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Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-

0047 2024

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2024 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2024, and ending 06-30-2025

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

C Name of organization: THE CHICAGO ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, PEGGY NOTEBAERT NATURE MUSEUM. Address: 2430 NORTH CANNON DRIVE, CHICAGO, IL 60614.

D Employer identification number: 36-0895575. E Telephone number: (773) 755-5100. G Gross receipts \$ 7,491,475.

F Name and address of principal officer: ERIN AMICO, 2430 NORTH CANNON DRIVE, CHICAGO, IL 60614.

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? No. H(b) Are all subordinates included? No. H(c) Group exemption number.

I Tax-exempt status: 501(c)(3)

J Website: WWW.NATUREMUSEUM.ORG

K Form of organization: Corporation

L Year of formation: 1865. M State of legal domicile: IL

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: THE MISSION OF CAS/PNNM IS TO CREATE A POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PEOPLE AND NATURE THROUGH COLLABORATIONS, EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND COLLECTIONS, EXHIBITS AND PUBLIC FORUMS THAT FOSTER URBAN CONNECTIONS TO OUR REGION'S NATURE AND SCIENCE.

2 Check this box if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows 3-7a, 7b.

Revenue

Table with 3 columns: Description, Prior Year, Current Year. Rows 8-12.

Expenses

Table with 3 columns: Description, Prior Year, Current Year. Rows 13-19.

Net Assets or Fund Balances

Table with 3 columns: Description, Beginning of Current Year, End of Year. Rows 20-22.

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

Sign Here: Signature of officer ERIN AMICO PRESIDENT & CEO, Date 2026-04-20.

Paid Preparer Use Only: Print/Type preparer's name CITRIN COOPERMAN ADVISORS LLC, Date 2026-04-20, Firm's EIN 87-2525370.

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See Instructions. Yes No

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 MISSION OF CAS/PNNM IS TO CREATE A POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PEOPLE AND NATURE THROUGH COLLABORATIONS, EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND COLLECTIONS, EXHIBITS AND PUBLIC FORUMS THAT FOSTER URBAN CONNECTIONS TO OUR REGION'S NATURE AND SCIENCE.

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

Yes No

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

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?

Yes No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

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

4a (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 1,260,898 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 47,007 )

BIOLOGY/CONSERVATION/COLLECTIONS: BIOLOGY:IN AUGUST OF 2024, THE NATURE MUSEUM HIRED A NEW CURATOR OF TURTLE CONSERVATION, DR. CALLIE KLATT GOLBA. DR. GOLBA'S WORK ELEVATES THE ACADEMY'S ROLE IN BLANDING'S TURTLE CONSERVATION FROM THAT OF A CONSERVATION PARTNER IN HEAD-STARTING, TO A LEADER IN ORIGINAL RESEARCH, GUIDING MANAGEMENT EFFORTS THROUGHOUT THE SPECIES RANGE.THROUGHOUT FISCAL YEAR 2025, THE NATURE MUSEUM'S COLLECTIONS, LIVING COLLECTIONS, AND BIOLOGY TEAMS GAVE 26 PRESENTATIONS, SUBMITTED FOR PUBLICATION 7 TIMES, AND ACCEPTED FOR PUBLICATION/PUBLISHED 6 TIMES. OUR BIOLOGY AND COLLECTIONS TEAMS WERE FEATURED IN 21 DIFFERENT MEDIA SEGMENTS THROUGHOUT FISCAL YEAR 2025.THE NATURE MUSEUM IS CURRENTLY IN THE MIDDLE OF A GRANT FUNDED PROJECT FROM THE MORRIS ANIMAL FOUNDATION TO RESEARCH SMOOTH GREENSNAKE HEALTH, TRACKING SNAKE FUNGAL DISEASE AND HEAVY METAL BIOACCUMULATION.IN LATE 2021, SHELL FUNGAL DISEASE, AN EMERGING DISEASE THAT CAUSES LESIONS IN THE SHELLS OF TURTLES, WAS DETECTED IN HEADSTART TURTLES ACROSS MULTIPLE COUNTIES IN ILLINOIS. THE NATURE MUSEUM TOOK PART IN A CLINICAL TRIAL TO TEST EFFECTIVENESS OF A TREATMENT WITH 14 BLANDING'S TURTLE HEADSTARTS THAT HAVE TESTED POSITIVE FOR THE FUNGUS. THIS 18-MONTH TRIAL WAS JUST COMPLETED. THE NATURE MUSEUM IS NOW IN THE PROCESS OF WORKING TOWARDS MAKING OUR BLANDING'S LAB A NEGATIVE (FUNGUS FREE) SPACE SO THAT WE CAN EVENTUALLY RESUME OUR HEADSTART PROGRAM.CHICAGO CONSERVATION CORPS (C3):THE CHICAGO CONSERVATION CORPS (C3) COLLABORATES WITH PARTNERS ACROSS THE CITY TO INSPIRE AND FUND LASTING CHANGE THROUGH GRASSROOTS COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION AND CLIMATE ORGANIZATION. C3 ACTS AS A FORCE MULTIPLIER FOR COMMUNITIES AND INDIVIDUALS WHO WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. BY TRAINING COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO LAUNCH THEIR OWN SUSTAINABILITY PROJECTS, WE ENSURE THAT OUR PROJECTS HAVE THE GRASSROOTS SUPPORT THEY NEED TO BE SUCCESSFUL.WE EDUCATE OUR MEMBERS WITH THE SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHED ORGANIZATIONS ALREADY DOING SUSTAINABILITY WORK THROUGH OUR C3 EXPERT PARTNERSHIPS. THESE PARTNERSHIPS ALLOW OUR LEADERS TO GAIN HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE DURING THEIR TRAINING. WE EMPOWER OUR MEMBERS TO TAKE ACTION TO CREATE DATA-DRIVEN SOLUTIONS WITH THEIR COMMUNITIES AND BUILD HOPE FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE. WE FUND UNLIMITED SUSTAINABILITY PROJECTS FROM OUR LEADERS. C3 LEADERS BECOME SUSTAINABILITY CHAMPIONS IN THEIR COMMUNITIES, AND C3 REMOVES BARRIERS TO ACTION BY PROVIDING FUNDS AND INDIVIDUALIZED MUSEUM STAFF SUPPORT FOR EVERY PROJECT.THIS YEAR, THANKS TO A GENEROUS DONOR, THE NATURE MUSEUM C3 TEAM LAUNCHED A BRAND-NEW SECTION OF THE PROGRAM DEDICATED TO FOOD SUSTAINABILITY. HISTORICALLY, C3 PROJECTS COMPLETED BY LEADERS HAVE BEEN FOCUSED ON WASTE, WATER, ENERGY, CONNECTING PEOPLE TO NATURE, GREEN SPACE, AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION, WITH THE OCCASIONAL PROJECT DEDICATED TO FOOD IN THE FORM OF COMPOST PROJECTS. THIS NEW FOOD SUSTAINABILITY FOCUSED CURRICULUM EXAMINED CRITICAL ISSUES LIKE FOOD ACCESS, SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE, AND HOW TO LOWER THE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS ASSOCIATED WITH OUR FOOD. THROUGHOUT THIS 8-WEEK COURSE, LEADERS ALSO EXPLORED HOW THEY CAN SUPPORT CHICAGO'S GROWING URBAN AGRICULTURE AND FOOD RESCUE INITIATIVES.COLLECTIONS:THE COLLECTIONS TEAM COMPLETED AN INSTITUTE OF MUSEUMS AND LIBRARY SCIENCES GRANT TO CATALOGUE AND DIGITIZE THE INSTITUTION'S BOTANY COLLECTION. OUR TEAM PROCESSED 6,282 SPECIMENS FROM THE HERBARIUM BACKLOG, LARGELY COLLECTED IN THE MID-1800S. THIS PROJECT CULMINATED IN 14,678 CATALOGUE RECORDS REPRESENTING 30,596 SCIENTIFIC HERBARIUM SPECIMENS AVAILABLE ONLINE IN ARCTOS. USING THIS REVITALIZED BOTANY COLLECTION, THE COLLECTIONS TEAM CREATED TWO NEW ONLINE EXHIBITS IN GOOGLE ARTS & CULTURE: "THE BOTANICAL TIME CAPSULE AND "THE PEOPLE AND PLACES IN COLLECTIONS."OVER THE LAST YEAR, THE COLLECTIONS TEAM WAS ALSO HARD AT WORK DIGITIZING 279 ORIGINAL MOTION PICTURE FILMS THANKS TO A GRANT RECEIVED FROM THE COUNCIL ON LIBRARY AND INFORMATION RESOURCES THAT ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE THROUGH THE INTERNET ARCHIVE AND ARCTOS PORTALS, AS WELL AS THE NATURE MUSEUM'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL.ADDITIONALLY, THE COLLECTIONS TEAM RECEIVED MATERIALS FROM THE DIVISION OF BIRDS AT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, SMITHSONIAN TO ADD TO THE NATURE MUSEUM'S ESTABLISHED REUBEN M. STRONG MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION. STRONG WAS A LOCAL ORNITHOLOGIST WHO HELPED ESTABLISH THE CHICAGO ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY. ONCE THESE NEWLY RECEIVED PAPERS ARE PROCESSED, THEY WILL BE OPEN FOR RESEARCH.

