

Form **990**
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)

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2020
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A For the **2020** calendar year, or tax year beginning **09-01-2020**, and ending **08-31-2021**

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

C Name of organization: THE LOFT INC
 Doing business as: THE LOFT LITERARY CENTER
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite: 1011 WASHINGTON AVE S STE 200
 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code: MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55415

D Employer identification number: 41-1297735
E Telephone number: (612) 215-2575
G Gross receipts \$ 2,608,721

F Name and address of principal officer:
 ELIZABETH SCHOEPPLER
 1011 WASHINGTON AVE S STE 200
 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55415

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? Yes No
H(b) Are all subordinates included? Yes No
 If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)
H(c) Group exemption number ▶

I Tax-exempt status: 501(c)(3) 501(c) () ◀ (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: ▶ WWW.LOFT.ORG

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other ▶

L Year of formation: 1975 **M** State of legal domicile: MN

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities:
 THE LOFT ADVANCES THE ARTISTIC DEVELOPMENT OF WRITERS, FOSTERS A THRIVING WRITING (SEE SCHEDULE O) COMMUNITY, AND INSPIRES A PASSION FOR LITERATURE.

2 Check this box if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.

3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	14
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	14
5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2020 (Part V, line 2a)	5	18
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	4
7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 39	7b	0

	Prior Year	Current Year
8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	967,818	1,501,186
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	786,643	879,176
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	228,483	206,727
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	0	0
12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1,982,944	2,587,089
13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	153,857	125,000
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	1,082,690	1,015,367
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	38,838	30,686
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 213,663		
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	1,189,944	991,206
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2,465,329	2,162,259
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	-482,385	424,830

	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	4,717,541	5,897,913
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	254,782	313,667
22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	4,462,759	5,584,246

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

Signature of officer: *****
 Date: 2022-02-18

BRITT UDESEN INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
 Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name: _____ Preparer's signature: _____ Date: 2022-02-18
 Check if self-employed PTIN: P00956490
 Firm's name ▶ SDK CPA Firm's EIN ▶ 41-1680240
 Firm's address ▶ 100 WASHINGTON AVE S STE 1600 Phone no. (612) 332-5500
 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55401

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:

SEE SCHEDULE O THE LOFT ADVANCES THE ARTISTIC DEVELOPMENT OF WRITERS, FOSTERS A THRIVING LITERARY COMMUNITY, AND INSPIRES A PASSION FOR LITERATURE. AS AN INTERGENERATIONAL, MULTICULTURAL LITERARY ARTS CENTER, THE LOFT OPERATES AS AN ARTIST SERVICE ORGANIZATION, A GATHERING PLACE FOR READERS AND WRITERS, A COMMUNITY SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS, AND A PRESENTING ORGANIZATION. EACH YEAR THE LOFT NURTURES HUNDREDS OF NOVELISTS, POETS, SPOKEN WORD ARTISTS, AND WRITERS IN EVERY GENRE AND STYLE, AND CONNECTS READERS AND AUDIENCES IN THE TWIN CITIES AND ACROSS THE U.S. WITH CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? Yes No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? Yes No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ 1,039,644 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 796,057)

See Additional Data

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 387,393 including grants of \$ 125,000) (Revenue \$ 15,600)

See Additional Data

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 337,346 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 12,470)

See Additional Data

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

4e Total program service expenses ▶ 1,764,383

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, and Yes/No columns. Rows include questions 1 through 21, with sub-questions a-f for questions 11 and 12. Each row has a corresponding 'Yes' or 'No' in the final column.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, and Yes/No columns. Rows include questions 22 through 38 regarding organizational reporting, compensation, and tax-exempt status.

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 []

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, and Yes/No columns. Rows include questions 1a, 1b, and 1c regarding Form 1096 and backup withholding rules.

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



Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year; 2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?; 3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?; 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?; 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?; 6 Did the organization have members or stockholders?; 7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?; 7b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?; 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: a The governing body? b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?; 9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O.

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?; 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?; 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; 12b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?; 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done; 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?; 14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?; 15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?; 15a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official; 15b Other officers or key employees of the organization; 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?; 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

Table with 2 columns: Question, Answer. Rows include: 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed; 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024-A if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.; 19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.; 20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records;

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

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

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

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

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.

- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."

- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.

- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

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

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) ERIC ROBERTS BOARD CHAIR	3.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(2) MARGE BARRETT BOARD VICE CHAIR	2.00	X		X			286	0	0	
(3) JEFF ONDICH DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0	0	0	
(4) ANIKA FAJARDO BOARD SECRETARY	2.00	X		X			2,063	0	0	
(5) KATHY HADDAD DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0	0	0	
(6) SARAH OLSON DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0	0	0	
(7) JON AUSTIN DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0	0	0	
(8) KARLYN COLEMAN DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0	0	0	
(9) MIKE MEYER BOARD TREASURER	3.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(10) DARA BEEVAS DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0	0	0	
(11) DAVID KILLPATRIK DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0	0	0	
(12) MICHAEL KLEBER-DIGGS DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0	0	0	
(13) ELLEN MCINNIS DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0	0	0	
(14) MELINDA WARD DIRECTOR	3.00	X					0	0	0	
(15) ELIZABETH SCHOEPLER MANAGING DIRECTOR/OFFICER	40.00			X			82,002	0	6,339	
(16) BRITT UDESEN EXECUTIVE & ARTISTIC DIREC	40.00			X			87,806	0	6,264	

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

Table with columns (A) Total revenue, (B) Related or exempt function revenue, (C) Unrelated business revenue, (D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514. Rows include Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts; Program Service Revenue; and Other Revenue.

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

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

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	125,000	125,000		
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	880,955	694,769	70,099	116,087
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401 (k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits	134,412	107,812	10,638	15,962
10 Payroll taxes				
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	98,136	18,094	75,798	4,244
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	30,686			30,686
f Investment management fees	12,013		12,013	
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	42,291	39,593	147	2,551
12 Advertising and promotion	162,528	161,907		621
13 Office expenses	20,988	6,524	837	13,627
14 Information technology	63,992	55,569	2,680	5,743
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	70,063	56,342	5,423	8,298
17 Travel	4,739	4,739		
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	45,465	35,886	3,788	5,791
23 Insurance	5,038	3,976	420	642
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a ARTIST PAY	401,555	401,555		
b BANK & TRANSACTION FEES	35,556	30,457	236	4,863
c STAFF DEVELOPMENT	19,805	14,663	1,509	3,633
d OTHER EXPENSES	4,212	3,582	271	359
e All other expenses	4,825	3,915	354	556
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	2,162,259	1,764,383	184,213	213,663
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

Part X Balance Sheet

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	285,681	1	745,482
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	486,950	2	429,555
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	244,406	3	79,820
	4 Accounts receivable, net	16,929	4	28,991
	5 Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		5	
	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)		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	29,431	9	22,372
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	244,310		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	214,638	61,660	10c 29,672
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	3,516,470	11	4,319,228
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	76,014	15	242,793
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	4,717,541	16	5,897,913	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	65,610	17	56,110
	18 Grants payable	14,000	18	37,500
	19 Deferred revenue	175,172	19	220,057
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Loans and other payables to 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		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17 - 24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	254,782	26	313,667
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.			
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions	314,653	27	708,617
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions	4,148,106	28	4,875,629
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.			
	29 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		29	
	30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		30	
	31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		31	
32 Total net assets or fund balances	4,462,759	32	5,584,246	
33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	4,717,541	33	5,897,913	

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	2,587,089
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	2,162,259
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	424,830
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	4,462,759
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	696,657
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	5,584,246

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

- 1** Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: Cash Accrual Other _____
 If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.
- 2a** Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?
 If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:
 Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis
- b** Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?
 If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:
 Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis
- c** If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?
 If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.
- 3a** As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?
- b** If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.

