			
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a 1,270,356				
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2) . . .		0		
	8 Net short-term capital gain			0	
	9 Income modifications				
	10a Gross sales less returns and allowances				
Operating and Administrative Expenses	b Less: Cost of goods sold				
	c Gross profit or (loss) (attach schedule)				
	11 Other income (attach schedule)	31,250	0	31,250	
	12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	262,149	67,610	98,860	
	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc.	200,869	0	0	200,869
	14 Other employee salaries and wages	165,434	0	0	164,799
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits	41,426	0	0	32,200
	16a Legal fees (attach schedule)				
	b Accounting fees (attach schedule)	26,416	0	0	26,416
	c Other professional fees (attach schedule)	649,034	17,557	17,557	637,909
	17 Interest				
	18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions)	34,271	0	0	34,271
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion . . .	42,476	0	0	
	20 Occupancy	25,673	0	0	25,673
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings	19,443	0	0	17,130
	22 Printing and publications				
	23 Other expenses (attach schedule)	66,561	0	0	68,020
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	1,271,603	17,557	17,557	1,207,287
	25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	9,250			9,250
	26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	1,280,853	17,557	17,557	1,216,537
	27 Subtract line 26 from line 12:				
	a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	-1,018,704			
	b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		50,053		
				81,303	

Part II Balance Sheets		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only. (See instructions.)		
		Beginning of year	End of year	
		(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	75,896	210,741	210,741
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	154,894	423,562	423,562
	3 Accounts receivable ▶ <u>45,000</u>			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____	45,583	45,000	45,000
	4 Pledges receivable ▶ <u>106,250</u>			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____		106,250	106,250
	5 Grants receivable			
	6 Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see instructions)			
	7 Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule) ▶ _____			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____			
	8 Inventories for sale or use			
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	4,641	826	826
	10a Investments—U.S. and state government obligations (attach schedule)			
	b Investments—corporate stock (attach schedule)	4,317,631	3,179,715	3,179,715
	c Investments—corporate bonds (attach schedule)			
	11 Investments—land, buildings, and equipment: basis ▶ _____			
Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ _____				
12 Investments—mortgage loans				
13 Investments—other (attach schedule)				
14 Land, buildings, and equipment: basis ▶ <u>139,625</u>				
Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ <u>139,625</u>	42,476	0	0	
15 Other assets (describe ▶ _____)	57,666	57,666	57,666	
16 Total assets (to be completed by all filers—see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item I)	4,698,787	4,023,760	4,023,760	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	24,850	25,317	
	18 Grants payable			
	19 Deferred revenue			
	20 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	21 Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)			
	22 Other liabilities (describe ▶ _____)			
	23 Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)	24,850	25,317	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Foundations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here ▶ ☒ and complete lines 24, 25, 29 and 30.			
	24 Net assets without donor restrictions	4,673,937	3,880,643	
	25 Net assets with donor restrictions		117,800	
	Foundations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here ▶ ☐ and complete lines 26 through 30.			
	26 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds			
	27 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg., and equipment fund			
	28 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds			
	29 Total net assets or fund balances (see instructions)	4,673,937	3,998,443	
30 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions) .	4,698,787	4,023,760		

Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

1 Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year—Part II, column (a), line 29 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1	4,673,937
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	-1,018,704
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____	3	343,210
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	3,998,443
5 Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____	5	0
6 Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5)—Part II, column (b), line 29 .	6	3,998,443

2	Capital gain net income or (net capital loss)	If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7	2	-9,711
3	Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6): If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c) (see instructions). If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8		3	0

SECTION 4940(e) REPEALED ON DECEMBER 20, 2019 - DO NOT COMPLETE

1 Reserved		
(a) Reserved	(b) Reserved	(c) Reserved
2 Reserved		2
3 Reserved.		3
4 Reserved		4
5 Reserved		5
6 Reserved		6
7 Reserved		7
8 Reserved ,		8

Part VI Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948—see instructions)

