

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2005

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 2005 calendar year, or tax year beginning 2005, 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
[X] 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 [X]

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 [X]

G Web site: N/A

J Organization type

(check only one) [X] 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 chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return Some states require a complete return.

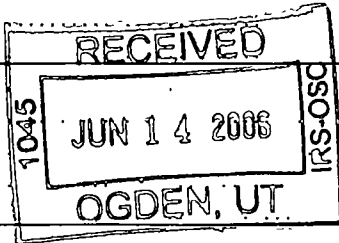
I Group Exemption Number

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

Gross receipts: Add lines 6b, 8b, 9b, and 10b to line 12 115,150.

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

Table with 21 rows and multiple columns for revenue, expenses, and net assets. Includes sub-rows for detailed categories like contributions, program revenue, and fundraising.



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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 \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	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	0.	0.	0.	0.
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	302.		302.	
43 Other expenses not covered above (itemize):					
a <u>CONTRACTUAL EXPENSES</u>	43a	31,538.	8,380.	23,158.	
b <u>IDA MATCHING EXPENSES</u>	43b	29,524.	29,524.		
c <u>OTHER</u>	43c	6,426.	3,179.	3,247.	
d <u>RESEARCH EXPENSE</u>	43d	5,976.	5,976.		
e _____	43e				
f _____	43f				
g _____	43g				
44 Total functional expenses. Add lines 22 through 43. (Organizations completing columns (B) - (D), carry these totals to lines 13 - 15)	44	73,766.	47,059.	26,707.	0.

Joint Costs. Check if you are following SOP 98-2
 Are any joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation reported **(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 \$ _____

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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.

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? ▶ <u>SEE BELOW</u> 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) 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 \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	29,524.
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 \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	5,000.
c <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 \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	12,856.
d <u>VITA IS A FREE TAX PREPARATION SERVICE FOR LOW INCOME PEOPLE.</u> ----- (Grants and allocations \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	100.
e Other program services <u>SEE STATEMENT 1</u> (Grants and allocations \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	-421.
f Total of Program Service Expenses (should equal line 44, column (B), Program services) ▶	47,059.

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Form 990 (2005)

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	278,874.	45	330,555.
	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		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			
b Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule)	57b	2,437.	57c	
58 Other assets (describe ► <u>SEE STATEMENT 2</u>)		54,080.	58	37,470.
59 Total assets (must equal line 74) Add lines 45 through 58		335,391.	59	368,025.
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 ► _____)		8,750.	65
66 Total liabilities. Add lines 60 through 65		8,750.	66	0.
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	155,990.	67	155,758.
	68 Temporarily restricted	170,651.	68	212,267.
	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)		326,641.	73	368,025.
74 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances. Add lines 66 and 73		335,391.	74	368,025.

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

a	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		a	115,150.
b	Amounts included on line a but not on Part I, line 12			
	1 Net unrealized gains on investments	b1		
	2 Donated services and use of facilities	b2		
	3 Recoveries of prior year grants	b3		
	4 Other (specify) _____	b4		
	Add lines b1 through b4		b	
c	Subtract line b from line a		c	115,150.
d	Amounts included on Part I, line 12, but not on line a :			
	1 Investment expenses not included on Part I, line 6b	d1		
	2 Other (specify) _____	d2		
	Add lines d1 and d2		d	
e	Total revenue (Part I, line 12). Add lines c and d		e	115,150.

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

a	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		a	73,766.
b	Amounts included on line a but not on Part I, line 17			
	1 Donated services and use of facilities	b1		
	2 Prior year adjustments reported on Part I, line 20	b2		
	3 Losses reported on Part I, line 20	b3		
	4 Other (specify) _____	b4		
	Add lines b1 through b4		b	
c	Subtract line b from line a		c	73,766.
d	Amounts included on Part I, line 17, but not on line a :			
	1 Investment expenses not included on Part I, line 6b	d1		
	2 Other (specify) _____	d2		
	Add lines d1 and d2		d	
e	Total expenses (Part I, line 17). Add lines c and d		e	73,766.