	Yes	No
2a		No
2b	Yes	
2c	Yes	
3a		No
3b		

Additional Data

Software ID:

Software Version:

EIN: 41-1297735

Name: THE LOFT INC

Form 990 (2020)

Form 990, Part III, Line 4a:

LEARNING FOR WRITERS AND READERS: SEE SCHEDULE O FOR SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Form 990, Part III, Line 4b:

SERVICES FOR WRITERS AND THE LITERARY COMMUNITY: SEE SCHEDULE O FOR SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Form 990, Part III, Line 4c:

EVENTS FOR READERS: SEE SCHEDULE O FOR SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

2020

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization
THE LOFT INC

Employer identification number
41-1297735

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

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

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ).)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state:
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 9 An agricultural research organization described in **170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land grant college of agriculture. See instructions. Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university:
- 10 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 12 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2).** See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box in lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
 - a **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
 - b **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
 - c **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
 - d **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
 - e Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
 - f Enter the number of supported organizations _____
- g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

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

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

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

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2016	(b) 2017	(c) 2018	(d) 2019	(e) 2020	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grant.") . . .						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf. . . .						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge..						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f). . . .						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2016	(b) 2017	(c) 2018	(d) 2019	(e) 2020	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4. . . .						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources. . . .						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on. . . .						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.). . . .						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
13 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2020 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	
15 Public support percentage for 2019 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	
16a 33 1/3% support test—2020. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3% support test—2019. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2020. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2019. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		

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

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

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2016	(b) 2017	(c) 2018	(d) 2019	(e) 2020	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	1,028,778	1,134,403	1,594,136	967,818	1,501,186	6,226,321
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose	914,557	881,227	1,005,635	786,643	879,176	4,467,238
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5	1,943,335	2,015,630	2,599,771	1,754,461	2,380,362	10,693,559
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons	59,507	95,490	109,389	101,369	101,279	467,034
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year.						0
c Add lines 7a and 7b.	59,507	95,490	109,389	101,369	101,279	467,034
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						10,226,525

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2016	(b) 2017	(c) 2018	(d) 2019	(e) 2020	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6.	1,943,335	2,015,630	2,599,771	1,754,461	2,380,362	10,693,559
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	74,627	57,871	195,453	228,483	206,727	763,161
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975.						
c Add lines 10a and 10b.	74,627	57,871	195,453	228,483	206,727	763,161
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on.	2,721	2,281				5,002
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	2,020,683	2,075,782	2,795,224	1,982,944	2,587,089	11,461,722

14 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here.**

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2020 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	89.220 %
16 Public support percentage from 2019 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	90.110 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2020 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	6.660 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2019 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	5.650 %

19a 33 1/3% support tests—2020. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization.

b 33 1/3% support tests—2019. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization.

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

Part IV Supporting Organizations

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

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

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

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

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

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

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

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

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

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

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

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

1	Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions):		
a	<input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.		
b	<input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.		
c	<input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions)		
2	Activities Test. Answer lines 2a and 2b below.		
a	Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? <i>If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.</i>		
b	Did the activities described in line 2a constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.</i>		
3	Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer lines 3a and 3b below.		
a	Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? <i>If "Yes" or "No" provide details in Part VI.</i>		
b	Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs and activities of each of its supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.</i>		

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

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

Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)	8	
Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):	1	
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (<i>explain in detail in Part VI</i>):		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 0.015 of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by 0.035	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	
Section C - Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2	Enter 85% of line 1	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6	
7	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions)		

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

Section D - Distributions		Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	1	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	2	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	3	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	4	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (<i>prior IRS approval required - provide details in Part VI</i>)	5	
6 Other distributions (<i>describe in Part VI</i>). See instructions	6	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.	7	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (<i>provide details in Part VI</i>). See instructions	8	
9 Distributable amount for 2020 from Section C, line 6	9	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	10	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2020	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2020
1 Distributable amount for 2020 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2020 (reasonable cause required-- <i>explain in Part VI</i>). See instructions.			
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			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2020 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2015 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2020 from Section D, line 7:			
\$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2020 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2020, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. If the amount is greater than zero, <i>explain in Part VI</i> . See instructions.			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2020. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. If the amount is greater than zero, <i>explain in Part VI</i> . See instructions.			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2021. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a Excess from 2016.			
b Excess from 2017.			
c Excess from 2018.			
d Excess from 2019.			
e Excess from 2020.			

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

Facts And Circumstances Test

SCHEDULE D (Form 990) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b. Attach to Form 990. Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows 1-4 for total number, aggregate value of contributions, grants, and end of year. Rows 5-6 for donor and grantee notification questions.

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

Form for Part II Conservation Easements. Includes checkboxes for preservation types (public use, natural habitat, open space, historical area, historic structure) and a table for conservation statistics (2a-2d). Includes questions 3-9 regarding modifications, states, monitoring, and reporting.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

Form for Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Includes questions 1a-1b and 2a-2b regarding reporting requirements for art and assets.

