

990

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-

0047 2024

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Form

Department of the Treasury

Internal Revenue Service

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 HEADWATERS FOUNDATION FOR JUSTICE
Doing business as
Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
2801 21ST AVENUE SOUTH 132-B
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55407

D Employer identification number 36-3359386
E Telephone number (612) 879-0602
G Gross receipts \$ 7,748,964

F Name and address of principal officer:
BILAL ALKATOUT
2801 21ST AVENUE SOUTH 132-B
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55407

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates?
H(b) Are all subordinates included?
H(c) Group exemption number

I Tax-exempt status: 501(c)(3) 501(c) () (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: WWW.HEADWATERSFOUNDATION.ORG

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other

L Year of formation: 1984 M State of legal domicile: MN

Part I Summary

Table with 4 main sections: 1. Briefly describe the organization's mission... 2. Check this box if the organization discontinued its operations... 3-7a. Summary statistics (voting members, employees, volunteers, revenue). 8-12. Revenue (Contributions, program service, investment, other). 13-19. Expenses (Grants, salaries, fundraising, other). 20-22. Net Assets or Fund Balances (Total assets, liabilities, net assets).

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here: Signature of officer EMILY SCOTT, Date 2025-12-19. Paid Preparer Use Only: Print/Type preparer's name, Preparer's signature, Date 2025-12-19, Firm's name CLIFTONLARSONALLEN LLP, Firm's address 220 S 6TH STREET SUITE 300 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402.

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:

HEADWATERS FOUNDATION FOR JUSTICE (THE FOUNDATION) IS A COMMUNITY FOUNDATION WHOSE MISSION IS TO AMPLIFY THE POWER OF COMMUNITY TO ADVANCE EQUITY AND JUSTICE.

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 \$ 2,389,501 including grants of \$ 2,000,000) (Revenue \$ 0)
JUSTICE AND LIBERATION: THE JUSTICE & LIBERATION FUND IS A NEW STRATEGY FOR BUILDING LONG-TERM POLITICAL POWER AND INFRASTRUCTURE IN MINNESOTA. THIS INITIATIVE COMES OUT OF OUR BLACK RADIANCE NETWORK. IN FISCAL YEAR 2025, OUR JUSTICE AND LIBERATION FUND AWARDED \$2,000,000 TO 40 ORGANIZATIONS.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 982,077 including grants of \$ 791,500) (Revenue \$ 0)
RAPID RESPONSE GRANTMAKING: AT HEADWATERS, WE KNOW THAT THE NATURE OF GRASSROOTS ORGANIZING MEANS THAT OUR FUNDING CYCLES DO NOT ALWAYS ALIGN WITH THE REAL FINANCIAL NEEDS OF ORGANIZATIONS IN MOMENTS OF CRISIS OR OPPORTUNITY. HEADWATERS FOUNDATION AWARDS RAPID RESPONSE DOLLARS TO COMMUNITY GROUPS DURING UNEXPECTED AND CRITICAL MOMENTS. IN FISCAL YEAR 2025, OUR RAPID RESPONSE GRANTMAKING PROGRAM AWARDED \$791,500 TO 30 ORGANIZATIONS.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 978,630 including grants of \$ 480,000) (Revenue \$ 0)
THE GIVING PROJECT: SINCE 2015, THIS PROGRAM INVESTS IN ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE LED BY AND FOR BLACK PEOPLE, INDIGENOUS PEOPLE, AND PEOPLE OF COLOR (BIPOC) THAT ALSO USE A COMMUNITY ORGANIZING APPROACH TO ADDRESS ROOT CAUSES OF INJUSTICE. DURING FISCAL YEAR 2025, A COMMUNITY COHORT RAISED MONEY FROM THEIR NETWORKS AND LED THE GRANTMAKING PROCESS. IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2025, OUR GIVING PROJECT PROGRAM AWARDED \$480,000 TO 12 ORGANIZATIONS.

(Code:) (Expenses \$ 541,820 including grants of \$ 541,800) (Revenue \$ 0)
DONOR ADVISED FUNDS: THIS PROGRAM ENABLES INDIVIDUAL DONORS TO ADVANCE THEIR PHILANTHROPIC GOALS AND DIRECT RESOURCES TO SOCIAL CHANGE GROUPS LOCALLY AND NATIONALLY. DEVELOPMENT STAFF EDUCATE DONORS ABOUT SOCIAL INJUSTICE ISSUES, CONNECT THEM TO ORGANIZATIONS THAT MATCH THEIR INTERESTS, AND PROVIDE GRANTMAKING ASSISTANCE. IN FISCAL YEAR 2025, HEADWATERS DAF HOLDERS GAVE \$541,800 TO 83 ORGANIZATIONS. IN ADDITION, \$53,126 WAS AWARDED TO HEADWATERS.