4b (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 1,384,505 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 611,309 )

EDUCATION:EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS ARE AT THE HEART OF THE NATURE MUSEUM'S EFFORTS TO FULFILL ITS MISSION. WITH RESEARCH AND STUDY AT THE CORE OF THE INSTITUTION'S FOUNDING, NATURE MUSEUM EDUCATORS PROVIDE MORE HANDS-ON CONTACT HOURS WITH STUDENTS AND TEACHERS THAN ANY OTHER MUSEUM IN THE CITY: MORE THAN 78,000 HOURS EACH YEAR, WITH TEN FULL-TIME SCHOOL PROGRAM STAFF MEMBERS WHO TEACH A COMBINED TOTAL OF MORE THAN 38,000 STUDENTS AND 1,200 TEACHERS FROM SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT CHICAGO, MOST OF WHICH SERVE HIGH PERCENTAGES OF LOW-INCOME STUDENTS PRIMARILY FROM CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS. STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND HOW IT DIRECTLY IMPACTS THEIR LIVES. THESE HANDS-ON SCHOOL PROGRAMS ARE ALIGNED WITH THE NEXT GENERATION SCIENCE STANDARDS (NGSS), AND FEATURE THE NATUREMUSEUM'S UNIQUE RESOURCES: FROM LIVE ANIMALS TO OUR VAST PRESERVED SCIENTIFIC COLLECTION. IN PARTNERSHIP WITH DEPAUL UNIVERSITY'S USER EXPERIENCE DESIGN CAPSTONE CLASS OF 2025, THE NATURE MUSEUM'S SUSTAINABILITY CENTER UNDERWENT AN INCREDIBLE DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION. OVER THE COURSE OF 13 WEEKS, THE STUDENTS WORKED TOGETHER TO DEVELOP THESE GAMES, RECEIVING FEEDBACK FROM MUSEUM STAFF THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE PROCESS. THE RESULT OF THEIR EFFORTS WERE COMPLETELY REDESIGNED SCREENS FOR EACH OF THE 5 DIGITAL COMPONENTS IN THE EXHIBIT: WATER, ECONOMY & CULTURE, ENERGY, FOOD, AND THE LIBRARY. THE FINISHED SCREENS MAKE THE CONTENT MORE ACCESSIBLE AND ENGAGING FOR ALL AUDIENCES, WHILE STILL EDUCATING OUR VISITORS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF CONSERVATION IN EACH PILLAR.EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND CURRICULUM GREW AND EXPANDED OVER THE PAST YEAR. WE PILOTTED NEW DAY-OFF CAMPS AND A PROGRAM SPECIALLY FOR TWEENS (AGES 10-14 YEARS OLD). SUMMER CAMP ADDED ANOTHER GROUP OF STUDENTS TO EACH SESSION, BRINGING THE JOY OF A SUMMER CONNECTING WITH NATURE TO MORE KIDS, AS WELL AS INCREASING REVENUE OPPORTUNITIES. EDUCATION STAFF CREATED 3 NEW SCIENCE ON THE GO CURRICULUM, GROUNDED IN NEXT GENERATION SCIENCE STANDARDS, TO BRING TO TEACHERS AND CLASSROOMS NEXT SCHOOL YEAR, BUILDING ON OUR 30-YEAR SCIENCE ON THE GO TRADITION. WE PARTNERED WITH THE LAWNDALE POP-UP MUSEUM TO BRING NATURE CONNECTIONS TO THEIR FRIDAY EVENING COMMUNITY EVENTS, AND THE RESULTING NATURE-INSPIRED, COMMUNITY-CREATED ART WORK WILL BE SHOWCASED AT THE MUSEUM IN THE FALL.THROUGH OUR SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS, NATURE MUSEUM EDUCATORS ARE ABLE TO REACH STUDENTS FROM ACROSS THE CITY AND PROVIDE THEM WITH HIGH QUALITY, EDUCATIONAL LESSONS THAT ARE CENTERED AROUND OUR MISSION TO HELP CREATE CONNECTIONS TO NATURE. SCIENCE ON THE GO, A TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, SERVED 153 CLASSROOMS IN THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR. THIS MEANT THAT APPROXIMATELY 5,000 STUDENTS AND 153 TEACHERS RECEIVED A SCIENCE AND NATURE BASED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM THAT WAS DESIGNED TO HELP DEEPEN THEIR CONNECTION WITH THE ENVIRONMENT, AND, FOR TEACHERS, STRENGTHEN THEIR CONFIDENCE AND COMFORTABILITY WITH TEACHING SCIENCE SUBJECTS.THROUGH IN- AND OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME OPPORTUNITIES THROUGHOUT CHICAGO, MUSEUM EDUCATORS MAKE A LASTING IMPACT THROUGH WHOLE-CHILD LEARNING APPROACHES THAT BUILD KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, INTEREST, AND ENTHUSIASM FOR STEM TOPICS. EDUCATION PROGRAMS ARE FOUNDED IN A STUDENT-DRIVEN AND INQUIRY-BASED APPROACH TO CONNECT OUR AUDIENCES TO INTERDISCIPLINARY NATURE AND SCIENCE PHENOMENA. FISCAL YEAR 2025 STUDENT PROGRAMS INCLUDED: 634 FIELD TRIP WORKSHOPS (AT PNNM), 427 SUMMER CAMPERS, 89 WINTER CAMPERS, 89 NATURE ON THE GO (IN COMMUNITIES) WORKSHOPS, 8 AFTER SCHOOL SCIENCE CLUB SCHOOLS, 4 OVERNIGHT EVENTS. FISCAL YEAR 2025 MULTI-TOUCHPOINT SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS WITH TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS INCLUDED: 153 SCIENCE ON THE GO CLASSROOMS, 3 WHOLE SCHOOL SCIENCE PARTNERSHIP SCHOOLS, 34 URBAN NATURE PARTNERSHIP CLASSROOMS, AND 32 SCIENCE TEACHINGNETWORK TEACHERS. FISCAL YEAR 2025 TEENS & YOUNG ADULTS PROGRAMS INCLUDED: 1 QUARTER-LONG COURSE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION THEORY AND PRACTICE FOR DEPAUL UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATES, AND 25 SEASONAL TEEN/ YOUNG ADULT STAFF AND INTERNS. FISCAL YEAR 2025 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS INCLUDED: 6 CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT PARK VOYAGERS (105 STUDENTS), OST COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP WITH 12 COMMUNITY GROUPS, AND 2 IL DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES ENTICE EDUCATOR PARTNERSHIP WORKSHOPS WITH 25 EDUCATORS.MEANINGFUL AND ACCESSIBLE STEM LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE-LEVEL GIRLS ARE CHALLENGING TO FIND. STUDENTS WHO ARE LIMITED BY THEIR SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, OR PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENTS DURING OUT OF SCHOOL TIME (SUMMER AND WINTER) ARE AT HIGHER RISK FOR WORSE ACADEMIC, HEALTH, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL, AND SAFETY OUTCOMES. ESTABLISHED PROGRAMS LIKE THE NATURE MUSEUM'S CAMP COUNSELOR PROGRAM ENCOURAGES GIRLS TO EXPLORE STEM OPPORTUNITIES AND PROVIDES STRUCTURED ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT DEVELOPMENTAL NEEDS AND POSITIVE OUTCOMES.

4c (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 2,700,586 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 418,241 )

EXHIBITS AND GUEST EXPERIENCE & ENGAGEMENT:THE NATURE MUSEUM FEATURED SEVERAL EXCITING EXHIBITS DURING FISCAL YEAR 2025.IN NATURE CAT: BACKYARD AND BEYOND, KIDS STEPPED INTO ADVENTURE WITH FRED, AN ORDINARY HOUSE CAT WHO ONCE IMAGINED HIMSELF AS THE FEARLESS NATURE CAT, READY TO EXPLORE THE GREAT OUTDOORS. ALONGSIDE HIS QUIRKY CREW, HAL THE FUN-LOVING DOG, SQUEEKS THE CLEVER MOUSE, AND DAISY THE CURIOUS

BUNNY-YOUNG, EXPLORERS JOURNEYED THROUGH A SERIES OF NATURE-INSPIRED EXPERIENCES. THEY CRAWLED THROUGH TUNNELS, WANDERED THROUGH A SHADOWY CAVE, SPLASHED DOWN A PRETEND WATERSLIDE, AND DISCOVERED THE SECRETS OF MARSHES AND FORESTS. WHETHER PLANTING FLOWERS IN AN URBAN GARDEN OR SEARCHING FOR HAL'S LOST FLYING DISC, EVERY ACTIVITY SPARKED CURIOSITY AND CELEBRATED THE WILD WORLD BEYOND THE BACKYARD.THE ART AND SCIENCE OF ARACHNIDS WAS AN EXHIBIT DESIGNED TO EXPLORE THE INTRIGUING WORLD OF ARACHNIDS SUCH AS SPIDERS AND SCORPIONSWHILE AIMING TO SHIFT PUBLIC PERCEPTIONS. THROUGH A COMBINATION OF ART, CULTURAL REFERENCES, LIVE SPECIMENS, AND HANDS-ON DISPLAYS, THE EXHIBIT HIGHLIGHTED THE ECOLOGICAL IMPORTANCE AND ADVANTAGES OF THESE OFTEN-MISUNDERSTOOD CREATURES. IT INVITED VISITORS TO GAIN A DEEPER APPRECIATION FOR ARACHNIDS AND HELPED DISPEL COMMON FEARS AND MYTHS SURROUNDING THEM.THROUGHOUT FISCAL YEAR 2025, THE NATURE MUSEUM DISPLAYED INCREDIBLE INTERNAL COLLABORATION AND DESIGN TO DEVELOP THE MUSEUM'S CURRENT EXHIBIT THAT IS ON DISPLAY FROM JUNE 2025 JUNE 2026. THIS EXHIBIT TELLS THE STORY OF THE ACADEMY AND THE IMPORTANT WORK DONE EVERY DAY BY OUR INCREDIBLE TEAM. BY A THREAD: NATURE'S RESILIENCE DIVES INTO THE SCIENCE OF BIODIVERSITY AND WHAT IT TAKES TO PROTECT IT SHOWCASING THE RESEARCH, CONSERVATION, AND EDUCATION WORK HAPPENING EVERY DAY ACROSS THE MUSEUM AND ACADEMY. FROM EXPLORING REGIONAL COLLECTIONS TO GETTING HANDS-ON WITH REAL FIELDWORK-INSPIRED ACTIVITIES, GUESTS OF ALL AGES WILL UNCOVER THE CHALLENGES OF BIODIVERSITY LOSS AND DISCOVER HOW THEY CAN BE PART OF THE SOLUTION.THE NATURE MUSEUM USES ART TO CONNECT VISITORS TO NATURE ACROSS ALL AREAS OF THE MUSEUM. IN FISCAL YEAR 2025, THE MUSEUM'S FIRST FLOOR FLAT SHOW EXHIBIT SPACE SHOWCASED ART CENTERED AROUND NATURE FROM MOLLY CRANCH, WILLIAM BURT, AND LINDSAY OLSON.TO CELEBRATE THE START OF THE SUMMER SEASON AND ENGAGE OUR COMMUNITY IN A MEANINGFUL WAY, WE HOSTED THE ANNUAL SUMMER NATURE FEST 2025 THE NATURE MUSEUM'S WAY TO KICK OFF THE SUMMER. THIS EVENT LAUNCHED SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE OPENING OF THE BY A THREAD: NATURE'S RESILIENCE EXHIBIT. WE WELCOMED OVER 700 GUESTS AND EXCEEDED THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S REVENUE.

(Code: ) (Expenses \$ 653,385 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 774,681 )

ATTENDANCE AND PRIVATE EVENTS:THE NATURE MUSEUM WELCOMED 119,638 VISITORS IN FISCAL YEAR 2025. WE HAD A 9.41% INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP REVENUE AND 5.47% INCREASE IN PAID VISITORS COMPARED TO FISCAL YEAR 2024. THERE WAS ALSO AN OVERALL 6.88% INCREASE IN REVENUE IN FISCAL YEAR 2025 COMPARED TO FISCAL YEAR 2024. WE CONTINUE TO SEE A STEADY INCREASE IN VISITORS EACH YEAR, AND ANTICIPATE SEEING THIS TREND CONTINUE IN THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR. THE NATURE MUSEUM IS PROUD TO HAVE DOUBLED PRIVATE EVENT REVENUE, ACHIEVING A GOAL OF \$200,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2025 (VS. \$100,000 FISCAL YEAR 2024). THIS INCREASE IN PRIVATE EVENT REVENUE IS PART OF THE NATURE MUSEUM'S LONG-TERM GOAL OF DIVERSIFYING FUNDING STREAMS.

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

(Expenses \$ 653,385 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 774,681 )

**4e** **Total program service expenses** 5,999,374

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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include questions 1 through 21 regarding organizational requirements, such as completing schedules A through H, and reporting on various activities and assets.

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)**

		Yes	No
<b>22</b>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i> . . . . .		No
<b>23</b>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i> . . . . .	Yes	
<b>24a</b>	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? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i> . . . . .	Yes	
<b>24b</b>	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? . . . . .		No
<b>24c</b>	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? . . . . .		No
<b>24d</b>	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		No
<b>25a</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i> . . . . .		No
<b>25b</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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		No
<b>26</b>	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?		No
<b>27</b>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i> . . . . .		No
<b>28</b>	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):		
<b>28a</b>	A current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, or substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> . . . . .		No
<b>28b</b>	A family member of any individual described in line 28a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> . . . . .		No
<b>28c</b>	A 35% controlled entity of one or more individuals and/or organizations described in line 28a or 28b? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> . . . . .		No
<b>29</b>	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> . . . . .	Yes	
<b>30</b>	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions?		No
<b>31</b>	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		No
<b>32</b>	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i> . . . . .		No
<b>33</b>	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3?		No
<b>34</b>	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i> . . . . .		No
<b>35a</b>	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		No
<b>35b</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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> . . . . .		
<b>36</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> . . . . .		No
<b>37</b>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>		No
<b>38</b>	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations on Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O. . . . .	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
<b>1a</b>	Enter the number reported in box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable		
<b>1b</b>	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included on line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
<b>1c</b>	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners? . . . . .	Yes	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance (continued)

Main form area containing questions 2a through 17, with sub-questions (a-e) for many items. Includes input fields for numbers and yes/no answers.