1a	Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here ☐ and enter "N/A" on line 1. Date of ruling or determination letter: _____ (attach copy of letter if necessary—see instructions)		
b	Reserved.	1	696
c	All other domestic foundations enter 1.39% of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col. (b)		
2	Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	2	0
3	Add lines 1 and 2.	3	696
4	Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	4	0
5	Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-.	5	696
6	Credits/Payments:		
a	2020 estimated tax payments and 2019 overpayment credited to 2020	6a	8,963
b	Exempt foreign organizations—tax withheld at source	6b	0
c	Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6c	0
d	Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d	0
7	Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d.	7	8,963
8	Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here ☐ if Form 2220 is attached.	8	0
9	Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed .	9	
10	Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid .	10	8,267
11	Enter the amount of line 10 to be: Credited to 2021 estimated tax 8,267 Refunded	11	0

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

1a	During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?		Yes	No
b	Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes? (see Instructions for definition). <i>If the answer is "Yes" to 1a or 1b, attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities.</i>	1a		No
c	Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?	1b		No
d	Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year: (1) On the foundation. ► \$ 0 (2) On foundation managers. ► \$ 0	1c		No
e	Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers. ► \$ 0			
2	Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? <i>If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities.</i>	2		No
3	Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? <i>If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes</i>	3		No
4a	Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	4a		No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	4b		
5	Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? <i>If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T.</i>	5		No
6	Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either: • By language in the governing instrument, or • By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?	6	Yes	
7	Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Part II, col. (c), and Part XV.</i>	7	Yes	
8a	Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) ► IL, NY			
b	If the answer is "Yes" to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designate) of each state as required by General Instruction G? <i>If "No," attach explanation.</i>	8b	Yes	
9	Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2020 or the taxable year beginning in 2020? See the instructions for Part XIV. <i>If "Yes," complete Part XIV</i>	9	Yes	
10	Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses.</i>	10		No

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

11	At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule. See instructions.	11		No
12	Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If "Yes," attach statement. See instructions	12		No
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address ► <u>WWW.BENTON.ORG</u>	13	Yes	
14	The books are in care of ► <u>BENTON INST FOR BROADBAND & SOCIETY</u> Telephone no. ► <u>(847) 328-3040</u>			

Located at ► 1041 RIDGE RD NO 214 WILMETTE IL ZIP+4 ► 60091

15	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041 —check here ► ☐			
	and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year ► 15			
16	At any time during calendar year 2020, did the foundation have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a bank, securities, or other financial account in a foreign country?	16	Yes	No
	See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114. If "Yes", enter the name of the foreign country ►			

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

File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the "Yes" column, unless an exception applies.

1a	During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly):		Yes	No
	(1) Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
	(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
	(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
	(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person? ☒ Yes ☐ No			
	(5) Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
	(6) Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (Exception. Check "No" if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days.) ☐ Yes ☒ No			
b	If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)–(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance? See instructions	1b		No
	Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here. ► ☐			
c	Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2020?	1c		No
2	Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5)):			
a	At the end of tax year 2020, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2020? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
	If "Yes," list the years ► 20____, 20____, 20____, 20____			
b	Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer "No" and attach statement—see instructions.)	2b		
c	If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here. ► 20____, 20____, 20____, 20____			
3a	Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
b	If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2020 as a result of (1) any purchase by the foundation or disqualified persons after May 26, 1969; (2) the lapse of the 5-year period (or longer period approved by the Commissioner under section 4943(c)(7)) to dispose of holdings acquired by gift or bequest; or (3) the lapse of the 10-, 15-, or 20-year first phase holding period? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2020.)	3b		
4a	Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4a		No
b	Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2020?	4b		No

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

5a	During the year did the foundation pay or incur any amount to:		Yes	No
(1)	Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))?	☐ Yes ☒ No		
(2)	Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955); or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive?	☐ Yes ☒ No		
(3)	Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes?	☐ Yes ☒ No		
(4)	Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 4945(d)(4)(A)? See instructions.	☐ Yes ☒ No		
(5)	Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals?	☐ Yes ☒ No		
b	If any answer is "Yes" to 5a(1)–(5), did any of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance? See instructions		5b	
c	Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here. ☐			
	If the answer is "Yes" to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant?	☐ Yes ☐ No		
	<i>If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945–5(d).</i>			
6a	Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	☐ Yes ☒ No		
b	Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		6b	No
	<i>If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870.</i>			
7a	At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
b	If "Yes", did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction?		7b	
8	Is the foundation subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment during the year?	☐ Yes ☒ No		

