Form **990**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

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

OMB No 1545 0047

2009

Open to Public Inspection

For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning , 2009, and ending ,

B Check if applicable
[X] Address change
[ ] Name change
[ ] Initial return
[ ] Termination
[X] Amended return
[ ] Application pending

Please use IRS label or print or type. See specific instructions.

C Name of organization: Franklin Center for Government and Public Integrity

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street addr): 127 S Peyton St — Room/suite: 200

City, town or country: Alexandria — State: VA — ZIP code + 4: 22314

D Employer Identification Number: 26-4066298

E Telephone number: (571) 384-2090

G Gross receipts $ 2,434,758.

F Name and address of principal officer: Jason Stverak 127 S Peyton St, Suite Alexandria VA 22314

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? [ ] Yes [X] No

H(b) Are all affiliates included? [ ] Yes [ ] No
If 'No,' attach a list (see instructions)

I Tax-exempt status [X] 501(c) (3) ◄ (insert no) [ ] 4947(a)(1) or [ ] 527

J **Website:** ► N/A

H(c) Group exemption number ►

K Form of organization [X] Corporation [ ] Trust [ ] Association [ ] Other ►

L Year of Formation 2009

M State of legal domicile ND

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: The mission of Franklin Center is to promote social welfare and civil betterment by undertaking programs that promote journalism and the education of the public about corruption, imcompetence, fraud or taxpayer abuse by elected officials at all levels of government.

2 Check this box ► [ ] if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its assets

3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	3
4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	3
5	Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	5	
6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	0
7a	Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0.
b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	

		Prior Year	Current Year
Revenue			
8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	0.	2,378,931.
9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		
10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)		34.
11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)		
12	Total revenue — add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	0.	2,378,965.
Expenses			
13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)		95,913.
14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		
15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)		
16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		
b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ► 119,271.		
17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)		1,593,529.
18	Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)		1,689,442.
19	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	0.	689,523.

Net Assets or Fund Balances		Beginning of Year	End of Year
20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	0.	707,989.
21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	0.	17,076.
22	Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	0.	690,913.

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Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here

► Signature of officer — Date 10/20/11

► President
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature ► Lisa M Lally — Date — Check if self employed ► [ ] — Preparer's identifying number (see instructions)

Firm's name (or yours if self employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ► Ceterus, Inc. PO Box 19366 Kalamazoo MI 49019 — EIN ► — Phone no ►

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) [X] Yes [ ] No

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

The mission of Franklin Center is to promote social welfare and civil betterment by undertaking programs that promote journalism and the education

See Form 990, Page 2, Part III, Line 1 (continued)

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

If 'Yes,' describe these new services on Schedule O

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

If 'Yes,' describe these changes on Schedule O

4 Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported

4a (Code ________) (Expenses $ 1,195,324. including grants of $ 95,913.) (Revenue $ 2,378,931.)

Journalism has taken a substantial hit in the last decade. According to The Nation, of the 60,000 print journalists employed in 2001, at least 10,000 have lost their jobs while newspaper circulation dropped 7%. And an American Journalism Review study found that only 355 full-time newspaper reporters are still based in the nation's state capitols and that 44 statehouses have fewer full-time reporters than they did 6 years ago. The Franklin Center was established as a direct response to this decline. We set out as a new organization in January 2009 to recruit, train, and provide resources for journalists dedicated to exposing waste, fraud and abuse at all levels of government. In the early days of this country, Benjamin Franklin realized the power a free and unfettered press could have on them to call for responsibility from their leaders and institutions. He wrote scathing letters and editorials, and then founded

See Form 990, Page 2, Part III, Line 4a (continued)

4b (Code ________) (Expenses $ 141,652. including grants of $ 0.) (Revenue $ 0.)

In addition to maintaining comprehensive databases pertaining to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, transparency, and other information crucial to reporting, the Franklin Center holds several training sessions throughout the year, equipping our reporters with strategies and tactics uniquely suited to their mission and reporting efforts. Each session seeks to educate, advise, and train our network of reporters on how to become thorough, unbiased, and accurate reporters well versed in new technology and journalist integrity while providing the opportunity to meet and network with one another and discuss best practices and coordinating outreach efforts.

