

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:

THE NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND HOLDS GOVERNMENTS ACCOUNTABLE. WE FIGHT TO PROTECT NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS, RESOURCES, AND LIFEWAYS THROUGH LITIGATION, LEGAL ADVOCACY, AND LEGAL EXPERTISE. AS ESTABLISHED BY NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND'S (NARF) FIRST BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE PRIORITIES THAT GUIDE NARF IN ITS MISSIONS STILL CONTINUE TO LEAD NARF TODAY: (1) THE PRESERVATION OF TRIBAL EXISTENCE; (2) THE PROTECTION OF TRIBAL NATURAL RESOURCES; (3) THE PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS; (4) THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF GOVERNMENTS TO NATIVE AMERICANS; AND (5) THE DEVELOPMENT OF INDIAN LAW AND EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ABOUT INDIAN RIGHTS, LAWS AND ISSUES.

2

Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?

YesNo

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?

YesNo

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 \$ 13,844,446 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 1,049,472)

SEE SCHEDULE O.

4b

(Code:) (Expenses \$ 658,441 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 0)

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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 14,502,887

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 Yes	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? See instructions.	2 Yes	
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	No
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	4 Yes	
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Rev. Proc. 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	5	
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which 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	No
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	No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III	8 Yes	
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability; 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	No
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V	10 Yes	
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X, as applicable.		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI	11a Yes	
b 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	11b Yes	
c 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	11c	No
d 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	11d	No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	11e Yes	
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part XI	11f	No
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII	12a Yes	
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional	12b	No
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13	No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	No
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV	14b	No
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV	15	No
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV	16	No
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. See instructions.	17 Yes	
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	No
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	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20a	No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b	
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	21	No

Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

		Yes	No
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III	22	No
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	Yes
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, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a	24a	No
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), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) 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	No
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	No
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5 or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons?	26	No
27	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I. Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity (including an employee thereof) or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III	27	No
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see the Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, or substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28a	No
b	A family member of any individual described in line 28a? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28b	No
c	A 35% controlled entity of one or more individuals and/or organizations described in line 28a or 28b? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28c	No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	29	Yes
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions?	30	No
31	If "Yes," complete Schedule M. Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I	31	No
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	No
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?	33	No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1	34	No
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a	No
b	If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	35b	
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	No
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	No
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations on Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.	38	Yes

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 ☐

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable	1a	106
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included on 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	

Part V		Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance (continued)		
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	88	
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?	2b	Yes	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a		No
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>	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		No
b	Enter the name of the foreign country:_____			
See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).				
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? . . .	5a		No
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b		No
c	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	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 as charitable contributions?	6a		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax 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		No
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		No
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d		
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e		No
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f		No
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g		
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h		
8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?				
9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.				
a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a		
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a 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 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?				
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.	12b		
13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.				
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state?	13a		
Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.				
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	13b		
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c		
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a		No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? <i>If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O</i>	14b		
15	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?	15		No
16	Is the organization subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income?	16		No
17	Section 501(c)(21) organizations. Did the trust, or any disqualified or other person engage in any activities that would result in the imposition of an excise tax under section 4951, 4952, or 4953?	17		
If "Yes," complete Form 6069.				

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

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year. If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.		
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?		No
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?		No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		No
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?		No
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?		No
7b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		No
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
8a	The governing body?	Yes	
8b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	Yes	
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		No

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

	Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	No
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?	Yes
11b	Describe on 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	Yes
12b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	Yes
12c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe on Schedule O how this was done	Yes
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	Yes
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	Yes
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	Yes
15b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	Yes
15c	If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process on 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?	No
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

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

AL, AK, AZ, AR, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VT, VA, WA, WV, WI, WY

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

☒ Own website

☐ Another's website

☒ Upon request

☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)

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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.

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

NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND 250 ARAPAHOE AVENUE BOULDER, CO 803025821 (303) 447-8760

Part VII

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

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

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 organization’s tax year.

- 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, if any. See the instructions for definition of "key employee."
- 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, box 6 of Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization’s **former** officers, key employees, or 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.

See the instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

☐ Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)					(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee;	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee			
(1) KENNETH KAHN VICE-CHAIRMAN	1.0 0.0	X		X			0	0	0
(2) LACEY HORN CHAIRWOMAN	1.0 0.0	X		X			0	0	0
(3) CAMILLE KALAMA BOARD MEMBER	1.0 0.0	X					0	0	0
(4) GAYLA HOSETH BOARD MEMBER	1.0 0.0	X					0	0	0
(5) GEOFFREY BLACKWELL BOARD MEMBER	1.0 0.0	X					0	0	0
(6) JAMIE AZURE BOARD MEMBER	1.0 0.0	X					0	0	0
(7) LORI STINSON BOARD MEMBER	1.0 0.0	X					0	0	0
(8) LOUIE UNGARO BOARD MEMBER	1.0 0.0	X					0	0	0
(9) MICHAEL PETOSKEY BOARD MEMBER	1.0 0.0	X					0	0	0
(10) REBECCA CROOKS-STRATTON BOARD MEMBER	1.0 0.0	X					0	0	0
(11) REBECCA MILES BOARD MEMBER	1.0 0.0	X					0	0	0
(12) RHONDA PITKA BOARD MEMBER	1.0 0.0	X					0	0	0
(13) ROBERT MIGUEL BOARD MEMBER	1.0 0.0	X					0	0	0
(14) STEPHANIE BRYAN BOARD MEMBER - END 5/3/2024	1.0 0.0	X					0	0	0
(15) DONALD RAGONA DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR	40.0 0.0			X			190,025	0	44,701
(16) JOHN ECHOHAWK EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	40.0 0.0			X			293,898	0	34,614
(17) MATTHEW CAMPBELL DEPUTY DIRECTOR	40.0 0.0			X			254,728	0	37,451

Part VII

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee;	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(18) MICHAEL KENNEDY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	40.00.0			X				202,447	0	41,016
(19) SARAH TRUJILLO PALACIOS CORPORATE SECRETARY	40.00.0			X				143,532	0	29,998
(20) BRETT SHELTON ATTORNEY	40.00.0					X		256,985	0	28,876
(21) DAVID GOVER ATTORNEY	40.00.0					X		244,022	0	39,802
(22) KIM GOTTSCHALK ATTORNEY	40.00.0					X		256,526	0	43,604
(23) MELODY MCCOY ATTORNEY	40.00.0					X		244,258	0	59,713
(24) SUSAN NOE ATTORNEY	40.00.0					X		258,337	0	28,255
1b Sub-Total										
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A . . .										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)					2,344,758			0		388,030

2Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization 41

3Did 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

3No

4For 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

4Yes

5Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization?If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person

5No

Section B. Independent Contractors

1Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
AP MOUNTAIN STATES LLC 797 VENTURA STREET AURORA, CO 80011	CONSTRUCTION	1,591,463
CLASS EXPERTS GROUP 740 WEST GLEN OAKS LANE MILWAUKEE, WI 53092	SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION	345,972
SALT LLC 645 G STREET SUITE 301 ANCHORAGE, AK 99501	PROJECT MANAGEMENT	245,187
JEMAL'S ATLANTIC LLC P O BOX 714435 CINCINNATI, OH 452714435	RENT	234,436
IES COMMUNICATIONS LLC 2801 SOUTH FAIR LANE TEMPE, AZ 85282	IT & AV	127,155
2Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization 8		

Part VIII

Statement of Revenue

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

	(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants, and Other				
Amt Similar Amounts				
1a	Federated campaigns	1a	7,098	
b	Membership dues	1b		
c	Fundraising events	1c		
d	Related organizations	1d		
e	Government grants (contributions)	1e	1,247,850	
f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	19,670,098	
g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a - 1f:\$	1g	32,407	
h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f			20,925,046