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



Section A. Governing Body and Management

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

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? 10b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes? 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? 11b Describe 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 12b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe on Schedule O how this was done 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? 14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? 15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision? 15a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official 15b Other officers or key employees of the organization 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? 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

Table with 2 columns: Question, Answer. Rows include: 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed IL 18 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. [X] Own website [ ] Another's website [X] Upon request [ ] Other (explain in Schedule O) 19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year. 20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: THE ORGANIZATION 2430 NORTH CANNON DRIVE CHICAGO, IL 60614 (773) 755-5100

**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) ERIN AMICO ..... PRESIDENT & CEO	40.00			X			262,500	0	549
(2) SARA PERSKY ..... VP OF MARKETING & RETAIL STRATEGY	40.00					X	171,624	0	549
(3) MIRANDA KERR ..... HEAD OF LEARNING INNOVATION	40.00					X	133,404	0	515
(4) CHADWIN COKER ..... VP OF FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION	40.00			X			130,119	0	5,703
(5) DANIEL MOSS ..... VP OF ADVANCEMENT	40.00					X	125,464	0	5,677
(6) ALVARO RAMOS ..... VP OF MUSEUM EXPERIENCE	40.00					X	115,118	0	5,686
(7) RUSMIR ZEC ..... CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER (TERM)	40.00			X			21,245	0	413
(8) ROBERT FRENTZEL ..... CHAIR	5.00	X		X			0	0	0
(9) MICHELLE HAWVER ..... VICE CHAIR	5.00	X		X			0	0	0
(10) STACIE SELINGER ..... VICE CHAIR	5.00	X		X			0	0	0
(11) ERIN OHLMS ..... TREASURER	5.00	X		X			0	0	0
(12) LISA BROWN TRIBBETT ..... SECRETARY	5.00	X		X			0	0	0
(13) DANA ARNETT ..... TRUSTEE	1.00	X					0	0	0
(14) JENNIE HUANG BENNETT ..... TRUSTEE	0.50	X					0	0	0
(15) NADALIE BOSSE ..... TRUSTEE	1.00	X					0	0	0
(16) DR JOEL S BROWN ..... TRUSTEE	2.00	X					0	0	0
(17) LESLIE HENNER BURNS ..... TRUSTEE	2.00	X					0	0	0

**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			
(18) GREGORY C CASE TRUSTEE	1.00	X					0	0	
(19) FRANK M CLARK LIFE TRUSTEE	0.50	X					0	0	
(20) LESLIE A COOLIDGE TRUSTEE	1.00	X					0	0	
(21) THOMAS COX LIFE TRUSTEE	0.50	X					0	0	
(22) TASHA R G CRUZAT TRUSTEE	1.00	X					0	0	
(23) PEGGY MATHY DIAMOND TRUSTEE	1.00	X					0	0	
(24) JOSEPH V DOLAN TRUSTEE	1.00	X					0	0	
(25) CHARLES DOUGLAS JR TRUSTEE	1.00	X					0	0	
(26) JOHN EDELMAN TRUSTEE	2.00	X					0	0	
(27) TERESA GEORGE TRUSTEE	2.00	X					0	0	
(28) JOHN GROTHAUS TRUSTEE	1.00	X					0	0	
(29) DAVID P HACKETT TRUSTEE	2.00	X					0	0	
(30) WILLIAM C JACKSON TRUSTEE	1.00	X					0	0	
(31) TANYA JAEGER DE FORAS TRUSTEE	1.00	X					0	0	
(32) TODD JENSEN TRUSTEE	1.00	X					0	0	
(33) KAIDI JOHNSON TRUSTEE	1.00	X					0	0	
(34) ROCK KHANNA TRUSTEE	1.00	X					0	0	
(35) NICOLE LACY TRUSTEE	2.00	X					0	0	
(36) BENJAMIN F LENHARDT JR LIFE TRUSTEE	0.50	X					0	0	
(37) SAMANTHA LERNER TRUSTEE	1.00	X					0	0	
(38) DENISE LINTZ TRUSTEE	1.00	X					0	0	
(39) AMY LUCAS TRUSTEE	1.00	X					0	0	
(40) MEREDITH MENDES TRUSTEE	1.00	X					0	0	
(41) DR JAMES A MONTGOMERY TRUSTEE	1.00	X					0	0	
(42) GAIL MOSS TRUSTEE	1.00	X					0	0	
(43) SHEILA MULLIGAN TRUSTEE	1.00	X					0	0	
(44) JAMES C MURRAY TRUSTEE	1.00	X					0	0	
(45) PEGGY NOTEBAERT TRUSTEE	5.00	X					0	0	
(46) CATHY OSBORN LIFE TRUSTEE	0.50	X					0	0	
(47) JOANNE RODRIGUEZ TRUSTEE	1.00	X					0	0	
(48) LESLEY ROTH TRUSTEE	1.00	X					0	0	
(49) ROBERT E SARAZEN TRUSTEE	1.00	X					0	0	
(50) BEN SETTLE TRUSTEE	1.00	X					0	0	
(51) CHRISTINA SPEH TRUSTEE	1.00	X					0	0	
(52) MARIANNE STANKE TRUSTEE	1.00	X					0	0	
(53) IAN TALLETT TRUSTEE	1.00	X					0	0	
(54) ALISON TAYLOR TRUSTEE	1.00	X					0	0	
(55) JACLYN TROVATO-WICKERSHAM TRUSTEE	0.50	X					0	0	
(56) DR NANCY TUCHMAN TRUSTEE	1.00	X					0	0	
(57) JOAN H WALKER TRUSTEE	2.00	X					0	0	
(58) SUSAN D WHITING TRUSTEE	2.00	X					0	0	
(59) RICHARD J WILLIAMS TRUSTEE	1.00	X					0	0	
(60) COLLEEN ZAMBOLE TRUSTEE	1.00	X					0	0	
(61) JEFFREY ZDENAHLIK TRUSTEE	1.00	X					0	0	
(62) MICHAEL BABBITT TRUSTEE (TERM)	0.50	X					0	0	
<b>1b Sub-Total</b>									
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b>									
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b>						959,474	0	19,092	

**2** Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization **6**

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

**Section B. Independent Contractors**

**1** Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. 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
NEAL GERBER & EISENBERG LLP 28987 NETWORK PL CHICAGO, IL 606731289	LEGAL SERVICES	107,168

**2** Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization **1**

**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				
<b>1a</b> Federated campaigns . . . . .		<b>1a</b>		
<b>b</b> Membership dues . . . . .		<b>1b</b>		
<b>c</b> Fundraising events . . . . .		<b>1c</b>	1,552,536	
<b>d</b> Related organizations		<b>1d</b>		
<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions)		<b>1e</b>	1,769,218	
<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above		<b>1f</b>	1,417,189	
<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a - 1f:\$		<b>1g</b>	596,086	
<b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f . . . . .				4,738,943

Program Service Revenue		Business Code	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
<b>2a</b> CONTRACTS AND PROGRAM FEES		611710	731,193	731,193		
<b>b</b> ADMISSIONS		900099	516,977	516,977		
<b>c</b> MEMBERSHIPS		900099	257,704	257,704		
<b>d</b> PRIVATE EVENTS		900099	197,859	197,859		
<b>e</b>						
<b>f</b> All other program service revenue.						
<b>g Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f. . . . .			1,703,733			

Other Revenue	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)			194,274			194,274	
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds							
	<b>5</b> Royalties . . . . .							
	<b>6a</b> Gross rents		(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
		<b>6a</b>						
		<b>b</b> Less: rental expenses	<b>6b</b>					
		<b>c</b> Rental income or (loss)	<b>6c</b>					
	<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss) . . . . .							
	<b>7a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory		(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
		<b>7a</b>	534,421					
		<b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	<b>7b</b>	482,902				
		<b>c</b> Gain or (loss)	<b>7c</b>	51,519				
	<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss) . . . . .				51,519			51,519
	<b>8a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 1,552,536 of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 . . . . .							
		<b>8a</b>		93,600				
<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses		<b>8b</b>	478,784					
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . . .				-385,184			-385,184	
<b>9a</b> Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 . . . . .								
	<b>9a</b>							
	<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses	<b>9b</b>						
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . . .								
<b>10a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .								
	<b>10a</b>		217,823					
	<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold	<b>10b</b>	78,999					
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . . .				138,824	138,824			

Other Revenue Misc Amt		Business Code	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
<b>11a</b>						
<b>b</b>						
<b>c</b>						
<b>d</b> All other revenue . . . . .				8,681	8,681	
<b>e Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d . . . . .				8,681		
<b>12 Total revenue.</b> See instructions . . . . .			6,450,790	1,851,238	0	-139,391