(Code:) (Expenses \$ 324,789 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 0)
THE FUND OF THE SACRED CIRCLE: ACCORDING TO NATIVE AMERICANS IN PHILANTHROPY, FOUNDATIONS INVEST LESS THAN HALF OF ONE PERCENT OF GRANT DOLLARS IN NATIVE COMMUNITIES. HEADWATERS WORKS TO ADDRESS THIS IMBALANCE THROUGH THE FUND OF THE SACRED CIRCLE PROGRAM (FSC). GRANTS SUPPORTS MINNESOTA- AND WISCONSIN-BASED NATIVE AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS THAT ADDRESS SYSTEMIC INJUSTICES. GENERAL OPERATING GRANTS SUPPORTS WORK THAT FOCUSES ON LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL REVITALIZATION; LAND AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION; SOVEREIGNTY AND TREATY RIGHTS; AND SELF-DETERMINATION AND CIVIL RIGHTS.

(Code:) (Expenses \$ 372,377 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 0)
OTHER PROGRAMS: HEADWATERS FOUNDATION CONDUCTS ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING FOR GRANTEE ORGANIZATIONS AND OUR VOLUNTEER COMMUNITIES THAT FALL INTO THE CATEGORY OF "SUPPORT BEYOND THE DOLLARS." EXAMPLES OF THESE ACTIVITIES IN FISCAL YEAR 2025 INCLUDED: A SERIES OF FUNDRAISING TRAINING COURSES ACCESSIBLE TO OUR GRANTEE ORGANIZATIONS AND TWO DONOR EDUCATION TRAINING COURSES. HEADWATERS ALSO HOSTED MULTIPLE EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO ENGAGE COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND CELEBRATE SPECIFIC FUNDS AND COLLECTIVE ACHIEVEMENTS.

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)
(Expenses \$ 1,238,986 including grants of \$ 541,800) (Revenue \$ 0)

4e Total program service expenses 5,589,194

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 and schedules.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, and Yes/No columns. Rows include questions 22 through 38 regarding organizational reporting, compensation, and tax-exempt status.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, and Yes/No columns. Rows include questions 1a, 1b, and 1c regarding Form 1096, Forms W-2G, and gaming winnings.

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

Table with 17 main rows and multiple sub-rows (a-e). Columns include question text, sub-row identifier (e.g., 2a, 2b), and response options (Yes, No). Includes sections for employee reporting, foreign accounts, prohibited transactions, and various organizational requirements.

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... 3 Did the organization delegate control... 4 Did the organization make any significant changes... 5 Did the organization become aware... 6 Did the organization have members... 7a Did the organization have members... 7b Are any governance decisions... 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document... 8a The governing body? 8b Each committee... 9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII...

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... 10b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies... 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy... 11b Describe on Schedule O the process... 12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy... 12b Were officers, directors, or trustees... 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor... 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy... 14 Did the organization have a written document retention... 15 Did the process for determining compensation... 15a The organization's CEO... 15b Other officers or key employees... 16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to... 16b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy...

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 (MN, WI) 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023... 19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents... 20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: EMILY SCOTT 2801 21ST AVE S STE 132B MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55407 (612) 879-0602

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	Former			
(1) BILAL ALKATOUT CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	32.00			X			176,596	0	24,248	
(2) EMILY SCOTT DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS & F	32.00			X			118,976	0	15,596	
(3) MARY DELORIE DIRECTOR OF INDIVIDUAL GIV	32.00					X	125,507	0	19,831	
(4) EWAN SCOTTO DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS	32.00					X	117,650	0	14,249	
(5) ANITRA COTTLEDGE DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS	32.00					X	106,053	0	12,542	
(6) FRAN HUTCHINS CO-CHAIR	1.00	X					0	0	0	
(7) ERIC HOWARD VICE CHAIR	1.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(8) ALEXANDER ROBINSON TREASURER	1.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(9) HABON ABDULLE SECRETARY	1.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(10) MIA DIVECHA BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0	0	0	
(11) JAMES MILLER BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0	0	0	
(12) NIKKI PIERATOS BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0	0	0	
(13) TEHOUT SELAMEAB BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0	0	0	
(14) AIMEE VUE BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0	0	0	