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

1 List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation. See instructions				
(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
See Additional Data Table				
2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1—see instructions). If none, enter "NONE."				
(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
KEVIN TAGLANG	EXECUTIVE EDITOR	115,703	10,180	0
1041 RIDGE RD 214 WILMETTE, IL 60091	40.00			
ROBBIE MCBEATH	DIGITAL COM. & MARKE	49,731	7,711	0
1041 RIDGE RD 214 WILMETTE, IL 60091	40.00			
Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000. ☐				0

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

3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services (see instructions). If none, enter "NONE".		
(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
JONATHAN SALLET 2914 23RD STREET NORTH ARLINGTON, VA 22201	PROJECT WORK	200,117
GIGI SOHN 3503 ALTON PLACE NW WASHINGTON, DC 20008	PROJECT WORK	127,750
MARY SOVA 2818 W RASCHER AVE CHICAGO, IL 60625	DEVELOPMENT	99,692
COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY ADVISORS 1732 BRIARWOOD AVENUE MAHTOMEDI, MN 55115	PROJECT WORK	54,000
Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services. ►		0

Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc.	Expenses
1 THE BENTON FOUNDATION WORKS TO ENSURE THAT MEDIA AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVE THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND ENHANCE OUR DEMOCRACY. WE PURSUE THIS MISSION BY:1. SEEKING POLICY SOLUTIONS THAT SUPPORT THE VALUES OF ACCESS, DIVERSITY AND EQUITY BY WORKING WITH POLICYMAKERS, PUBLIC INTEREST COMMUNICATIONS ADVOCATES AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM VULNERABLE POPULATIONS COMMUNITIES TO AFFECT TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICY;2. DEMONSTRATING THE VALUE OF MEDIA AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS FOR IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL THROUGH RESEARCH AND SUPPORT OF PROJECTS THAT SERVE AS MODELS FOR CHANGE; AND3. PROVIDING RESOURCES TO POLICYMAKERS AND ADVOCATES AT THE FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LEVELS TO INFORM COMMUNICATIONS POLICY DEBATES THROUGH DAILY UPDATES ON THE FIELD ALONG WITH ANALYSIS AND OPINION ON WHAT'S AT STAKE IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEBATES.	888,742
2	
3	
4	

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

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2.	Amount
1	
2	
All other program-related investments. See instructions.	
3	
Total. Add lines 1 through 3 ►	0

Part X Minimum Investment Return (All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see instructions.)

1	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes:		
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities.	1a	3,773,737
b	Average of monthly cash balances.	1b	157,378
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions).	1c	600,000
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c).	1d	4,531,115
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation).	1e	0
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets.	2	0
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3	4,531,115
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	67,967
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	4,463,148
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5.	6	223,157

Part XI Distributable Amount (see instructions) (Section 4942(j)(3) and (j)(5) private operating foundations and certain foreign organizations check here ☒ and do not complete this part.)

1	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6.	1	
2a	Tax on investment income for 2020 from Part VI, line 5.	2a	
b	Income tax for 2020. (This does not include the tax from Part VI.).	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b.	2c	
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1.	3	
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions.	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4.	5	
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions).	6	
7	Distributable amount as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1.	7	

Part XII Qualifying Distributions (see instructions)

1	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc., purposes:		
a	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc.—total from Part I, column (d), line 26.	1a	1,216,537
b	Program-related investments—total from Part IX-B.	1b	0
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes.	2	
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the:		
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required).	3a	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule).	3b	
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	4	1,216,537
5	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income. Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b. See instructions.	5	0
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4.	6	1,216,537

Note: The amount on line 6 will be used in Part V, column (b), in subsequent years when calculating whether the foundation qualifies for the section 4940(e) reduction of tax in those years.