Program Service Revenue	2a	LEGAL FEES	Business Code				
			541110	1,003,416	1,003,416		
	b						
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f	All other program service revenue.		0	0	0	0
g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f.		1,003,416				

Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		1,596,382			1,596,382
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5	Royalties		355			355
	6a	Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
			6a				
			6b				
	6c	Rental income or (loss)	0	0			
	d	Net rental income or (loss)					
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
			7a	10,491,750			
			7b	9,476,865			
	7c	Gain or (loss)	1,014,885	0			
	d	Net gain or (loss)		1,014,885			1,014,885
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	8a				
	8b	Less: direct expenses	8b				
c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events						
9a	Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	9a					
9b	Less: direct expenses	9b					
c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities						
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a					
10b	Less: cost of goods sold	10b					
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory						

Other Revenue Misc Amt	11a	HONORARIUMS	Business Code				
			900099	27,361	27,361		
	b	REIMBURSEMENTS	900099	11,279	11,279		
	c	OTHER MISC REVENUE	900099	7,416	7,416		
	d	All other revenue		0	0	0	0
	e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d		46,056			
	12	Total revenue. See instructions		24,586,140	1,049,472	0	2,611,622

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 ☐

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 domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.				
4 Benefits paid to or for members	0	0		
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	1,325,066	546,495	479,165	299,406
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	8,626,699	7,258,625	661,958	706,116
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	404,775	347,817	22,286	34,672
9 Other employee benefits	967,631	820,057	31,513	116,061
10 Payroll taxes	641,420	455,121	95,121	91,178
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	1,009,135	994,895	14,240	
c Accounting	34,625		34,625	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	33,300			33,300
f Investment management fees	383,057		383,057	
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	1,083,333	1,083,333	0	0
12 Advertising and promotion	445			445
13 Office expenses	906,448	494,780	166,771	244,897
14 Information technology	440,600	169,597	161,732	109,271
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	851,885	725,853	79,092	46,940
17 Travel	862,513	642,173	97,007	123,333
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	22,493	17,538		4,955
20 Interest	14,855		14,855	
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	427,344	308,219	40,459	78,666
23 Insurance	54,203	48,425	3,673	2,105
24 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.)				
a MAILING, PRINTING & PRODUCTION EXPENSES	2,211,578	408,042		1,803,536
b LIBRARY	164,729	156,839	1,259	6,631
c CLIENT CASES LITIGATION EXPENSES	25,078	25,078		
d				
e All other expenses	0	0	0	0
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	20,491,212	14,502,887	2,286,813	3,701,512
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).	1,165,834	408,042	0	757,792

Part X

Balance Sheet

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

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				(A)		(B)	
				Beginning of year		End of year	
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing		6,841,033	1	3,053,102	
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		3,099,408	2	776,165	
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net		3,211,834	3	7,478,868	
	4	Accounts receivable, net		236,176	4	258,665	
	5	Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		0	5	0	
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)		0	6	0	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net			7		
	8	Inventories for sale or use			8		
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		422,918	9	447,753	
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	13,268,618			
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	1,341,836	12,068,905	10c	11,926,782
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities		38,265,280	11	51,333,988	
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		5,536,904	12	7,372,449	
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		0	13		
	14	Intangible assets			14		
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		1,670,700	15	1,467,508	
16	Total assets: Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)		71,353,158	16	84,115,280		
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		1,437,805	17	1,640,908	
	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	Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		0	22	0	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		6,799	23	58,885	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties			24		
	25	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		2,048,041	25	1,828,535	
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25		3,492,645	26	3,528,328	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.						
	27	Net assets without donor restrictions		61,486,304	27	70,051,126	
	28	Net assets with donor restrictions		6,374,209	28	10,535,826	
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.						
	29	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds			29		
	30	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund			30		
	31	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds			31		
	32	Total net assets or fund balances		67,860,513	32	80,586,952	
	33	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		71,353,158	33	84,115,280	

Part XI

Reconciliation of Net Assets

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	24,586,140
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	20,491,212
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	4,094,928
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	67,860,513
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	8,631,511
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	10	80,586,952

Part XII

Financial Statements and Reporting

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

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on 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: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		No
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: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	Yes	
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.	Yes	
3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Uniform Guidance, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F?		No
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.		

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SCHEDULE A

(Form 990)

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.

▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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2023

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization

NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND INC

Employer identification number

84-0611876

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 12, check only one box.)

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A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
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A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E (Form 990).)
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A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
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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:
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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.)
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A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
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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.)
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A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
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An agricultural research organization described in **170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land grant college of agriculture. See instructions. Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university:
- 10

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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.)
- 11

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An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**
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An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to 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 on lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
- a

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Type I. A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
- b

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Type II. A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
- c

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Type III functionally integrated. A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
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Type III non-functionally integrated. A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
- e

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Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
- f

Enter the number of supported organizations
- g

Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
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 or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization failed to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2018	(b) 2019	(c) 2020	(d) 2021	(e) 2022	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grant.") . .	12,901,033	17,314,327	14,822,919	17,939,492	20,925,046	83,902,817
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						0
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge..						0
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	12,901,033	17,314,327	14,822,919	17,939,492	20,925,046	83,902,817
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) . .						7,289,650
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						76,613,167

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2018	(b) 2019	(c) 2020	(d) 2021	(e) 2022	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4. .	12,901,033	17,314,327	14,822,919	17,939,492	20,925,046	83,902,817
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	1,476,662	1,537,528	1,132,902	1,274,389	1,596,737	7,018,218
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on. .						0
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.). .	0	0	0	0	0	0
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						90,921,035

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

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13 First 5 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**

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Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2023 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	84.26 %
15 Public support percentage for 2022 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	83.90 %

16a 33 1/3% support test—2023. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

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b 33 1/3% support test—2022. 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

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17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2023. 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 VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

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b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2022. 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 VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

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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

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Part IIISupport Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") .						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any 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, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 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 year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6. . .						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from 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 on line 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 VI.) . .						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.) .						
14 First 5 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 <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage		
15 Public support percentage for 2023 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	
16 Public support percentage from 2022 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage		
17 Investment income percentage for 2023 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	
18 Investment income percentage from 2022 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	
19a 33 1/3% support tests—2023. 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 <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3% support tests—2022. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 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 <input type="checkbox"/>		
20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions <input type="checkbox"/>		

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 12 of Part I. If you checked box 12a, of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked box 12b, of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked box 12c, of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked box 12d, of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

		Yes	No
1	Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.</i>		
2	Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).</i>		
3a	Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 3b and 3c below.</i>		
b	Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.</i>		
c	Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.</i>		
4a	Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes" and if you checked box 12a or 12b in Part I, answer lines 4b and 4c below.</i>		
b	Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.</i>		
c	Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.</i>		
5a	Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 5b and 5c below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).</i>		
b	Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c	Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
6	Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
7	Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990) .</i>		
8	Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described on line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).</i>		
9a	Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons, as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
b	Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined on line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
c	Did a disqualified person (as defined on line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
10a	Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? <i>If "Yes," answer line 10b below.</i>		
b	Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? <i>(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings).</i>		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

		Yes	No
11	Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a	A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described on lines 11b and 11c below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
b	A family member of a person described on 11a above?		
c	A 35% controlled entity of a person described on line 11a or 11b above? <i>If "Yes" to 11a, 11b, or 11c, provide detail in Part VI.</i>		

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

		Yes	No
1	Did the officers, directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.</i>		
2	Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised or controlled the supporting organization.</i>		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

		Yes	No
1	Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).</i>		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

		Yes	No
1	Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?		
2	Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? <i>If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).</i>		
3	By reason of the relationship described in line 2 above, did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.</i>		

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

1	Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions) :			
a	<input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.			
b	<input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.			
c	<input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions)			
2	Activities Test. Answer lines 2a and 2b below.			
a	Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? <i>If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.</i>			
b	Did the activities described on line 2a, above constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.</i>			
3	Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer lines 3a and 3b below.			
a	Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? <i>If "Yes" or "No", provide details in Part VI.</i>			
b	Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs and activities of each of its supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI. the role played by the organization in this regard.</i>			

