

Form 990
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)
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OMB No 1545-0047
2018
Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2019 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2018, and ending 06-30-2019

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

C Name of organization MONTANA PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP
Doing business as
Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
141 CORBIN HALL
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
MISSOULA, MT 59812
F Name and address of principal officer
BRYCE BENNETT
141 CORBIN HALL
MISSOULA, MT 59812

D Employer identification number 81-0405836
E Telephone number (406) 243-2908
G Gross receipts \$ 316,140
H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? Yes No
H(b) Are all subordinates included? Yes No
H(c) Group exemption number

I Tax-exempt status
501(c)(3) 501(c)(4) (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527
J Website: WWW.MTPIRG.ORG

K Form of organization
Corporation Trust Association Other

L Year of formation 1981
M State of legal domicile MT

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities
THE MONTANA PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP (MONTPIRG) IS A STUDENT DIRECTED AND FUNDED NON-PARTISAN ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO AFFECTING TANGIBLE, POSITIVE CHANGE THROUGH EDUCATING AND EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION OF CIVIC LEADERS

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows include: 2 Check this box if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets; 3 Number of voting members of the governing body (7); 4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (7); 5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2018 (94); 6 Total number of volunteers (268); 7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 (0); 7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 (0).

Table with 4 columns: Description, Prior Year, Current Year, Net Assets or Fund Balances. Rows include: 8 Contributions and grants (312,681 / 316,058); 9 Program service revenue (0 / 0); 10 Investment income (36 / 82); 11 Other revenue (0 / 0); 12 Total revenue (312,717 / 316,140); 13 Grants and similar amounts paid (0 / 0); 14 Benefits paid to or for members (0 / 0); 15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (129,332 / 274,476); 16a Professional fundraising fees (0 / 0); 16b Total fundraising expenses (32,258); 17 Other expenses (38,219 / 112,947); 18 Total expenses (167,551 / 387,423); 19 Revenue less expenses (145,166 / -71,283); 20 Total assets (240,121 / 160,609); 21 Total liabilities (9,027 / 798); 22 Net assets or fund balances (231,094 / 159,811).

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: 2019-12-17
BRYCE BENNETT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only
Print/Type preparer's name: JUNKERMIERCLARKCAMPANELLASTEVENS PC
Preparer's signature:
Date:
Check if self-employed:
PTIN: P01372762
Firm's EIN: 81-0348775
Firm's address: PO BOX 16237, MISSOULA, MT 59808
Phone no: (406) 549-4148

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

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

**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission

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

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

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

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

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

**4a** (Code ) (Expenses \$ 301,523 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )  
See Additional Data

**4b** (Code ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

**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 ▶ 301,523

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include questions 1 through 22 regarding organizational requirements, such as political activities, lobbying, and financial reporting.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question/Description, Yes, No. Rows include questions 23 through 38 regarding compensation, bond issues, escrow accounts, 501(c)(3) organizations, and other IRS filings.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V [ ]

Table with 3 columns: Question/Description, Yes, No. Rows include 1a (Form 1096), 1b (Forms W-2G), and 1c (gambling winnings).