Part XIII Undistributed Income (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2019	(c) 2019	(d) 2020
1 Distributable amount for 2020 from Part XI, line 7				
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2020:				
a Enter amount for 2019 only.				
b Total for prior years: 20____, 20____, 20____				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2020:				
a From 2015.				
b From 2016.				
c From 2017.				
d From 2018.				
e From 2019.				
f Total of lines 3a through e.				
4 Qualifying distributions for 2020 from Part XII, line 4: ► \$ _____				
a Applied to 2019, but not more than line 2a				
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required—see instructions).				
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required—see instructions).				
d Applied to 2020 distributable amount.				
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus				
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2020. (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a).)				
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus. Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e. Subtract line 5				
b Prior years' undistributed income. Subtract line 4b from line 2b.				
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed.				
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b. Taxable amount—see instructions.				
e Undistributed income for 2019. Subtract line 4a from line 2a. Taxable amount—see instructions.				
f Undistributed income for 2021. Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1. This amount must be distributed in 2020.				
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (Election may be required - see instructions).				
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2015 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions).				
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2021. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a.				
10 Analysis of line 9:				
a Excess from 2016.				
b Excess from 2017.				
c Excess from 2018.				
d Excess from 2019.				
e Excess from 2020.				

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

1a If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2020, enter the date of the ruling. **2015-06-16**

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

	Prior 3 years				(e) Total
	(a) 2020	(b) 2019	(c) 2018	(d) 2017	
2a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed	81,303	93,008	57,643	71,275	303,229
b 85% of line 2a	69,108	79,057	48,997	60,584	257,745
c Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed	1,216,537	1,101,534	921,965	803,782	4,043,818
d Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities	37,683	115,836	106,560	167,331	427,410
e Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities. Subtract line 2d from line 2c	1,178,854	985,698	815,405	636,451	3,616,408
3 Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon:					
a "Assets" alternative test—enter:					
(1) Value of all assets					0
(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)					0
b "Endowment" alternative test— enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed.	148,771	178,764	209,169	225,311	762,015
c "Support" alternative test—enter:					
(1) Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties)					0
(2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii).					0
(3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization					0
(4) Gross investment income					0

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

1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:

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

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

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

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

a The name, address, and telephone number or email address of the person to whom applications should be addressed:

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

c Any submission deadlines:

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

Part XV **Supplementary Information** (continued)**3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment**

Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
a <i>Paid during the year</i> See Additional Data Table				
Total			3a	9,250
b <i>Approved for future payment</i>				
Total			3b	0

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated.		Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(e) Related or exempt function income (See instructions.)
		(a) Business code	(b) Amount	(c) Exclusion code	(d) Amount	
1 Program service revenue:						
a <u>CONTRACTS</u>	900099					31,250
b _____						
c _____						
d _____						
e _____						
f _____						
g Fees and contracts from government agencies						
2 Membership dues and assessments.						
3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments						
4 Dividends and interest from securities.			14	67,610		
5 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate:						
a Debt-financed property.						
b Not debt-financed property.						
6 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property						
7 Other investment income.						
8 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory			18	-9,711		
9 Net income or (loss) from special events:						
10 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory						
11 Other revenue: a _____						
b _____						
c _____						
d _____						
e _____						
12 Subtotal. Add columns (b), (d), and (e).		0		57,899		31,250
13 Total. Add line 12, columns (b), (d), and (e).						89,149

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Information Regarding Transfers To and Transactions and Relationships With Noncharitable Exempt Organizations

1 Did the organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with any other organization described in section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3) organizations) or in section 527, relating to political organizations?			Yes	No
a Transfers from the reporting foundation to a noncharitable exempt organization of:				
(1) Cash.		1a(1)		No
(2) Other assets.		1a(2)		No
b Other transactions:				
(1) Sales of assets to a noncharitable exempt organization.		1b(1)		No
(2) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization.		1b(2)		No
(3) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets.		1b(3)		No
(4) Reimbursement arrangements.		1b(4)		No
(5) Loans or loan guarantees.		1b(5)		No
(6) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations.		1b(6)		No
c Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees.		1c		No
d If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," complete the following schedule. Column (b) should always show the fair market value of the goods, other assets, or services given by the reporting foundation. If the foundation received less than fair market value in any transaction or sharing arrangement, show in column (d) the value of the goods, other assets, or services received.				

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

b If "Yes," complete the following schedule.