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations

- 1** ☐ Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970 (*explain in **Part VI***). **See instructions.** All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

Section A - Adjusted Net Income

(A) Prior Year

(B) Current Year
(optional)

- | | |
|---|----------|
| 1 Net short-term capital gain | 1 |
| 2 Recoveries of prior-year distributions | 2 |
| 3 Other gross income (see instructions) | 3 |
| 4 Add lines 1 through 3 | 4 |
| 5 Depreciation and depletion | 5 |
| 6 Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions) | 6 |
| 7 Other expenses (see instructions) | 7 |
| 8 Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4) | 8 |

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount

(A) Prior Year

(B) Current Year
(optional)

- | | |
|--|-----------|
| 1 Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year): | 1 |
| a Average monthly value of securities | 1a |
| b Average monthly cash balances | 1b |
| c Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets | 1c |
| d Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c) | 1d |
| e Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (<i>explain in detail in Part VI</i>): | |
| 2 Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt use assets | 2 |
| 3 Subtract line 2 from line 1d | 3 |
| 4 Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 0.015 of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions). | 4 |
| 5 Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3) | 5 |
| 6 Multiply line 5 by 0.035 | 6 |
| 7 Recoveries of prior-year distributions | 7 |
| 8 Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6) | 8 |

Section C - Distributable Amount

Current Year

- | | |
|--|----------|
| 1 Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A) | 1 |
| 2 Enter 85% of line 1 | 2 |
| 3 Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A) | 3 |
| 4 Enter greater of line 2 or line 3 | 4 |
| 5 Income tax imposed in prior year | 5 |
| 6 Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions) | 6 |

- 7** ☐ Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions)

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)		
Section D - Distributions		Current Year
1	Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	1
2	Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	2
3	Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	3
4	Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	4
5	Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required - provide details in Part VI)	5
6	Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions	6
7	Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.	7
8	Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions	8
9	Distributable amount for 2023 from Section C, line 6	9
10	Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	10

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2023	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2023
1	Distributable amount for 2023 from Section C, line 6		
2	Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2023 (reasonable cause required-- explain in Part VI). See instructions.		
3	Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2023:		
a	From 2018.		
b	From 2019.		
c	From 2020.		
d	From 2021.		
e	From 2022.		
f	Total of lines 3a through e		
g	Applied to underdistributions of prior years		
h	Applied to 2023 distributable amount		
i	Carryover from 2018 not applied (see instructions)		
j	Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.		
4	Distributions for 2023 from Section D, line 7: \$		
a	Applied to underdistributions of prior years		
b	Applied to 2023 distributable amount		
c	Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.		
5	Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2023, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. If the amount is greater than zero, explain in Part VI . See instructions.		
6	Remaining underdistributions for 2023. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. If the amount is greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions.		
7	Excess distributions carryover to 2024. Add lines 3j and 4c.		
8	Breakdown of line 7:		
a	Excess from 2019.		
b	Excess from 2020.		
c	Excess from 2021.		
d	Excess from 2022.		
e	Excess from 2023.		

Part VI **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

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Schedule B (Form 990) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	Schedule of Contributors ▶ Attach to Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF. ▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.	OMB No. 1545-0047
		2023
Name of the organization NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND INC		Employer identification number 84-0611876

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:	Section:
Form 990 or 990-EZ	<input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)() (enter number) organization
	<input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust not treated as a private foundation
	<input type="checkbox"/> 527 political organization
Form 990-PF	<input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation
	<input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation
	<input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.
Note: Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

☐ For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or other property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

Special Rules

- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33¹/₃% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of **(1)** \$5,000 or **(2)** 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.
- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.
- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year ▶ \$ _____

Caution: An organization that isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

Name of organization
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Part I

Contributors

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
RESTRICTED		\$ RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> Person
			<input type="checkbox"/> Payroll
			<input type="checkbox"/> Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
		\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Person
			<input type="checkbox"/> Payroll
			<input type="checkbox"/> Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
		\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Person
			<input type="checkbox"/> Payroll
			<input type="checkbox"/> Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
		\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Person
			<input type="checkbox"/> Payroll
			<input type="checkbox"/> Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
		\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Person
			<input type="checkbox"/> Payroll
			<input type="checkbox"/> Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
		\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Person
			<input type="checkbox"/> Payroll
			<input type="checkbox"/> Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
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			<input type="checkbox"/> Payroll
			<input type="checkbox"/> Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
		\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Person
			<input type="checkbox"/> Payroll
			<input type="checkbox"/> Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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Part II

Noncash Property (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions)	(d) Date received
-	<div></div> <div></div> <div></div>	<div></div> \$	<div></div>
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions)	(d) Date received
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Part III

Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this information once. See instructions.) ▶ \$

Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee	
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee	
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee	
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee	
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	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee	

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If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and B. Do not complete Part I-C.
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and C below. Do not complete Part I-B.
- Section 527 organizations: Complete Part I-A only.

If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-A. Do not complete Part II-B.
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-B. Do not complete Part II-A.

If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations: Complete Part III.

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Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

1	Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV. See instructions for definition of "political campaign activities."	
2	Political campaign activity expenditures. See instructions	\$
3	Volunteer hours for political campaign activities. See instructions	

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

1	Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955	\$
2	Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955	\$
3	If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4a	Was a correction made?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
b	If "Yes," describe in Part IV.	

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

1	Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities	\$
2	Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities	\$
3	Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b	\$
4	Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
5	Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV.	

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. If none, enter -0-.
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

Part II-A

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

- A Check ☐ if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures).
- B Check ☐ if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1a	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)	1,592													
b	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	15,512													
c	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)	17,104													
d	Other exempt purpose expenditures	20,474,108													
e	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)	20,491,212													
f	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.	1,000,000	0												
<table><tr><th>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th><th>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th></tr><tr><td>Not over \$500,000</td><td>20% of the amount on line 1e.</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td><td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td><td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td><td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$17,000,000</td><td>\$1,000,000.</td></tr></table>		If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.		
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Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.														
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.														
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.														
g	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)	250,000													
h	Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-.	0													
i	Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-.	0													
j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No													

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)
(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount	855,853	877,081	1,000,000	1,000,000	3,732,934
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					5,599,401
c Total lobbying expenditures	110,581	139,660	56,540	17,104	323,885
d Grassroots nontaxable amount	213,963	219,270	250,000	250,000	933,233
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					1,399,850
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures	1,026	3,662	2,287	1,592	8,567

Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

For each "Yes" response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.

		(a)		(b)
		Yes	No	Amount
1	During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:			
a	Volunteers?			
b	Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
c	Media advertisements?			
d	Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
e	Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
f	Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
g	Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
h	Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
i	Other activities?			
j	Total. Add lines 1c through 1i			
2a	Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d	If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

		Yes	No
1	Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1	
2	Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	2	
3	Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	3	

Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No" OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."

1	Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	
2	Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
a	Current year	2a	
b	Carryover from last year	2b	
c	Total	2c	
3	Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues .	3	
4	If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	
5	Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures. See Instructions	5	

Part IV Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1; Part I-B, line 4; Part I-C, line 5; Part II-A (affiliated group list); Part II-A, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions), and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

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

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1	Total number at end of year	
2	Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)	
3	Aggregate value of 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? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
6	Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can 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? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Part II Conservation Easements.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1	Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply). <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education) <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of an historically important land area <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a certified historic structure <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space	
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.	
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 July 25, 2006, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	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 easements it holds? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
6	Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ _____	
7	Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, 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 section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
9	In Part XIII, 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" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a	If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, 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 XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.	
b	If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, 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) Revenue included on 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 FASB ASC 958 relating to these items: a Revenue included on 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 ASSIST IN RESEARCH - CLIENT CASES

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

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 the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a 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 XIII 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, for escrow or custodial account liability? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII ☐

Part V Endowment Funds.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	31,068,058	31,061,234	26,053,835	26,041,891	26,034,947
b Contributions	107,749	6,824	5,007,399	11,944	6,944
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	31,175,807	31,068,058	31,061,234	26,053,835	26,041,891

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:

a Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ 96.23 %

b Permanent endowment ▶ 3.77 %

c Term endowment ▶ 0 %

The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

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

(i) Unrelated organizations

(ii) Related organizations

b If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

	Yes	No
3a(i)		No
3a(ii)		No
3b		

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

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land		3,570,000		3,570,000
b Buildings		8,022,273	678,866	7,343,407
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		1,595,461	638,222	957,239
e Other		80,884	24,748	56,136
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) . . . ▶				11,926,782

Part VII

Investments - Other Securities.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b.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
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other _____		
(A) PRIVATE EQUITY	7,372,449	F
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.)	7,372,449	

Part VIII

Investments - Program Related.
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 13.)		