<p><b>2a</b> 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 . . . . .</p>	<b>2a</b>	94		
<p><b>b</b> If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? <b>Note.</b>If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)</p>			<b>2b</b>	Yes
<p><b>3a</b> Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year? . . . . .</p>			<b>3a</b>	No
<p><b>b</b> If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year?<i>If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O . . . . .</i></p>			<b>3b</b>	
<p><b>4a</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)? . . . . .</p>			<b>4a</b>	No
<p><b>b</b> If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country <b>▶</b> _____ See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)</p>				
<p><b>5a</b> Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? . . . . .</p>			<b>5a</b>	No
<p><b>b</b> Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?</p>			<b>5b</b>	No
<p><b>c</b> If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T? . . . . .</p>			<b>5c</b>	
<p><b>6a</b> 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 as charitable contributions? . . . . .</p>			<b>6a</b>	No
<p><b>b</b> If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible? . . . . .</p>			<b>6b</b>	
<b>7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>				
<p><b>a</b> 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? . . . . .</p>			<b>7a</b>	No
<p><b>b</b> If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided? . . . . .</p>			<b>7b</b>	
<p><b>c</b> Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282? . . . . .</p>			<b>7c</b>	No
<p><b>d</b> If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year . . . . .</p>	<b>7d</b>			
<p><b>e</b> Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?</p>			<b>7e</b>	
<p><b>f</b> Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? . . . . .</p>			<b>7f</b>	
<p><b>g</b> If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required? . . . . .</p>			<b>7g</b>	
<p><b>h</b> If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C? . . . . .</p>			<b>7h</b>	
<b>8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b>				
Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year? . . . . .				
			<b>8</b>	
<p><b>9a</b> Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966? . . . . .</p>			<b>9a</b>	
<p><b>b</b> Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person? . . . . .</p>			<b>9b</b>	
<b>10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</b> Enter				
<p><b>a</b> Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12 . . . . .</p>	<b>10a</b>			
<p><b>b</b> Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities</p>	<b>10b</b>			
<b>11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</b> Enter				
<p><b>a</b> Gross income from members or shareholders . . . . .</p>	<b>11a</b>			
<p><b>b</b> Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them ) . . . . .</p>	<b>11b</b>			
<b>12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</b> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?				
<p><b>b</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year</p>	<b>12b</b>		<b>12a</b>	
<b>13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.</b>				
<p><b>a</b> Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? <b>Note.</b> See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O</p>			<b>13a</b>	
<p><b>b</b> Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans . . . . .</p>	<b>13b</b>			
<p><b>c</b> Enter the amount of reserves on hand . . . . .</p>	<b>13c</b>			
<p><b>14a</b> Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year? . . . . .</p>			<b>14a</b>	No
<p><b>b</b> If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments?<i>If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O . . . . .</i></p>			<b>14b</b>	
<p><b>15</b> Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year? If "Yes," see instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N . . . . .</p>			<b>15</b>	No
<p><b>16</b> Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income? If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O . . . . .</p>			<b>16</b>	No

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



Section A. Governing Body and Management

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

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?; 10b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?; 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?; 11b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990; 12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13; 12b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?; 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done; 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?; 14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?; 15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?; 15a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official; 15b Other officers or key employees of the organization; 16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?; 16b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?

Section C. Disclosure

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





Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

Table with 5 columns: (A) Total revenue, (B) Related or exempt function revenue, (C) Unrelated business revenue, (D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514. Rows include 1a Federated campaigns, 1b Membership dues (57,870), 1c Fundraising events, 1d Related organizations, 1e Government grants, 1f All other contributions (258,188), and 1g Noncash contributions.

Table for Program Service Revenue with 5 columns: Business Code, (A) Total revenue, (B) Related or exempt function revenue, (C) Unrelated business revenue, (D) Revenue excluded from tax. Rows 2a-2f and 9 Total.

Main revenue table with 5 columns: (A) Total revenue, (B) Related or exempt function revenue, (C) Unrelated business revenue, (D) Revenue excluded from tax. Rows include 3 Investment income (82), 4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds, 5 Royalties, 6a-6d Rental income, 7a-7d Gain or loss from sales of assets, 8a-8c Fundraising events, 9a-9c Gaming activities, 10a-10c Sales of inventory, 11a-11d Miscellaneous Revenue, and 12 Total revenue (316,140).

**Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses**

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

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

	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
<b>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</b>				
<b>1</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21.				
<b>2</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22.				
<b>3</b> Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, line 15 and 16.				
<b>4</b> Benefits paid to or for members.				
<b>5</b> Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees . . . . .	31,886	15,943		15,943
<b>6</b> Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) . . . . .				
<b>7</b> Other salaries and wages	169,394	135,515	33,879	
<b>8</b> Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401 (k) and 403(b) employer contributions) . . . . .				
<b>9</b> Other employee benefits . . . . .				
<b>10</b> Payroll taxes . . . . .	73,196	51,237	7,320	14,639
<b>11</b> Fees for services (non-employees)				
<b>a</b> Management . . . . .	2,000		2,000	
<b>b</b> Legal . . . . .				
<b>c</b> Accounting . . . . .	1,912		1,912	
<b>d</b> Lobbying . . . . .				
<b>e</b> Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17.				
<b>f</b> Investment management fees . . . . .				
<b>g</b> Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)				
<b>12</b> Advertising and promotion . . . . .	1,714	1,371	120	223
<b>13</b> Office expenses . . . . .	69,759	62,783	6,976	
<b>14</b> Information technology . . . . .				
<b>15</b> Royalties . . . . .				
<b>16</b> Occupancy . . . . .	6,197	6,197		
<b>17</b> Travel . . . . .	8,245	8,245		
<b>18</b> Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials . . . . .				
<b>19</b> Conferences, conventions, and meetings . . . . .	7,393	7,393		
<b>20</b> Interest . . . . .				
<b>21</b> Payments to affiliates . . . . .				
<b>22</b> Depreciation, depletion, and amortization . . . . .				
<b>23</b> Insurance . . . . .	761		761	
<b>24</b> Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
<b>a</b> COMMUNICATIONS	13,205	12,545	660	
<b>b</b> FUNDRAISING EXPENSE	1,453			1,453
<b>c</b> BANK FEES	278	264	14	
<b>d</b> BOOKS, SUBSCRIPTIONS, R	30	30		
<b>e</b> All other expenses				
<b>25 Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24e	387,423	301,523	53,642	32,258
<b>26 Joint costs.</b> Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

**Part X Balance Sheet**

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash—non-interest-bearing . . . . .	169,286	<b>1</b>	3,510
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .	70,835	<b>2</b>	150,365
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .		<b>3</b>	
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net . . . . .		<b>4</b>	6,234
	<b>5</b> Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .		<b>5</b>	
	<b>6</b> Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions) Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .		<b>6</b>	
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net . . . . .		<b>7</b>	
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use . . . . .		<b>8</b>	
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .		<b>9</b>	
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	<b>10a</b>		
	<b>b</b> Less accumulated depreciation	<b>10b</b>		<b>10c</b>
	<b>11</b> Investments—publicly traded securities . . . . .		<b>11</b>	
	<b>12</b> Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>12</b>	
	<b>13</b> Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>13</b>	
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets . . . . .		<b>14</b>	
	<b>15</b> Other assets See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .	0	<b>15</b>	500
<b>16 Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) . . . . .	240,121	<b>16</b>	160,609	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .	9,027	<b>17</b>	798
	<b>18</b> Grants payable . . . . .		<b>18</b>	
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue . . . . .		<b>19</b>	
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities . . . . .		<b>20</b>	
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D		<b>21</b>	
	<b>22</b> Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .		<b>22</b>	
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .		<b>23</b>	
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .		<b>24</b>	
	<b>25</b> Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17 - 24) Complete Part X of Schedule D		<b>25</b>	
	<b>26 Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 . . . . .	9,027	<b>26</b>	798
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Unrestricted net assets	231,094	<b>27</b>	159,811
	<b>28</b> Temporarily restricted net assets . . . . .		<b>28</b>	
	<b>29</b> Permanently restricted net assets		<b>29</b>	
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>			
	<b>30</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds . . . . .		<b>30</b>	
	<b>31</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund . . . . .		<b>31</b>	
	<b>32</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		<b>32</b>	
<b>33</b> Total net assets or fund balances . . . . .	231,094	<b>33</b>	159,811	
<b>34</b> Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances . . . . .	240,121	<b>34</b>	160,609	

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

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

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>1</b>	316,140
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2</b>	387,423
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	<b>3</b>	-71,283
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	<b>4</b>	231,094
<b>5</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Investment expenses	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	Prior period adjustments	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	<b>9</b>	0
<b>10</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	<b>10</b>	159,811