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

Sign Here	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.		
	*****	2021-08-26	*****
	_____ Signature of officer or trustee	_____ Date	_____ Title

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below
 (see instr.) ☒ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's Signature	Date	Check if self-employed ☐	PTIN P00288314
	RICHARD J LOCASTRO CPA				
	Firm's name ▶ GELMAN ROSENBERG & FREEDMAN				Firm's EIN ▶ 52-1392008
	Firm's address ▶ 4550 MONTGOMERY AVE SUITE 800N BETHESDA, MD 208142930				Phone no. (301) 951-9090

Form 990PF Part VIII Line 1 - List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation

(a) Name and address	Title, and average hours per week (b) devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	Expense account, (e) other allowances
AUSTIN HIRSCH	CHAIRMAN 1.00	500	0	0
1041 RIDGE RD 214 WILMETTE, IL 60091				
ADRIANNE FURNISS	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 40.00	120,779	6,528	0
1041 RIDGE RD 214 WILMETTE, IL 60091				
MICHAEL SMITH	TREASURER 1.00	500	0	0
1041 RIDGE RD 214 WILMETTE, IL 60091				
KIP RODERICK	SECRETARY 40.00	75,590	9,238	0
1041 RIDGE RD 214 WILMETTE, IL 60091				
MIGNON CLYBURN	BOARD MEMBER 1.00	500	0	0
1041 RIDGE RD 214 WILMETTE, IL 60091				
ROBERT COHEN	BOARD MEMBER 1.00	500	0	0
1041 RIDGE RD 214 WILMETTE, IL 60091				
ELIZABETH DALEY	BOARD MEMBER 1.00	500	0	0
1041 RIDGE RD 214 WILMETTE, IL 60091				
DAVID DODSON	BOARD MEMBER 1.00	0	0	0
1041 RIDGE RD 214 WILMETTE, IL 60091				
JOANNE HOVIS	BOARD MEMBER 1.00	500	0	0
1041 RIDGE RD 214 WILMETTE, IL 60091				
JIM KOHLENBERGER	BOARD MEMBER 1.00	500	0	0
1041 RIDGE RD 214 WILMETTE, IL 60091				
DENISE LINN RIEDL	BOARD MEMBER 1.00	500	0	0
1041 RIDGE RD 214 WILMETTE, IL 60091				
LEON WILSON	BOARD MEMBER 1.00	500	0	0
1041 RIDGE RD 214 WILMETTE, IL 60091				
ROBERT FURNISS	ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER 1.00	0	0	0
1041 RIDGE RD 214 WILMETTE, IL 60091				

Form 990PF Part XV Line 3 - Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment				
Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
a <i>Paid during the year</i>				
FREE PRESS DC 1025 CONNECTICUT AVE NW SUITE 1100 WASHINGTON, DC 20036	N/A	501(C)(3) PUBLIC CHA	PUBLIC MEDIA	500
PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE 1818 N STREET NW 410 WASHINGTON, DC 20036	N/A	501(C)(3) PUBLIC CHA	PUBLIC MEDIA	500
SCHOOLS HEATLH & LIBRARIES BROADBAND COALITION 1250 CONNECTICUT AVE NW SUITE 700 WASHINGTON, DC 20036	N/A	501(C)(3) PUBLIC CHA	PUBLIC MEDIA	6,250
Total ▶ 3a				9,250

Form 990PF Part XV Line 3 - Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment				
Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
a <i>Paid during the year</i>				
TPRC INC1905 VICTORIA CIRCLE MCKINNEY, TX 75053	N/A	501(C)(3) PUBLIC CHA	PUBLIC MEDIA	500
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST OC INC 502 W BROAD STREET 512 FALLS CHURCH, VA 22046	N/A	501(C)(3) PUBLIC CHA	EVERT C PARKER LECTURE & AWARD	1,500
Total ▶ 3a				9,250

TY 2020 Accounting Fees Schedule**Name:** BENTON INSTITUTE FOR BROADBAND & SOCIETY**EIN:** 13-6075750

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
ACCOUNTING	26,416	0	0	26,416

TY 2020 Investments Corporate Stock Schedule**Name:** BENTON INSTITUTE FOR BROADBAND & SOCIETY**EIN:** 13-6075750**Investments Corporation Stock Schedule**

Name of Stock	End of Year Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
MUTUAL FUNDS	2,691,962	2,691,962
EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS	239,811	239,811
EQUITIES	247,942	247,942