Part IX

Other Assets.
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 15.)	

Part X

Other Liabilities.
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f.
See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
OPERATING LEASE LIABILITY	1,486,992
RETIREMENT OBLIGATION	341,543
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 25.)	1,828,535

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, 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 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII ☐

Part XI

Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		1	32,834,594
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	8,631,511	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b		
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	0	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	8,631,511	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	24,203,083	
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	383,057	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	0	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	383,057	
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	24,586,140	

Part XII

Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		1	20,108,155
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 XIII.)	2d	0	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	20,108,155	
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	383,057	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	0	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	383,057	
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	20,491,212	

Part XIII

Supplemental Information

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, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
Schedule D, Part III, Line 1a Collections of art - financial statement footnote	IF ELECTED UNDER SFAS 116 PROVIDE FOOTNOTE FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: COLLECTIONS OF WORKS OF ART, HISTORICAL TREASURES, AND SIMILAR ASSETS ARE NOT CAPITALIZED IN AS MUCH AS THE ITEMS ARE PRESERVED AND CARED FOR CONTINUOUSLY. PURCHASES OF COLLECTION ITEMS ARE REPORTED IN THE YEAR OF ACQUISITION AS DECREASES IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS, OR IN TEMPORARILY OR PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS IF THE ASSETS USED TO PURCHASE THE ITEMS WERE RESTRICTED TO THAT USE BY DONOR STIPULATION. CONTRIBUTIONS OF COLLECTION ITEMS ARE NOT REPORTED IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. PROCEEDS FROM DISPOSAL OF AND INSURANCE RECOVERIES RELATED TO COLLECTION ITEMS ARE REPORTED AS INCREASES IN THE APPROPRIATE NET ASSET CLASSES. NARF'S COLLECTIONS CONSIST OF RARE BOOKS AND MAPS. THESE COLLECTIONS ARE HELD FOR EDUCATIONAL AND RESEARCH PURPOSES. THEY ARE SUBJECT TO A POLICY THAT REQUIRES PROCEEDS FROM THE DISPOSITION OF COLLECTION ITEMS TO BE USED TO ACQUIRE OTHER COLLECTION ITEMS. NO COLLECTION ITEMS WERE SOLD OR REMOVED IN 2024 AND 2023.
Schedule D, Part III, Line 4 Collections of art - description of collections	DESCRIPTION OF COLLECTIONS AND HOW THEY FURTHER THE EXEMPT PURPOSE: COLLECTIONS CONSIST OF RARE BOOKS AND MAPS. THESE COLLECTIONS ARE HELD FOR EDUCATIONAL AND RESEARCH PURPOSES, WHICH ARE USED IN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ABOUT INDIAN RIGHTS, LAWS, AND ISSUES.
Schedule D, Part V, Line 4 Intended uses of endowment funds	DESCRIBE THE INTENDED USES OF THE ORGANIZATION'S ENDOWMENT FUNDS: THE ENDOWMENT ASSETS INCLUDE DONOR-RESTRICTED ENDOWMENT FUNDS HELD IN PERPETUITY OR FOR DONOR-SPECIFIED PERIODS AND A BOARD-DESIGNATED ENDOWMENT, TITLED FUTURE LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND, FOR FUTURE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPRESENTATION OF TRIBES AND NATIVE ORGANIZATIONS WHO DO NOT HAVE THE RESOURCES TO PAY FOR THE COSTS OF PREPARING FOR PROTRACTED LITIGATION. RETURNS GENERATED BY THE ENDOWMENT ASSETS ARE UNRESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DONOR STIPULATIONS AND ARE USED TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS AND SUPPORTING OPERATIONS.

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Part I Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 17.
Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

- 1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.
- a ☒ Mail solicitations

e ☒ Solicitation of non-government grants

b ☒ Internet and email solicitations

f ☒ Solicitation of government grants

c ☐ Phone solicitations

g ☐ Special fundraising events

d ☒ In-person solicitations
- 2a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- b If "Yes," list the 10 highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col. (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
1 INNOVAIRRE STUDIOS INC 2 EXECUTIVE CAMPUS SUITE 200 CHERRY HILL, NJ 08002	DIRECT MAIL		No	3,717,662	33,300	3,684,362
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
Total ▶				3,717,662	33,300	3,684,362

3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.

A L, A K, A Z, A R, C A, C O, C T, D E, F L, G A, H I, I D, I L, I N, I A, K S, K Y, L A, M E, M D, M A, M I, M N, M S, M O, M T, N E, N V, N H, N J, N M, N Y, N C, N D, O H, O K, O R, P A, R I, S C, S D, T N, T X, U T, V T, V A, W A, W V, W I, W Y

Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

Revenue		(a)Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c)Other events	(d) Total events (add col. (a) through col. (c))
		(event type)	(event type)	(total number)	
	1 Gross receipts				
	2 Less: Contributions				
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)				
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs				
	7 Food and beverages				
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses				
	10 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶				
	11 Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) ▶				

Part III Gaming. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

Revenue		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col.(a) through col.(c))
	1 Gross revenue				
	2 Cash prizes				
	3 Noncash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
Direct Expenses	5 Other direct expenses				
	6 Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____% .. <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____% .. <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____% .. <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	7 Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) ▶				
	8 Net gaming income summary. Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d). ▶				

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities:

a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "No," explain: _____

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," explain: _____

11

Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers?

☐ Yes ☐ No

12

Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming?

☐ Yes ☐ No

13

Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in:

a	The organization's facility	13a	%
b	An outside facility	13b	%

14

Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:

Name ▶ -----

Address ▶ -----

15a

Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?

☐ Yes ☐ No

b

If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$ _____.

c

If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party:

Name ▶ -----

Address ▶ -----

16 Gaming manager information:

Name ▶ -----

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ -----

Description of services provided ▶ -----

☐ Director/officer

☐ Employee

☐ Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions:

a

Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license?

☐ Yes ☐ No

b

Enter the amount of distributions required under state law distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$ _____

Part IV Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v); and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also provide any additional information. See instructions.

Return Reference	Explanation
Schedule G, Part I, Line 2b(v) payment of fees or payment of expenses	INNOVAIRRE STUDIOS INC-SCHEDULE G, PART I: PAYMENTS FOR PRODUCTION EXPENSES (SUCH AS PRINTING AND POSTAGE) TO INNOVAIRRE STUDIOS WERE MADE SEPARATELY FROM FUNDRAISING FEES. TOTAL PRODUCTION EXPENSES AMOUNTED TO \$2,211,578 FOR THE YEAR.;

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Part I

Questions Regarding Compensation

	Yes	No
<div>1a</div> <div>Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.</div> <div><div><div><input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Tax idemnification and gross-up payments</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account</div></div><div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)</div></div></div>		

Part II

Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported on Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII.