4c (Code ________) (Expenses $ ________ including grants of $ ________) (Revenue $ ________)

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)

(Expenses $ including grants of $) (Revenue $)

4e Total program service expenses ► 1,336,976.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

			Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule A*	1	X	
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	2	X	
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part I*	3		X
4	**Section 501(c)(3) organizations** Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part II*	4		X
5	**Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations.** Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part III*	5		
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part I*	6		X
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part II*	7		X
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part III*	8		X
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part IV*	9		X
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part V*	10		X
11	Is the organization's answer to any of the following questions 'Yes'? *If so, complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable*	11	X	
	• Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings and equipment in Part X, line 10? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part VI*			
	• Did the organization report an amount for investments– other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part VII*			
	• Did the organization report an amount for investments– program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part VIII*			
	• Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part IX*			
	• Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part X*			
	• Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organizaiton's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48? If *'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part X*			
12	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statement for the tax year? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII*	12	X	
12A	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statement for the tax year? *If 'Yes,' completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional* — 12 A: Yes [ ] No [X]			
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If *'Yes,' complete Schedule E*	13		X
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a		X
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than $10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the United States? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Part I*	14b		X
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than $5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Part II*	15		X
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than $5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Part III*	16		X
17	Did the organization report a total of more than $15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part I*	17		X
18	Did the organization report more than $15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part II*	18		X
19	Did the organization report more than $15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part III*	19		X
20	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule H*	20		X

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules *(continued)*

			Yes	No
21	Did the organization report more than $5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule I, Parts I and II*	21	X	
22	Did the organization report more than $5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule I, Parts I and III*	22		X
23	Did the organization answer 'Yes' to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J*	23		X
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than $100,000 as of the last day of the year, and that was issued after December 31, 2002? *If 'Yes,' answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K If 'No,' go to line 25*	24a		X
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an 'on behalf of' issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
25a	**Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.** Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I*	25a		X
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I*	25b		X
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part II*	26		X
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection comittee member, or to a person related to such an individual? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part III*	27		X
28	Was the organization a party to a business transation with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV*	28a	X	
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV*	28b		X
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee of the organization (or a family member) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV*	28c		X
29	Did the organization receive more than $25,000 in non-cash contributions? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule M*	29		X
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule M*	30		X
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule N, Part I*	31		X
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule N, Part II*	32		X
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301 7701-2 and 301 7701-3? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part I*	33		X
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1*	34		X
35	Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2*	35		X
36	**Section 501(c)(3) organizations.** Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2*	36		X
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part VI*	37		X
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? **Note.** All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	X	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

				Yes	No
1a Enter the number reported in Box 3 of form 1096, Annual Summary and Transmittal of U S Information Returns Enter -0- if not applicable	1a	0			
b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	0			
c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?			1c		
2a Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a				
2b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?			2b		
Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to *e-file* this return (see instructions)					
3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of $1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?			3a		X
b If 'Yes' has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? *If 'No,' provide an explanation in Schedule O*			3b		
4a 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)?			4a		X
b 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 Accounts					
5a Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?			5a		X
b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?			5b		X
c If 'Yes,' to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?			5c		
6a Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than $100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?			6a		X
b If 'Yes,' did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not deductible?			6b		
7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).					
a Did the organization receive a payment in excess of $75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?			7a		X
b If 'Yes,' did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?			7b		
c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?			7c		X
d If 'Yes,' indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d				
e Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?			7e		X
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?			7f		X
g For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?			7g		
h For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?			7h		
8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?			8		
9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.					
a Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?			9a		
b Did the organization make any distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?			9b		
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter					
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a				
b Gross Receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b				
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter					
a Gross income from other members or shareholders	11a				
b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)	11b				
12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?			12a		
b If 'Yes,' enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b				

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

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

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

		Yes	No
10a Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	**10a**		X
b If 'Yes,' does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?	**10b**		
11 Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	**11**	X	
11A Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990			
12a Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? *If 'No,' go to line 13*	**12a**	X	
b Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	**12b**	X	
c Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? *If 'Yes,' describe in Schedule O how this is done*	**12c**	X	
13 Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	**13**	X	
14 Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	**14**	X	
15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?			
a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	**15a**	X	
b Other officers of key employees of the organization	**15b**	X	
If 'Yes' to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (See instructions.)			
16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	**16a**		X
b If 'Yes,' has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	**16b**		

Section C. Disclosures

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ►

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply

☐ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request

19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public

20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization:

► Jason Stverak 127 S Peyton St, Suite 200 Alexandria VA 22314 (571) 384-2090

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

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

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organizations's tax year Use Schedule J-2 if additional space is needed

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees See instructions for definition of 'key employees '
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than $100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than $100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than $10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order individual trustees or directors, institutional trustees; officers; key employees, highest compensated employees, and former such persons.

☐ Check this box if the organization did not compensate any current officer, director, or trustee

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply): Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former	(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W 2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099 MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
Rudie Martinson Director and Secretary	5.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
Doug Loen Director	5.00	X						0.	0.	0.
Jason Stverak President and Chairman	40.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees *(cont.)*

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply): Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former	(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W 2/1099 MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
1b Total ►								0.	0.	0.

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than $100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization ►

		Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any **former** officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J for such individual*	3		X
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than $150,000? *If 'Yes' complete Schedule J for such individual*	4		X
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization for services rendered to the organization? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J for such person*	5		X

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than $100,000 of compensation from the organization

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of Services	(C) Compensation

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than $100,000 in compensation from the organization ►

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514
CONTRIBUTIONS, GIFTS, GRANTS AND OTHER SIMILAR AMOUNTS						
1a Federated campaigns	1a					
b Membership dues	1b					
c Fundraising events	1c					
d Related organizations	1d					
e Government grants (contributions)	1e					
f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	2,378,931.				
g Noncash contribns included in lns 1a-1f		$				
h **Total.** Add lines 1a-1f ►			2,378,931.			
PROGRAM SERVICE REVENUE		Business Code				
2a						
b						
c						
d						
e						
f All other program service revenue						
g **Total.** Add lines 2a-2f ►						
OTHER REVENUE						
3 Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts) ►			230.	230.	0.	0.
4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds ►						
5 Royalties ►						
	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
6a Gross Rents						
b Less rental expenses						
c Rental income or (loss)						
d Net rental income or (loss) ►						
	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	55,597.					
b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	55,793.					
c Gain or (loss)	-196.					
d Net gain or (loss) ►			-196.	-196.	0.	0.
8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including $ ______ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	a					
b Less direct expenses	b					
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events ►						
9a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19	a					
b Less direct expenses	b					
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities ►						
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a					
b Less cost of goods sold	b					
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory ►						
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code				
11a						
b						
c						
d All other revenue						
e **Total.** Add lines 11a-11d ►						
12 **Total revenue.** See instructions ►			2,378,965.	34.	0.	0.

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns.

All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U S. See Part IV, line 21	95,913.	95,913.		
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U S See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U S See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees				
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages				
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes				
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal	429,629.	365,185.	42,963.	21,481.
c Accounting				
d Lobbying				
e Prof fundraising svcs See Part IV, ln 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other	100,792.	89,261.	7,687.	3,844.
12 Advertising and promotion	39,100.	39,100.	0.	0.
13 Office expenses	51,619.	39,696.	9,275.	2,648.
14 Information technology	77,959.	65,680.	8,186.	4,093.
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	3,900.	3,120.	390.	390.
17 Travel	86,112.	23,405.	23,405.	39,302.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	183,109.	155,643.	18,311.	9,155.
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	2,086.	1,627.	459.	0.
23 Insurance	836.	418.	418.	0.
24 Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below.)				
a Board Expenses	8,565.	0.	8,565.	0.
b Contracted Payroll	609,822.	459,013.	112,451.	38,358.
c				
d				
e				
f All other expenses				
25 **Total functional expenses.** Add lines 1 through 24f	1,689,442.	1,338,061.	232,110.	119,271.
26 **Joint costs.** Check here ► ☐ if following SOP 98-2 Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X Balance Sheet

			(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
ASSETS	1	Cash – non-interest-bearing	0.	1	622,812.
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		2	
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6	Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	82,395.
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D — 10a: 3,477.			
	b	Less accumulated depreciation — 10b: 695.		10c	2,782.
	11	Investments – publicly-traded securities		11	
	12	Investments – other securities See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13	Investments – program-related See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14	Intangible assets		14	
	15	Other assets See Part IV, line 11		15	
	16	**Total assets.** Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	0.	16	707,989.
LIABILITIES	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	0.	17	17,076.
	18	Grants payable		18	
	19	Deferred revenue		19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22	Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25	Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26	**Total liabilities.** Add lines 17 through 25	0.	26	17,076.
NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES		**Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here ► [X] and complete lines 27 through 29 and lines 33 and 34.**			
	27	Unrestricted net assets	0.	27	690,913.
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets		28	
	29	Permanently restricted net assets		29	
		Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ► [ ] and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, and equipment fund		31	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
	33	Total net assets or fund balances	0.	33	690,913.
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	0.	34	707,989.

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

			Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990. ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked 'Other,' explain in Schedule O			
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?	2a		X
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	2b	X	
c	If 'Yes' to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?	2c		X
	If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O			
d	If 'Yes' to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a consolidated basis, separate basis, or both. ☒ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis			
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?	3a		X
b	If 'Yes,' did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits	3b		

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

► **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.** ► **See separate instructions.**

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Name of the organization: Franklin Center for Government and Public Integrity

Employer identification number: 26-4066298

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

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

1 [ ] A church, convention of churches or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**

2 [ ] A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E)

3 [ ] A hospital or cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**

4 [ ] A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _______________

5 [ ] An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II)

6 [ ] A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**

7 [X] An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II)

8 [ ] A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)

9 [ ] An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33-1/3 % of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions – subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33-1/3 % of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III)

10 [ ] An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See **section 509(a)(4).**

11 [ ] An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2) See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.

a [ ] Type I **b** [ ] Type II **c** [ ] Type III – Functionally integrated **d** [ ] Type III– Other

e [ ] By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2)

f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box [ ]

g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

			Yes	No
(i)	a person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?	**11 g (i)**		
(ii)	a family member of a person described in (i) above?	**11 g (ii)**		
(iii)	a 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?	**11 g (iii)**		

h Provide the following information about the supported organizations

(i) Name of Supported Organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1 9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document? Yes	(iv) No	(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support? Yes	(v) No	(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U S ? Yes	(vi) No	(vii) Amount of Support
Total									

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions and membership fees received (Do not include 'unusual grants ')					2,378,931.	2,378,931.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf						
3 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						
4 **Total.** Add lines 1-through 3					2,378,931.	2,378,931.
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						8,014.
6 **Public support.** Subtract line 5 from line 4						2,370,917.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4					2,378,931.	2,378,931.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income form similar sources					230.	230.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
11 **Total support.** Add lines 7 through 10						2,379,161.

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions) | 12 |

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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f) | 14 | %

15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 | 15 | %

16a **33-1/3 support test — 2009.** If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and the line 14 is 33-1/3 % or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► [ ]

b **33-1/3 support test — 2008.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, or 16a, and line 15 is 33-1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. ► [ ]

17a **10%-facts-and-circumstances test — 2009** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. ► [ ]

b **10%-facts-and-circumstances test — 2008.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► [ ]

18 **Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line, 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ► [ ]

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal yr beginning in) ►	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions and membership fees received (Do not include 'unusual grants ')						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in a activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 **Total.** Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 **Public support** (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal yr beginning in) ►	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income form similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included inline 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
13 **Total support.** (add lns 9, 10c, 11, and 12)						

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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15	Public support percentage for 2009 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16	Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17	Investment income percentage for **2009** (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18	Investment income percentage from **2008** Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a **33-1/3 support tests – 2009.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33-1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33-1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► ☐

b **33-1/3 support tests – 2008.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or 19a, and line 16 is more than 33-1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33-1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► ☐

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

Part IV Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. See instructions.

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

► Complete if the organization answered 'Yes,' to Form 990, Part IV, lines 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.
► Attach to Form 990. ► See separate instructions

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Franklin Center for Government and Public Integrity	26-4066298

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

		(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1	Total number at end of year		
2	Aggregate contributions to (during year)		
3	Aggregate grants from (during year)		
4	Aggregate value at end of year		

5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds may be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Part II **Conservation Easements** Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)

- ☐ Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or pleasure)
- ☐ Protection of natural habitat
- ☐ Preservation of open space
- ☐ Preservation of an historically important land area
- ☐ Preservation of certified historic structure

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year

		Held at the End of the Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a	
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b	
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c	
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06	2d	

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ► ________

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ► ________

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easement it holds? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ► ________

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ► $ ________

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

9 In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements

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

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items

(i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► $ ________

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► $ ________

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 relating to these items

a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► $ ________

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► $ ________

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

3 Using the organization's acquisition accession and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

a ☐ Public exhibition
b ☐ Scholarly research
c ☐ Preservation for future generations
d ☐ Loan or exchange programs
e ☐ Other

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIV

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements Complete if organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

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

b If 'Yes,' explain the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table

		Amount
c Beginning balance	1c	
d Additions during the year	1d	
e Distributions during the year	1e	
f Ending balance	1f	

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If 'Yes,' explain the arrangement in Part XIV

Part V Endowment Funds Complete if organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1 a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net Investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as:

a Board designated or quasi-endowment ► ______ %
b Permanent endowment ► ______ %
c Term endowment ► ______ %

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

		Yes	No
(i) unrelated organizations	3a(i)		
(ii) related organizations	3a(ii)		
b If 'Yes' to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?	3b		

4 Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI Investments—Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated Depreciation	(d) Book Value
1 a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment	3,477.		695.	2,782.
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e *(Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c))* ►				2,782.

Part VII Investments—Other Securities See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
Financial derivatives		
Closely-held equity interests		
Other		
Total (Column (b) must equal Form 990 Part X, col (B) line 12.) ►		

Part VIII Investments—Program Related (See Form 990, Part X, line 13)

(a) Description of investment type	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, Col (B) line 13.) ►		

Part IX Other Assets (See Form 990, Part X, line 15)

(a) Description	(b) Book value
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B), line 15) ►	

Part X Other Liabilities (See Form 990, Part X, line 25)

(a) Description of Liability	(b) Amount
Federal Income Taxes	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25) ►	

2. FIN 48 Footnote In Part XIV, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48.

Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Financial Statements

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII,column (A), line 12)	2,378,965.
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	1,689,442.
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	689,523.
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	
5	Donated services and use of facilities	
6	Investment expenses	
7	Prior period adjustments	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	-1,391.
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 through 8	-1,391.
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per audited financial statements. Combine lines 3 and 9	688,132.

Part XII Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements			1	
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:				
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a			
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b			
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c			
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d			
e	Add lines **2a** through **2d**			2e	
3	Subtract line **2e** from line **1**			3	
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line **1**				
a	Investments expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a			
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b			
c	Add lines **4a** and **4b**			4c	
5	Total revenue Add lines **3** and **4c.** (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)			5	

Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

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

Part XIV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4, Part X, line 2, Part XI, line 8; Part XII, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b Also complete this part to provide any additional information

Pt XI Line 8 Book to tax depreciation difference

Part XIV Supplemental Information *(continued)*

SCHEDULE I
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes,' to Form 990, Part IV, lines 21 or 22.
► Attach to Form 990.

