

Form **990EZ**  
Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

# Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

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

- B** Check if applicable:  
 Address change  
 Name change  
 Initial return  
 Final return/terminated  
 Amended return  
 Application pending

**C** Name of organization  
BETTER YORK

Number and street (or P. O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
144 ROOSEVELT AVENUE NO 100

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code  
YORK, PA 17401

**D** Employer identification number  
23-2101795

**E** Telephone number  
(717) 849-2331

**F** Group Exemption Number ▶

**G** Accounting Method:  Cash  Accrual Other (specify) ▶

**H** Check  if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

**I** Website: [WWW.BETTERYORK.ORG](http://WWW.BETTERYORK.ORG)  
**J** Tax-exempt status (check only one) -  501(c)(3)  501(c)(4) ◀ (insert no.)  4947(a)(1) or  527

**K** Form of organization:  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other  
**L** Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ . . . . . ▶ \$ 94,553

**Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (see the instructions for Part I)  
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I . . . . .

| Revenue   |  |           |        |
|-----------|--|-----------|--------|
| <b>1</b>  | Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received . . . . .   | <b>1</b>  | 94,450 |
| <b>2</b>  | Program service revenue including government fees and contracts . . . . .  | <b>2</b>  |        |
| <b>3</b>  | Membership dues and assessments . . . . .  | <b>3</b>  |        |
| <b>4</b>  | Investment income . . . . .  | <b>4</b>  | 103    |
| <b>5a</b> | Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory . . . . .  | <b>5a</b> |        |
| <b>b</b>  | Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses . . . . .   | <b>5b</b> |        |
| <b>c</b>  | Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a) . . . . .  | <b>5c</b> |        |
| <b>6</b>  | Gaming and fundraising events  |           |        |
| <b>a</b>  | Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000) . . . . .  | <b>6a</b> |        |
| <b>b</b>  | Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000) . . . . . | <b>6b</b> |        |
| <b>c</b>  | Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events . . . . .   | <b>6c</b> |        |
| <b>d</b>  | Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c) . . . . .   | <b>6d</b> |        |
| <b>7a</b> | Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .  | <b>7a</b> |        |
| <b>b</b>  | Less: cost of goods sold . . . . .   | <b>7b</b> |        |
| <b>c</b>  | Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a) . . . . .   | <b>7c</b> |        |
| <b>8</b>  | Other revenue (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .   | <b>8</b>  |        |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>Total revenue.</b> Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 . . . . . ▶  | <b>9</b>  | 94,553 |

| Expenses  |  |           |         |
|-----------|--|-----------|---------|
| <b>10</b> | Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O) . . . . .   | <b>10</b> | 104,639 |
| <b>11</b> | Benefits paid to or for members . . . . .  | <b>11</b> |         |
| <b>12</b> | Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits . . . . .  | <b>12</b> |         |
| <b>13</b> | Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors . . . . .  | <b>13</b> | 4,111   |
| <b>14</b> | Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance . . . . .  | <b>14</b> |         |
| <b>15</b> | Printing, publications, postage, and shipping . . . . .  | <b>15</b> |         |
| <b>16</b> | Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .  | <b>16</b> | 17,451  |
| <b>17</b> | <b>Total expenses.</b> Add lines 10 through 16 . . . . . ▶   | <b>17</b> | 126,201 |
| <b>18</b> | Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9) . . . . .  | <b>18</b> | -31,648 |
| <b>19</b> | Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return) . . . . . | <b>19</b> | 95,804  |
| <b>20</b> | Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) . . . . .   | <b>20</b> | 0       |
| <b>21</b> | Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 . . . . .  | <b>21</b> | 64,156  |

**Part II Balance Sheets** (see the instructions for Part II)  
 Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

|  | (A) Beginning of year | (B) End of year  |
|--|-----------------------|------------------|
| <b>22</b> Cash, savings, and investments . . . . .   | 95,804                | <b>22</b> 64,156 |
| <b>23</b> Land and buildings . . . . .   |                       | <b>23</b>        |
| <b>24</b> Other assets (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .                                    |                       | <b>24</b>        |
| <b>25 Total assets</b> . . . . .   | 95,804                | <b>25</b> 64,156 |
| <b>26 Total liabilities</b> (describe in Schedule O). . . . .                                | 0                     | <b>26</b> 0      |
| <b>27 Net assets or fund balances</b> (line 27 of column (B) <b>must</b> agree with line 21) | 95,804                | <b>27</b> 64,156 |

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments** (see the instructions for Part III)  
 Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?  
 THE ORGANIZATION PROVIDES SUPPORT AND LEADERSHIP ON ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE CITY OF YORK BY FOSTERING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS FOR COMMUNITY INITIATIVES AND WORKS WHEREVER POSSIBLE THROUGH EXISTING ORGANIZATIONS.

