

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-0047

2001

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

A For the 2001 calendar year, or tax year beginning

, 2001, and ending

, 20

- B Check if applicable:
- ☐ Address change
- ☐ Name change
- ☐ Initial return
- ☐ Final return
- ☐ Amended return
- ☐ Application pending

Please use IRS label or print or type See Specific Instructions

C Name of organization, number and street, city, town, state and ZIP code

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY RESOURCES ORGANIZATION

432 N LAST CHANCE GULCH

HELENA MT 59601

D Employer identification number

81-0350698

E Telephone number

406-443-7272

F Acctg method ☐ Cash ☐ Accrual

☒ Other (specify) MOD ACCR

Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

H & I are not applicable to section 527 organizations

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? ☐ Yes ☒ No

H(b) If "Yes" enter number of affiliates ☐ Yes ☒ No

H(c) Are all affiliates included? (If "No" attach a list. See instructions.) ☐ Yes ☒ No

H(d) Is this a separate return filed by an organization covered by a group ruling? ☐ Yes ☒ No

I Enter 4-digit GEN

M Check ☐ if organization is not required to attach Sch. B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

G Web site

J Organization type (check only one) ☒ 501(c)(3) (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

K Check here ☐ if the organization's gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. The organization need not file a return with the IRS, but if the organization received a Form 990 Package in the mail, it should file a return without financial data. Some states require a complete return.

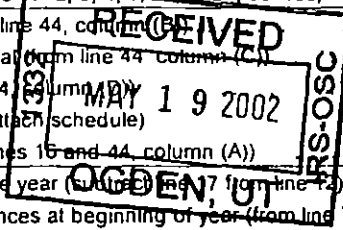
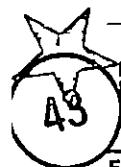
L Gross receipts. Add lines 6b, 8b, 9b, and 10b to line 12 ☐ 221,006

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See Specific Instructions)

REVENUE	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received					
	a	Direct public support		1a	160,940.		
	b	Indirect public support		1b			
	c	Government contributions (grants)		1c	29,232.		
	d	Total (add lines 1a through 1c) (cash \$ 190,172. noncash \$)		1d	190,172.		
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts (from Part VII, line 93)		2	5,097.		
	3	Membership dues and assessments		3	12,225.		
	4	Interest on savings and temporary cash investments		4	1,487.		
	5	Dividends and interest from securities		5			
	6a	Gross rents		6a			
	b	Less rental expenses		6b			
	c	Net rental income or (loss) (subtract line 6b from line 6a)		6c			
7	Other investment income (describe)		7				
EXPENSES	8a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory		(A) Securities	8a		
	b	Less cos. or other basis & sales expenses		8b			
	c	Gain or (loss) (attach schedule)		8c			
	d	Net gain or (loss) (combine line 8c, columns (A) and (B))		8d			
	9	Special events and activities (attach schedule)					
	a	Gross revenue (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1a)		9a	5,143.		
	b	Less direct expenses other than fundraising expenses		9b	2,500.		
	c	Net income or (loss) from special events (subtract line 9b from line 9a)		9c	2,643.		
	10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances		10a	3,523.		
	b	Less cost of goods sold		10b	2,547.		
	c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (attach schedule) (subtract line 10b from line 10a)		10c	976.		
	11	Other revenue (from Part VII, line 103)		11	3,359.		
12	Total revenue (add lines 1d, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6c, 7, 8d, 9c, 10c, and 11)		12	215,959.			
13	Program services (from line 44, column (A))		13	154,210.			
14	Management and general (from line 44, column (A))		14	55,902.			
15	Fundraising (from line 44, column (A))		15	7,087.			
16	Payments to affiliates (attach schedule)		16				
17	Total expenses (add lines 13 and 14, column (A))		17	217,199.			
18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (subtract line 17 from line 12)		18	(1,240.)			
19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 73, column (A))		19	10,029.			
20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)		20				
21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year (combine lines 18, 19, and 20)		21	8,789.			