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 Similar Amounts				
1a Federated campaigns		1a		
b Membership dues		1b		
c Fundraising events		1c		
d Related organizations		1d		
e Government grants (contributions)		1e		
f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above		1f	4,905,838	
g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a - 1f:\$		1g		
h Total. Add lines 1a-1f				4,905,838

Program Service Revenue	2a	Business Code				
	b					
c						
d						
e						
f All other program service revenue.						
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f.						

Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)			367,416			367,416	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds							
	5 Royalties							
	6a Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal					
		6a						
		b Less: rental expenses	6b					
	c Rental income or (loss)	6c						
	d Net rental income or (loss)							
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other					
		7a		2,464,490				
		b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	7b		2,466,118			
		c Gain or (loss)	7c			-1,628		-1,628
	d Net gain or (loss)				-1,628		-1,628	
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18							
		8a						
b Less: direct expenses		8b						
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events								
9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19								
	9a							
	b Less: direct expenses	9b						
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities								
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances								
	10a							
	b Less: cost of goods sold	10b						
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory								

Other Revenue Misc Amt	11a OTHER REVENUE	Business Code				
		900099	11,220			11,220
	b					
	c					
	d All other revenue					
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d			11,220			
12 Total revenue. See instructions			5,282,846	0	0	377,008

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

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

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21	3,813,300	3,813,300		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	337,037	99,859	217,206	19,972
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	1,835,467	908,217	320,947	606,303
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	69,880	33,580	11,911	24,389
9 Other employee benefits	351,920	121,431	106,689	123,800
10 Payroll taxes	137,060	61,447	34,697	40,916
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	155,339	60,476	54,546	40,317
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees	22,488		22,488	
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	391,324	56,054	289,667	45,603
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	142,192	44,890	22,653	74,649
14 Information technology	191,761	85,137	48,915	57,709
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	124,283	55,927	31,071	37,285
17 Travel				
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	269,534	153,714	44,111	71,709
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	31,545		31,545	
23 Insurance	8,491	2,410	4,476	1,605
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a STIPENDS	81,108	69,358	750	11,000
b MEMBERSHIPS	33,640	22,983	9,957	700
c BAD DEBT EXPENSE (RECOV)	-144,678	411		-145,089
d				
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	7,851,691	5,589,194	1,251,629	1,010,868
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input 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)		(B)
		Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1 Cash-non-interest-bearing	2,013,512	1	392,485
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	619,081	2	202,740
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	3,994,272	3	2,164,970
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5 Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	101,800	9	90,605
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 273,884		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 114,285	185,781	10c 159,599
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	9,576,118	11	12,118,209
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11	200,000	13	100,000
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	1,672,393	15	1,670,060
16 Total assets: Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	18,362,957	16	16,898,668	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	123,957	17	481,725
	18 Grants payable	1,655,300	18	1,960,000
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties	31,518	24	0
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17 - 24). Complete Part X of Schedule D	453,883	25	389,987
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	2,264,658	26	2,831,712
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.			
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions	5,846,665	27	4,905,109
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions	10,251,634	28	9,161,847
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.			
	29 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		29	
	30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		30	
	31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		31	
	32 Total net assets or fund balances	16,098,299	32	14,066,956
33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	18,362,957	33	16,898,668	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	5,282,846
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	7,851,691
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-2,568,845
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	16,098,299
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	428,845
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	108,657
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	10	14,066,956

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on Schedule O.		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		No
2b	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	
2c	If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.	Yes	
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Uniform Guidance, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F?		No
3b	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

Return to Form

Software ID:

Software Version:

Form 990, Special Condition Description:

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 for instructions and the latest information.