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2, 1099-MISC compensation, and/or 1099-NEC			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1 DONALD RAGONA DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR	(i)	186,977	0	3,048	14,166	30,535	234,726	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 JOHN ECHOHAWK EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	(i)	292,044	0	1,854	22,458	12,156	328,512	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 MATTHEW CAMPBELL DEPUTY DIRECTOR	(i)	254,488	0	240	14,921	22,530	292,179	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 MICHAEL KENNEDY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	(i)	200,863	0	1,584	15,651	25,365	243,463	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 SARAH TRUJILLO PALACIOS CORPORATE SECRETARY	(i)	143,292	0	240	8,102	21,896	173,530	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 BRETT SHELTON ATTORNEY	(i)	255,401	0	1,584	14,920	13,956	285,861	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7 DAVID GOVER ATTORNEY	(i)	243,470	0	552	14,362	25,440	283,824	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8 MELODY MCCOY ATTORNEY	(i)	242,674	0	1,584	20,439	39,274	303,971	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9 SUSAN NOE ATTORNEY	(i)	256,753	0	1,584	14,959	13,296	286,592	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10 KIM GOTTSCHALK ATTORNEY	(i)	254,672	0	1,854	20,439	23,165	300,130	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Part III **Supplemental Information**

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

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Schedule J, Part I, Line 4b Supplemental nonqualified retirement plan	AMOUNT OF AWARD UNDER THE ORGANIZATIONS NONQUALIFIED PLAN IS DETERMINED BY INCORPORATING YEARS OF SERVICE, AGE AND AVERAGE THREE-YEAR BASE SALARY. THE ONE-TIME CASH AWARD IS PAYABLE AT THE DATE OF RETIREMENT FOR ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES. THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES ACCRUED DEFERRED RETIREMENT COMPENSATION UNDER THE PLAN: *JOHN ECHOHAWK - \$5,480 *MELODY MCCOY - \$5,480 *KIM GOTTSCHALK - \$5,480 *MICHAEL KENNEDY - \$3,739 *DONALD RAGONA - \$2,979

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Part I

Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art—Works of art				
2 Art—Historical treasures				
3 Art—Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities—Publicly traded	X	5	32,407	Market value
10 Securities—Closely held stock				
11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities—Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution—Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution—Other				
15 Real estate—Residential				
16 Real estate—Commercial				
17 Real estate—Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ► ()				
26 Other ► ()				
27 Other ► ()				
28 Other ► ()				

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement

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30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which isn't required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?

31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any nonstandard contributions?

32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?

33 If the organization didn't report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.

YesNo

30aNo

31No

32aNo

Part II **Supplemental Information.** Provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33, and whether the organization is reporting in Part I, column (b), the number of contributions, the number of items received, or a combination of both. Also complete this part for any additional information.

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Schedule M, Part I Explanations of reporting method for number of contributions	Securities - Publicly traded - NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTIONS: THE NUMBER SHOWN ON COLUMN B REPRESENTS THE NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED.

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Form 990, Part III, Line 4a	<p>The Native American Rights Fund (NARF) is the oldest and largest non-profit law firm dedicated to serving the legal advocacy needs of tribal nations and their communities across the country. NARF assists in the evolution, assertion, and defense of tribal sovereignty, and is considered the premier thought leader in the field of Federal Indian Law. Continuing threats to tribal nations, their interests, and their constitutionally guaranteed rights affirm the need for the casework and programming of NARF. NARF is guided by five mission priorities which include the preservation of tribal existence, the protection of tribal natural resources, the promotion of human rights, the accountability of governments to Native Americans, the development of Indian law, and by extension, the education of the public about contemporary Indian rights, laws, and issues. A board of directors consisting of tribal and indigenous leaders from across the country guides the direction of NARF to the fulfillment of our mission in protecting tribal interests, and our litigation management committee alongside our corporate officers ensures that the programs and cases NARF engages in will continue to effectively advocate under the umbrella of Federal Indian law for the benefit of tribal nations. FY2024 was a year of continued growth for our organization, and an opportunity to see many successful assertions of tribal sovereignty. The development of new coalitions of legal advocates, in-house tribal general counsels, and academics assures that NARF will continue to be agile and prepared to assist tribal nations with their ongoing legal needs and challenges. This report will highlight a few of the programs and case updates from FY2024. NARF Programs - Tribal Supreme Court Project The Tribal Supreme Court Project is a program spearheaded by the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) and the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) that consists of a coalition of over 200 attorneys, academics, Indian Law and U.S. Supreme Court practitioners, tribal in-house attorneys, and other legal organizations. The project recognizes that a single Supreme Court decision, good or bad, has the potential to benefit or adversely impact all tribal nations, and so the project coordinates, strategizes, and provides critical resources to tribes and individuals whose cases may potentially appear before the court. The project began in 2001 when American Indian/Alaska Native Tribes were losing almost 80% of their cases in the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS). As a critical resource to tribal nations, the project coordinates and focuses resources to improve advocacy and results in Tribal SCOTUS cases and has improved the win-loss ratio for tribes by assisting in over 40 cases decided by the SCOTUS and dozens more that the SCOTUS declined to hear. One example of the project's success is seen in the Haaland v. Brackeen (2022) case which involved the validity of the 1978 Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). The project worked directly and closely with the 4 Tribal parties to the case and the U.S. Solicitor General's Office and we coordinated 21 separate amicus curiae (friend of the court) briefs filed in support of the Tribes and the United States, including amicus briefs of a collective 497 tribes and 62 tribal organizations; a collective 23 states and the District of Columbia; and a collective 87 members of the U.S. Congress. The project also hosted or participated in 4 moot courts for the tribes' arguing counsel to assist them in practicing, strategizing, and polishing their oral arguments, with the resulting work helping to secure a 7-2 SCOTUS decision upholding the ICWA, an even more triumphant victory because less than a decade before, the SCOTUS had ruled against tribal interests in its most previous ICWA case. - Judicial Selection Project The goal of the Judicial Selection Project is to increase the representation of Native Americans in the federal and state judiciaries. To that end, the Project helps recruit and support qualified Native candidates for federal and state judicial appointments. The Project works with the White House to promote better Native American representation in the federal judiciary and the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee to ensure that nominees are asked about their experience with Indian tribes and their understanding of federal Indian law during confirmation proceedings. Project staff also participate in several coalitions that work to increase demographic and professional diversity in the judiciary. The Project also evaluates the records of judicial nominees on their knowledge of Indian issues. The analysis and conclusions are shared with stakeholders and federal decision-makers in relation to their decision whether to support or oppose a particular nomination. The Project also seeks to educate the federal judiciary about tribal issues, educating tribal leaders about the federal judiciary and the judicial nomination process, and reaching out to elected officials and the public at large about the need for Native American federal judges and judges who understand the unique legal status of Indian tribes. There are approximately 39 vacancies in the federal judiciary. NARF will seek to work with the new Administration to continue to ensure that qualified Native candidates are considered and nominated to fill vacancies on the federal bench. In the next four years, we also anticipate increased focus on state level vacancies - World Intellectual Property Organization Instruments on Traditional Knowledge, Genetic Resources, and Traditional Cultural Expressions NARF represents NCAI regarding the ongoing negotiations for a potential international instrument or instruments to protect various types of Indigenous Peoples' intellectual property, including Traditional Knowledge (TK), Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge (GRAATK), and Traditional Cultural Expressions (TCE). The United States has been participating in these negotiations at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC) since 2000, and since 2010, the negotiations have centered on the three potential instruments' draft text. The U.S. Department of State has delegated authority to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) for these negotiations, but prior to 2023/2024 neither the PTO, the State Department, nor any other federal agency had ever consulted with American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes regarding the negotiations.</p>
Form 990, Part III, Line 4a	<p>At its 2016 Annual Convention, NCAI passed a resolution calling for such consultation. The PTO and other federal agencies conducted the first listening sessions with Tribes on this matter at NCAI's 2017 Mid-Year Conference and Annual Convention. In May 2017, NARF and the University of Colorado Law School hosted a drafting session on the WIPO TCE instrument. With NCAI's approval, NARF took a proposed draft of new TCE provisions to the 34th WIPO session in Geneva, Switzerland in June 2017. The WIPO Indigenous Caucus approved the draft and some of the text from it was introduced into the draft TCE instrument. Work in FY2024 included: January-February 2024: After over 20 years, USPTO finally initiated formal tribal consultation on the WIPO negotiations in October 2023. NARF represented NCAI in the webinar portion of the consultation on January 19 and 23, 2024, and prepared written comments that were submitted February 23, 2024. 68 * April 2024: NCAI delivered an intervention at the UNPFII Session requesting a recommendation for ensuring effective Indigenous participation in the Diplomatic Conference on Genetic Resources. May 13-24, 2024: Diplomatic Conference on Genetic Resources: Historic adoption of a treaty that includes provisions for Indigenous Peoples, such as the disclosure of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge in patent applications. The U.S. has not yet signed the treaty. NARF represented NCAI in the negotiations at the Diplomatic Conference. September-October 2024: NCAI prepared positions on the WIPO Design Law Treaty to be discussed at the Diplomatic</p>