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Form 990 (2001)



Part II Statement of Functional Expenses All organizations must complete column (A). Columns (B), (C), and (D) are required for section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts but optional for others (See Specific Instructions)

Do not include amounts reported on line 6b, 8b, 9b, 10b, or 16 of Part I		(A) Total	(B) Program services	(C) Management and general	(D) Fundraising
22	Grants and allocations (attach schedule) (cash \$ 6985, noncash \$)	22 6985.	6985.		
23	Specific assistance to individuals (attach schedule)	23			
24	Benefits paid to or for members (attach schedule)	24			
25	Compensation of officers, directors, etc.	25 12002.	2463.	8099.	1440.
26	Other salaries and wages	26 90147.	71030.	16004.	3113.
27	Pension plan contributions	27			
28	Other employee benefits	28 13241.	6432.	6362.	447.
29	Payroll taxes	29 8917.	6459.	2068.	390.
30	Professional fundraising fees	30			
31	Accounting fees	31 6101.	2855.	3246.	
32	Legal fees	32 414.		414.	
33	Supplies	33 4769.	1810.	2674.	285.
34	Telephone	34 4613.	3384.	1179.	50.
35	Postage and shipping	35 3330.	1457.	1362.	511.
36	Occupancy	36 14981.	6493.	8488.	
37	Equipment rental and maintenance	37			
38	Printing and publications	38 9796.	7155.	2074.	567.
39	Travel	39 5787.	5048.	644.	95.
40	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	40 10184.	9611.	573.	
41	Interest	41			
42	Depreciation, depletion, etc. (attach schedule)	42 1974.		1974.	
43	Other expenses not covered above (itemize) a OTHER SVCS	43a 336.	248.	88.	
	b CONTRACT SERVICES	43b 19100.	19100.		
	c PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	43c 1763.	1738.	25.	
	d MISC & OTHER EXPENSE	43d 2570.	1942.	628.	
	e ENDOWMENT EXPENSE	43e 189.			189.
44	Total functional expenses (add lines 22 through 43) Organizations completing columns (B)-(D), carry these totals to lines 13-15	44 217199.	154210.	55902.	7087.

Joint Costs Check ☐ if you are following SOP 98-2Are any joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation reported in (B) Program services? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," enter (i) aggregate amount of these joint costs \$, (ii) the amount allocated to Program services \$

(iii) the amount allocated to Management and general \$, and (iv) the amount allocated to Fundraising \$

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See Specific Instructions)What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? ☒ EDUCATE & PROMOTE CONSERV

All organizations must describe their exempt purpose achievements in a clear and concise manner. State the number of clients served, publications issued, etc. Discuss achievements that are not measurable. (Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must also enter the amount of grants and allocations to others.)

Program Service Expenses (Required for 501(c)(3) & (4) orgs & 4947(a)(1) trusts but optional for others)

a SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE

(Grants and allocations \$) 154210.

b

(Grants and allocations \$)

c

(Grants and allocations \$)

d

(Grants and allocations \$)

e Other program services (attach schedule)

(Grants and allocations \$)

f Total of Program Service Expenses (should equal line 44, column (B), Program services)

154210.

Part IV Balance Sheets (See Specific Instructions)**Note:** Where required, attached schedules and amounts within the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
A S S E T S	45 Cash -- non-interest-bearing		45	29,253.
	46 Savings and temporary cash investments	53,588.	46	1,892.
	47a Accounts receivable	47a 1,669.		
	b Less allowance for doubtful accounts	47b	300.	47c 1,669.
	48a Pledges receivable	48a 6,000.		
	b Less allowance for doubtful accounts	48b		48c 6,000.
	49 Grants receivable		49	
	50 Receivables from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees (attach schedule)		50	
	51a Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule)	51a		
	b Less allowance for doubtful accounts	51b		51c
	52 Inventories for sale or use		52	
	53 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		53	
	54 Investments -- securities (attach schedule) ☐ Cost ☐ FMV		54	
	55a Investments -- land, buildings, and equipment basis	55a		
	b Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule)	55b		55c
56 Investments -- other (attach schedule)		56		
57a Land, buildings, and equipment basis	57a 10,117.			
b Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule)	57b 3,536.	8,055.	57c	6,581.
58 Other assets (describe ☐)		58		
59 Total assets (add lines 45 through 58) (must equal line 74)	61,943.	59	45,395.	
L I A B I L I T I E S	60 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,075.	60	2,500.
	61 Grants payable		61	
	62 Deferred revenue		62	
	63 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees (attach schedule)		63	
	64a Tax-exempt bond liabilities (attach schedule)		64a	
	b Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)		64b	
	65 Other liabilities (describe ☐ DEFERRED GRANT REVENUE)	50,839.	65	34,106.
	66 Total liabilities (add lines 60 through 65)	51,914	66	36,606
N E T A S S E T S F U N D B A L A N C E S	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here ☐ and complete lines 67 through 69 and lines 73 and 74			
	67 Unrestricted		67	
	68 Temporarily restricted		68	
	69 Permanently restricted		69	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ☒ and complete lines 70 through 74			
	70 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds	2,200.	70	2,200.
	71 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, and equipment fund	8,055.	71	6,581.
	72 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	(226.)	72	8.
	73 Total net assets or fund balances (add lines 67 through 69 OR lines 70 through 72, column (A) must equal line 19, column (B) must equal line 21)	10,029.	73	8,789.
	74 Total liabilities and net assets / fund balances (add lines 66 and 73)	61,943.	74	45,395.