TY 2020 Other Assets Schedule

Name: BENTON INSTITUTE FOR BROADBAND & SOCIETY

EIN: 13-6075750

Other Assets Schedule

Description	Beginning of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Fair Market Value
ARTWORK	57,666	57,666	57,666

TY 2020 Other Expenses Schedule**Name:** BENTON INSTITUTE FOR BROADBAND & SOCIETY**EIN:** 13-6075750**Other Expenses Schedule**

Description	Revenue and Expenses per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	15,510	0	0	12,510
INTERNET COMMUNICATIONS	10,047	0	0	10,047
SUPPLIES	5,276	0	0	9,646
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	0	0	0	264
POSTAGE AND DELIVERY	1,316	0	0	1,316
TELEPHONE AND FAX	2,634	0	0	2,820
DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS	5,736	0	0	5,948
INSURANCE	8,462	0	0	8,462
BANK CHARGES	1,214	0	0	1,214
PAYROLL PROCESSING	2,163	0	0	2,163

Other Expenses Schedule

Description	Revenue and Expenses per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
CLEANING	1,920	0	0	1,760
PUBLISHING	11,803	0	0	11,390
OFFICE EXPENSES	200	0	0	200
2021 ANNIVERSARY	280	0	0	280

TY 2020 Other Income Schedule

Name: BENTON INSTITUTE FOR BROADBAND & SOCIETY

EIN: 13-6075750

Other Income Schedule

Description	Revenue And Expenses Per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income
CONTRACTS	31,250		31,250

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TY 2020 Other Increases Schedule			
Name: BENTON INSTITUTE FOR BROADBAND & SOCIETY			
EIN: 13-6075750			
Other Increases Schedule			
Description			Amount
UNREALIZED GAIN ON INVESTMENTS			343,210

TY 2020 Other Professional Fees Schedule**Name:** BENTON INSTITUTE FOR BROADBAND & SOCIETY**EIN:** 13-6075750

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
PROGRAM CONSULTANTS	631,477	0	0	0
PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT	17,557	17,557	17,557	637,909

TY 2020 Taxes Schedule**Name:** BENTON INSTITUTE FOR BROADBAND & SOCIETY**EIN:** 13-6075750**Taxes Schedule**

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
PAYROLL TAXES	27,546	0	0	27,546
CORPORATE FILING FEES	6,725	0	0	6,725

Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	Schedule of Contributors ▶ Attach to Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF. ▶ Go to <u>www.irs.gov/Form990</u> for the latest information.	OMB No. 1545-0047
		2020
Name of the organization BENTON INSTITUTE FOR BROADBAND & SOCIETY		Employer identification number 13-6075750

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:	Section:
Form 990 or 990-EZ	☐ 501(c)() (enter number) organization
	☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust not treated as a private foundation
	☐ 527 political organization
Form 990-PF	☒ 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation
	☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation
	☐ 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.
Note: Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

☒ For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or other property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

Special Rules

☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33¹/₃% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of **(1)** \$5,000 or **(2)** 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.

☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year ▶ \$ _____

Caution: An organization that isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

Name of organization
BENTON INSTITUTE FOR BROADBAND & SOCIETY

Employer identification number
13-6075750

Part I

Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	ALPHAWOOD FOUNDATION 1645 W FULLERTON AVE CHICAGO, IL 60614	\$ 150,000	☒ Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2	AMERICAN ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION 5700 DARROW ROAD 118 HUDSON, OH 44236	\$ 10,000	☒ Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
3	DENIS B PIERCE 1 N DEARBORN STREET SUITE 1200 CHICAGO, IL 60602	\$ 10,000	☒ Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
.		\$	☐ Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
.		\$	☐ Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
.		\$	☐ Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

Name of organization BENTON INSTITUTE FOR BROADBAND & SOCIETY	Employer identification number 13-6075750
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Part II Noncash Property			
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions)	(d) Date received
-		\$	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions)	(d) Date received
-		\$	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions)	(d) Date received
-		\$	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions)	(d) Date received
-		\$	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions)	(d) Date received
-		\$	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions)	(d) Date received
-		\$	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions)	(d) Date received
-		\$	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions)	(d) Date received
-		\$	

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Part III

Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this information once. See instructions.) ▶ \$

Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee