


Form 990



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public

▶ Information about Form 990 and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990

OMB No 1545-0047

2015

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2015, and ending 06-30-2016

B Check if applicable

☐ Address change

☐ Name change

☐ Initial return

☐ Final return/terminated

☐ Amended return

☐ Application pending

C Name of organization
THE RHODE ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Doing business as

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite

110 BENEVOLENT STREET

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
PROVIDENCE, RI 02906

F Name and address of principal officer
C MORGAN GREFE
110 BENEVOLENT STREET
PROVIDENCE, RI 02906

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates?
No ☐ Yes ☒

H(b) Are all subordinates included?
If "No," attach a list (see instructions) ☐ Yes ☐ No

H(c) Group exemption number ▶

D Employer identification number
05-0259110

E Telephone number
(401) 331-8575

G Gross receipts \$ 8,123,837

I Tax-exempt status ☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) () ◀(insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

J Website: ▶ WWW.RIHS.ORG

K Form of organization ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶

L Year of formation 1822

M State of legal domicile RI

Part I Summary				
Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities THE RHODE ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS DEDICATED TO COLLECTING, PRESERVING, AND SHARING RHODE ISLAND'S HISTORY			
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets			
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	20	
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	20	
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)	5	40	
Revenue	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	124	
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	18,833	
	b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	-4,202	
	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year	
		1,312,260	1,002,982	
		140,950	139,166	
		1,483,479	69,384	
		104,980	113,597	
Expenses	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	3,041,669	1,325,129	
	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	0	0	
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0	
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	1,210,477	1,377,676	
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 160,924			
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	842,893	964,108	
	18 Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2,053,370	2,341,784	
	19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	988,299	-1,016,655	
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year	
		21,103,171	19,733,940	
		190,282	183,765	
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	20,912,889	19,550,175		
22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20				

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, in 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

C MORGAN GREFE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name
STEVEN E MONACELLI CPAPFS MST

Preparer's signature
STEVEN E MONACELLI

Firm's name ▶ RESTIVO MONACELLI LLP

Firm's address ▶ 36 EXCHANGE TERRACE
PROVIDENCE, RI 02903

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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

RHODE ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S PRIMARY MISSION IS HONORING, INTERPRETING, AND SHARING RHODE ISLAND'S PAST TO ENRICH THE PRESENT AND INSPIRE THE FUTURE

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 \$ 442,549 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 5,148)
LIBRARY PROGRAM - THE RHODE ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY LIBRARY HAS OVER 150,000 VOLUMES RELATING TO THE HISTORY OF RHODE ISLAND AND SURROUNDING NEW ENGLAND. THIS RESEARCH CENTER ALSO HOLDS MORE THAN 5,000 MANUSCRIPTS, 400,000 IMAGES, AND 9 MILLION FEET OF MOTION PICTURE FILM



















4b (Code) (Expenses \$ 536,768 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 29,112)
MUSEUM PROGRAM - THE RIHS OPERATES TWO MUSEUMS, THE JOHN BROWN HOUSE MUSEUM AND THE MUSEUM OF WORK & CULTURE, AS WELL AS OPERATING THE ALDRICH HOUSE, WHICH SERVES AS IT'S HEADQUARTERS, EVENT VENUE, AND EDUCATIONAL SPACE. THE MUSEUM OF WORK & CULTURE ALSO SERVES AS A VISITORS' CENTER FOR THE BLACKSTONE RIVER VALLEY.

4c (Code) (Expenses \$ 564,453 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 104,863)
EDUCATION PROGRAMS - THE GOFF CENTER FOR EDUCATION AND PUBLIC PROGRAMS OVERSEES THE RIHS'S EDUCATIONAL WORK AS IT RELATES TO PUBLIC PROGRAMS RELATED TO RI AND AMERICA HISTORY, TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE FIELDS OF RI AND AMERICA HISTORY, PRIMARY DOCUMENT-BASED CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, UNIT PLANS, STUDENT TOURS, AND WRITTEN MATERIALS. THE GOFF CENTER ALSO DIRECTS THE RIHS'S RHODE ISLAND ONLINE DIRECTORY INITIATIVE (RHODI) PROJECT.