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

- 3** Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):
- a** Public exhibition
 - b** Scholarly research
 - c** Preservation for future generations
 - d** Loan or exchange programs
 - e** Other
- 4** Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.
- 5** During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? . . . **Yes** **No**

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

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

- 1a** Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? **Yes** **No**

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

- c** Beginning balance
- d** Additions during the year
- e** Distributions during the year
- f** Ending balance

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

- 2a** Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? . . . **Yes** **No**

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

Part V Endowment Funds.

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

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	3,239,496	2,928,103	3,015,136	2,873,365	2,665,665
b Contributions	25		400	40	100
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	817,731	440,048	70,564	262,870	330,334
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	87,619	116,797	136,420	109,005	107,680
f Administrative expenses	12,013	11,858	21,577	12,134	15,054
g End of year balance	3,957,620	3,239,496	2,928,103	3,015,136	2,873,365

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

- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶
- b** Permanent endowment ▶ 60.510 %
- c** Term endowment ▶ 39.490 %

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

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

- (i)** Unrelated organizations
- (ii)** Related organizations

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

- b** If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?
- 4** Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

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

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements		39,032	30,873	8,159
d Equipment		205,278	183,765	21,513
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) . . . ▶				29,672

Part VII Investments—Other Securities.

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

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

Part VIII Investments—Program Related.

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

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
(10)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 13.)		

Part IX Other Assets.

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

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 15.)	

Part X Other Liabilities.

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

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

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

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

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

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		1	2,466,017
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a		
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b		
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	2,466,017
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1 :			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	12,013	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	109,059	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	121,072
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)		5	2,587,089

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

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		1	2,150,246
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:			
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a		
b	Prior year adjustments	2b		
c	Other losses	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	2,150,246
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1 :			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	12,013	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	12,013
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)		5	2,162,259

Part XIII Supplemental Information

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

Return Reference	Explanation
See Additional Data Table	

Part XIII Supplemental Information *(continued)*

Return Reference	Explanation

Additional Data

Software ID:

Software Version:

EIN: 41-1297735

Name: THE LOFT INC

Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
PART V, LINE 4:	USE OF ENDOWMENT FUNDS THE LOFT LITERARY CENTER ENDOWMENT FUND (THE ENDOWMENT) IS PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS INVESTED TO GENERATE TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED INCOME AND APPRECIATION TO SUPPORT THE FULFILLMENT OF THE ORGANIZATION'S MISSION AND LONG-TERM FINANCIAL NEEDS .

Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
PART X, LINE 2:	UNCERTAIN TAX POSITION THE ORGANIZATION HAS TAKEN NO UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS THAT REQUIRE ADJUSTMENT TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
PART XI, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:	INVESTMENT INCOME DIFFERENCE 109,059.

SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

**Supplemental Information Regarding
Fundraising or Gaming Activities**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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

- 1** Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.
- a** Mail solicitations
 - b** Internet and email solicitations
 - c** Phone solicitations
 - d** In-person solicitations
 - e** Solicitation of non-government grants
 - f** Solicitation of government grants
 - g** Special fundraising events
- 2a** Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? Yes No
- b** If "Yes," list the 10 highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col. (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
DON SOMMERS 210 W GRANT ST 626 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55403	GRANT WRITING		No	391,598	12,686	378,912
JRI PARTNERSHIP MARKETING 755 CROSSROADS COURT CHANHASSEN, MN 55317	SPONSORSHIP SALES		No	200,650	18,000	182,650
Total				592,248	30,686	561,562

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

b If "No," explain: _____

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

b If "Yes," explain: _____

- 11** Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers? Yes No
- 12** Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? Yes No
- 13** Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in:

a The organization's facility	13a	%
b An outside facility	13b	%

14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:

Name ▶

Address ▶

15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? Yes No

b If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$ _____.

c If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party:

Name ▶

Address ▶

16 Gaming manager information:

Name ▶

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$

Description of services provided ▶

- Director/officer Employee Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions:

a Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? Yes No

b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$ _____

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

Return Reference	Explanation
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Schedule I (Form 990)

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

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Name of the organization THE LOFT INC

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 for the latest information.

Employer identification number 41-1297735

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?
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.