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2009

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Name of the organization: Franklin Center for Government and Public Integrity

Employer identification number: 26-4066298

Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? [X] Yes [ ] No

2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States.

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 for any recipient that received more than $5,000. Check this box if no one recipient received more than $5,000. Use Part IV and Schedule I-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed ► [ ]

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
Lucy Barns Institute 301 S Bedford Ste 6 Madison WI 53703	20-8036372	501c3	43,413.				Wiki general s
Small Business Found Hawa 6600 Kalanianole #212 Honolulu HI 96801	26-1210732	501c3	45,000.				Support Journa
MarylandReporter.com 6392 Shadowscape Pl Columbia MD 21045	27-0853887	501c3	7,500.				Support Journa

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations ►

3 Enter total number of other organizations ►

Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 22. Use Part IV and Schedule I-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance

Part IV Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, and any other additional information.

Pt I Line 2 We require any organization that is given a grant to provide a written request

Pt I Line 2 for the grant and a description of the program they are asking funds to implement.

Pt I Line 2 We require a progress report from the organization as well as a final report to

Pt I Line 2 ensure the organization spent the funds in accordance to the program outline

Pt I Line 2 they provided to the Franklin Center.

SCHEDULE L
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Transactions with Interested Persons

► Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or 40b.
► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ► See separate instructions.

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Franklin Center for Government and Public Integrity	26-4066298

Part I Excess Benefit Transactions (section 501(c)(3) and section 501(c)(4) organizations only).

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b.

1 (a) Name of disqualified person	(b) Description of transaction	(c) Corrected?	
		Yes	No

2 Enter the amount of tax imposed on the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958 ► $

3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization ► $

Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 26 or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a.

(a) Name of interested person and purpose	(b) Loan to or from the organization?		(c) Original principal amount	(d) Balance due	(e) In default?		(f) Approved by board or committee?		(g) Written agreement?	
	To	From			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Total			► $							

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefitting Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount and type of assistance

Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction $	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No
Jason Stverak	Board Member	67,459.	Contracted Payroll		X

SCHEDULE O (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or to provide any additional information.
► Attach to Form 990.

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Pt VI-A, Line 8b Franklin does not have any committees

Pt VI-B, Line 15 Payment is made through contract payroll and was approved by the board

Pt VI-B, Line 12c The policy is looked at, but there have never been problems with it

Pt VI-B, Line 11A The return is ditributed to the board for approval before filing

Additional info for Schedule B: Statement of Donor Anonymity

The Franklin Center does not provide specific identifying information on its donors on the ground that such disclosure may chill the donors' First Amendment right to associate in private with the organization. NAACP v Alabama, 357 US 449 (1958); International Union UAM v National Right to Work, 590F 2d 1139, 1152 (D.C Cir 1978). While the other information has been provided on this Schedule B, actual identities have been protected by assigning a number or letter to each donor listed.

Schedule O (Form 990), Supplemental Information to Form 990
Form 990, Page 2, Part III, Line 1 (continued)

Briefly describe the organization's mission.
of the public about corruption, imcompetence, fraud or taxpayer abuse by elected officials at all levels of government.

Schedule O (Form 990), Supplemental Information to Form 990
Form 990, Page 2, Part III, Line 4a (continued)

his own newspaper because he believed that the press could be the strongest asset of those hoping to found a new nation. In 2009 the Franklin Center provided support for several state based organizations to establish news organizations to provide original news content for the readers and viewers in their states.