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	<p>Conference in Saudi Arabia (November 11-22, 2024), focusing on disclosure of traditional knowledge and the control of Indigenous designs in publicly accessible databases. NARF also represented NCAI in a one-day WIPO stocktaking session in Geneva on November 29, 2024, to discuss outcomes from the GRATK Treaty Diplomatic Conference, and in a week-long negotiating session December 2-6, 2024, which resumed negotiations on the TK and TCEs texts. Negotiations on the TK and TCEs text will continue in Geneva in March 2025. This work is ongoing. NARF Initiatives/Coalitions - Homelands Coalition For more than 50 years, the Native American Rights Fund ("NARF") has been the premiere legal advocate and thought leader for Tribal Nations in the United States. Our impact litigation, coupled with companion projects and programs, protect the inherent sovereignty of Tribal Nations and occupy a much-needed space in the field of federal Indian law and policy. Protecting sacred places, lands, and water across the country has long been a pillar of NARF's work. Two of our five organizational priorities have been to Protect Tribal Natural Resources and to Preserve Tribal Existence, each dependent on tribes' ability to maintain strong relationships with their homelands. Our reputation, built on over 50 years of leadership supporting Tribal Nations, enables us to use existing relationships to find meaningful ways to bring people together to address these pressing issues. We maintain strong working relationships with Tribal Nations located throughout the country, many that seek a healthy ecosystem and want to build resilient communities, and we have strong partnerships with state, federal, and non-governmental organizations that share interests in resolving environmental crises. NARF proposes to broaden our work to increase coordination and capacity to assist Tribal Nations in protecting their Homelands in a strategic and thoughtful manner. The project, will, among other things: * Develop a coalition of partners that work in the field to coordinate and strategize ways to better protect Homelands. * Continue, and build our capacity, to litigate and participate in administrative actions to protect our Homelands. * Continue to work in collaboration with our current partners such as the NBSCRA Coalition, Tule River Indian Tribe, Bears Ears Intertribal Coalition, to continue our co-management work. * Continue to develop our Sacred Places Project Advisory Committee to seek to improve federal and state sacred place and environmental law and policy (e.g., religious freedom, trust obligations, environmental protections, law reformation, etc.). * Host convenings when appropriate. * Develop the next generation of advocates. - Native American Voting Rights Coalition The Native American Voting Rights Coalition (NAVRC) continues to stand at the forefront of challenging issues to native voters in the areas of voting rights and election protection. Our voting rights practice group and the Native American Voting Rights Coalition (NAVRC) we lead, is an ongoing success in addressing longstanding barriers and active efforts to diminish native voter participation in local, state, and federal elections. NARF and NAVRC (A coalition comprised of NARF, the National Congress of American Indians, the ACLU: Voting Rights Project, Fair Elections Center, Western Native Voice, and other voting rights orgs, advocates, in-house tribal attorneys, and other experts), spent 2024 actively working to increase access to the ballot box for Native Americans across the country. We met monthly to discuss ongoing barriers and solutions and established various working groups to address issues such as communications and strategy toward passage of the Native American Voting Rights Act (NAVRA). In May, nearly 50 NAVRC members, brought together and led by NARF, met on the Santa Ana Pueblo in New Mexico to collaborate and discuss GOTV strategy, pool resources, and document ongoing needs. On Election Day 2024, over 170 law students and attorney volunteers, trained by NARF and partners, monitored polling sites on or near reservations and pueblos across six states to provide election protection support for Native voters. As the first of its kind, the Native Vote Election Protection Project serves Indian Country at large and coordinates organizations, individuals, and tribal nations working to protect the native vote. Poll watchers and observers coordinated with NARF attorneys to staff call/command centers to document their experiences and observations, as well as to provide information and advice on ensuring their fair participation in the election. NAVRC Litigation - Litigation https://vote.narf.org/our-work/ At present, NARF has been successful in every litigation brought under the Voting Rights Practice Group. This remarkable record of success has required ongoing diligence, a long-term commitment to complex litigation, and the leveraging of strategic partnerships. Litigation remains at the heart of NARF's voter protection work, and NARF remains the voting practice trusted to defend Native interests across Indian Country. Important litigation wins in 2024 included: - Successfully defending ballot collection and same day voter registration in Montana (Western Native Voice et al v. Jacobsen) - Successfully increasing the types of proof of residential location accepted in Arizona so that Native Americans without mailing addresses on their homes could vote (Tohono O'odham Nation v. Brnovich) - Successfully increasing language assistance in Alaska (Toyukak v. Treadwell) - Increasing voter registration opportunities in South Dakota (Rosebud Sioux Tribe v. Barnett) - NARF litigated to increase ballot cure provisions in Alaska throughout 2024 but that case is ongoing (Arctic Village Council et al v. Fenumaiai et al) Additionally, NARF continued its redistricting litigation following the first ever Fair Districting in Indian Country project. Building on its previous litigation wins, in 2024 NARF successfully defended and won a Native majority districts in North Dakota and continued to defend the Voting Rights Act from attacks on the ability for private plaintiffs to bring voting rights litigation. (Walen et al. v. Burgum et al.; Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, et al. v. Michael Howe). NARF is currently drafting briefing for the Supreme Court to defend its litigation wins in Montana and North Dakota. (Western Native Voice et al v. Jacobsen; Walen et al. v. Burgum et al.)</p>
Form 990, Part III, Line 4a	<p>- Tribal Water Institute NARF continues to build and expand the Tribal Water Institute (TWI), a project to address the unique and often technically challenging water law issues of tribal communities. Vital resources are needed to address climate change, environmental management frameworks, varying water and water priority issues, and under-representation in management discussions and agreements will be addressed by this innovative approach to tribal water issues. The TWI will address the shortage of water law expertise across Indian Country, bolster educational efforts, and provide thoughtful leadership in advocating for tribal water rights. In early summer, NARF hired four TWI Legal Fellows, three for the Boulder office and one for the Alaska office. These fellows are working on all of NARF's water cases. We have formally accepted four new cases and an amicus opportunity under the TWI and we are considering additional cases as well as additional short-term (e.g., amicus party) prospects. Due to client confidentiality needs, these new cases and issues are noted generally below. * EPA CWA rule litigation defense, N.D. Federal District Court. * Representing Washington Tribe in FERC hydropower relicense process. * Representing non-federally recognized California Tribe on fishery and water issues. * Represent Utah Tribe on water rights protection issue. * Amicus on tribal jurisdiction over groundwater in riparian states. NARF has also been participating in many tribal conferences, webinars, and other collaborative opportunities to raise awareness of the TWI, to gain insight into tribal water priorities and build collaborations. Case Updates NARF is currently guided by five mission priorities which guides and directs our case selection committee as to the types of high impact issues that need to be addressed. This covers a broad base of practice areas under the umbrella of Federal Indian Law, but this summary will provide a handful of case examples to illustrate the types of cases that tribal nations need assistance with. - Bay Mills Indian Community and Enbridge Line 5 expansion NARF and Earthjustice jointly represent the Bay Mills Indian Community to fight a proposed oil pipeline tunnel, which threatens the Community's treaty rights, tribal fisheries, and the environment. The proposed tunnel would encapsulate oil giant Enbridge's Line 5 pipeline under the Straits of Mackinac. Bay Mills has a long-standing and critical interest in the waters of the Great Lakes, the Straits of Mackinac, and the surrounding region. As one of the signatories to the 1836 Treaty of Washington, which ceded nearly 14 million acres to the United States for the creation of the State of Michigan, Bay Mills reserved the right to fish, hunt, and gather throughout the territory - including in the Great Lakes and the Straits of Mackinac. Furthermore, the area has deep cultural, religious, and economic significance to the Community. On August 12, 2020, a Michigan Administrative Law</p>