Form 990 is available for public inspection and, for some people, serves as the primary or sole source of information about a particular organization. How the public perceives an organization in such cases may be determined by the information presented on its return. Therefore, please make sure the return is complete and accurate and fully describes, in Part III, the organization's programs and accomplishments.

**Part IV-A Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited
Financial Statements with Revenue per
Return (See Specific Instructions)**

Part IV-B	Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements with Expenses per Return
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a Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements ▶	a 221006.	a Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements ▶	a 222246.
b Amounts included on line a but not on line 12, Form 990		b Amounts included on line a but not on line 17, Form 990	
(1) Net unrealized gains on investments \$		(1) Donated services & use of facilities \$	
(2) Donated services & use of facilities \$		(2) Prior year adjustments reported on line 20, Form 990 \$	
(3) Recoveries of prior year grants \$		(3) Losses reported on line 20, Form 990 \$	
(4) Other (specify)		(4) Other (specify)	
\$		RAFFLE	
Add amounts on lines (1) through (4) ▶	b	COGS \$ 5047.	b 5047.
c Line a minus line b ▶	c 221006.	c Line a minus line b ▶	c 217199.
d Amounts included on line 12, Form 990 but not on line a		d Amounts included on line 17, Form 990 but not on line a	
(1) Investment expenses not included on line 6b, Form 990 \$		(1) Investment expenses not included on line 6b, Form 990 \$	
(2) Other (specify)		(2) Other (specify)	
RAFFLE			
COGS \$ -5047.	d -5047.	\$	d
Add amounts on lines (1) and (2) ▶		Add amounts on lines (1) and (2) ▶	
e Total revenue per line 12, Form 990 (line c plus line d) ▶	e 215959.	e Total expenses per line 17, Form 990 (line c plus line d) ▶	e 217199.

Part V. List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (List each one even if not compensated, see Specific Instructions.)

[illegible]

75 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee receive aggregate compensation of more than \$100,000 from your organization and all related organizations, of which more than \$10,000 was provided by the related organizations? If "Yes," attach schedule -- see Specific Instructions

▶ ☐ Yes ☒ No

Part VII Analysis of Income-Producing Activities (See Specific Instructions)

	Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(E) Related or exempt function income
	(A) Business code	(B) Amount	(C) Exclusion code	(D) Amount	
Note Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated					
93 Program service revenue					
a WORKSHOPS/SEMINAR					5,097.
b					
c					
d					
e					
f Medicare/Medicaid payments					
g Fees & contracts from govt agencies					
94 Membership dues & assessments					12,225.
95 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments			14	1,487.	
96 Dividends & interest from securities					
97 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate					
a debt-financed property					
b not debt-financed property					
98 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property					
99 Other investment income					
100 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory					
101 Net income or (loss) from special events			01	2,643.	
102 Gross profit/(loss) from sales of inventory	5294	976.			
103 Other revenue a					
b EXPENSE REIMBURSE					3,359.
c					
d					
e					
104 Subtotal (add columns (B), (D), and (E))		976.		4,130.	20,681
105 Total (add line 104, columns (B), (D), and (E))					25,787.

