

Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax

2004

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

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

A For the 2004 calendar year, or tax year beginning 2004, and ending

- 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.

ALTERNATIVES VENTURE FUND, INC.
125 NORTH FULTON STREET
ITHACA, NY 14850

D Employer Identification Number
16-1568466

E Telephone number
(607) 273-3582

F Accounting method: Cash Accrual
 Other (specify) _____

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

H and 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 _____

H (c) Are all affiliates included? Yes No
(If 'No,' attach a list. See instructions.)

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

I Group Exemption Number _____

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

G Web site: N/A

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.

Gross receipts: Add lines 6b, 8b, 9b, and 10b to line 12 **126,460.**

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

1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received:				
a	Direct public support	1 a	32,274.		
b	Indirect public support	1 b			
c	Government contributions (grants)	1 c	86,350.		
d	Total (add lines 1a through 1c) (cash \$ 118,624. noncash \$ _____)	1 d		118,624.	
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts (from Part VII, line 93)	2		5,663.	
3	Membership dues and assessments	3			
4	Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	4		2,173.	
5	Dividends and interest from securities	5			
6a	Gross rents	6 a			
b	Less: rental expenses	6 b			
c	Net rental income or (loss) (subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6 c			
7	Other investment income (describe _____)	7			
8a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(A) Securities		(B) Other	
b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	8 a			
c	Gain or (loss) (attach schedule)	8 b			
d	Net gain or (loss) (combine line 8c, columns (A) and (B))	8 c			
8 d		8 d			
9	Special events and activities (attach schedule). If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>				
a	Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1a)	9 a			
b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	9 b			
c	Net income or (loss) from special events (subtract line 9b from line 9a)	9 c			
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10 a			
b	Less: cost of goods sold	10 b			
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (attach schedule) (subtract line 10b from line 10a)	10 c			
11	Other revenue (from Part VII, line 103)	11			
12	Total revenue (add lines 1d, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6c, 7, 8d, 9c, 10c, and 11)	12			126,460.
13	Program services (from line 44, column (B))	13			173,336.
14	Management and general (from line 44, column (C))	14			4,216.
15	Fundraising (from line 44, column (D))	15			
16	Expenses to affiliates (attach schedule)	16			
17	Total expenses (add lines 15 and 16)	17			177,552.
18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (subtract line 17 from line 12)	18			-51,092.
19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 73, column (A))	19			377,733.
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			326,641.

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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

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 (att sch) (cash \$ _____ non-cash \$ _____)	22			
23	Specific assistance to individuals (att sch)	23			
24	Benefits paid to or for members (att sch)	24			
25	Compensation of officers, directors, etc	25			
26	Other salaries and wages	26			
27	Pension plan contributions	27			
28	Other employee benefits	28			
29	Payroll taxes	29			
30	Professional fundraising fees	30			
31	Accounting fees	31			
32	Legal fees	32			
33	Supplies	33			
34	Telephone	34			
35	Postage and shipping	35			
36	Occupancy	36			
37	Equipment rental and maintenance	37			
38	Printing and publications	38			
39	Travel	39			
40	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	40			
41	Interest	41			
42	Depreciation, depletion, etc (attach schedule)	42	860.	860.	
43	Other expenses not covered above (itemize):				
a	<u>CONTRACTUAL EXPENSES</u>	43a	122,806.	119,575.	3,231.
b	<u>IDA MATCHING EXPENSES</u>	43b	40,314.	40,314.	
c	<u>OTHER</u>	43c	660.	535.	125.
d	<u>RESEARCH EXPENSE</u>	43d	12,912.	12,912.	
e		43e			
44	Total functional expenses (add lines 22 - 43). Organizations completing columns (B) - (D), carry these totals to lines 13 - 15	44	177,552.	173,336.	4,216. 0.

Joint Costs. Check if you are following SOP 98-2.