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

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

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

	Yes	No
<b>2a</b>		No
<b>2b</b>		No
<b>2c</b>		
<b>3a</b>		No
<b>3b</b>		

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Form 990 (2018)

**Form 990, Part III, Line 4a:**

MONTPIRG IS CREATING POSITIVE, TANGIBLE CHANGE. MONTPIRG IS DEDICATED TO TRAINING THE NEXT GENERATION OF CIVIC LEADERS THROUGH HANDS-ON ADVOCACY. WE TAKE ON THE IMPORTANT ISSUES FACING MONTANA BY PUSHING WORK TO PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT AND ADVANCE CLEAN ENERGY, EMPOWERING YOUNG VOTERS, AND DEFEND CONSUMER RIGHTS. THIS YEAR WE TOOK ON A NUMBER OF EXCITING CAMPAIGNS TO MOVE MONTANA FORWARD AND TRAIN YOUNG LEADERS WITH THE TOOLS TO CREATE CHANGE. WE WILL HIGHLIGHT A FEW OF THOSE IMPORTANT EFFORTS AS CONTINUED ON SCHEDULE O. THE 6-MILL LEVY MAKING HIGHER EDUCATION AFFORDABLE FOR ALL MONTANA STUDENTS THIS YEAR. MONTPIRG COMPLETED THE LARGEST CAMPAIGN OUR ORGANIZATION HAS EVER ENGAGED IN. WE WERE CHOSEN AS THE FIELD LEADERS FOR THE CRUCIAL EFFORT TO RENEW THE SIX MILL LEVY, A STATEWIDE INITIATIVE WHICH PROVIDES 10% OF THE FUNDING FOR ALL MONTANA COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES. STARTING IN MAY WE LAUNCHED CANVASS TEAMS IN MISSOULA, BOZEMAN, BILLINGS, GREAT FALLS, HELENA AND HAVRE WITH A TEAM THAT BECAME OVER 30 PEOPLE STRONG. EARLY POLLING ON THIS BALLOT ISSUE PROVED THIS WAS GOING TO BE A FIGHT FOR EVERY VOTE, AND WE WERE READY FOR THAT BATTLE. BY THE END OF THE CAMPAIGN OUR TEAM SURPASSED OUR GOAL AND KNOCKED ON 234,378 DOORS IN 21 CITIES AND TOWNS ACROSS MONTANA. WE ALSO COMPLETED 129,659 CALLS/TEXTS TO PERSUADE AND TURNOUT VOTERS. THIS LED TO US IDENTIFYING THE SUPPORT LEVEL OF 48,934 MONTANANS SO WE KNEW WHO TO GET TO THE POLLS ON ELECTION DAY. ALL OF THESE EFFORTS RESULTED IN A DRAMATIC INCREASE IN THE VICTORY MARGIN FOR THE 6-MILL LEVY. IN 2008, THIS INITIATIVE ONLY RECEIVED 56% OF THE VOTE. IN 2018, BECAUSE OF OUR FIELD WORK, THE INITIATIVE RECEIVED 63% OF THE VOTE - A 7% INCREASE! IN THE PROCESS OF PASSING THIS HUGE SUCCESSFUL REFERENDA, MONTPIRG TRAINED DOZENS OF YOUNG LEADERS AS CANVASSERS, INTERNS, AND VOLUNTEERS. MANY OF OUR TEAM HAVE ALREADY GONE ON TO OTHER ORGANIZING JOBS AND POLITICAL POSITIONS ON STATE AND NATIONAL CAMPAIGNS. VOTER ENGAGEMENT EMPOWERING YOUNG VOTERS WE ALSO REGISTERED THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS TO VOTE IN ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT POLITICAL CLIMATES OUR NATION HAS EVER EXPERIENCED. DESPITE THE CYNICISM THAT DOMINATED THE 2016 ELECTIONS, WE SAW STUDENTS SHOW UP AT A RECORD PACE IN 2018. WE REGISTERED 2,417 YOUNG MONTANANS TO VOTE SO THEY COULD HAVE A VOICE IN OUR ELECTIONS AND COLLECTED 487 BALLOTS SO A STAMP NEVER HELD ANYONE BACK. IN ADDITION TO OUR WORK TO TURN OUT VOTERS FOR OTHER CAMPAIGNS, WE MADE 8,920 