Table with 8 columns: (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 noncash assistance, (h) Purpose of grant or assistance. Rows 1-12.

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.

Part III 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 noncash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of noncash assistance
(1) MCKNIGHT ARTIST FELLOWSHIP AWARDS	5	125,000			
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					
(7)					

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

Return Reference	Explanation
PART I, LINE 2:	MONITORING GRANT PROCESS THE ORGANIZATION'S PROGRAM AND MANAGING DIRECTORS ENSURE ALL GRANTS PAID TO INDIVIDUALS AGREE WITH THE TERMS SET FORTH IN THE ORIGINAL GRANT AGREEMENTS. WHERE APPROPRIATE, GRANTEEES SUBMIT NARRATIVE REPORTS.

**SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)**

Noncash Contributions

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▶ **Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.**
 ▶ **Attach to Form 990.**
 ▶ **Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.**

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Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
THE LOFT INC

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Part I Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art—Works of art				
2 Art—Historical treasures				
3 Art—Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities—Publicly traded				
10 Securities—Closely held stock				
11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities—Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution—Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution—Other				
15 Real estate—Residential				
16 Real estate—Commercial				
17 Real estate—Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ▶ (<u>ADVERTISING</u>)	X	4	98,390	FMV
26 Other ▶ (_____)				
27 Other ▶ (_____)				
28 Other ▶ (_____)				

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement **29**

	Yes	No
30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which isn't required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?		No
b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.		
31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any nonstandard contributions?		No
32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?		No
b If "Yes," describe in Part II.		
33 If the organization didn't report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.		

Part II **Supplemental Information.** Provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33, and whether the organization is reporting in Part I, column (b), the number of contributions, the number of items received, or a combination of both. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
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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.
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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART III, LINE 3	ON MARCH 11, 2020 THE LOFT MADE THE DECISION TO SHIFT ALL LOFT ACTIVITIES TO ONLINE FORMATS AND ALL PUBLIC PROGRAMMING HAS REMAINED VIRTUAL THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2021. THE LOFT ENTERED THE FISCAL YEAR PROJECTING A DEFICIT-BUDGET AND THUS TOOK ADVANTAGE OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO LOWER EXPENSES AND INCREASE REVENUE INCLUDING BEGINNING THE YEAR WITH A 9-MONTH LONG PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN MINNESOTA'S SHARED WORK PLAN. THIS PROGRAM ALLOWED US TO KEEP ALL EMPLOYEES AT FULL BENEFITS WHILE VARYING THEIR MONTH TO MONTH EMPLOYMENT BETWEEN 100% AND 50% IN TEMPORARY AND PARTIAL FURLOUGHS, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE BASED ON PROGRAMMATIC AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEMANDS. WHEN WE RECEIVED A SECOND PAYRCHECK PROTECTION PLAN LOAN WE WERE ABLE TO BRING ALL STAFF MEMBERS BACK TO THEIR REGULAR HOURS. THE PPP LOAN WAS FORGIVEN AND IS ACCOUNTED FOR AS A GRANT. IN ADDITION, THE LOFT TOOK ON CONTRACTED MANAGEMENT OF THE OPEN BOOK BUILDING AND ORGANIZATION (THE SEPARATE NON-PROFIT FROM WHICH THE LOFT LEASES ITS SPACE) IN ORDER TO EARN ADDITIONAL REVENUE.