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

**Expenses**  
 (Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others.)

**28** See Additional Data Table

|   |            |         |
|---|------------|---------|
| (Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>  | <b>28a</b> |         |
| <b>29</b> (Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>  | <b>29a</b> |         |
| <b>30</b> (Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>  | <b>30a</b> |         |
| <b>31</b> Other program services (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .<br>(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>31a</b> |         |
| <b>32 Total program service expenses</b> (add lines 28a through 31a) . . . . .  | <b>32</b>  | 114,125 |

**Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees** (list each one even if not compensated — see the instructions for Part IV)  
 Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV.

| (a) Name and title     | (b) Average hours per week devoted to position | (c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-) | (d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation | (e) Estimated amount of other compensation |
|------------------------|--|--|---|--|
| JOSEPH P WAGMAN        | 1.00   | 0  | 0   | 0  |
| CO-VICE CHAIRMAN       |  |  |   |  |
| R ERIC MENZER          | 2.00   | 0  | 0   | 0  |
| CHAIRMAN               |  |  |   |  |
| LARRY MILLER           | 1.00   | 0  | 0   | 0  |
| TREASURER              |  |  |   |  |
| ANTHONY CAMPISI        | 1.00   | 0  | 0   | 0  |
| EXEC BOARD MEMBER      |  |  |   |  |
| JACK KAY               | 1.00   | 0  | 0   | 0  |
| EXEC BOARD MEMBER      |  |  |   |  |
| LARRY RICHARDSON       | 1.00   | 0  | 0   | 0  |
| EXEC BOARD MEMBER      |  |  |   |  |
| FRANK COUNTESS         | 1.00   | 0  | 0   | 0  |
| CO-VICE CHAIRMAN       |  |  |   |  |
| JOSH HANKEY            | 1.00   | 0  | 0   | 0  |
| EXEC BOARD MEMBER      |  |  |   |  |
| DR PAMELA GUNTER-SMITH | 1.00   | 0  | 0   | 0  |
| EXEC BOARD MEMBER      |  |  |   |  |
| JAMES HOEHN            | 1.00   | 0  | 0   | 0  |
| EXEC BOARD MEMBER      |  |  |   |  |
| JANE CONOVER           | 1.00   | 0  | 0   | 0  |
| EXEC BOARD MEMBER      |  |  |   |  |
| TIM KINSLEY            | 1.00   | 0  | 0   | 0  |
| EXEC BOARD MEMBER      |  |  |   |  |

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V . . . . .

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No columns. Rows include questions 33 through 41 regarding organizational activities, financials, and tax matters.

42a The organization's books are in care of NANCY BARRY Telephone no. (717) 849-2331
Located at 144 ROOSEVELT AVENUE SUITE 100 YORK, PA ZIP + 4 17401

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No columns. Rows include questions 42b and 42c regarding foreign financial accounts and offices.

43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year 43

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No columns. Rows include questions 44a through 45b regarding donor advised funds, hospital facilities, tanning services, and controlled entities.

|   |            |           |
|---|------------|-----------|
|   | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> |
| <b>46</b> Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I. . . . . | <b>46</b>  | No        |

**Part VI Section 501(c)(3) Organizations Only**  
 All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47- 49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51. Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI . . . . .

|  |            |           |
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|  | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> |
| <b>47</b> 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 . . . . . | <b>47</b>  |           |
| <b>48</b> Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E . . . . .   | <b>48</b>  |           |
| <b>49a</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? . . . . .   | <b>49a</b> |           |
| <b>b</b> If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? . . . . .  | <b>49b</b> |           |

**50** Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

| (a) Name and title of each employee | (b) Average hours per week devoted to position | (c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) | (d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation | (e) Estimated amount of other compensation |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|---|--|
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**f** Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 . . . . . ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

**51** Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

| (a) Name and business address of each independent contractor | (b) Type of service | (c) Compensation |
|--|---------------------|------------------|
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**d** Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000. . . . . ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

**52** Did the organization complete Schedule A? **NOTE.** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A . . . . . ▶  Yes  No

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.

|  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| *****<br>Signature of officer                          | 2021-03-05<br>Date |
| R ERIC MENZER CHAIRMAN<br>Type or print name and title |                    |

|                               |  |                          |      |   |                   |
|-------------------------------|--|--------------------------|------|---|-------------------|
| <b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b> | Print/Type preparer's name<br>KERRI N BOGDA CPA                        | Preparer's signature     | Date | Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed | PTIN<br>P00760402 |
|                               | Firm's name ▶ BAKER TILLY US LLP                                       | Firm's EIN ▶ 39-0859910  |      |   |                   |
|                               | Firm's address ▶ 1570 FRUITVILLE PIKE SUITE 400<br>LANCASTER, PA 17601 | Phone no. (717) 740-4863 |      |   |                   |