**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

<b>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</b>	<b>(A)</b> Total expenses	<b>(B)</b> Program service expenses	<b>(C)</b> Management and general expenses	<b>(D)</b> Fundraising expenses
<b>1</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
<b>2</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
<b>3</b> Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.				
<b>4</b> Benefits paid to or for members				
<b>5</b> Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	394,138		315,310	78,828
<b>6</b> Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
<b>7</b> Other salaries and wages	3,325,996	2,635,838	432,285	257,873
<b>8</b> Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
<b>9</b> Other employee benefits	227,617	165,996	41,750	19,871
<b>10</b> Payroll taxes	267,164	189,614	53,419	24,131
<b>11</b> Fees for services (non-employees):				
<b>a</b> Management				
<b>b</b> Legal	12,789		12,789	
<b>c</b> Accounting	65,560		65,560	
<b>d</b> Lobbying				
<b>e</b> Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
<b>f</b> Investment management fees				
<b>g</b> Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	983,264	742,852	212,271	28,141
<b>12</b> Advertising and promotion	46,296	30,558	14,580	1,158
<b>13</b> Office expenses	334,757	227,773	79,082	27,902
<b>14</b> Information technology	27,545	18,742	6,507	2,296
<b>15</b> Royalties				
<b>16</b> Occupancy	229,020	214,193	11,861	2,966
<b>17</b> Travel	4,653	3,166	1,099	388
<b>18</b> Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
<b>19</b> Conferences, conventions, and meetings	29,839	20,303	7,049	2,487
<b>20</b> Interest	183,793	176,013	7,366	414
<b>21</b> Payments to affiliates				
<b>22</b> Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	1,078,247	1,032,602	43,215	2,430
<b>23</b> Insurance	95,203	64,778	22,490	7,935
<b>24</b> Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
<b>a</b> EXHIBITS	219,299	219,299		
<b>b</b> SUPPLIES	197,872	190,206	6,824	842
<b>c</b> LIVESTOCK	67,441	67,441		
<b>d</b>				
<b>e</b> All other expenses				
<b>25</b> <b>Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24e	7,790,493	5,999,374	1,333,457	457,662
<b>26</b> <b>Joint costs.</b> Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

**Part X Balance Sheet**

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash-non-interest-bearing . . . . .		<b>1</b>	
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments	4,930,799	<b>2</b>	4,731,587
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .	420,816	<b>3</b>	208,412
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net . . . . .	1,409,053	<b>4</b>	1,403,230
	<b>5</b> 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		<b>5</b>	
	<b>6</b> Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)		<b>6</b>	
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net . . . . .		<b>7</b>	
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use . . . . .	61,858	<b>8</b>	69,647
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .	90,365	<b>9</b>	73,500
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	<b>10a</b> 35,823,794		
	<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation	<b>10b</b> 23,326,953	13,561,985	<b>10c</b> 12,496,841
	<b>11</b> Investments—publicly traded securities . . . . .	1,072,441	<b>11</b>	1,163,110
	<b>12</b> Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>12</b>	
	<b>13</b> Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>13</b>	
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets . . . . .		<b>14</b>	
	<b>15</b> Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	1,522,198	<b>15</b>	1,518,325
<b>16 Total assets:</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33) . . . . .	23,069,515	<b>16</b>	21,664,652	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .	460,408	<b>17</b>	423,839
	<b>18</b> Grants payable . . . . .		<b>18</b>	
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue . . . . .	417,876	<b>19</b>	608,021
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities . . . . .	3,264,476	<b>20</b>	2,997,322
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		<b>21</b>	
	<b>22</b> Loans and other payables to 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		<b>22</b>	
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .		<b>23</b>	
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .		<b>24</b>	
	<b>25</b> Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17 - 24). Complete Part X of Schedule D	317,520	<b>25</b>	231,125
	<b>26 Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 . . . . .	4,460,280	<b>26</b>	4,260,307
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Net assets without donor restrictions . . . . .	15,102,075	<b>27</b>	14,035,742
	<b>28</b> Net assets with donor restrictions	3,507,160	<b>28</b>	3,368,603
	<b>Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.</b>			
	<b>29</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds . . . . .		<b>29</b>	
	<b>30</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund . . . . .		<b>30</b>	
	<b>31</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		<b>31</b>	
	<b>32</b> Total net assets or fund balances	18,609,235	<b>32</b>	17,404,345
<b>33</b> Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	23,069,515	<b>33</b>	21,664,652	

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

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

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>1</b>	6,450,790
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2</b>	7,790,493
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	<b>3</b>	-1,339,703
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	<b>4</b>	18,609,235
<b>5</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	<b>5</b>	44,330
<b>6</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Investment expenses	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	Prior period adjustments	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	<b>9</b>	90,483
<b>10</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	<b>10</b>	17,404,345

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

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

		Yes	No
<b>1</b>	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.		
<b>2a</b>	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>2b</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	
<b>2c</b>	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	
<b>3a</b>	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>3b</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.		

**Additional Data**

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**Special Condition Description**

**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](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.**

**Name of the organization**  
THE CHICAGO ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

**Employer identification number**  
36-0895575

**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.)

- 1  A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2  A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E (Form 990).)
- 3  A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 4  A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5  An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.)
- 6  A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
- 7  An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 8  A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 9  An 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  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  An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 12  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  **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  **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  **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.**
  - d  **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  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		
<b>Total</b>						

**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) 2020	(b) 2021	(c) 2022	(d) 2023	(e) 2024	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grant.") . . .	4,639,376	7,571,324	4,765,096	4,009,399	3,031,430	24,016,625
<b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf . . . . .	2,074,620	2,155,908	2,153,800	1,834,496	1,707,513	9,926,337
<b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge..						
<b>4 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3	6,713,996	9,727,232	6,918,896	5,843,895	4,738,943	33,942,962
<b>5</b> 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) . . .						5,267,796
<b>6 Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4.						28,675,166

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2020	(b) 2021	(c) 2022	(d) 2023	(e) 2024	(f) Total
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4. . . . .	6,713,996	9,727,232	6,918,896	5,843,895	4,738,943	33,942,962
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources . . . . .	63,662	57,706	81,452	126,283	194,274	523,377
<b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on. . . . .						
<b>10</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) . . . . .	12,162	45,842		947	8,681	67,632
<b>11 Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						34,533,971
<b>12</b> Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) . . . . .					<b>12</b>	7,013,426

**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** . . . . .

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>14</b> Public support percentage for 2024 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) . . . . .	<b>14</b>	83.030 %
<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2023 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 . . . . .	<b>15</b>	83.280 %

- 16a 33 1/3% support test—2024.** 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 . . . . .
- b 33 1/3% support test—2023.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .
- 17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2024.** 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 . . . . .
- b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2023.** 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 . . . . .
- 18 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions . . . . .

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 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

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2020, (b) 2021, (c) 2022, (d) 2023, (e) 2024, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received; 2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed; 3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business; 4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit; 6 Total; 7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons; 7b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons; 8 Public support.

Section B. Total Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2020, (b) 2021, (c) 2022, (d) 2023, (e) 2024, (f) Total. Rows include: 9 Amounts from line 6; 10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources; 10b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975; 11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included on line 10b; 12 Other income; 13 Total support; 14 First 5 years.

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

Table with 2 columns: Description, Percentage. Row 15: Public support percentage for 2024; Row 16: Public support percentage from 2023 Schedule A, Part III, line 15.

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

Table with 2 columns: Description, Percentage. Row 17: Investment income percentage for 2024; Row 18: Investment income percentage from 2023 Schedule A, Part III, line 17; Row 19a: 33 1/3% support tests-2024; Row 19b: 33 1/3% support tests-2023; Row 20: Private foundation.

**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
<b>1</b>	Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," describe in <b>Part VI</b> how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.		
<b>2</b>	Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).		
<b>3a</b>	Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer lines 3b and 3c below.		
<b>b</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)? If "Yes," describe in <b>Part VI</b> when and how the organization made the determination.		
<b>c</b>	Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.		
<b>4a</b>	Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes" and if you checked box 12a or 12b in Part I, answer lines 4b and 4c below.		
<b>b</b>	Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If "Yes," describe in <b>Part VI</b> how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.		
<b>c</b>	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)? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> 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.		
<b>5a</b>	Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer lines 5b and 5c below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> , 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).		
<b>b</b>	<b>Type I or Type II only.</b> Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
<b>c</b>	<b>Substitutions only.</b> Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
<b>6</b>	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? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .		
<b>7</b>	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? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).		
<b>8</b>	Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described on line 7? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).		
<b>9a</b>	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))? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .		
<b>b</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? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .		
<b>c</b>	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? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .		
<b>10a</b>	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)? If "Yes," answer line 10b below.		
<b>b</b>	Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings).		