Are any joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation reported in (B) Program services? Yes No
 If 'Yes,' enter (i) the 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

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? <u>SEE BELOW</u>	Program Service Expenses (Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) trusts, but optional for others)
a <u>INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNTS IS AN ASSETS-BUILDING PROGRAM WHEREBY SAVINGS OF LOW-INCOME PARTICIPANTS ARE MATCHED TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN PAYING FOR A HOME, EDUCATION OR SMALL BUSINESS.</u> (Grants and allocations \$ _____)	70,066.
b <u>GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES FUND IS TO PROVIDE EQUITY-LIKE FINANCING THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE IMMEDIATE REPAYMENT TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL BUSINESSES THAT CAN DEMONSTRATE GROWTH POTENTIAL.</u> (Grants and allocations \$ _____)	53,447.
c <u>COMMUNITY CHILD CARE INITIATIVE IS A SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY-BASED INITIATIVE TO MAKE CHILDCARE MORE AFFORDABLE TO ALL PARENTS AND INCREASE AFFORDABLE FINANCING OPTIONS FOR CHILDCARE PROVIDERS.</u> (Grants and allocations \$ _____)	2,487.
d <u>CREDIT PATH IS A PROGRAM THAT RESEARCHES HOW AND WHETHER THE CREDIT PATH MODEL WORKS TO HELP PEOPLE PROGRESS FINANCIALLY.</u> (Grants and allocations \$ _____)	19,212.
e Other program services <u>SEE STATEMENT 1</u> (Grants and allocations \$ _____)	28,124.
f Total of Program Service Expenses (should equal line 44, column (B), Program services)	173,336.

Part IV Balance Sheets (See 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
ASSETS	45 Cash – non-interest-bearing	292,398.	45	278,874.
	46 Savings and temporary cash investments		46	
	47a Accounts receivable	47a		
	b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	47b	47c	
	48a Pledges receivable	48a		
	b Less. allowance for doubtful accounts	48b	48c	
	49 Grants receivable	25,000.	49	
	50 Receivables from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees (attach schedule)		50	
	51a Other notes & loans receivable (attach sch)	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) <input type="checkbox"/> Cost <input type="checkbox"/> FMV		54	
	55a Investments – land, buildings, & equipment: basis	55a		
	b Less. accumulated depreciation (attach schedule)	55b	55c	
	56 Investments – other (attach schedule)		56	
	57a Land, buildings, and equipment: basis	57a 4,300.		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) STATEMENT 2	57b 1,863.	3,297.	57c 2,437.
	58 Other assets (describe <input type="checkbox"/> SEE STATEMENT 3)	57,038.	58	54,080.
59 Total assets (add lines 45 through 58) (must equal line 74)	377,733.	59	335,391.	
LIABILITIES	60 Accounts payable and accrued expenses		60	
	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 <input type="checkbox"/> SEE STATEMENT 4)		65	8,750.
66 Total liabilities (add lines 60 through 65)	0.	66	8,750.	
NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 67 through 69 and lines 73 and 74.			
	67 Unrestricted	115,863.	67	155,990.
	68 Temporarily restricted	261,870.	68	170,651.
	69 Permanently restricted		69	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 70 through 74.			
	70 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds		70	
	71 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, and equipment fund		71	
	72 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		72	
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)	377,733.	73	326,641.	
74 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (add lines 66 and 73)	377,733.	74	335,391.	

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.

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Part IV-A Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements with Revenue per Return (See instructions.)

Part IV-B Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements with Expenses per Return

a	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	a	126,460.
b	Amounts included on line a but not on line 12, Form 990.		
(1)	Net unrealized gains on investments \$		
(2)	Donated services and use of facilities \$		
(3)	Recoveries of prior year grants \$		
(4)	Other (specify):		
	----- \$		
	Add amounts on lines (1) through (4)	b	
c	Line a minus line b	c	126,460.
d	Amounts included on line 12, Form 990 but not on line a:		
(1)	Investment expenses not included on line 6b, Form 990 \$		
(2)	Other (specify):		
	----- \$		
	Add amounts on lines (1) and (2)	d	
e	Total revenue per line 12, Form 990 (line c plus line d)	e	126,460.