Part V-A Current Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (List each person who was an officer, director, trustee, or key employee at any time during the year even if they were not compensated.) (See the 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 plans	(E) Expense account and other allowances
LESLYN MCBEAN 125 NORTH FULTON STREET ITHACA, NY 14850	DIRECTOR 0	0.	0.	0.
RICHARD FURNAS 125 NORTH FULTON STREET ITHACA, NY 14850	SECRETARY 0	0.	0.	0.
RICHARD BERG 125 NORTH FULTON STREET ITHACA, NY 14850	PRESIDENT 0	0.	0.	0.
MYRA KOVARY 125 NORTH FULTON STREET ITHACA, NY 14850	TREASURER 0	0.	0.	0.

Part VI Other Information (continued)	Yes	No
82 a 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?	82 a	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.)	82 b	N/A
83 a Did the organization comply with the public inspection requirements for returns and exemption applications?	83 a	X
b Did the organization comply with the disclosure requirements relating to quid pro quo contributions?	83 b	X
84 a Did the organization solicit any contributions or gifts that were not tax deductible?	84 a	X
b If 'Yes,' did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	84 b	N/A
85 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations a Were substantially all dues nondeductible by members?	85 a	N/A
b Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	85 b	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	85 c	N/A
d Section 162(e) lobbying and political expenditures	85 d	N/A
e Aggregate nondeductible amount of section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices	85 e	N/A
f Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (line 85d less 85e)	85 f	N/A
g Does the organization elect to pay the section 6033(e) tax on the amount on line 85f?	85 g	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?	85 h	N/A
86 501(c)(7) organizations Enter: a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 12	86 a	N/A
b Gross receipts, included on line 12, for public use of club facilities	86 b	N/A
87 501(c)(12) organizations Enter: a Gross income from members or shareholders	87 a	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)	87 b	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
89 a 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter: Amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 ▶ <u>0.</u> ; section 4912 ▶ <u>0.</u> , section 4955 ▶ <u>0.</u>		
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	89 b	X
c Enter: Amount of tax imposed on the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ <u>0.</u>		
d Enter: Amount of tax on line 89c, above, reimbursed by the organization ▶ <u>0.</u>		
90 a List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ <u>NONE</u>	90 a	0
b Number of employees employed in the pay period that includes March 12, 2005 (See instructions)	90 b	0
91 a 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>		
b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country ▶ _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Statements	91 b	X
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the United States? If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country ▶ _____	91 c	X
92 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ <u>92</u>	92	N/A

Part VII Analysis of Income-Producing Activities (See the 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 OTHER REVENUE - GO FU			15	2,219.	
b					
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	3,935.	
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))				6,154.	
105 Total (add line 104, columns (B), (D), and (E))					6,154.

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 the 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 the 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	0%			

Part X Information Regarding Transfers Associated with Personal Benefit Contracts (See the 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 Sign Here

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Signature of officer: X Dendrea Silverman Date: 6/5/06

Type or print name and title: X Dendrea Silverman, Manager

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature: [Signature] Date: 6/5/06 Check if self-employed: Preparer's SSN or PTIN (See General Instruction W): P00084930

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: SCIARABBA WALKER & CO., LLP
200 E BUFFALO ST STE 402
ITHACA, NY 14850 EIN: 16-1071694 Phone no: (607) 272-5550

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

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

Supplementary Information — (See separate instructions.)

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

OMB No 1545-0047

2005

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 – A 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 125 NORTH FULTON ST ITHACA, NY 14850	ADMINISTRATION	31,538.
Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services	0	

Part II – B Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Independent Contractors for Other Services

(List each contractor who performed services other than professional services, whether individuals or firms If there are none, enter 'None' See instructions)