Note Line 105 plus line 1d, Part I, should equal the amount on line 12, Part I

Part VIII Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes (See Specific Instructions)

Line No	Explain how each activity for which income is reported in column (E) of Part VII contributed importantly to the accomplishment of the organization's exempt purposes (other than by providing funds for such purposes)
93A	EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS RELATED TO ENERGY CONSERVATION,
93A	ALTERNATIVE ENERGY RESOURCES AND SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL OPTIONS
94	DUES THAT COMPARE TO THE AVAILABLE SERVICES PROVIDED
103B	REIMBURSEMENTS OF PROGRAM RELATED EXPENSES

Part IX Information Regarding Taxable Subsidiaries and Disregarded Entities (See Specific Instructions)

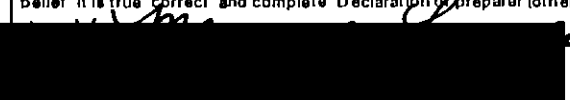
(A) Name, address, and EIN of corporation, partnership, or disregarded entity	(B) Percentage of ownership int	(C) Nature of activities	(D) Total income	(E) End-of-year assets
	%			
	%			
	%			
	%			

Part X Information Regarding Transfers Associated with Personal Benefit Contracts (See Specific Instructions)

(a) Did organization during year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	☐ Yes	☒ No
(b) Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	☐ Yes	☒ No

Note If "Yes" to (b), file Form 8870 and Form 4720 (see instructions)

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.

Please print name of preparer:  Date: 5/15/02
PROGRAM MANAGER

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

(Except Private Foundation) and Section 501(c), 501(f), 501(k),
501(n), or Section 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust

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► **MUST** be completed by the above organizations and attached to their Form 990 or 990-EZ.

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY RESOURCES

81-0350698

Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Employees Other Than Officers, Directors, and Trustees

(See the instructions. List each one. If there are none, enter "None".)

Total number of other employees paid over \$50 000

Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Independent Contractors for Professional Services

(See the instructions List each one (whether individuals or firms) If there are none enter None ")

NONE

Total number of others receiving over \$50 000 for professional services

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2001

Part III Statements About Activities (See the instructions)

	Yes	No
1 During the year, has the organization attempted to influence national, state, or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum? If "Yes," enter the total expenses paid or incurred in connection with the lobbying activities \$ _____ (Must equal amount on line 38 Part VI-A, or line 1 of Part VI-B) Organizations that made an election under section 501(h) by filing Form 5768 must complete Part VI-A. Other organizations checking "Yes," must complete Part VI-B AND attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities	1	X
2 During the year, has the organization, either directly or indirectly, engaged in any of the following acts with any substantial contributors, trustees, directors, officers, creators, key employees, or members of their families, or with any taxable organization with which any such person is affiliated as an officer, director, trustee, majority owner, or principal beneficiary? (If the answer to any question is "Yes," attach a detailed statement explaining the transactions.)		
a Sale, exchange, or leasing of property?	2a	X
b Lending of money or other extension of credit?	2b	X
c Furnishing of goods, services, or facilities?	2c	X
d Payment of compensation (or payment or reimbursement of expenses if more than \$1,000)?	2d	X
e Transfer of any part of its income or assets?	2e	X
3 Does the organization make grants for scholarships, fellowships, student loans, etc.? (See Note below.)	3	X
4 Do you have a section 403(b) annuity plan for your employees?	4	X

Note. Attach a statement to explain how the organization determines that individuals or organizations receiving grants or loans from it in furtherance of its charitable programs "qualify" to receive payments.

Part IV Reason for Non-Private Foundation Status (See the instructions)

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (Please check only ONE applicable box.)

- 5** ☐ A church, convention of churches, or association of churches. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)
- 6** ☐ A school. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). (Also complete Part V.)
- 7** ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)
- 8** ☐ A Federal, state, or local government or governmental unit. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)
- 9** ☐ A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____
- 10** ☐ An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv). (Also complete the Support Schedule in Part IV-A.)
- 11a** ☐ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Also complete the Support Schedule in Part IV-A.)
- 11b** ☐ A community trust. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vii). (Also complete the Support Schedule in Part IV-A.)
- 12** ☒ 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 charitable, etc., 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). (Also complete the Support Schedule in Part IV-A.)
- 13** ☐ An organization that is not controlled by any disqualified persons (other than foundation managers) and supports organizations described in (1) lines 5 through 12 above, or (2) section 501(c)(4), (5) or (6) if they meet the test of section 509(a)(2). (See section 509(a)(3).)