a	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	a	177,552.
b	Amounts included on line a but not on line 17, Form 990		
(1)	Donated services and use of facilities \$		
(2)	Prior year adjustments reported on line 20, Form 990 \$		
(3)	Losses reported on line 20, Form 990 \$		
(4)	Other (specify):		
	----- \$		
	Add amounts on lines (1) through (4)	b	
c	Line a minus line b	c	177,552.
d	Amounts included on line 17, Form 990 but not on line a:		
(1)	Investment expenses not included on line 6b, Form 990 \$		
(2)	Other (specify):		
	----- \$		
	Add amounts on lines (1) and (2)	d	
e	Total expenses per line 17, Form 990 (line c plus line d)	e	177,552.

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

(A) Name and address	(B) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(C) Compensation (if not paid, enter -0-)	(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(E) Expense account and other allowances
LESLYN MCBEAN 528 WEST CLINTON STREET ITHACA, NY 14850	DIRECTOR AS NEEDED	0.	0.	0.
RICHARD FURNAS 113 CLOVER LANE ITHACA, NY 14850	SECRETARY AS NEEDED	0.	0.	0.
RICHARD BERG P.O. BOX 6708 ITHACA, NY 14851	PRESIDENT AS NEEDED	0.	0.	0.
SUZANNE CAMIN 1216 LAKE COMO ROAD CORTLAND, NY 13045	TREASURER AS NEEDED	0.	0.	0.

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? Yes No

If 'Yes,' attach schedule - see instructions.

Part VI Other Information (See instructions.)		Yes	No
76	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If 'Yes,' attach a detailed description of each activity		X
77	Were any changes made in the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? If 'Yes,' attach a conformed copy of the changes.		X
78a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?		X
78b	If 'Yes,' has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		N/A
79	Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If 'Yes,' attach a statement		X
80a	Is the organization related (other than by association with a statewide or nationwide organization) through common membership, governing bodies, trustees, officers, etc. to any other exempt or nonexempt organization?	X	
b	If 'Yes,' enter the name of the organization ▶ <u>ALTERNATIVES FEDERAL CREDIT UNION</u> and check whether it is <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exempt or <input type="checkbox"/> nonexempt		
81a	Enter direct and indirect political expenditures. See line 81 instructions	81a	0.
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	81b	X
82a	Did the organization receive donated services or the use of materials, equipment, or facilities at no charge or at substantially less than fair rental value?	82a	X
b	If 'Yes,' you may indicate the value of these items here. Do not include this amount as revenue in Part I or as an expense in Part II. (See instructions in Part III.)	82b	N/A
83a	Did the organization comply with the public inspection requirements for returns and exemption applications?	83a	X
b	Did the organization comply with the disclosure requirements relating to quid pro quo contributions?	83b	X
84a	Did the organization solicit any contributions or gifts that were not tax deductible?	84a	X
b	If 'Yes,' did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	84b	N/A
85	501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations a Were substantially all dues nondeductible by members?	85a	N/A
b	Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	85b	N/A
	If 'Yes' was answered to either 85a or 85b, do not complete 85c through 85h below unless the organization received a waiver for proxy tax owed for the prior year.		
c	Dues, assessments, and similar amounts from members	85c	N/A
d	Section 162(e) lobbying and political expenditures	85d	N/A
e	Aggregate nondeductible amount of section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices	85e	N/A
f	Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (line 85d less 85e)	85f	N/A
g	Does the organization elect to pay the section 6033(e) tax on the amount on line 85f?	85g	N/A
h	If section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices were sent, does the organization agree to add the amount on line 85f to its reasonable estimate of dues allocable to nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures for the following tax year?	85h	N/A
86	501(c)(7) organizations. Enter: a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 12.	86a	N/A
b	Gross receipts, included on line 12, for public use of club facilities	86b	N/A
87	501(c)(12) organizations Enter: a Gross income from members or shareholders	87a	N/A
b	Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	87b	N/A
88	At any time during the year, did the organization own a 50% or greater interest in a taxable corporation or partnership, or an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If 'Yes,' complete Part IX	88	X
89a	501(c)(3) organizations. Enter: Amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ 0. ; section 4912 ▶ 0. , section 4955 ▶ 0.		
b	501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If 'Yes,' attach a statement explaining each transaction	89b	X
c	Enter Amount of tax imposed on the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958		0.
d	Enter Amount of tax on line 89c, above, reimbursed by the organization		0.
90a	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ <u>NEW YORK STATE</u>		
b	Number of employees employed in the pay period that includes March 12, 2004 (See instructions)	90b	0
91	The books are in care of ▶ <u>BILL MYERS</u> Telephone number ▶ <u>(607) 273-3582</u> Located at ▶ <u>125 NORTH FULTON STREET, ITHACA, NY</u> ZIP + 4 ▶ <u>14850</u>		
92	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year	92	N/A