**Part IV Supporting Organizations** (continued)

- |            | Yes | No |
|------------|-----|----|
|            |     |    |
| <b>11a</b> |     |    |
| <b>11b</b> |     |    |
| <b>11c</b> |     |    |
- 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? *If "Yes" to 11a, 11b, or 11c, provide detail in Part VI.*

**Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations**

- |          | Yes | No |
|----------|-----|----|
|          |     |    |
| <b>1</b> |     |    |
|          |     |    |
| <b>2</b> |     |    |
- 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? *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.*
- 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? *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.*

**Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations**

- |          | Yes | No |
|----------|-----|----|
|          |     |    |
| <b>1</b> |     |    |
- 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)? *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).*

**Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations**

- |          | Yes | No |
|----------|-----|----|
|          |     |    |
| <b>1</b> |     |    |
|          |     |    |
| <b>2</b> |     |    |
|          |     |    |
| <b>3</b> |     |    |
- 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? *If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).*
- 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? *If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.*

**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**  The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete **line 2** below.
- b**  The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete **line 3** below.
- c**  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.**

- |           | Yes | No |
|-----------|-----|----|
|           |     |    |
| <b>2a</b> |     |    |
|           |     |    |
| <b>2b</b> |     |    |
- 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? *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.*
- 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? *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.*

- 3** Parent of Supported Organizations. **Answer lines 3a and 3b below.**

- |           | Yes | No |
|-----------|-----|----|
|           |     |    |
| <b>3a</b> |     |    |
|           |     |    |
| <b>3b</b> |     |    |
- 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? *If "Yes" or "No," provide details in Part VI.*
- b** Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs and activities of each of its supported organizations? *If "Yes," describe in Part VI. the role played by the organization in this regard.*

**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)

- |   |          |  |  |
|---|----------|--|--|
| <b>1</b> Net short-term capital gain  | <b>1</b> |  |  |
| <b>2</b> Recoveries of prior-year distributions   | <b>2</b> |  |  |
| <b>3</b> Other gross income (see instructions)  | <b>3</b> |  |  |
| <b>4</b> Add lines 1 through 3  | <b>4</b> |  |  |
| <b>5</b> Depreciation and depletion   | <b>5</b> |  |  |
| <b>6</b> 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) | <b>6</b> |  |  |
| <b>7</b> Other expenses (see instructions)  | <b>7</b> |  |  |
| <b>8 Adjusted Net Income</b> (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)  | <b>8</b> |  |  |

**Section B - Minimum Asset Amount**

(A) Prior Year

(B) Current Year  
(optional)

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

**Section C - Distributable Amount**

Current Year

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

- 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
<b>1</b> Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b> Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b> Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b> Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b> Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required - provide details in <b>Part VI</b> )	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b> Other distributions (describe in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions	<b>6</b>	
<b>7 Total annual distributions.</b> Add lines 1 through 6.	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b> Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b> Distributable amount for 2024 from Section C, line 6	<b>9</b>	
<b>10</b> Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	<b>10</b>	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2024	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2024
<b>1</b> Distributable amount for 2024 from Section C, line 6			
<b>2</b> Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2024 (reasonable cause required-- explain in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions.			
<b>3</b> Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2024:			
<b>a</b> From 2019. . . . .			
<b>b</b> From 2020. . . . .			
<b>c</b> From 2021. . . . .			
<b>d</b> From 2022. . . . .			
<b>e</b> From 2023. . . . .			
<b>f Total</b> of lines 3a through e			
<b>g</b> Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
<b>h</b> Applied to 2024 distributable amount			
<b>i</b> Carryover from 2019 not applied (see instructions)			
<b>j</b> Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.			
<b>4</b> Distributions for 2024 from Section D, line 7: \$			
<b>a</b> Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
<b>b</b> Applied to 2024 distributable amount			
<b>c</b> Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.			
<b>5</b> Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2024, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. If the amount is greater than zero, explain in <b>Part VI</b> . See instructions.			
<b>6</b> Remaining underdistributions for 2024. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. If the amount is greater than zero, explain in <b>Part VI</b> . See instructions.			
<b>7 Excess distributions carryover to 2025.</b> Add lines 3j and 4c.			
<b>8</b> Breakdown of line 7:			
<b>a</b> Excess from 2020. . . . .			
<b>b</b> Excess from 2021. . . . .			
<b>c</b> Excess from 2022. . . . .			
<b>d</b> Excess from 2023. . . . .			
<b>e</b> Excess from 2024. . . . .			

**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 of Contributors**

▶ Attach to Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF.  
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**Organization type** (check one):

**Filers of:**

**Section:**

- Form 990 or 990-EZ
  - 501(c)( ) (enter number) organization
  - 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation
  - 527 political organization
- Form 990-PF
  - 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation
  - 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation
  - 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 33<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% 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).

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**Part I**

**Contributors** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(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.)
-		\$	<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
-	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____
-	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____
-	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____
-	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____
-	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____
-	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____
-	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____
-	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____
-	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____

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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	
	_____	_____	
	_____	_____	
(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	
	_____	_____	
	_____	_____	
(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	
	_____	_____	
	_____	_____	
(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	
	_____	_____	
	_____	_____	

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**SCHEDULE D**  
**(Form 990)**

**Supplemental Financial Statements**

OMB No. 1545-0047

(Rev. January 2025)  
Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.**

▶ **Attach to Form 990.**

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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? . . . . .  Yes  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? . . . . .  Yes  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).  
 Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education)  Preservation of an historically important land area  
 Protection of natural habitat  Preservation of a certified historic structure  
 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.

	Held at the End of the Year
a Total number of conservation easements . . . . .	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements . . . . .	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a) . . . . .	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 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? . . . . .  Yes  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)? . . . . .  Yes  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 .....
- 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    |
|--|-----------|
| <b>c</b> Beginning balance . . . . .             | <b>1c</b> |
| <b>d</b> Additions during the year . . . . .     | <b>1d</b> |
| <b>e</b> Distributions during the year . . . . . | <b>1e</b> |
| <b>f</b> Ending balance . . . . .                | <b>1f</b> |
- 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
<b>1a</b> Beginning of year balance . . . . .	1,072,441	1,000,152	566,349	684,478	582,898
<b>b</b> Contributions . . . . .			412,800		
<b>c</b> Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	126,847	102,779	46,097	-92,692	125,871
<b>d</b> Grants or scholarships . . . . .					
<b>e</b> Other expenditures for facilities and programs . . . . .	36,178	30,490	25,094	25,437	24,291
<b>f</b> Administrative expenses . . . . .					
<b>g</b> End of year balance . . . . .	1,163,110	1,072,441	1,000,152	566,349	684,478

- 2** Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:
- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ 0 %
  - b** Permanent endowment ▶ 100.000 %
  - 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:
- |  | Yes | No |
|--|-----|----|
| <b>(i)</b> Unrelated organizations . . . . .   |     | No |
| <b>(ii)</b> Related organizations . . . . .  |     | No |
| <b>b</b> If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? . . . . . |     |    |

**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
<b>1a</b> Land . . . . .		900,000		900,000
<b>b</b> Buildings . . . . .		17,136,970	11,184,918	5,952,052
<b>c</b> Leasehold improvements		3,860,566	2,341,580	1,518,986
<b>d</b> Equipment . . . . .		1,438,077	1,118,723	319,354
<b>e</b> Other . . . . .		12,488,181	8,681,732	3,806,449
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) . . . . .				12,496,841

**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)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.)		

**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)		
<b>Total.</b> (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) BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN PERPETUAL TRUST	1,306,904
(2) OPERATING LEASE RIGHT-OF-USE ASSET	162,287
(3) FINANCE LEASE RIGHT-OF-USE ASSET	49,134
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 15.)	1,518,325

**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	
FINANCE LEASE LIABILITY	61,675
OPERATING LEASE LIABILITY	169,450
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 25.)	231,125

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.