Provide the following information about the supported organizations. (See the instructions.)

(a) Name(s) of supported organization(s)	(b) Line number from above

- 14** ☐ An organization organized and operated to test for public safety. Section 509(a)(4). (See the instructions.)

Part IV-A Support Schedule (Complete only if you checked a box on line 10, 11, or 12.) Use cash method of accounting

Note You may use the worksheet in the instructions for converting from the accrual to the cash method of accounting

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2000	(b) 1999	(c) 1998	(d) 1997	(e) Total
15 Gifts, grants, and contributions received (Do not include unusual grants. See line 28.)	267,382.	268,153.	250,631.	204,902.	991,068.
16 Membership fees received	11,886.	11,845.	11,478.	14,107.	49,316.
17 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or furnishing of facilities in any activity that is related to the organization's charitable, etc., purpose	23,127.	10,719.	23,232.	12,100.	69,178.
18 Gross income from interest, dividends, amounts received from payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), rents, royalties, and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975	6,299.	4,651.	6,443.	3,550.	20,943.
19 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 18	405.	649.	569.	447.	2,070.
20 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf					
21 The value of services or facilities furnished to the organization by a governmental unit without charge. Do not include the value of services or facilities generally furnished to the public without charge.					
22 Other income. Attach a schedule. Do not include gain or (loss) from sale of capital assets.					
23 Total of lines 15 through 22	309,099.	296,017.	292,353.	235,106.	1,132,575.
24 Line 23 minus line 17	285,972.	285,298.	269,121.	223,006.	1,063,397.
25 Enter 1% of line 23	3,091.	2,960.	2,924.	2,351.	

- 26** Organizations described on lines 10 or 11
- a** Enter 2% of amount in column (e) line 24 **26a**
- b** Prepare a list for your records to show the name of and amount contributed by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) whose total gifts for 1997 through 2000 exceeded the amount shown in line 26a. Do not file this list with your return. Enter the total of all these excess amounts **26b**
- c** Total support for section 509(a)(1) test. Enter line 24, column (e) **26c**
- d** Add: Amounts from column (e) for lines **18** **19**
22 **26b** **26d**
- e** Public support (line 26c minus line 26d total) **26e**
- f** Public support percentage (line 26e (numerator) divided by line 26c (denominator)) **26f** %

- 27** Organizations described on line 12
- a** For amounts included in lines 15, 16, and 17 that were received from a "disqualified person," prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and total amounts received in each year from, each "disqualified person." Do not file this list with your return. Enter the sum of such amounts for each year:
- (2000) (1999) (1998) (1997)
- b** For any amount included in line 17 that was received from each person (other than "disqualified persons"), prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and amount received for each year, that was more than the larger of (1) the amount on line 25 for the year or (2) \$5,000. (Include in the list organizations described in lines 5 through 11, as well as individuals.) Do not file this list with your return. After computing the difference between the amount received and the larger amount described in (1) or (2), enter the sum of these differences (the excess amounts) for each year:
- (2000) (1999) (1998) (1997)

- c** Add: Amounts from column (e) for lines **15** 991,068. **16** 49,316.
17 69,178. **20** **21** **27c** 1,109,562
- d** Add: Line 27a total and line 27b total **27d**
- e** Public support (line 27c total minus line 27d total) **27e** 1,109,562
- f** Total support for section 509(a)(2) test. Enter amount from line 23, column (e) **27f** 1,132,575.
- g** Public support percentage (line 27e (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator)) **27g** 97.97 %
- h** Investment income percentage (line 18, column (e) (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator)) **27h** 1.85 %

- 28** Unusual Grants. For an organization described in line 10, 11, or 12 that received any unusual grants during 1997 through 2000, prepare a list for your records to show, for each year, the name of the contributor, the date and amount of the grant, and a brief description of the nature of the grant. Do not file this list with your return. Do not include these grants in line 15.