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Return Reference	Explanation
<p>FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A</p>	<p>SERVICES FOR WRITERS AND THE LITERARY COMMUNITY - IN FISCAL YEAR 2021, THE ORGANIZATION PROVIDED A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES DESIGNED TO SUPPORT WRITERS AND THE BROADER LITERARY COMMUNITY. LOFT.ORG, THE ORGANIZATION'S WEBSITE, PROVIDED REGULAR ARTICLES AND FOSTERED DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE WRITERS' LIFE AND CRAFT THROUGH THE WRITERS' BLOCK BLOG. THERE, WRITERS FOUND WRITING EXERCISES, READERS FOUND BOOK AND EVENT RECOMMENDATIONS AND BOTH FOUND LITERARY REVIEWS, COMMENTARY, NEWS, AND DISCUSSION. THE SITE ALSO INCLUDED INTERVIEWS, A CALENDAR OF READINGS AND EVENTS, AN ONLINE CATALOG OF CLASSES, AND RESOURCES INCLUDING INFORMATION ABOUT WRITING GROUPS, COMPETITIONS, GRANTS, AWARDS, PUBLISHERS, AND AGENTS. DUE TO COVID-19 AND THE CLOSURE OF THE OPEN BOOK TO MOST VISITORS, ACCESS TO THE RACHEL ANNE GASCHOTT RITCHIE SMALL PRESS LIBRARY WAS LIMITED TO LOFT STUDIO USERS. THIRTY-THREE WRITERS MADE USE OF THE ORGANIZATION'S WRITERS' STUDIOS WHILE THE FOUR ORGANIZATION-SPONSORED CULTURALLY DISTINCT WRITING GROUPS WERE UNABLE TO MEET AT OPEN BOOK, NOR WAS THE CO-SPONSORED PICTURE BOOK SALON. THE BOOK CLUB ROOM WAS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR. THE MENTOR SERIES FELLOWSHIP IN POETRY AND CREATIVE PROSE AND THE MIRRORS AND WINDOWS FELLOWSHIP WERE PUT ON A ONE-YEAR HIATUS AS THESE PROGRAMS' LARGEST FUNDER INVITED THE LOFT TO USE THEIR GRANT TO SECURE CONTINUED OPERATIONS OF THE LOFT AS A WHOLE IN THE FACE OF THE PANDEMIC. WITH THE LOFT'S COMMITMENT TO ADDRESSING INEQUITIES IN PUBLISHING AND ACCESS TO CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE WRITTEN BY AND FOR PEOPLE OF COLOR AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLE, THE ORGANIZATION DID CONTINUE TO PROVIDE LEARNING AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES TO PREVIOUS MIRRORS AND WINDOW FELLOWS. PREVIOUS MENTOR SERIES FELLOWS AS WELL AS OTHER PAST AWARD WINNERS WERE ALSO INVITED TO A SPECIAL CRAFT TALK/Q & A WITH MULTIPLE AWARD-WINNING POET, NATALIE DIAZ . MCKNIGHT ARTIST FELLOWSHIPS FOR WRITERS PROVIDED FIVE MINNESOTA WRITERS OF DEMONSTRATED ABILITY WITH GRANTS OF \$25,000, BUYING THEM TIME TO CONCENTRATE ON THEIR CRAFT. THE WRITERS WERE COMPETITIVELY SELECTED FOR AWARDS IN CREATIVE PROSE AND MIDDLE GRADE CHILDREN'S BOOK WRITING.</p>

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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4B	<p>LEARNING FOR WRITERS AND READERS - THE ORGANIZATION OFFERED A VARIETY OF LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR WRITERS AND READERS DURING FISCAL YEAR 2021, ALL OF THEM ONLINE. ADULTS AND YOUTH (AGES 6-90+) AT ALL LEVELS OF ARTISTIC DEVELOPMENT FURTHERED THEIR SKILLS IN CLASSES FOCUSED ON FICTION, POETRY, CREATIVE NONFICTION, SCREEN/PLAYWRITING, CHILDREN'S LITERATURE, GRAPHIC NOVEL, AND OTHER LITERARY FORMS; LEARNED MORE ABOUT DEVELOPING A WRITING PRACTICE AND CAREER; AND EXPLORED LITERATURE AS READERS. ALL CLASSES WERE TAUGHT BY ACCOMPLISHED WRITERS AND LITERARY PROFESSIONALS. THIS YEAR, THE ORGANIZATION SERVED 3,132 ADULTS AND 232 YOUTH IN 355 CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS, SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS. ANOTHER 84 WRITERS TOOK ADVANTAGE OF MANUSCRIPT REVIEW OR ONE-ON-ONE COACHING SERVICES OFFERED BY THE LOFT. TO MITIGATE FINANCIAL BARRIERS TO PARTICIPATION IN CREATIVE WRITING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES, THE ORGANIZATION PROVIDED 256 SCHOLARSHIPS (VALUED AT \$37,804) IN ADDITION TO WORKING WITH YOUTHRISE TO EXTEND SCHOLARSHIPS EVEN FURTHER TO LOW INCOME FAMILIES. WE ALSO OFFERED A WORK-STUDY PROGRAM, AND 70 FREE WRITING CLASSES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH EIGHT REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEMS ACROSS THE GREATER TWIN CITIES.</p>