Name of the organization
HEADWATERS FOUNDATION FOR JUSTICE

Employer identification number
36-3359386

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		
Total						

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization failed to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2020	(b) 2021	(c) 2022	(d) 2023	(e) 2024	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grant.") . . .	13,311,485	14,429,606	3,660,929	3,415,869	4,905,838	39,723,727
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge..						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	13,311,485	14,429,606	3,660,929	3,415,869	4,905,838	39,723,727
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f) . . .						16,408,590
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						23,315,137

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2020	(b) 2021	(c) 2022	(d) 2023	(e) 2024	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4.	13,311,485	14,429,606	3,660,929	3,415,869	4,905,838	39,723,727
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	46,374	45,427	57,779	264,166	367,416	781,162
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on.						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)	313,491	45,543	23,298	663	11,220	394,215
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						40,899,104

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

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

14 Public support percentage for 2024 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	57.010 %
15 Public support percentage for 2023 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	52.650 %

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
1	Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.		
2	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 Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).		
3a	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	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 Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.		
c	Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.		
4a	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	Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.		
c	Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.		
5a	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 Part VI , including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).		
b	Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c	Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
6	Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
7	Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).		
8	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).		
9a	Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons, as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
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 Part VI .		
c	Did a disqualified person (as defined on line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
10a	Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer line 10b below.		
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
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?		
11a			
b	A family member of a person described on 11a above?		
11b			
c	A 35% controlled entity of a person described on line 11a or 11b above? <i>If "Yes" to 11a, 11b, or 11c, provide detail in Part VI</i>		
11c			

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

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

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

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

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

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

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

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

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

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

Section A - Adjusted Net Income

(A) Prior Year

(B) Current Year
(optional)

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

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount

(A) Prior Year

(B) Current Year
(optional)

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

Section C - Distributable Amount

Current Year

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

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

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

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

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

Facts And Circumstances Test

Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE A, PART II, LINE 10, EXPLANATION OF OTHER INCOME:	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE - 2020 AMOUNT: \$ 313,491. 2021 AMOUNT: \$ 45,543. 2022 AMOUNT: \$ 23,298. 2023 AMOUNT: \$ 663. 2024 AMOUNT: \$ 11,220.

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Schedule of Contributors

▶ Attach to Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF.
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Name of the organization HEADWATERS FOUNDATION FOR JUSTICE	Employer identification number 36-3359386
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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 33¹/₃% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.
- For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.
- For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year ▶ \$ _____

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

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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.)
-		\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
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-		\$	<input type="checkbox"/> 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
-	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions)	(d) Date received
-	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions)	(d) Date received
-	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions)	(d) Date received
-	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions)	(d) Date received
-	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions)	(d) Date received
-	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____

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

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

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Supplemental Financial Statements

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▶ **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.**

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Name of the organization
HEADWATERS FOUNDATION FOR JUSTICE

Employer identification number

36-3359386

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 |
|--|-----------|
| c Beginning balance | 1c |
| d Additions during the year | 1d |
| e Distributions during the year | 1e |
| f Ending balance | 1f |
- 2a** Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? **Yes** **No**
- b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

Part V Endowment Funds.

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

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	5,530,448	5,120,964	4,856,685	5,877,844	4,916,948
b Contributions				24	
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	531,791	614,056	469,085	-825,861	1,237,537
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	206,549	204,572	204,806	195,322	276,641
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	5,855,690	5,530,448	5,120,964	4,856,685	5,877,844

- 2** Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:
- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶
 - b** Permanent endowment ▶ 59.650 %
 - c** Term endowment ▶ 40.350 %
- 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 |
|--|---------------|-----|
| (i) Unrelated organizations | 3a(i) | Yes |
| (ii) Related organizations | 3a(ii) | No |
| b If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? | 3b | |
- 4** Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

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

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements		268,521	112,497	156,024
d Equipment		5,363	1,788	3,575
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) . . . ▶				159,599

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)		
Total. (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)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 13.)		

Part IX Other Assets.

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

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1) INTEREST IN THE NET ASSETS OF THE MINNEAPOLIS FOUNDATION	1,295,983
(2) RIGHT OF USE ASSET, NET OF AMORTIZATION	374,077
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 15.)	1,670,060

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	
LEASE LIABILITY	389,987
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 25.)	389,987

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII

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

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

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		1	5,797,860
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	428,845	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b		
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	108,657	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d			2e 537,502
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1			3 5,260,358
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1 :			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	22,488	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b			4c 22,488
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)			5 5,282,846

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

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		1	7,829,203
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:			
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a		
b	Prior year adjustments	2b		
c	Other losses	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d			2e 0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1			3 7,829,203
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1 :			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	22,488	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b			4c 22,488
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)			5 7,851,691

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 V, LINE 4:	THE FOUNDATION MAINTAINS THE ENDOWMENT TO SUPPORT GENERAL OPERATIONS AND FUND GRANTMAKING FOR THE BENEFIT OF INDIGENOUS LED GROUPS IN MINNESOTA AND WISCONSIN.
PART X, LINE 2:	THE FOUNDATION IS TAX EXEMPT UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE (IRC) AND MINNESOTA STATUTE 290.05. IT IS CLASSIFIED AS A FOUNDATION THAT IS NOT A PRIVATE FOUNDATION UNDER SECTION 509(A)(1) OF THE IRC AND CONTRIBUTIONS BY DONORS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE. THE FOUNDATION FOLLOWS ACCOUNTING STANDARDS FOR UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS AND FILES AS A TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATION. DURING 2023 AND 2022, THE FOUNDATION HAS NOT RECOGNIZED ANY LIABILITY FOR UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS. THE FOUNDATION'S TAX RETURNS ARE SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND EXAMINATION BY FEDERAL AND STATE AUTHORITIES.
PART XI, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:	CHANGE IN BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN THE MINNEAPOLIS FOUNDATION FUND 108,657.

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Schedule I (Form 990) Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations, Governments and Individuals in the United States

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.
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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service
Name of the organization HEADWATERS FOUNDATION FOR JUSTICE
Employer identification number 36-3359386

Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

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

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

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

Table with 8 columns: (a) Name and address of organization or government, (b) EIN, (c) IRC section (if applicable), (d) Amount of cash grant, (e) Amount of non-cash assistance, (f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other), (g) Description of non-cash assistance, (h) Purpose of grant or assistance. Rows include organizations like 846SORG, ACCESS PHILANTHROPY CHARITIES, ADVOCATES FOR TRANS EQUALITY EDUCATION FUND, AFGHAN CULTURAL SOCIETY, AFRICAN CAREER AND EDUCATION RESOURCE INC, ALLIANCE FOR A BETTER MINNESOTA EDUCATION FUND, AMAZEWORKS, AMERICAN INDIAN CANCER FOUNDATION, ANANYA DANCE THEATRE, AWOOD CENTER, AYADA LEADS, BLACK COLLECTIVE FOUNDATION MN, BLACK COMMUNITY BOARD, BLACK MEN TEACH, BRIGID ALLIANCE, BROADCAST JOURNALISM, CENTER FOR THIRD WORLD ORGANIZING, CENTER SCHOOL INC, CENTRO DE TRABAJADORES UNIDOS EN LUCHA, COBALT FOUNDATION, CONFLUENCE, CROSSINGBARRIERS, DAKOTA WICOHAN, DAWN2DUSK FARM, DIVINE KONNECTIONS INC, EAST SIDE FREEDOM LIBRARY, ESHARA, FAMILIES SUPPORTING FAMILIES AGAINST POLICE VIOLENCE, FAMILY FREEDOM CENTER, FE Y JUSTICIA, FIREHOUSE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK MINNESOTA, GRASSROOTS INDIGENOUS MULTIMEDIA, HEADWATERS FOUNDATION FOR JUSTICE, HEALTHY BLACK PRIORITIES, HOYO HOUR ORGANIZATION, IMMIGRANT DEVELOPMENT CENTER, INDIGENOUS ROOTS, INSTITUTE FOR COMMUNITY RESOURCE, INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MINNESOTA, INTERPLAY BODY WISDOM INC, IRREDUCIBLE GRACE FOUNDATION, JEWISH COMMUNITY ACTION, LEFT LOVERS LLC, LEGAL RIGHTS CENTER, MANFORWARD, MANDIDOO OGITIGAAAN, METROPOLITAN CONSORTIUM OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPERS, MEWINZHA ONDADIZIIKE WIGAMING, MHONPAJ'S GARDEN LLC, MINNESOTA AFRICAN WOMEN COALITION, MINNESOTA DEAF MUSLIM COMMUNITY, MINNESOTA INDIGENOUS BUSINESS ALLIANCE (MIBA), MINNESOTA PRISON WRITING WORKSHOP, MINNESOTA SEEDS OF JUSTICE, MINNESOTA UBEREFT DRIVERS ASSOCIATION, MN8, NATIVE SUN COMMUNITY POWER DEVELOPMENT, NEIGHBORHOOD FIGHTERS GROUP, NEW HOPE FOR IMMIGRANTS, NEW ROOTS MIDWEST, OUR JUSTICE, OUR SPACE, PFUND FOUNDATION, PHUMULANI MINNESOTA AFRICAN WOMEN AGAINST VIOLENCE, PLANTING PEOPLE GROWING JUSTICE, POSSIBILITY LABS, PROPEL NONPROFITS, RONDO COMMUNITY LAND TRUST, SEEDS WORTH SOWING, SOUTH SUDANESE FOUNDATION, SPIRAL COLLECTIVE, SPRINGBOARD FOR THE ARTS, TAKE ACTION MINNESOTA EDUCATION FUND, TAKEACTION MN EDUCATION FUND, THE BEAUTYWELL PROJECT, THE CIRCLE OF PEACE MOVEMENT, THE FIELDS AT ROOTSPRINGS, THE JK MOVEMENT, TIDES CENTER, TRANS NORTHLAND, TRANSFORMING FAMILIES, TRANSFORMING GENERATIONS, TRANSGENDER LAW CENTER, TWIN CITIES AGRICULTURAL LAND TRUST, UNTIL WE ARE ALL FREE MOVEMENT, WHIYIYI AHKIPHAPI OMKEKHIYAPI, VOICE OF CULTURE, WALK-IN WIGAMING CENTER, WIN INSTITUTE, WOMEN'S ENVIRONMENTAL INSTITUTE, WORKING PARTNERSHIPS, ZAMYA THEATER.