Part VI-A Lobbying Expenditures by Electing Public Charities (See the instructions)
(To be completed **ONLY** by an eligible organization that filed Form 5768)Check ☐ **a** if the organization belongs to an affiliated group Check ☐ **b** if you checked "a" and "limited control" provisions apply**Limits on Lobbying Expenditures**

(The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred)

	(a) Affiliated group totals	(b) To be completed for ALL electing organizations												
36 Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grassroots lobbying)	36													
37 Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	37													
38 Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 36 and 37)	38													
39 Other exempt purpose expenditures	39													
40 Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 38 and 39)	40													
41 Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table --														
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Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000													
42 Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 41)	42													
43 Subtract line 42 from line 36 Enter - 0 if line 42 is more than line 36	43													
44 Subtract line 41 from line 38 Enter - 0 if line 41 is more than line 38	44													

Caution If there is an amount on either line 43 or line 44, you must file Form 4720

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below
See the instructions for lines 45 through 50)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2001	(b) 2000	(c) 1999	(d) 1998	(e) Total
45 Lobbying nontaxable amount					
46 Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 45(e))					
47 Total lobbying expenditures					
48 Grassroots nontaxable amount					
49 Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 48(e))					
50 Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Part VI-B Lobbying Activity by Nonelecting Public Charities

(For reporting only by organizations that did not complete Part VI-A) (See the instructions)

During the year, did the organization attempt to influence national, state or local legislation including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of

- a** Volunteers
- b** Paid staff or management (Include compensation in expenses reported on lines c through h)
- c** Media advertisements
- d** Mailings to members, legislators or the public
- e** Publications, or published or broadcast statements
- f** Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes
- g** Direct contact with legislators their staffs government officials, or a legislative body
- h** Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any other means
- i** Total lobbying expenditures (Add lines c through h)

Yes	No	Amount
	X	
	X	
	X	
	X	
	X	
	X	
	X	
	X	

If "Yes" to any of the above, also attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities

Part VII Information Regarding Transfers To and Transactions and Relationships With Noncharitable Exempt Organizations (See the instructions)

51 Did the reporting organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with any other organization described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3) organizations) or in section 527, relating to political organizations?

a Transfers from the reporting organization to a noncharitable exempt organization of

(1) Cash

(ii) Other assets

b Other transactions

(i) Sales or exchanges of assets with a noncharitable exempt organization

(ii) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization

(iii) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets

(iv) Reimbursement arrangements

(v) Loans or loan guarantees

(vi) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations

C Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees

d If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," complete the following schedule. Column (b) should always show the fair market value of the goods, other assets, or services given by the reporting organization. If the organization received less than fair market value in any transaction or sharing arrangement, show in column (d) the value of the goods, other assets, or services received.

[illegible]

52a Is the organization directly or indirectly affiliated with, or related to, one or more tax-exempt organizations described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3)) or in section 527?

► ☐ Yes ☒ No

b If "Yes," complete the following schedule

[illegible]

Schedule of Contributors

OMB No 1545-0047

Supplementary Information for line 1 of Form 990,
990EZ and 990 PF (see instructions)

2001

Name of organization

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY RESOURCES

Employer identification number

81-0350698

IMPORTANT Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) is -

Disclosable for

- ▶ **Section 527 organizations** that file Form 990 or 990-EZ
- ▶ Organizations that file Form 990-PF

Nondisclosable for

- ▶ Organizations that file Form 990 or 990-EZ **except** for section 527 organizations (see above)

Organization type (check one)

Filers of

Form 990 or 990-EZ

Section

- ☒ 501 (c)(3) (enter number) organization
- ☐ 4947 (a) (1) nonexempt charitable trust not treated as a private foundation
- ☐ 527 political organization

Form 990-PF

- ☐ 501 (c) (3) private foundation
- ☐ 4947 (a) (1) trust treated as a private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the General rule or a Special rule (Note: Only a section 501 (c) (7), (8) or (10) organization can check box(es) for both the General rule and a Special rule - see instructions)

General Rule -

- ☐ For organizations filing Form 990 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received during the tax year, \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor (Complete Parts I and II)