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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4C	<p>EVENTS FOR READERS - AUTHORS' BOOK LAUNCH READINGS AND SPOKEN WORD PERFORMANCES HELPED DEVELOP AUDIENCES FOR LITERATURE WHILE PROMOTING AND ADVANCING THE WORK OF INDIVIDUAL WRITERS . BIG IDEAS DISCUSSIONS FEATURED WRITERS AND THOUGHT LEADERS USING LITERATURE TO SPUR CONVERSATIONS ON TOPICAL ISSUES AND CURATED LITERARY EVENTS ENGAGED AUDIENCE MEMBERS IN EXPLORATION OF THOUGHT-PROVOKING THEMES. DESPITE ZOOM-FATIGUE A COMBINED AUDIENCE OF 1358 PARTICIPATED IN 19 OF THESE EVENTS, FEATURING 26 WRITERS. IN MAY OF 2021, THE LOFT PRESENTED THE THIRD ANNUAL WORDPLAY LITERARY FESTIVAL, AND THE SECOND TO BE PRESENTED COMPLETELY ONLINE . OVER ONE WEEK, THE LOFT SHOWCASED WRITERS IN ALL GENRES AND ENGAGED AUDIENCES IN DISCUSSIONS OF TIMELY TOPICS WITH AUTHORS AND EXPERTS SPURRED BY NEWLY PUBLISHED WORK. BY THE CLOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION'S FISCAL YEAR, THESE EVENTS HAD BEEN VIEWED MORE THAN 12,000 TIMES IN TOTAL. WITH THE WORDPLAY FESTIVAL, THE LOFT IS PUTTING LITERATURE AT THE CENTER OF CIVIC LIFE, ENGAGING PARTICIPANTS IN IMPORTANT, TIMELY, AND CHALLENGING CONVERSATIONS INSPIRED BY BOOKS WHILE ALSO CELEBRATING THE JOY, EMPATHY-BUILDING, AND TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF READING AND WRITING.</p>

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B	PROCESS THE ORGANIZATION USES TO REVIEW THE 990 AN INITIAL DRAFT OF THE 990 IS REVIEWED IN DETAIL BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD. AFTER CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS, IF NEEDED, THE NEAR FINAL DRAFT OF THE 990 IS DISTRIBUTED TO THE FULL BOARD IN PRE-READ MATERIAL PRIOR TO THE FIRST BOARD MEETING AFTER FINANCE COMMITTEE REVIEW. THE TREASURER/FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR REVIEWS THE DOCUMENT FOR THE BOARD WITH ASSISTANCE OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS, IF NEEDED. BOARD MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ASK QUESTIONS AND SUBMIT ANY FURTHER CORRECTIONS. THE TREASURER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE 990 (WITH CHANGES, AS NEEDED) AND A FULL VOTE OF THE BOARD IS CALLED. THE BOARD MUST APPROVE THE 990 BEFORE IT IS SUBMITTED.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY EACH YEAR, TYPICALLY AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE FISCAL YEAR AS A 'STANDING AGENDA ITEM,' ALL BOARD MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO REVIEW THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY FOR THE PURPOSE OF STATING AND/OR UPDATING THEIR DISCLOSURES, AND TO SIGN AND DATE THE FORM.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15A	PROCEDURE TO MAKE DECISIONS REGARDING EXECUTIVE AND STAFF COMPENSATION RELYING IN SUBSTANTIAL PART ON THE BI-ANNUAL SURVEY OF NON-PROFIT SALARIES CONDUCTED AND PUBLISHED BY THE MINNESOTA COUNCIL OF NON-PROFITS, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ESTABLISHES THE SALARY FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WITHIN THE LIMITS ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN APPROVING THE ORGANIZATION'S BUDGET. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IN TURN, USES THE SAME PROCEDURE FOR ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR ALL OTHER STAFF, INCLUDING THE MANAGING DIRECTOR.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS THE ORGANIZATION MAKES ITS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND 990 AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON ITS WEBSITE. THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY ARE HELD AT THE ORGANIZATION'S OFFICES AND ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.