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table 90

3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table

Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22.

Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of noncash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of noncash assistance
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					
(7)					

Part IV Supplemental Information. Provide the information required in Part I, line 2; Part III, column (b); and any other additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
PART I, LINE 2:	WITH AN INITIAL APPLICATION, GROUPS MUST SUPPLY A COPY OF THE DETERMINATION LETTER, A LIST OF BOARD MEMBERS, BUDGET AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION, AND A WRITTEN NARRATIVE PROPOSAL ABOUT THE PROJECT. IF AN AWARD IS MADE, GROUPS MUST SIGN A GRANT AGREEMENT INDICATING THE TERMS OF THE GRANT AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. GROUPS MUST ALSO PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF CURRENT REGISTRATION WITH THE MINNESOTA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHARITY DIVISION. IF FUNDS ARE DISTRIBUTED TO A FISCAL AGENT, A LETTER IS REQUIRED FROM THAT ORGANIZATION INDICATING THE ORGANIZATION'S WILLINGNESS TO SERVE IN THAT CAPACITY. ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVING FUNDING ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A FINAL REPORT ONE YEAR AFTER FUNDS WERE RECEIVED. ORGANIZATIONS THAT WERE FUNDED IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A SIX-MONTH PROGRESS REPORT WITH THEIR CURRENT APPLICATION. ORGANIZATIONS THAT WERE FUNDED PREVIOUSLY MUST HAVE ALL PROGRESS REPORTS SUBMITTED BEFORE ANY ADDITIONAL DOLLARS ARE GRANTED.

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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.**

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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
<input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions
<input type="checkbox"/> Tax idemnification and gross-up payments
<input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use
<input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence
<input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees
<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 type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study
<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
1b		
2		
4a		No
4b		No
4c		No
5a		No
5b		No
6a		No
6b		No
7		No
8		No
9		