PHONE CALLS AND KNOCKED 3,293 DOORS OF YOUNG VOTERS SO NO ONE WAS LEFT OUT ON ELECTION DAY. DEFENDING OUR OUTDOORS. PROTECTING CLEAN WATER FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS THIS YEAR WE SUCCESSFULLY COLLECTED 6,183 SIGNATURES TO QUALIFY A BALLOT INITIATIVE TO PROTECT CLEAN WATER ACROSS MONTANA. UNFORTUNATELY, THE INITIATIVE WAS NOT APPROVED BY VOTERS, BUT THE WORK WE DID STILL RAISED THE ISSUE AND BOOSTED AWARENESS OF THE ISSUES FACING OUR RIVERS, LAKES, AND STREAMS AMONG MANY MONTANANS. OVER THE SUMMER OUR TEAM KNOCKED 5,670 DOORS IN SUPPORT OF THE INITIATIVE. NEAR ELECTION DAY OUR TEAM SENT 10,633 TEXTS TO TURN OUT VOTERS AND MADE 2,000 PHONE CALLS. LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY. GIVING A STUDENT'S A VOICE AT THE CAPITOL EVERY LEGISLATIVE SESSION. MONTPIRG HIRES TWO STUDENTS TO MOVE TO HELENA TO LOBBY ON BEHALF OF THE ISSUES THAT MATTER MOST TO STUDENTS. THIS YEAR, MONTPIRG'S BOARD CHOSE TO HAVE OUR LOBBYISTS, INTERNS, AND VOLUNTEERS ENGAGE ON THE FOLLOWING PRIORITIES: - DEFENDING AND EXPANDING VOTING RIGHTS - MAKING HIGHER EDUCATION MORE AFFORDABLE - PROTECTING RENTER RIGHTS - ADVANCING CLEAN, RENEWABLE ENERGY OPPORTUNITIES - ENSURING HEALTHCARE IS AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE TO STUDENTS - PROTECTING OUR OUTDOORS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS - BUILDING UP CONSUMER PROTECTIONS AGAINST SCAMMERS AND ABUSERS - DEFENDING THE INDIVIDUAL PRIVACY RIGHTS OF EACH MONTANAN. OUR STUDENT LOBBYISTS AND VOLUNTEERS TRACKED 114 SEPARATE PIECES OF LEGISLATION AND TESTIFIED IN COMMITTEE AND ADVOCATED IN THE HALLWAYS FOR 63 BILLS. OUR TEAMS IN BOZEMAN AND MISSOULA COLLECTED 1,124 PUBLIC COMMENTS TO SUBMIT TO LEGISLATORS TO BUILD UP STUDENT VOICES. DURING THE SESSION WE HAD MULTIPLE STUDENT LOBBY DAYS WHERE BUSES AND CARS FILLED WITH STUDENTS ACROSS MONTANA SHOWED UP AT THE CAPITOL TO SHARE THEIR VIEWS DIRECTLY WITH LAWMAKERS. WE WERE EXCITED TO BE PART OF THE COALITION OF GROUPS WHO SUCCESSFULLY HELPED RE-AUTHORIZE MEDICAID EXPANSION, STOP REVENGE PORN, STUDY VOTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MONTANANS WITH DISABILITIES, BAN MICRO-CHIPPING OF EMPLOYEES, AND ALLOW OVERSEAS SPANSE MEMBERS TO USE ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES FOR REGISTRATION AND VOTING LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT. TRAINING THE NEXT GENERATION OF CIVIC LEADERS. THE MOST IMPORTANT THING MONTPIRG DOES IS TRAIN NEW AND RISING LEADERS. BEYOND KNOCKING DOORS, PHONE CALLING, PETITIONING, OR FIELD TRIPS - THIS WORK IS THE LONGEST LASTING AND MOST CRITICAL. EACH YEAR, MONTPIRG TRAINS THREE CLASSES (SPRING, SUMMER, FALL) OF INTERNS WHO LEARN THE LEADERSHIP SKILLS TO CREATE CHANGE IN THEIR COMMUNITY, STATE, NATION AND WORLD. WE WORK ON THE MAJOR ISSUES FACING MONTANA WHICH INCLUDES EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS TO PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT, EXPAND