Part VII Analysis of Income-Producing Activities (See instructions.)

Note: Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated

	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	
93 Program service revenue:					
a INTEREST ON LOANS					2,915.
b OTHER REVENUE - GO FU					2,748.
c _____					
d _____					
e _____					
f Medicare/Medicaid payments					
g Fees & contracts from government agencies					
94 Membership dues and assessments					
95 Interest on savings & temporary cash invmnts			14	2,173.	
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 pers prop					
99 Other investment income					
100 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory					
101 Net income or (loss) from special events					
102 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory.					
103 Other revenue a _____					
b _____					
c _____					
d _____					
e _____					
104 Subtotal (add columns (B), (D), and (E))				2,173.	5,663.
105 Total (add line 104, columns (B), (D), and (E))					7,836.

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 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, B	ALTERNATIVES VENTURE FUND, INC. IS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO PROVIDING COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGH VARIOUS MISSION-FOCUSED PROGRAMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH ALTERNATIVES FEDERAL CREDIT UNION. THE AMOUNTS ABOVE ARE PAYMENTS FOR THESE SERVICES.

Part IX Information Regarding Taxable Subsidiaries and Disregarded Entities (See instructions.)

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

Part X Information Regarding Transfers Associated with Personal Benefit Contracts (See instructions.)

- a Did the organization, during the 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)

Please 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.

Deirdre S. Sherman
Date: 1/12/05
Manager

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

**Organization Exempt Under
Section 501(c)(3)**

OMB No 1545-0047

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

2004

Department of the Treasury
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▶ **MUST be completed by the above organizations and attached to their Form 990 or 990-EZ.**

Name of the organization: **ALTERNATIVES VENTURE FUND, INC.** Employer identification number: **16-1568466**

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

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

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
NONE				

Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000 ▶ **0**

Part II Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Independent Contractors for Professional Services

(See instructions. List each one (whether individuals or firms). If there are none, enter 'None'.)

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
ALTERNATIVES FEDERAL CREDIT UNION ITHACA, NY 14850	ADMINISTRATION	122,806.

Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services ▶ **0**

Part III Statements About Activities (See 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 ▶ \$ <u>N/A</u> (Must equal amounts on line 38, Part VI-A, or line i 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		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?		X
b Lending of money or other extension of credit?		X
c Furnishing of goods, services, or facilities?		X
d Payment of compensation (or payment or reimbursement of expenses if more than \$1,000)?		X
e Transfer of any part of its income or assets?		X
3a Do you make grants for scholarships, fellowships, student loans, etc? (If 'Yes,' attach an explanation of how you determine that recipients qualify to receive payments) .	X	
3b Do you have a section 403(b) annuity plan for your employees?		X
4a Did you maintain any separate account for participating donors where donors have the right to provide advice on the use or distribution of funds?		X
4b Do you provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services?		X

Part IV Reason for Non-Private Foundation Status (See 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.)
- 11 a 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.)
- 11 b A community trust. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) (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 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 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) 2003	(b) 2002	(c) 2001	(d) 2000	(e) Total
15 Gifts, grants, and contributions received. (Do not include unusual grants. See line 28.)	218,371.	306,989.	194,264.	153,092.	872,716.
16 Membership fees received					
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	4,971.	6,789.	335.	3,296.	15,391.
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	3,826.	427.	6,027.		10,280.
19 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 18					
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	227,168.	314,205.	200,626.	156,388.	898,387.
24 Line 23 minus line 17	222,197.	307,416.	200,291.	153,092.	882,996.
25 Enter 1% of line 23	2,272.	3,142.	2,006.	1,564.	