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		
Total number of other contractors receiving over \$50,000 for other 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	SEE STATEMENT 3
b Do you have a section 403(b) annuity plan for your employees?		X
c During the year, did the organization receive a contribution of qualified real property interest under section 170(h)?		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
b 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)
 - 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)(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). Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization ▶ Type 1 Type 2 Type 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) 2004	(b) 2003	(c) 2002	(d) 2001	(e) Total
15 Gifts, grants, and contributions received (Do not include unusual grants. See line 28.)	143,624.	218,371.	306,989.	194,264.	863,248.
16 Membership fees received					0.
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	5,663.	4,971.	6,789.	335.	17,758.
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	2,173.	3,826.	427.	6,027.	12,453.
19 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 18					0.
20 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf					0.
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					0.
22 Other income. Attach a schedule. Do not include gain or (loss) from sale of capital assets					0.
23 Total of lines 15 through 22	151,460.	227,168.	314,205.	200,626.	893,459.
24 Line 23 minus line 17	145,797.	222,197.	307,416.	200,291.	875,701.
25 Enter 1% of line 23	1,515.	2,272.	3,142.	2,006.	
26 Organizations described on lines 10 or 11:					
a Enter 2% of amount in column (e), line 24					26a 17,514.
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 2001 through 2004 exceeded the amount shown in line 26a. Do not file this list with your return. Enter the total of all these excess amounts					26b 305,099.
c Total support for section 509(a)(1) test. Enter line 24, column (e)					26c 875,701.
d Add: Amounts from column (e) for lines	18 12,453.	19	26b 305,099.		26d 317,552.
e Public support (line 26c minus line 26d total)					26e 558,149.
f Public support percentage (line 26e (numerator) divided by line 26c (denominator))					26f 63.74 %
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	(2004) _____	(2003) _____	(2002) _____	(2001) _____	
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 11b, 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	(2004) _____	(2003) _____	(2002) _____	(2001) _____	
c Add: Amounts from column (e) for lines	15 _____	16 _____	17 _____	20 _____	21 _____
d Add: Line 27a total _____ and line 27b total _____					27c _____
e Public support (line 27c total minus line 27d total)					27d _____
f Total support for section 509(a)(2) test: Enter amount from line 23, column (e)					27e _____
g Public support percentage (line 27e (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))					27f _____
h Investment income percentage (line 18, column (e) (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))					27g _____ %
					27h _____ %

28 Unusual Grants: For an organization described in line 10, 11, or 12 that received any unusual grants during 2001 through 2004, 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?

32 a		
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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) 2005	(b) 2004	(c) 2003	(d) 2002	(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.

Application for Extension of Time to File an Exempt Organization Return

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ File a separate application for each return.

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part I** and check this box
- If you are filing for an **Additional (not automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part II** (on page 2 of this form).

Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time – Only submit original (no copies needed)

Form 990-T corporations requesting an automatic 6-month extension – check this box and complete Part I only

All other corporations (including Form 990-C filers) must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns. Partnerships, REMICs and trusts must use Form 8736 to request an extension of time to file Form 1065, 1066, or 1041.

Electronic Filing (e-file). Form 8868 can be filed electronically if you want a 3-month automatic extension of time to file one of the returns noted below (6-months for corporate Form 990-T filers). However, you cannot file it electronically if you want the additional (not automatic) 3-month extension, instead you must submit the fully completed signed page 2 (Part II) of Form 8868. For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit www.irs.gov/efile.

Type or print File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.	Name of Exempt Organization ALTERNATIVES VENTURE FUND, INC.	Employer identification number 16-1568466
	Number, street, and room or suite number If a P O box, see instructions 125 NORTH FULTON STREET	
	City, town or post office For a foreign address, see instructions ITHACA, NY 14850	
	state	ZIP code

Check type of return to be filed (file a separate application for each return):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (corporation) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 4720 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-BL | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (section 401(a) or 408(a) trust) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 5227 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-EZ | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (trust other than above) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 6069 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-PF | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 1041-A | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 8870 |

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Telephone No. ▶ (607) 273-3582 ----- FAX No. ▶ -----

- If the organization does **not** have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box
- If this is for a **Group Return**, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) _____. If this is for the **whole** group, check this box . If it is for part of the group, check this box and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension will cover.

- 1 I request an automatic 3-month (6-months for a **Form 990-T corporation**) extension of time until 8/15, 2006, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:
 - ▶ calendar year 2005 or
 - ▶ tax year beginning _____, 20____, and ending _____, 20____.
- 2 If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason: Initial return Final return Change in accounting period
- 3a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions. \$ _____ 0.
- b If this application is for Form 990-PF or 990-T, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit. \$ _____ 0.
- c **Balance Due.** Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions. \$ _____ 0.

Caution. If you are going to make an electronic fund withdrawal with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions.

BAA For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see instructions.

ALTERNATIVES VENTURE FUND, INC.

16-1568466

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

DESCRIPTION	GRANTS AND ALLOCATIONS	PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES
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.		-421.
INCLUDES FOREIGN GRANTS: NO		
TOTAL	\$ <u>0.</u>	\$ <u>-421.</u>

STATEMENT 2
FORM 990, PART IV, LINE 58
OTHER ASSETS

LOAN RECEIVABLE	\$ 37,470.
TOTAL	\$ <u>37,470.</u>

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

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

ALTERNATIVES VENTURE FUND, INC.
#16-1568466

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.