VOTING RIGHTS, PROTECT CONSUMERS, AND MORE. TO ACCOMPLISH THIS GOAL, MONTPIRG HAS BUILT A ROBUST INTERNSHIP AND VOLUNTEER PROGRAM. OUR WORK IS FOCUSED ON GIVING YOUNG MONTANANS THE GRASSROOTS ORGANIZING SKILLS TO STEP UP, TAKE CHARGE, AND LEAD ON THE ISSUES FACING OUR STATE. THESE TOOLS NOT ONLY HELP THEM ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS AS AN INTERN, BUT ARE TRANSFERABLE TO THE WORK THEY WILL DO AS THEY CONTINUE TO ENGAGE IN OUR MOVEMENT FOR YEARS TO COME. THEY LEARN THESE SKILLS BY ENGAGING IN HANDS-ON WORK ON CAMPUS AND ACROSS THE STATE. DURING THEIR TIME WITH MONTPIRG, THEY WILL LEARN SKILLS SUCH AS STREET CANVASSING, DOOR KNOCKING, PHONE CALLING, EVENT ORGANIZING, AND CAMPAIGN PLANNING. IN ADDITION TO THE WORK THEY DO IN THE FIELD THESE YOUNG LEADERS ARE TRAINED IN CAMPAIGN MANAGEMENT, FUNDRAISING, COMMUNICATIONS, LOBBYING, RUNNING FOR OFFICE AND MUCH MORE THROUGH WEEKLY CLASSES. OUR CURRENT INTERNS DEDICATE AT LEAST 10 HOUR PER WEEK OVER A SEMESTER TO LEARNING NEW SKILLS WHICH THEY PUT TO USE ON REAL CAMPAIGNS TO MOVE MONTANA FORWARD. THEY IMMERSE THEMSELVES FULLY IN A CAMPAIGN AND ARE EACH ASSIGNED AN INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS IN WHICH THEY MUST USE THEIR NEWLY ACQUIRED SKILLS TO COMPLETE. OUR METHODOICAL, TESTED, AND DETAILED INTERNSHIP PROGRAM BUILDS NEW ORGANIZERS ANY CAMPAIGN, NON-PROFIT OR BUSINESS WOULD EAGERLY PURSUE. OUR INTERNS AND VOLUNTEERS HAVE GONE ON TO BE ELECTED OFFICIALS, NON-PROFIT LEADERS, BUSINESS EXECUTIVES, AND SUCCESSFUL PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN MANAGERS. THIS YEAR WE RECRUITED AND TRAINED 21 INTERNS. OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS COMPLETED 268 SHIFTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR ON TOP OF THE WORK OF OUR STAFF AND INTERNS. MONTPIRG KNOWS THAT CREATING CHANGE IS ONLY POSSIBLE BY SETTING TANGIBLE GOALS AND MEASURING YOUR PROGRESS. BELOW YOU WILL SEE THE PROGRESS MONTPIRG MADE FOR OUR OUTDOORS, YOUTH ENGAGEMENT IN OUR DEMOCRACY, AND MUCH MORE. THESE REAL NUMBERS REPRESENT THE HARD WORK DONE BY INCREDIBLE MONTPIRG VOLUNTEERS, INTERNS, AND STAFF IN THE LAST FISCAL YEAR. 6 MILL LEVY - 50 LTES- 3,158 VOLUNTEER DOORS- 234,378 6-MILL DOORS- 43,292 DOORS POSITIVE IDS- 129,658 CALLS/TEXTS- 231,087 TOTAL DOORS- 48,934 TOTAL POSITIVE IDS VOTER REGISTRATION AND ENGAGEMENT- 2,417 TOTAL VOTER REGISTRATION- 1,716 VOTER REGISTRATION - ABSENTEE- 3,293 GOTV DOOR KNOCKS- 8,920 GOTV PHONE CALLS- 487 BALLOTS COLLECTED CLEAN WATER BALLOT INITIATIVE- 6,183 SIGNATURES GATHERED- 5,670 DOORS KNOCKED- 2,529 POSITIVE IDS- 996 PLEDGES COLLECTED- 8 LTES- 10,633 TEXTS SENT LEGISLATIVE SESSION ADVOCACY- 1,124 PUBLIC COMMENTS- 15 LETTERS TO THE EDITOR SUBMITTED- 52 LOBBY DAY ATTENDEES- 38 MISSOULA EDUCATIONAL EVENT ATTENDEES- 7 LOBBYIST VLOGS VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNS- 268 VOLUNTEER SHIFTS- 21 INTERNS