26 Organizations described on lines 10 or 11: a Enter 2% of amount in column (e), line 24	26a	17,660.
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 2000 through 2003 exceeded the amount shown in line 26a. Do not file this list with your return. Enter the total of all these excess amounts	26b	448,191.
c Total support for section 509(a)(1) test: Enter line 24, column (e)	26c	882,996.
d Add: Amounts from column (e) for lines: 18 10,280. 19	26d	458,471.
22 2,272. 26b 448,191.	26e	424,525.
e Public support (line 26c minus line 26d total)	26f	48.08 %
f Public support percentage (line 26e (numerator) divided by line 26c (denominator))		

27 Organizations described on line 12: N/A	
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. (2003) _____ (2002) _____ (2001) _____ (2000) _____	
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: (2003) _____ (2002) _____ (2001) _____ (2000) _____	
c Add: Amounts from column (e) for lines: 15 _____ 16 _____ 17 _____ 20 _____ 21 _____	27c
d Add: Line 27a total _____ and line 27b total _____	27d
e Public support (line 27c total minus line 27d total)	27e
f Total support for section 509(a)(2) test: Enter amount from line 23, column (e)	27f
g Public support percentage (line 27e (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))	27g
h Investment income percentage (line 18, column (e) (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))	27h

28 Unusual Grants: For an organization described in line 10, 11, or 12 that received any unusual grants during 2000 through 2003, 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 V Private School Questionnaire (See instructions)
 (To be completed ONLY by schools that checked the box on line 6 in Part IV)

N/A

29 Does the organization have a racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students by statement in its charter, bylaws, other governing instrument, or in a resolution of its governing body?

	Yes	No
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30 Does the organization include a statement of its racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students in all its brochures, catalogues, and other written communications with the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?

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31 Has the organization publicized its racially nondiscriminatory policy through newspaper or broadcast media during the period of solicitation for students, or during the registration period if it has no solicitation program, in a way that makes the policy known to all parts of the general community it serves?

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If 'Yes,' please describe, if 'No,' please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement)

32 Does the organization maintain the following:

a Records indicating the racial composition of the student body, faculty, and administrative staff?

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b Records documenting that scholarships and other financial assistance are awarded on a racially nondiscriminatory basis?

32 b		
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c Copies of all catalogues, brochures, announcements, and other written communications to the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?

32 c		
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d Copies of all material used by the organization or on its behalf to solicit contributions?

32 d		
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If you answered 'No' to any of the above, please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.)

33 Does the organization discriminate by race in any way with respect to:

a Students' rights or privileges?

33 a		
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b Admissions policies?

33 b		
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c Employment of faculty or administrative staff?

33 c		
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d Scholarships or other financial assistance?

33 d		
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e Educational policies?

33 e		
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f Use of facilities?

33 f		
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g Athletic programs?

33 g		
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h Other extracurricular activities?

33 h		
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If you answered 'Yes' to any of the above, please explain (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.)

34 a Does the organization receive any financial aid or assistance from a governmental agency?

34 a		
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b Has the organization's right to such aid ever been revoked or suspended?

34 b		
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If you answered 'Yes' to either 34a or b, please explain using an attached statement.

35 Does the organization certify that it has complied with the applicable requirements of sections 4.01 through 4.05 of Rev Proc 75-50, 1975-2 C.B. 587, covering racial nondiscrimination? If 'No,' attach an explanation.