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	<p>Judge (ALJ) granted Bay Mills Indian Community the right to intervene in an ongoing contested case process pending before the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC). The MPSC is evaluating Enbridge's permit application to build a tunnel beneath the Straits of Mackinac, and relocate a new segment of its Line 5 pipeline. After many years of litigation and multiple hearings, on December 1, 2023, the MPSC issued an order approving Enbridge's permit application. Bay Mills, along with other Tribal intervenors, appealed the decision to the Michigan Court of Appeals. Briefing is complete and oral argument took place on January 13, 2025. We are awaiting the decision. - State of Idaho, et al. v. EPA NARF, Kanji & Katzen P.L.L.C., and Earthjustice are co-counseling to represent twelve Tribal Nations in a lawsuit that a dozen states brought against the EPA challenging amendments to Clean Water Act regulations. The case, Idaho, et al. v. EPA, is a challenge to EPA's Tribal Reserved Rights Rule, a revision and addition to Clean Water Act regulations that requires states to account for aquatic-based Tribal reserved rights and water uses when setting water quality standards. The rule applies nationwide. The rule is intended to create a consistent approach for states to employ to incorporate Tribal rights when states develop water quality standards. The states allege EPA has overstepped its authority under the Clean Water Act and that the agency cannot force the states to recognize Tribal rights, a job the states argue is exclusively federal. In mid-June, the states moved for a preliminary injunction to stay the implementation of the rule. The court did not rule on the motion and we completed summary judgement briefing in late January and are awaiting a hearing date.. The Tribal parties intervening as defendants include the Nez Perce Tribe, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation, Quinault Indian Nation, Bay Mills Indian Community, Puyallup Tribe of Indians, Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Red Lake Nation, Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, White Earth Band of Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, and the Sokaogon Chippewa Community. - Bears Ears National Monument For several years, the Bears Ears Inter Tribal Coalition, a consortium of five sovereign Indian nations (Hopi, Navajo, Uintah & Ouray Ute, Ute Mountain Ute, and Zuni) has worked to protect Bears Ears in Utah, one of America's most significant unprotected cultural landscapes. The Bears Ears region contains at least 100,000 archaeological sites, some dated back to 12,000 BCE, and is still critical to many tribes today for spiritual and hunting and gathering purposes. After years of advocacy, prior administrations designated the Bears Ears region as a National Monument which was diminished by subsequent administrations. On October 8, 2021, President Biden issued a proclamation restoring the Bears Ears National Monument to its original size, plus some additional acreage. On August 24, 2022, the State of Utah filed suit against President Biden. The state is arguing that President Biden abused his authority in creating Bears Ears and Grand Staircase Escalante in numerous ways and that the monuments are far too large to protect the historic and scientific objects the Antiquities Act was meant to protect. The United States District Court of the District of Utah granted motions to dismiss the cases challenging the Bears Ears National Monument Designation. The State and mining companies have appealed that decision to the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals. The Tenth Circuit heard oral argument on September 26, 2024, in Boulder, Colorado, and NARF argued on behalf of the Tribal Nations. - Western Native Voice v. Jacobsen On May 17, 2021, NARF filed this case on behalf of four tribes challenging a Montana state law that prevents ballot collection and removes Election Day registration. HB 176 attempted to end Election Day registration which reservation voters have relied upon to cast votes in Montana since 2005. The other law attempted to block organized ballot collection on rural reservations (HB 530), despite the thirteenth district court ruling unconstitutional a similar anti-ballot collection law in Western Native Voice v. Stapleton which NARF brought and won in 2020. These laws show an ongoing pattern of anti-Native election-related legislation in the state. On September 30, 2022, following a two-week trial, the District Court issued an order in Plaintiff's favor on all counts. The District Court also found evidence of racial discrimination given this pattern of denying access to Native Americans. NARF and the ACLU represent GOTV organizations. The case has been consolidated with a similar case brought by the Democratic party and youth groups that also challenged a ban on student ID's. The District Court also found the ban on student ID's unconstitutional. The State filed an appeal with the state Supreme Court. In late March 2024 the Montana Supreme Court upheld our District Court win. In June 2024, the State filed a notice of appeal to the US Supreme Court, in an unprecedented move and on August 26, filed a cert petition. We filed our response in mid-December 2024.</p>
Form 990, Part III, Line 4a	<p>- Walen v. Burgum On March 30, 2022, the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation (MHA) and individual Native American voters filed a motion with the United States District Court for the District of North Dakota to intervene in Walen et al. v. Burgum et al. This is a lawsuit brought by two individuals seeking to eliminate the majority-Native state legislative subdistrict encompassing the Fort Berthold reservation in North Dakota. The tribal government and Native voters seek to defend the subdistrict, which ensures MHA tribal members have an equal opportunity to elect a candidate that represents their interests to the North Dakota State House. The plaintiffs moved for a preliminary injunction last year, and the State of North Dakota and MHA Nation opposed. The three-judge panel denied the motion, and the election was allowed to proceed, which resulted in the MHA Nation's district for the first time being represented by an MHA tribal member. On November 2, 2023, the three-judge panel granted MHA Nation's motion for summary judgment, dismissing the case and vacating the trial. The plaintiffs appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, but the tribal government and Native voters have moved to dismiss the appeal. On January 13, 2025, the Supreme Court ruled summarily in our favor. That brought the case to the end on the merits, though we anticipate pursuing attorney's fees. We co-counsel with Campaign Legal Center and Bryan Sells. This redistricting case was a critical victory in ensuring that the tribe's interests would be adequately represented at the state level. - NAGPRA Repatriation Cases NARF has succeeded in assisting Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate and Spirit Lake Nation to bring the remains of two of their children, Amos LaFromboise and Edward Upright, back to their tribal homelands from the Carlisle Barracks Post Cemetery ("Carlisle Cemetery"). This was accomplished pursuant to a first-of-its-kind, written and signed agreement with the Army, which was negotiated between the Tribes and the Army in arms-length, government-to-government negotiations. While the Tribes initially sought to have the boys repatriated pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act ("NAGPRA"), the Tribes ultimately decided to, without waiving their NAGPRA rights, negotiate a general, government-to-government agreement for disinterment and return of the boys. The Tribes viewed this option as preferable once it became apparent the Army was willing to negotiate a plan for the disinterment and return of the boys that would engage the Tribes and the Army in a government-to-government relationship and facilitate meaningful negotiation of terms. NARF is continuing to work with the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska to repatriate two of its children, Edward Hensley and Samuel Gilbert, from the Carlisle Cemetery. NARF is working with the Big Fire Law & Policy Center in representing the Tribe. In October 2023, the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska requested the repatriation of Samuel's and Edward's remains pursuant to NAGPRA. On December 7, 2023, the Army refused to comply with the law and denied Winnebago's request. On January 17, 2024, NARF, its co-counsel at Cultural Heritage Partners, and the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska's general counsel, Danelle Smith, filed a federal lawsuit against the United States Army ("Army") in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia seeking the repatriation of the remains of Samuel Gilbert and Edward Hensley from the Carlisle Cemetery pursuant to NAGPRA. Through its lawsuit, Winnebago seeks to enforce its plainly apparent rights under NAGPRA. However, the battle to enforce NAGPRA repatriation at Carlisle also symbolizes a broader effort to obtain justice and healing for all Tribal Nations impacted by the cultural and literal genocide carried out by federal Indian boarding schools. On May 3, 2024, the Army filed a motion to dismiss Winnebago's lawsuit. In their motion, the Army argued that NAGPRA is not applicable to the Native American human remains buried at Carlisle Cemetery and that applying NAGPRA at Carlisle would</p>