Form **4562** | 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 | **2009** | Attachment Sequence No 67

Name(s) shown on return: Franklin Center for Government and Public Integrity
Identifying number: 26-4066298

Business or activity to which this form relates: Form 990 / Form 990EZ

Part I Election To Expense Certain 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	$250,000.
2	Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3	Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation (see instructions)	3	$800,000.
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 instructions	5	

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 2008 Form 4562	10	
11	Business income limitation Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5 (see instrs)	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 2010 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) (See instructions)

14	Special depreciation allowance for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year (see instructions)	14	1,739.
15	Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election	15	
16	Other depreciation (including ACRS)	16	

Part III MACRS Depreciation (Do not include listed property) (See instructions)

Section A

17	MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2009	17	
18	If you are electing 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 2009 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System

(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only — see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19a 3-year property						
b 5-year property		1,738.	5.0 yrs	HY	200 DB	347.
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	
			27.5 yrs	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property			39 yrs	MM	S/L	
				MM	S/L	

Section C – Assets Placed in Service During 2009 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
20a Class life					S/L	
b 12-year			12 yrs		S/L	
c 40-year			40 yrs	MM	S/L	

Part IV Summary (See instructions.)

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 instructions	22	2,086.
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	

Part V Listed Property

(Include automobiles, certain other vehicles, cellular telephones, certain computers, and property used for entertainment, recreation, or amusement.)

Note: *For any vehicle for which you are using the standard mileage rate or deducting lease expense, complete* **only** *24a, 24b, columns (a) through (c) of Section A, all of Section B, and Section C if applicable.*

Section A – Depreciation and Other Information (Caution: *See the instructions for limits for passenger automobiles.*)

24a Do you have evidence to support the business/investment use claimed? ☐ Yes ☐ No **24b** If 'Yes,' is the evidence written? ☐ Yes ☐ No

(a) Type of property (list vehicles first)	(b) Date placed in service	(c) Business/ investment use percentage	(d) Cost or other basis	(e) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only)	(f) Recovery period	(g) Method/ Convention	(h) Depreciation deduction	(i) Elected section 179 cost
25 Special depreciation allowance for qualified listed property placed in service during the tax year and used more than 50% in a qualified business use (see instructions)						25		
26 Property used more than 50% in a qualified business use								
27 Property used 50% or less in a qualified business use								
28 Add amounts in column (h), lines 25 through 27. Enter here and on line 21, page 1						28		
29 Add amounts in column (i), line 26. Enter here and on line 7, page 1							29	

Section B – Information on Use of Vehicles

Complete this section for vehicles used by a sole proprietor, partner, or other 'more than 5% owner,' or related person. If you provided vehicles to your employees, first answer the questions in Section C to see if you meet an exception to completing this section for those vehicles.

	(a) Vehicle 1		(b) Vehicle 2		(c) Vehicle 3		(d) Vehicle 4		(e) Vehicle 5		(f) Vehicle 6	
30 Total business/investment miles driven during the year (**do not** include commuting miles)												
31 Total commuting miles driven during the year												
32 Total other personal (noncommuting) miles driven												
33 Total miles driven during the year. Add lines 30 through 32												
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
34 Was the vehicle available for personal use during off-duty hours?												
35 Was the vehicle used primarily by a more than 5% owner or related person?												
36 Is another vehicle available for personal use?												

Section C – Questions for Employers Who Provide Vehicles for Use by Their Employees

Answer these questions to determine if you meet an exception to completing Section B for vehicles used by employees who **are not** more than 5% owners or related persons (see instructions).

	Yes	No
37 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits all personal use of vehicles, including commuting, by your employees?		
38 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits personal use of vehicles, except commuting, by your employees? See the instructions for vehicles used by corporate officers, directors, or 1% or more owners		
39 Do you treat all use of vehicles by employees as personal use?		
40 Do you provide more than five vehicles to your employees, obtain information from your employees about the use of the vehicles, and retain the information received?		
41 Do you meet the requirements concerning qualified automobile demonstration use? (See instructions.)		

Note: *If your answer to 37, 38, 39, 40, or 41 is 'Yes,' do not complete Section B for the covered vehicles.*

Part VI Amortization

(a) Description of costs	(b) Date amortization begins	(c) Amortizable amount	(d) Code section	(e) Amortization period or percentage	(f) Amortization for this year
42 Amortization of costs that begins during your 2009 tax year (see instructions)					
43 Amortization of costs that began before your 2009 tax year				43	
44 **Total.** Add amounts in column (f). See the instructions for where to report				44	