Special Rules -

- ☒ For a section 501 (c) (3) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under 509 (a) (1)/170 (b) (1) (A) and received a contribution of the greater of \$5,000 or 2% of the amount on line 1 of these forms from any one contributor (Complete Parts I and II)
- ☐ For a section 501 (c) (7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or Form 990-EZ that received total contributions or bequests of more than \$1,000 for use exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes or the prevention of cruelty to children or animals (Complete Parts I, II, and III)
- ☐ For a section 501 (c) (7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or Form 990-EZ that did not receive total contributions of more than \$1,000 for use exclusively for religious, charitable, etc., purposes (If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions received during the year for an exclusively religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the Parts unless the General rule applies.) ▶ \$ _____

Caution Organizations that are not covered by the General rule and/or the Special rules do not file Schedule B (Form 990 990-EZ or 990-PF) but **MUST** check the box in the heading of their Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or on line 1 of their Form 990-PF to certify that they do not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see instructions

Name of organization

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Part I. Contributors

(a) No	(b) Name, address and zip code	(c) Aggregate contributions	(d) Type of contribution
<u>1</u>		\$ <u>29,232.</u>	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II if a noncash contribution)
(a) No		(c) Aggregate contributions	(d) Type of contribution
<u>2</u>		\$ <u>10,571.</u>	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II if a noncash contribution)
(a) No		(c) Aggregate contributions	(d) Type of contribution
<u>3</u>		\$ <u>40,000.</u>	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II if a noncash contribution)
(a) No		(c) Aggregate contributions	(d) Type of contribution
<u>4</u>		\$ <u>5,823.</u>	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II if a noncash contribution)
(a) No		(c) Aggregate contributions	(d) Type of contribution
<u>5</u>		\$ <u>10,000.</u>	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II if a noncash contribution)
(a) No		(c) Aggregate contributions	(d) Type of contribution
<u>6</u>		\$ <u>5,500.</u>	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II if a noncash contribution)

Form **4562**

(Rev. March 2002)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service (99)**Depreciation and Amortization**
(Including Information on Listed Property)

▶ See separate instructions

▶ Attach to your tax return

OMB No 1545-0172

2001Attachment
Sequence No **67**

Name(s) shown on return

Business or activity to which this form relates

Identifying number

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY RESOURCES

FORM 990

81-0350698

Part I Election To Expense Certain Tangible Property Under Section 179

Note If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I

1 Maximum amount See the instructions for a higher limit for certain businesses	1	\$24,000
2 Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see the instructions)	2	
3 Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation	3	\$200,000
4 Reduction in limitation Subtract line 3 from line 2. If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5 Dollar limitation for tax year Subtract line 4 from line 1. If zero or less, enter -0-. If married filing separately, see the instructions	5	24,000.
6 (a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost
7 Listed property Enter the amount from line 29	7	
8 Total elected cost of section 179 property Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8	
9 Tentative deduction Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9	
10 Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2000 Form 4562	10	
11 Business income limitation Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5 (see instructions)	11	
12 Section 179 expense deduction Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11	12	
13 Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2002 Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12	13	

Note Do not use Part II or Part III below for listed property. Instead, use Part V

Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property)

14 Special depreciation allowance for certain property (other than listed property) acquired after September 10, 2001 (see the instructions)	14	
15 Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election (see the instructions)	15	
16 Other depreciation (including ACRS) (see the instructions)	16	

Part III MACRS Depreciation (Do not include listed property) (See the instructions)**Section A**

17 MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2001	17	1,924.
18 If you are electing under section 168(i)(4) to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here ☐		

Section B -- Assets Placed in Service During 2001 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System

(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depr (business/investment use only - see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19a 3-year property						
b 5-year property		500.	5	HY	SL	50.
c 7-year property						
d 10-year property						
e 15-year property						
f 20-year property						
g 25-year property			25 yrs		S/L	
h Residential rental property			27.5 yrs	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property			39 yrs	MM	S/L	

Section C -- Assets Placed in Service During 2001 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System

20a Class life					S/L	
b 12-year			12 yrs		S/L	
c 40-year			40 yrs	MM	S/L	

Part IV Summary (See the instructions)