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions . . . . . ▶  Yes  No

# Additional Data

**Software ID:**  
**Software Version:**  
**EIN:** 23-2101795  
**Name:** BETTER YORK

## Form 990EZ, Part III - Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

| Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.   | Expenses<br>(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others.) |         |
|---|--|---------|
| <p><b>28</b><br/>BETTER YORK BELIEVES THAT WE HAVE A TREMENDOUS ASSET IN THE ARCHITECTURAL INFRASTRUCTURE OF YORK CITY AND PARTICULARLY ITS BUSINESS DISTRICT THAT CAN BECOME AN ECONOMIC DRIVER AND QUALITY OF LIFE ENHANCER FOR ALL OF THE BUSINESSES IN YORK COUNTY IF WE MAKE IT A DYNAMIC AND SAFE URBAN ENVIRONMENT. IN 2020 BETTER YORK CONTINUED TO FOCUS ON INVESTMENTS AND ADVOCACY TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY THROUGH THE WORK OF DOWNTOWN INC, AND OTHER PARTNERS TO FORMULATE AND IMPLEMENT STATE-OF-THE-ART MEASURES TO IMPROVE OPERATIONS, PROGRAMMING, INVESTMENT, AND PUBLIC SAFETY.</p> <p>(Grants \$ 104,639)                      If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ► <input type="checkbox"/></p> | <b>28a</b>   | 114,125 |

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

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

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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

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Department of the Treasury

Name of the organization  
BETTER YORK

Employer identification number

23-2101795

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

| Return Reference                                      | Explanation                                |
|---|--|
| FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 4 - OTHER INVESTMENT INCOME | DESCRIPTION: INTEREST INCOME. AMOUNT: 103. |

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

| <b>Return Reference</b>  | <b>Explanation</b>  |
|--|---|
| FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 10 - GRANTS AND SIMILAR AMOUNTS PAID | ACTIVITY CLASSIFICATION: COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT. GRANTEE NAME: ARTHUR J. GLATFELTER INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC POLICY. GRANTEE ADDRESS: C/O YORK COLLEGE OF PA, 441 COUNTRY CLUB ROAD YORK, PA 17403. GRANTEE RELATIONSHIP: NONE. AMOUNT GIVEN: 3,500. |

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

| <b>Return Reference</b>  | <b>Explanation</b>   |
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| FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 10 - GRANTS AND SIMILAR AMOUNTS PAID | ACTIVITY CLASSIFICATION: COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT. GRANTEE NAME: CITY OF YORK. GRANTEE ADDRESS: 101 SOUTH GEORGE STREET YORK, PA 17401. GRANTEE RELATIONSHIP: NONE. AMOUNT GIVEN: 50,000. |

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

| <b>Return Reference</b>  | <b>Explanation</b>   |
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| FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 10 - GRANTS AND SIMILAR AMOUNTS PAID | ACTIVITY CLASSIFICATION: COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT. GRANTEE NAME: MAIN STREET YORK. GRANTEE ADDRESS: 144 ROOSEVELT AVENUE, SUITE 200 YORK, PA 17401. GRANTEE RELATIONSHIP: NONE. AMOUNT GIVEN: 43,000. |

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

| <b>Return Reference</b>  | <b>Explanation</b>  |
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| FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 10 - GRANTS AND SIMILAR AMOUNTS PAID | ACTIVITY CLASSIFICATION: COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT. GRANTEE NAME: THE PARLIAMENT ARTS ORGANIZATION . GRANTEE ADDRESS: 116 E. KING STREET YORK, PA 17401. GRANTEE RELATIONSHIP: NONE. AMOUNT GIVEN: 1,000. |

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

| <b>Return Reference</b>  | <b>Explanation</b>  |
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| FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 10 - GRANTS AND SIMILAR AMOUNTS PAID | ACTIVITY CLASSIFICATION: COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT. GRANTEE NAME: YORK COUNTY ECONOMIC ALLIANCE. GRANTEE ADDRESS: 144 ROOSEVELT AVENUE YORK, PA 17401. GRANTEE RELATIONSHIP: NONE. AMOUNT GIVEN: 3,639. |

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

| <b>Return Reference</b>  | <b>Explanation</b>   |
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| FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 10 - GRANTS AND SIMILAR AMOUNTS PAID | ACTIVITY CLASSIFICATION: COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT. GRANTEE NAME: YORK YOUNG PROFESSIONALS. GRANTEE ADDRESS: PO BOX 2721 YORK, PA 17405. GRANTEE RELATIONSHIP: NONE. AMOUNT GIVEN: 2,500 |

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

| <b>Return Reference</b>  | <b>Explanation</b>  |
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| FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 10 - GRANTS AND SIMILAR AMOUNTS PAID | ACTIVITY CLASSIFICATION: COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT. GRANTEE NAME: YORK BOMB SQUAD-PENN STREET ART BRIDGE. GRANTEE ADDRESS: 102 HEIDELBERG AVENUE YORK, PA 17401. GRANTEE RELATIONSHIP: N ONE. AMOUNT GIVEN: 1,000. TOTAL INCLUDED ON FORM 990-EZ, LINE 10: 104,639. |

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

| <b>Return Reference</b>                       | <b>Explanation</b>   |
|---|--|
| FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16 - OTHER EXPENSES | DESCRIPTION: OFFICE SUPPLIES. AMOUNT: 16. DESCRIPTION: INSURANCE. AMOUNT: 1,820. DESCRIPTION: MEETING EXPENSES. AMOUNT: 3,615. DESCRIPTION: ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT. AMOUNT: 12,000. TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 16: 17,451. |