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)
(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e **Total program service expenses** ► 1,543,770

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i> 	1 Yes	
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)? 	2 Yes	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>	3	No
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>	4	No
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>	5	No
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i> 	6	No
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i> 	7	No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i> 	8 Yes	
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i> 	9	No
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i> 	10 Yes	
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i> 	11a Yes	
b Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i> 	11b Yes	
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i> 	11c	No
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i> 	11d	No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> 	11e	No
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> 	11f	No
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i> 	12a Yes	
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i> 	12b	No
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>	13	No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	No
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i>	14b	No
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>	15	No
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i>	16	No
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i> (see instructions) 	17	No
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i> 	18 Yes	
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i> 	19 Yes	
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>	20a	No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b	

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	21		No
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	22		No
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	23		No
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>	24a		No
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
25a	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25a		No
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25b		No
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>	26		No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>	27		No
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28a		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28b		No
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28c		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	29		No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	30	Yes	
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	31		No
32	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>	32		No
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>	33		No
34	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>	34		No
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a		No
b	If 'Yes' to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	35b		
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	36		No
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>	37		No
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	Yes	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance				Yes	No
Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V				<input type="checkbox"/>	
1a Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable		1a	43		
b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		1b	0		
c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?		1c	Yes		
2a Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return		2a	40		
b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)		2b	Yes		
3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		3a	Yes		
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O		3b	Yes		
4a At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		4a		No	
b If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: _____ See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)					
5a Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		5a		No	
b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		5b		No	
c If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		5c			
6a Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?		6a		No	
b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		6b			
7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).					
a Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?		7a	Yes		
b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		7b	Yes		
c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		7c		No	
d If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		7d			
e Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		7e		No	
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		7f		No	
g If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		7g		No	
h If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		7h		No	
8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.					
Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		8			
9a Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		9a			
b Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		9b			
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter					
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12		10a			
b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities		10b			
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter					
a Gross income from members or shareholders		11a			
b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)		11b			
12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		12a			
b If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year		12b			
13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.					
a Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O		13a			
b Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans		13b			
c Enter the amount of reserves on hand		13c			
14a Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		14a		No	
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		14b			

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure

For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O	20	
1b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	20	
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?		No
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		No
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?		No
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?		No
7b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		No
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following		
8a	The governing body?	Yes	
8b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	Yes	
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O		No

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

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

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed **RI**

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
☐ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ 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
CHARMYNE GOODFELLOW 110 BENEVOLENT STREET PROVIDENCE, RI 02906 (401) 331-8575

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 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 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, 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.

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

☐ Check this box if 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)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(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) ALEXANDRA PEZZELLO ESQ SECRETARY	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
(2) MR ANTHONY CALANDRELLI TRUSTEE	1 00	X						0	0	0
(3) NANCY K CASSIDY ESQ TRUSTEE	1 00	X						0	0	0
(4) MS BARBARA K HART TRUSTEE	1 00	X						0	0	0
(5) JAMES P LORING CPACFA CHAIRMAN	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
(6) WILLIAM S SIMMONS PHD TRUSTEE	1 00	X						0	0	0
(7) LUTHER W SPOEHR PHD VICE CHAIR	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
(8) MS BARBARA J THORNTON AIA TRUSTEE/CHAIR	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
(9) BARRY G HITTNER ESQ TRUSTEE	1 00	X						0	0	0
(10) MS POLLY TALBOTT TRUSTER/CO-CHAIR	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
(11) C MORGAN GREFE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	37 50	X		X				123,551	0	6,195
(12) DR WINIFRED BROWNELL TRUSTEE	1 00	X						0	0	0
(13) MS GAYLE A CORRIGAN TRUSTEE/CHAIR	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
(14) DR EDWARD IANNUCCILLI TRUSTEE/CHAIR	1 00	X		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)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(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			
(15) THEODORE SMALLETZ TRUSTEE/CHAIR	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
(16) LANE TALBOT SPARKMAN STATE REPRESENTATIVE	1 00	X						0	0	0
(17) TIMOTHY N BURDITT TRUSTEE	1 00	X						0	0	0
(18) ANDREW M ERICKSON TRUSTEE	1 00	X						0	0	0
(19) GEORGE MGOODWIN TRUSTEE	1 00	X						0	0	0
(20) TOMAS RAMIREZ TRUSTEE	1 00	X						0	0	0
(21) MARY C SPEARE TRUSTEE	1 00	X						0	0	0
1b Sub-Total										
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)						123,551		0		6,195