<b>1</b>	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements . . . . .		<b>1</b>	6,773,272
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
<b>a</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments . . . . .	<b>2a</b>	44,330	
<b>b</b>	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	<b>2b</b>	63,833	
<b>c</b>	Recoveries of prior year grants . . . . .	<b>2c</b>		
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.) . . . . .	<b>2d</b>	90,483	
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b> . . . . .	<b>2e</b>		198,646
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b> . . . . .		<b>3</b>	6,574,626
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:			
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .	<b>4a</b>		
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.) . . . . .	<b>4b</b>	-123,836	
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b> . . . . .	<b>4c</b>		-123,836
<b>5</b>	Total revenue. Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.) . . . . .		<b>5</b>	6,450,790

**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.

<b>1</b>	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements . . . . .		<b>1</b>	7,978,162
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:			
<b>a</b>	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	<b>2a</b>	63,833	
<b>b</b>	Prior year adjustments . . . . .	<b>2b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Other losses . . . . .	<b>2c</b>		
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.) . . . . .	<b>2d</b>	123,836	
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b> . . . . .	<b>2e</b>		187,669
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b> . . . . .		<b>3</b>	7,790,493
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:			
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .	<b>4a</b>		
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.) . . . . .	<b>4b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b> . . . . .	<b>4c</b>		0
<b>5</b>	Total expenses. Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.) . . . . .		<b>5</b>	7,790,493

**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
PART III, LINE 1A:	CAS/PNNM HOLDS A COLLECTION OF NATURAL HISTORY ITEMS FOR EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND PUBLIC EXHIBITION. CAS/PNNM'S COLLECTIONS ARE NOT RECOGNIZED OR CAPITALIZED.
PART III, LINE 4:	CAS/PNNM'S COLLECTIONS AND ARCHIVES PROVIDE BASELINE DATA FOR SCIENTIFIC UNDERSTANDING OF NATURE IN THE MIDWEST. THE COLLECTIONS CONSIST OF NATURAL HISTORY SPECIMENS, HISTORIC ARTIFACTS, ARTWORK, PHOTOGRAPHS, AND PAPER ARCHIVES. THESE MATERIALS ARE USED FOR SCHOLARLY RESEARCH, EXHIBITION, AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, AND ARE LOANED TO SIMILAR INSTITUTIONS FOR THESE ACTIVITIES. CAS/PNNM HOLDS THE COLLECTIONS IN THE PUBLIC TRUST AND PRESERVES THESE MATERIALS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.
PART V, LINE 4:	THE GOAL OF THE ENDOWMENT IS TO EXIST IN PERPETUITY, AND SUPPORT CAS/PNNM'S MISSION BY SUPPORTING ANNUAL PROGRAM FUNDING AND OPERATIONS. TO ATTAIN THIS GOAL, THE OVERRIDING OBJECTIVE OF THE ENDOWMENT IS TO PRESERVE AND ENHANCE THE PURCHASING POWER OF ITS ASSETS WITH A FOCUS ON TOTAL RETURN.
PART X, LINE 2:	CAS/PNNM, AN ILLINOIS NONPROFIT CORPORATION, IS EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAXES UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE (THE CODE) AND APPLICABLE STATE LAW, EXCEPT FOR TAXES PERTAINING TO UNRELATED BUSINESS INCOME, IF ANY. IN ADDITION, CAS/PNNM QUALIFIES FOR THE CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION DEDUCTION UNDER SECTION 170(B)(1)(A) AND HAS BEEN CLASSIFIED AS AN ORGANIZATION OTHER THAN A PRIVATE FOUNDATION UNDER SECTION 509(A)(2) OF THE CODE. MANAGEMENT HAS DETERMINED THAT CAS/PNNM WAS NOT REQUIRED TO RECORD A LIABILITY RELATED TO UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS AS OF JUNE 30, 2025.
PART XI, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:	CHANGE IN VALUE OF BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN PERPETUAL TRUST 90,483.
PART XI, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:	DIRECT FUNDRAISING EVENT EXPENSES -123,836.
PART XII, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:	DIRECT FUNDRAISING EVENT EXPENSES 123,836.

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**Supplemental Information Regarding  
 Fundraising or Gaming Activities**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.  
 Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.  
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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.
- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>a</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Mail solicitations               | <b>e</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of non-government grants |
| <b>b</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Internet and email solicitations | <b>f</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of government grants     |
| <b>c</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Phone solicitations              | <b>g</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Special fundraising events            |
| <b>d</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 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						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
<b>Total</b>						

**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.

**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
		<b>BUTTERFLY BALL</b> (event type)	(event type)	<b>0</b> (total number)	(add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	<b>1</b> Gross receipts . . . . .	1,646,136			1,646,136
	<b>2</b> Less: Contributions . . . . .	1,552,536			1,552,536
	<b>3</b> Gross income (line 1 minus line 2) . . . . .	93,600			93,600
Direct Expenses	<b>4</b> Cash prizes . . . . .				
	<b>5</b> Noncash prizes . . . . .				
	<b>6</b> Rent/facility costs . . . . .				
	<b>7</b> Food and beverages . . . . .	354,948			354,948
	<b>8</b> Entertainment . . . . .				
	<b>9</b> Other direct expenses . . . . .	123,836			123,836
	<b>10</b> Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) . . . . . ▶				478,784
<b>11</b> Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) . . . . . ▶				-385,184	

**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))
		<b>1</b> Gross revenue . . . . .			
Direct Expenses	<b>2</b> Cash prizes . . . . .				
	<b>3</b> Noncash prizes . . . . .				
	<b>4</b> Rent/facility costs . . . . .				
	<b>5</b> Other direct expenses . . . . .				
Direct Expenses	<b>6</b> 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	
	<b>7</b> Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) . . . . . ▶				
	<b>8</b> 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
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# Compensation Information

**For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**

▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.**

▶ **Attach to Form 990.**

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**Part I Questions Regarding Compensation**

- 1a** 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.
- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel<br><input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions<br><input type="checkbox"/> Tax idemnification and gross-up payments<br><input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use<br><input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence<br><input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees<br><input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef) |
|--|--|

**b** If any of the boxes on Line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain

**2** Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on Line 1a?

**3** Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee<br><input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations | <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee |
|---|---|

**4** During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:

- a** Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment? . . . . .
- b** Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?
- c** Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?  
If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

**Only 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.**

**5** For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:

- a** The organization? . . . . .
- b** Any related organization? . . . . .  
If "Yes," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.

**6** For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:

- a** The organization? . . . . .
- b** Any related organization? . . . . .  
If "Yes," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.

**7** For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III . . . . .

**8** Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III . . . . .

**9** If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)? . . . . .

	Yes	No
<b>1a</b>		
<b>1b</b>		
<b>2</b>		
<b>3</b>		
<b>4a</b>		No
<b>4b</b>		No
<b>4c</b>		No
<b>5a</b>		No
<b>5b</b>		No
<b>6a</b>		No
<b>6b</b>		No
<b>7</b>	Yes	
<b>8</b>		No
<b>9</b>		



**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.

Return Reference	Explanation
PART I, LINE 7	BONUSES ARE AWARDED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD AND LEADERSHIP, BASED ON THE ORGANIZATION'S OVERALL FINANCIAL HEALTH, ACHIEVEMENT OF STRATEGIC GOALS, AND INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE METRICS.

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**Schedule K (Form 990)**

(Rev. January 2025)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Supplemental Information on Tax-Exempt Bonds**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part VI, line 24a. Provide descriptions, explanations, and any additional information in Part VI.

Attach to Form 990.