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Part VI-A Lobbying Expenditures by Electing Public Charities (See instructions.)
 (To be completed **ONLY** by an eligible organization that filed Form 5768)

N/A

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 --		
If the amount on line 40 is --		
Not over \$500,000		
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000		
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000		
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000		
Over \$17,000,000		
The lobbying nontaxable amount is --		
20% of the amount on line 40		
\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000		
\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000	41	
\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000		
\$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.)

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period				
	(a) 2004	(b) 2003	(c) 2002	(d) 2001	(e) Total
45 Lobbying nontaxable amount					
46 Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 45(e))					
47 Total lobbying expenditures					
48 Grassroots non-taxable 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 instructions)

N/A

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

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

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STATEMENT 1
FORM 990, PART III, LINE E
STATEMENT OF PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

DESCRIPTION	GRANTS AND ALLOCATIONS	PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES
WEST END MODEL IS A HISTORICAL MURAL ON THE BUILDING WALL TO THE EAST OF THE ALTERNATIVES FEDERAL CREDIT UNION.		1,800.
VITA IS A FREE TAX PREPARATION SERVICE FOR LOW INCOME PEOPLE.		7,500.
BUSINESS CENTS IS A SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OFFERING "HOW TO" BUSINESS TRAINING, ONE-ON-ONE BUSINESS COUNSELING AND MARKETING SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE INTERESTED IN STARTING OR EXPANDING A BUSINESS.		18,824.
TOTAL	\$ 0.	\$ 28,124.

STATEMENT 2
FORM 990, PART IV, LINE 57
LAND, BUILDINGS, AND EQUIPMENT

CATEGORY	BASIS	ACCUM. DEPREC.	BOOK VALUE
AUTOMOBILES / TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	\$ 4,300.	\$ 1,863.	\$ 2,437.
TOTAL	\$ 4,300.	\$ 1,863.	\$ 2,437.

STATEMENT 3
FORM 990, PART IV, LINE 58
OTHER ASSETS

LOAN RECEIVABLE	\$ 54,080.
TOTAL	\$ 54,080.

STATEMENT 4
FORM 990, PART IV, LINE 65
OTHER LIABILITIES

DUE TO AFCU	\$ 8,750.
TOTAL	\$ 8,750.

STATEMENT 5
SCHEDULE A, PART III, LINE 3
QUALIFICATIONS OF RECIPIENTS RECEIVING GRANTS OR LOANS

SEE ATTACHED FROM THE ORGANIZATION'S FORM 1023 RE: MATCHING FUNDS.

990 Schedule A Part III Q 3a

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FORM 1023
PART II
QUESTION 1 (PAGE 3 OF 4)

INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNTS (IDA)

The IDA program is an educational program to teach low-income individuals and youth to save. Qualified applicants may open savings accounts and the funds they save will be matched (up to certain limitations).

IDAs are a different approach to helping individuals and families with low incomes. Instead of giving families income assistance, the program helps the participants invest in assets that build their economic security and develop good savings habits. The participants meet with a program coordinator to set financial goals that are incorporated into a written agreement. When the individual has met all the requirements of the program and is ready to spend the funds on their goal, the matched funds are paid directly to the vendor (the college, for example).

Participants are required to attend classes in economic literacy and support groups are offered. The participants are also involved in helping to plan the future of the program.

In order to participate, an individual's family income cannot be more than 150% of the Federal Poverty Level (150-200% if home ownership is the goal). Participants may own a home and a car but their other property and savings must be valued below a set amount. This amount is currently \$20,000 but may be adjusted for future years.

The program was started in 1997 by VISTA volunteers and staff of Alternatives Federal Credit Union. This has continued to date. The program will be administered by Alternative Venture Fund, Inc. upon recognition of 501(c) 3 status. The savings of the participants will be deposited in interest bearing accounts at Alternatives Federal Credit Union. The program is conducted in New York State, primarily in Tompkins County.

Please see enclosed brochures for additional information.

We estimate that the organization will spend 20% of the time on this program.

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