**SCHEDULE O**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

▶ Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for the latest information.

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**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6	THE MEMBERS OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP (MONTPIRG) ARE THE STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA WHO PAY THE OPTIONAL MONTPIRG FEE

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A	ALL MEMBERS OF THE MONTPIRG BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE ELECTED TO ONE YEAR TERMS IN THE SPRING OF EACH YEAR BY ITS MEMBERS

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B	THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS REVIEW THE 990 BEFORE IT IS FILED

# 990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	NEW BOARD MEMBERS, WHO ARE ELECTED EVERY YEAR, ARE REQUIRED TO UNDERSTAND AND COMPLY WITH THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BOARD INTAKE PROCESS

# 990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15A	THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS USES PERFORMANCE REVIEWS, COMPARABLE SALARIES IN THE INDUSTRY, LONG EVITY, AND OTHER FACTORS WHEN DETERMINING THE COMPENSATION OF THE ORGANIZATION'S ONLY COMPENSATED OFFICER

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	THE ORGANIZATION'S GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

**SCHEDULE R  
(Form 990)**

**Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships**

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▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.**  
▶ **Attach to Form 990.**  
▶ **Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.**

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**Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity

**Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
(1) MONTANA PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH FOUNDATION 141 CORBIN HALL MISSOULA, MT 59812 81-0486984	SUPPORTING THE MONTANA PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP	MT	501(C)(3)	LINE 7			No

**Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income(related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512- 514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	

**Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of- year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512(b) (13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No

**Part V Transactions With Related Organizations** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.

**Note.** Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?		
<b>a</b> Receipt of <b>(i)</b> interest, <b>(ii)</b> annuities, <b>(iii)</b> royalties, or <b>(iv)</b> rent from a controlled entity . . . . .		No
<b>b</b> Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s) . . . . .		No
<b>c</b> Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s) . . . . .		No
<b>d</b> Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s) . . . . .		No
<b>e</b> Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s) . . . . .		No
<b>f</b> Dividends from related organization(s) . . . . .		No
<b>g</b> Sale of assets to related organization(s) . . . . .		No
<b>h</b> Purchase of assets from related organization(s) . . . . .		No
<b>i</b> Exchange of assets with related organization(s) . . . . .		No
<b>j</b> Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s) . . . . .		No
<b>k</b> Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s) . . . . .		No
<b>l</b> Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s) . . . . .		No
<b>m</b> Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s) . . . . .		No
<b>n</b> Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s) . . . . .		No
<b>o</b> Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s) . . . . .	Yes	
<b>p</b> Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses . . . . .		No
<b>q</b> Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses . . . . .	Yes	
<b>r</b> Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s) . . . . .		No
<b>s</b> Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s) . . . . .		No

**2** If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1) MONTANA PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH FOUNDATION	O	22,047	CASH
(2) MONTANA PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH FOUNDATION	Q	7,772	CASH



**Part VII** **Supplemental Information**

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R (see instructions)

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>