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	dishonor the Native American children buried there. On July 12, 2024, NARF argued the motion to dismiss at the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (EDVA) in Alexandria, Virginia. On August 20, 2024, the EDvA granted the Army's motion to dismiss. On October 21, 2024, Winnebago filed its notice of appeal with the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (Fourth Circuit). Winnebago's opening brief was due in early 2025. - Haaland v. Brackeen/Indian Child Welfare Case In the past decade, anti-Tribal interests have engaged in serial federal court litigation challenging the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) with the goal of undermining ICWA and tribal sovereignty. The most potentially consequential case was Haaland v. Brackeen (formerly Brackeen v. Zinke and Brackeen v. Bernardt). In early October 2018, Judge Reed O'Connor of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas found that ICWA is unconstitutional on the grounds that (1) violated the Equal Protection Clause as an unconstitutional "race-based" statute, (2) inserted the federal government into state affairs by "commandeering" state courts and agencies and thus violated the Tenth Amendment, and (3) impermissibly delegated federal powers to Tribes through Section 1915(c). The Cherokee Nation, Oneida Nation, Quinault Indian Nation, and Morongo Band of Mission Indians, who previously intervened in the case as defendants, asked the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit to stay the decision, which it did, and initiated an appeal. On August 9, 2019, the Fifth Circuit overturned the District Court's opinion and affirmed the constitutionality of ICWA. However, the Individual Plaintiffs and the State Plaintiffs petitioned the Fifth Circuit to rehear the case en banc. The Fifth Circuit en banc decision generally upheld the authority of Congress to enact ICWA, and also held that ICWA does not operate on the basis of race. On September 3, 2021, the United States Department of Justice, intervening Tribal Nations (including the Navajo Nation), and Texas and individual Plaintiffs all formally asked the United States Supreme Court to review the Fifth Circuit's en banc decision. On February 28, 2022, the Supreme Court granted all four petitions and consolidated the case under Haaland v. Brackeen. Merits briefing took place the summer of 2022. NARF, along with our co-counsel at Dentons, filed a Tribal Amicus Brief on behalf of federally recognized Tribes and national and regional Native organizations. The Tribal Amicus Brief filed in August 2022 was signed by 497 Tribes and 62 Native organizations-to our knowledge, the largest show of Indian Country support for any brief before the United States Supreme Court. NARF also initiated the Tribal Supreme Court Project (TSCP) process for the case. The TSCP organized regular Brackeen Workgroup meetings and coordinated amicus support for the Tribal parties. The Tribal Amicus Brief was joined by an overwhelming show of support for ICWA: 21 pro-ICWA briefs were filed, representing the voices of many ICWA stakeholders, including parents, former foster youth, child welfare professionals, medical professionals, legal scholars, state governments, Members of Congress, and other officials. This avalanche of support-much of which referenced ICWA being the "gold standard" for child welfare practices-dwarfed the voices in opposition. Oral argument was heard on November 9, 2022. On June 15, 2023, the Supreme Court issued its decision, a full-throated, 7-2 opinion affirming the constitutionality of the Indian Child Welfare Act. The majority opinion was written by Justice Barrett, and it soundly rejected the Petitioners' arguments that Congress lacked the authority to pass ICWA or that, through ICWA, Congress exerted unconstitutional control over States. Justice Barrett's opinion also rejected the non-Indian individual and state Petitioners' equal protection and nondelegation arguments on the grounds that these challengers did not have standing to raise those arguments.
Form 990, Part III, Line 4a	In short: Tribes won on every issue that had been appealed. Justice Gorsuch wrote a concurring opinion, which was partially joined by Justice Sotomayor and Justice Jackson, in which he delved more deeply into the history behind ICWA, explaining that ICWA "did not emerge from a vacuum. It came as a direct response to the mass removal of Indian children from their families during the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s by state officials and private parties." In addition, Justice Gorsuch noted that while Congress has broad power to legislate with respect to Indian affairs, the Constitution also recognizes Tribes' inherent sovereignty and promises Tribes "sovereignty for as long as they wish to keep it." NARF was pleased to assist in this resounding effort to protect Native children as well as the inherent sovereignty of tribal nations.
Form 990, Part VI, Line 15 Line 15a & 15b	REVIEW OF CEO AND TOP MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL COMPENSATION: AN EXTENSIVE SALARY SURVEY IS PERFORMED FOR ALL POSITIONS IN THE SUMMER OF EVERY EVEN YEAR IN WHICH CURRENT SALARIES ARE COMPARED TO MARKET SURVEY DATA OBTAINED FROM A VARIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEY SOURCES. THIS INFORMATION IS THEN SUBMITTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR REVIEW AND THEN DISCUSSED AND APPROVED DURING AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING. MINUTES OF THE MEETING ARE TAKEN FOR SUBSTANTIATION OF THE DELIBERATION AND DECISION. THIS PROCEDURE WAS LAST PERFORMED IN 2024.
Form 990, Part VI, Line 11b Review of form 990 by governing body	PROCESS TO REVIEW THE FORM 990: THE FORM 990 IS PREPARED BY THIRD PARTY PREPARERS. THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER THOROUGHLY REVIEWS THE FORM 990 AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE PROVIDED WITH COPIES OF THE FORM 990 PRIOR TO FILING WITH THE IRS.
Form 990, Part VI, Line 12c Conflict of interest policy	PROCESS FOR MONITORING COMPLIANCE WITH CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY: BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, SUPERVISORS, AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL STAFF ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT ANUALLY (BY JANUARY 15 OF EACH YEAR). DISCLOSURE AND DETERMINATION OF THE POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST (PCI) AT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS LEVEL IS DISCLOSED TO THE BOARD CHAIR (IF THE BOARD CHAIR IS THE ONE WITH PCI, THEN TO THE VICE-CHAIR), WHICH IS THEN BROUGHT TO THE FULL BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION AND DETERMINATION. BOARD MEMBERS WITH PCI SHALL BE ABSENT FROM THE BOARD'S DISCUSSION AND DECISION. EMPLOYEES WITH PCI SHALL GO TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (ED) (IF ED HAS A PCI, THEN TO THE BOARD CHAIR). THE MATTER WILL THEN GO TO CORPORATE OFFICERS FOR CONSIDERATION AND DETERMINATION.
Form 990, Part VI, Line 19 Required documents available to the public	EXPLAIN WHY 1023/1024, 990, OR 990-T IS NOT AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC: FORM 1023 WAS FILED BEFORE JULY 15, 1987 AND A COPY WAS NOT AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME. DESCRIBE HOW DOCUMENTS ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC: FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE AND UPON REQUEST. REQUESTS (WITH A VALID BUSINESS PURPOSE) FOR THE MANAGING DOCUMENTS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY WILL BE CONSIDERED.
Form 990, Part VIII, Line 1e	GOVERNMENT GRANTS: THE AMOUNT SHOWN AS GOVERNMENT GRANTS ON LINE 1(E) INCLUDES \$1,247,850 OF CONTRIBUTIONS REVENUE FROM APPROXIMATELY 20 TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS.

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