Part III Supplemental Information

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

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Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B	THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REVIEWS AND RECOMMENDS THE APPROVAL OF THE PREPARED FORM 990 TO THE FULL BOARD THE BOARD THEN REVIEWS THE FORM 990 FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	AS NEW BOARD AND KEY STAFF MEMBERS JOIN THE ORGANIZATION, THEY COMPLETE THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM. AT THE START OF THE NEW FISCAL YEAR, ALL BOARD MEMBERS AND KEY STAFF MEMBERS COMPLETE THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORMS. A SUMMARY OF THE CONFLICTS IS GIVEN TO THE BOARD CO-CHAIRS. ANY CONTRACTS OR PAYMENTS MADE TO/WITH DIRECTORS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD. IF ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST OR POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ARISES AFTER THE ANNUAL FORM IS FILLED OUT, THE INTERESTED DIRECTOR OR ANY DIRECTOR WITH KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH CONFLICT SHALL CALL IT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE BOARD PRIOR TO BOARD ACTION ON A DECISION INVOLVING THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST. WHEN THERE IS DOUBT AS TO WHETHER A CONFLICT OF INTEREST EXISTS, THE MATTER SHALL BE RESOLVED BY A VOTE OF THE BOARD, EXCLUDING THE PERSON WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF THE POSSIBLE CONFLICT OF INTEREST. IF A CONFLICT OF INTEREST DOES EXIST, THE BOARD MAY STILL AUTHORIZE, APPROVE, OR RATIFY A CONTRACT OR TRANSACTION IN GOOD FAITH BY THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF DIRECTORS; WITH THE CONFLICTED BOARD MEMBER ABSTAINING FROM THE VOTE. THE DIRECTOR WHO HAS A CONFLICT SHALL NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE BOARD'S DISCUSSION OF THE MATTER EXCEPT TO DISCLOSE MATERIAL FACTS AND TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS. SUCH PERSON SHALL NOT ATTEMPT TO EXERT HIS OR HER PERSONAL INFLUENCE WITH RESPECT TO THE MATTER, EITHER AT OR OUTSIDE THE MEETING. THE DIRECTOR HAVING SUCH A CONFLICT SHALL NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE FINAL DELIBERATION OR DECISION REGARDING THE MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION AND SHALL RETIRE FROM THE ROOM IN WHICH THE BOARD IS MEETING AFTER PROVIDING THE BOARD WITH ANY AND ALL RELEVANT INFORMATION. ANY DIRECTOR DISCLOSING A CONFLICT OF INTEREST MAY BE COUNTED IN DETERMINING THE PRESENCE OF A QUORUM AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OR A COMMITTEE THEREOF. THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OR COMMITTEE SHALL REFLECT THAT THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST WAS DISCLOSED AND THAT THE INTERESTED DIRECTOR WAS NOT PRESENT DURING THE FINAL DISCUSSION OR VOTE AND DID NOT VOTE ON THE MATTER.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15	CHANGES TO THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S SALARY SHALL BE MADE BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. IN REVIEWING THE COMPENSATION OF THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, HEADWATERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS UTILIZES THE FOLLOWING PROCESS: 1) IMPARTIAL DECISION MAKERS - THE COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENT MUST BE APPROVED IN ADVANCE (BEFORE ANY PAYMENT IS MADE) BY THE BOARD COMPOSED ENTIRELY OF INDIVIDUALS WHO DO NOT HAVE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH RESPECT TO THE COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENT. 2) COMPARABILITY DATA - WHEN THE BOARD IS CONSIDERING COMPENSATION OF THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, IT MUST RELY ON COMPARABILITY DATA THAT DEMONSTRATES THE FAIR VALUE OF THE COMPENSATION IN QUESTION. THIS DATA MAY INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING - EXPERT COMPENSATION STUDIES BY INDEPENDENT FIRMS. -WRITTEN JOB OFFERS FOR POSITIONS AT SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS. -DOCUMENTED TELEPHONE CALLS AND EMAILS ABOUT SIMILAR POSITIONS AT BOTH NON-PROFIT AND FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS. -INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE IRS FORM 990 FILINGS OF SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS - USE OF SALARY SURVEYS NON-PROFIT AND FOUNDATION WORLD. THE BOARD'S FINAL DECISION IS DOCUMENTED THROUGH BOARD MEETING MINUTES. THIS IS CONDUCTED ANNUALLY AND LAST OCCURRED IN FISCAL YEAR 2024. STAFF SALARIES ARE DETERMINED BY PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, YEARS OF EXPERIENCE, EDUCATION, SUPERVISOR DUTIES, AND ENSURING ALL POSITIONS ARE PAID AT LEAST WITHIN 50-75% COMPARED TO OTHER NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS BASED ON BUDGET, ASSETS, LOCATION, AND FOCUS AREA. THE DIRECT SUPERVISOR REVIEWS PERFORMANCE AND RECOMMENDS COMPENSATION BASED ON THE SALARY RANGES OF THE ORGANIZATION AND THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR APPROVES ALL SALARIES. SALARIES ARE DOCUMENTED IN THE APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL FILE WITH THE REQUEST MEMO AND THE SIGNED SALARY AUTHORIZATION APPROVED BY THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. THE PROCESS DESCRIBED HERE WAS LAST COMPLETED IN 2024.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	THE FOUNDATION MAKES ITS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE OR MAILED UPON REQUEST.
FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9:	CHANGE IN BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN THE MINNEAPOLIS FOUNDATION 108,657.

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