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**Part I Bond Issues**

(a) Issuer name	(b) Issuer EIN	(c) CUSIP #	(d) Date issued	(e) Issue price	(f) Description of purpose	(g) Defeased		(h) On behalf of issuer		(i) Pool financing	
						Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
A ILLINOIS FINANCE AUTHORITY	86-1091967	NONEAVAIL	09-06-2018	5,519,750	SEE PART VI OF SCHEDULE K		X		X		X

**Part II Proceeds**

	A	B	C	D
1 Amount of bonds retired . . . . .	2,413,000			
2 Amount of bonds legally defeased . . . . .				
3 Total proceeds of issue . . . . .	5,519,750			
4 Gross proceeds in reserve funds . . . . .				
5 Capitalized interest from proceeds . . . . .				
6 Proceeds in refunding escrows . . . . .				
7 Issuance costs from proceeds . . . . .				
8 Credit enhancement from proceeds . . . . .				
9 Working capital expenditures from proceeds . . . . .				
10 Capital expenditures from proceeds . . . . .				
11 Other spent proceeds . . . . .	5,519,750			
12 Other unspent proceeds . . . . .				
13 Year of substantial completion . . . . .	1999			
	Yes	No	Yes	No
14 Were the bonds issued as part of a current refunding issue of tax-exempt bonds (or, if issued prior to 2020, a current refunding issue)? . . . . .	X			
15 Were the bonds issued as part of an advance refunding issue of taxable bonds (or, if issued prior to 2020, an advance refunding issue)? . . . . .		X		
16 Has the final allocation of proceeds been made? . . . . .	X			
17 Does the organization maintain adequate books and records to support the final allocation of proceeds? . . . . .	X			

**Part III Private Business Use**

	A		B		C		D	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Was the organization a partner in a partnership, or a member of an LLC, which owned property financed by tax-exempt bonds? . . . . .		X						
<b>2</b> Are there any lease arrangements that may result in private business use of bond-financed property? . . . . .		X						
<b>3a</b> Are there any management or service contracts that may result in private business use of bond-financed property? . . . . .		X						
<b>b</b> If "Yes" to line 3a, does the organization routinely engage bond counsel or other outside counsel to review any management or service contracts relating to the financed property?								
<b>c</b> Are there any research agreements that may result in private business use of bond-financed property? . . . . .		X						
<b>d</b> If "Yes" to line 3c, does the organization routinely engage bond counsel or other outside counsel to review any research agreements relating to the financed property?								
<b>4</b> Enter the percentage of financed property used in a private business use by entities other than a section 501(c)(3) organization or a state or local government . . . . .		0 %						
<b>5</b> Enter the percentage of financed property used in a private business use as a result of unrelated trade or business activity carried on by your organization, another section 501(c)(3) organization, or a state or local government . . . . .		0 %						
<b>6</b> Total of lines 4 and 5 . . . . .		0 %						
<b>7</b> Does the bond issue meet the private security or payment test? . . . . .		X						
<b>8a</b> Has there been a sale or disposition of any of the bond-financed property to a nongovernmental person other than a 501(c)(3) organization since the bonds were issued? . . . . .		X						
<b>b</b> If "Yes" to line 8a, enter the percentage of bond-financed property sold or disposed of. . . . .								
<b>c</b> If "Yes" to line 8a, was any remedial action taken pursuant to Regulations sections 1.141-12 and 1.145-2? . . . . .								
<b>9</b> Has the organization established written procedures to ensure that all nonqualified bonds of the issue are remediated in accordance with the requirements under Regulations sections 1.141-12 and 1.145-2? . . . . .	X							

**Part IV Arbitrage**

	A		B		C		D	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Has the issuer filed Form 8038-T, Arbitrage Rebate, Yield Reduction and Penalty in Lieu of Arbitrage Rebate? . . . . .		X						
<b>2</b> If "No" to line 1, did the following apply? . . . . .								
<b>a</b> Rebate not due yet? . . . . .		X						
<b>b</b> Exception to rebate? . . . . .	X							
<b>c</b> No rebate due? . . . . .		X						
If "Yes" to line 2c, provide in Part VI the date the rebate computation was performed . . . . .								
<b>3</b> Is the bond issue a variable rate issue? . . . . .	X							

**Part IV Arbitrage** (Continued)

	A		B		C		D	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
<b>4a</b> Has the organization or the governmental issuer entered into a qualified hedge with respect to the bond issue?		X						
<b>b</b> Name of provider . . . . .								
<b>c</b> Term of hedge . . . . .								
<b>d</b> Was the hedge superintegrated? . . . . .								
<b>e</b> Was the hedge terminated? . . . . .								
<b>5a</b> Were gross proceeds invested in a guaranteed investment contract (GIC)?		X						
<b>b</b> Name of provider . . . . .								
<b>c</b> Term of GIC . . . . .								
<b>d</b> Was the regulatory safe harbor for establishing the fair market value of the GIC satisfied? . . . . .								
<b>6</b> Were any gross proceeds invested beyond an available temporary period?		X						
<b>7</b> Has the organization established written procedures to monitor the requirements of section 148? . . .	X							

**Part V Procedures To Undertake Corrective Action**

	A		B		C		D	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Has the organization established written procedures to ensure that violations of federal tax requirements are timely identified and corrected through the voluntary closing agreement program if self-remediation is not available under applicable regulations?	X							

**Part VI Supplemental Information.** Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule K. (See instructions).

Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE K, PART I, COLUMN F:	TO REFUND AND RE-ISSUE ILLINOIS DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY REVENUE BONDS (THE CHICAGO ACADEMY OF SCIENCES PROJECT), SERIES 2013 ISSUED ON JANUARY 28, 2013. PROCEEDS FROM THE ILLINOIS DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY REVENUE BONDS (THE CHICAGO ACADEMY OF SCIENCES PROJECT), SERIES 2013 ISSUED ON JANUARY 28, 2013 WERE USED TO REFUND THE THEN OUTSTANDING ILLINOIS DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY ADJUSTABLE DEMAND REVNEUE BONDS, SERIES 1998 (THE CHICAGO ACADEMY OF SCIENCES PROJECT) AND TO PAY THE COSTS OF ISSUING THE ILLINOIS DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY REVENUE BONDS (THE CHICAGO ACADEMY OF SCIENCES PROJECT), SERIES 2013.

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# Noncash Contributions

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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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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	10	592,915	FAIR 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 ▶ ( <u>SUPPLIES</u> ) . . . . .	X	2	3,171	FAIR MARKET VALUE
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 **29** 0

**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?  
 . . . . .  
**b** If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.

**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?  
 . . . . .  
**b** If "Yes," describe in Part II.

**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.

	Yes	No
<b>30a</b>		No
<b>31</b>	Yes	
<b>32a</b>		No
<b>33</b>		

**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 O**  
**(Form 990)**(Rev. January 2025)  
Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ****Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on  
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.  
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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 2	TRUSTEES NICOLE LACY, MICHELLE HAWWER & PEGGY NOTEBAERT HAVE A FAMILY RELATIONSHIP.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B	THE FORM 990 IS CAREFULLY REVIEWED BY KEY MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM AT THE ACADEMY PRIOR TO BEING FILED. THE FORM 990 IS ALSO REVIEWED WITH THE ACADEMY'S FINANCE COMMITTEE PRIOR TO BEING FILED.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	IN CONNECTION WITH ANY ACTUAL OR POSSIBLE CONFLICT OF INTEREST, ANY TRUSTEE, PRINCIPAL OFFICER, OR MEMBER OF A COMMITTEE WITH AUTHORITY TO TAKE ACTION ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ("DESIGNATED COMMITTEE") MUST DISCLOSE THE EXISTENCE OF THE FINANCIAL INTEREST AND BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCLOSE ALL MATERIAL FACTS TO THE TRUSTEES AND MEMBERS OF DESIGNATED COMMITTEES CONSIDERING THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION OR ARRANGEMENT. AFTER DISCLOSURE OF THE FINANCIAL INTEREST AND ALL MATERIAL FACTS, AND AFTER ANY DISCUSSION WITH THE INTERESTED PERSON, THE INTERESTED PERSON SHALL LEAVE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OR DESIGNATED COMMITTEE MEETING WHILE THE DETERMINATION OF A CONFLICT OF INTEREST IS DISCUSSED AND VOTED UPON. THE REMAINING BOARD OR DESIGNATED COMMITTEE MEMBERS SHALL DECIDE IF A CONFLICT OF INTEREST EXISTS.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15	COMPARABLE DATA IS GATHERED FOR SIMILAR POSITIONS BOTH LOCALLY AND NATIONALLY. THE COMPENSATION LEVEL FOR THE CEO IS DISCUSSED AND APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	ALL DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST. IN ADDITION, FINANCIAL INFORMATION IS INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL REPORT AND FORM 990, WHICH ARE AVAILABLE ON THE ORGANIZATION'S WEBSITE.
FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G	OUTSIDE SERVICES: PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES 742,852. MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES 212,271. FUNDRAISING EXPENSES 28,141. TOTAL EXPENSES 983,264.
FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9:	CHANGE IN VALUE OF BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN PERPETUAL TRUST 90,483.

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