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21 Listed property Enter amount from line 28	21	
22 Total Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g) and line 21 Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return Partnerships and S corporations -- see instr	22	1,974.
23 For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23	

2001 ASSET DETAIL REPORT

Description	Date Acqd	Cost	Bus Use	Sect 179+ Spec	Basis	Meth	Rec		Prior Depr	Current		AMT Depr	Next Year	Gain/ Loss	Sales Price	Exp & Adj	Date Sold
							Per	Cv		Depr	Depr						
FORM 990																	
IMAC G3	04/99	1099	100		1099 SL		5	HY	330	220	220	220	220				
IMAC G3	04/99	899	100		899 SL		5	HY	270	180	180	180	180				
PRINTER	04/99	999	100		999 SL		5	HY	300	200	200	200	200				
COPIER-MIT	06/00	2500	100		2500 SL		5	HY	250	500	500	500	500				
BROTHER FAX	04/00	321	100		321 SL		5	HY	32	64	64	64	64				
IMAC G3/300	05/00	1300	100		1300 SL		5	HY	130	260	260	260	260				
PMAC G4/450	07/00	2499	100		2499 SL		5	HY	250	500	500	500	500				
IMAC BONDI	02/01	500	100		500 SL		5	HY		50	50	50	100				
		10117			10117				1562	1974	1974		2024				

Gross Profit on Sales of Inventory**US 990 990: Page 6, Line 102; 990-EZ: Page 1, Line 7; 990-PF: Page 11, Line 10 2001**

Description	Gross Sales Less Returns	Cost of Goods Sold	Gross Profit
PUBLICATIONS	3,523.	2,547.	976.
	3,523.	2,547.	976.

Land, Buildings and Equipment

US 990

990: Page 3, Line 57; 990-PF: Page 2, Line 14

2001

Description	Cost / Basis	Accumulated Depreciation	Book Value
OFFICE FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT	10,117.	3,536.	6,581.
	10,117.	3,536.	6,581.

Name ALTERNATIVE ENERGY RESOURCES

ID number 81-0350698

Part I - Statement of Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets Line 9

Special Events	(A)	(B)	(C)	Other	Total
Gross Receipts	5,143.				5,143.
Less Contributions					
Gross Revenue	5,143.				5,143.
Less Direct Expenses	2,500.				2,500.
Net Income or (loss)	2,643.				2,643.

Description of Events

(A) RAFFLE EVENT

(B)

(C)

Other

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY RESOURCES ORGANIZATION
FORM 990
DECEMBER 31, 2001

PART III

- A Farm Improvement Club Organizing Project. AERO is developing farm improvement clubs to serve families in Montana. These clubs conduct sustainable agriculture public education on farm research activities initiated by participating farmers. EXPENSE \$ 10,349
- B Montana Community Food System Project. AERO is conducting a project that will create community-based food and farming systems that foster the social, environmental and economic health of local communities and agriculture. EXPENSE \$ 62,195
GRANTS \$ 5,000
- C Sun Times. Quarterly publication for members, funders and general public, covering sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, energy conservation, recycling and other topics of interest to members and the general public. EXPENSE \$ 5,797
- D Smart Growth, Transportation and Livable Communities Project. AERO is organizing a project to study transportation and livable communities to include research and presentation of workshops. EXPENSE \$ 48,879
GRANTS \$ 1,985
- E Annual Meeting. AERO provides a forum for the exchange of ideas and information through workshops, seminars and publications. EXPENSE \$ 7,754
- F Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program. AERO organized a sustainable agriculture research and education program in the western region to provide extension sustainable agricultural training and collaborative learning within the region. EXPENSE \$ 8,824
- G Small Agriculture and Energy Projects. AERO participated in numerous small projects relating to the farming, energy conservation and renewable energy by conducting workshops, seminars, and producing publications. EXPENSE \$ 7,362

Total \$ 154,210

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY RESOURCES ORGANIZATION
FORM 990
DECEMBER 31, 2001

PART II

PAGE 2, LINE 22, GRANTS AND ALLOCATIONS

Community Food System	\$	5,000
Smart Growth, Transportation & Livable Communities		<u>1,985</u>
Total grants and allocations	\$	6,985

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