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 ▶ 1		
3	Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	3	No
4	For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	4	No
5	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>	5	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
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 ▶ 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	38,728			
	c	Fundraising events	1c	41,980			
	d	Related organizations	1d				
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e	273,611			
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	648,663			
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$		13,632			
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f ▶		1,002,982			
Program Service Revenue			Business Code				
	2a	ADMISSIONS INCOME	900099	74,318	74,318		
	b	PROGRAM REVENUE	900099	62,284	62,284		
	c	PUBLICATION SALES	453220	2,564	2,564		
	d						
	e						
	f	All other program service revenue					
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f ▶		139,166			
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) ▶		583,129			583,129
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . ▶					
	5	Royalties ▶		444			444
	6a	(i) Real		42,632			42,632
		(ii) Personal					
		Gross rents					
		42,632					
	b	Less rental expenses		0			
	c	Rental income or (loss)		42,632			
	d	Net rental income or (loss) ▶		42,632			42,632
	7a	(i) Securities		-513,745			-513,745
		(ii) Other					
		Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory					
		6,264,919					
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses		6,778,664			
	c	Gain or (loss)		-513,745			
	d	Net gain or (loss) ▶		-513,745			-513,745
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 41,980 of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18		15,882			15,882
		a					
		30,809					
	b	Less direct expenses b		14,927			
	c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . ▶		15,882			15,882
	9a	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19		23,437			23,437
		a					
		28,554					
	b	Less direct expenses b		5,117			
	c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . ▶		23,437			23,437
	10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances					
		a					
	b	Less cost of goods sold b					
	c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . ▶					
	Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code				
	11a	GIFT SHOP REVENUE	453220	18,833		18,833	
	b	ADMINISTRATIVE FEES	900099	8,939	8,939		
	c	MISCELLANEOUS	900099	3,430	3,430		
	d	All other revenue					
	e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶		31,202			
	12	Total revenue. See Instructions ▶		1,325,129	151,535	18,833	151,779

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

<input type="checkbox"/>		(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.					
1	Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21.				
2	Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22.				
3	Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.				
4	Benefits paid to or for members.				
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees.	124,956		124,956	
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.	1,035,000	653,852	301,277	79,871
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions).	31,584	19,314	10,570	1,700
9	Other employee benefits.	84,181	52,722	24,223	7,236
10	Payroll taxes.	101,955	57,598	37,207	7,150
11	Fees for services (non-employees):				
a	Management.				
b	Legal.	665		665	
c	Accounting.	19,500		19,500	
d	Lobbying.				
e	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17.				
f	Investment management fees.	58,529	15,804	6,388	36,337
g	Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O).	145,512	136,483	7,428	1,601
12	Advertising and promotion.	5,445	2,655	2,790	
13	Office expenses.	48,940	33,304	8,383	7,253
14	Information technology.	9,139	6,703	1,435	1,001
15	Royalties.				
16	Occupancy.	107,808	88,070	19,738	
17	Travel.	1,992	1,411	581	
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials.				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings.	9,571	7,671	1,840	60
20	Interest.	32	32		
21	Payments to affiliates.				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization.	213,606	189,980	23,339	287
23	Insurance.	42,264	35,794	6,293	177
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	PROGRAM EXPENSES	90,223	75,374	14,849	
b	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	78,010	55,091	18,646	4,273
c	STIPENDS	50,400	50,400		
d	PRINTING AND PUBLICATIO	24,444	18,151	48	6,245
e	All other expenses	58,028	43,361	6,934	7,733
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	2,341,784	1,543,770	637,090	160,924
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 SheetCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X ☐

				(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing		255,286	1	230,767	
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		303,816	2	327,869	
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net		178,822	3	153,171	
	4	Accounts receivable, net		23,201	4	18,882	
	5	Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L			5		
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L			6		
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net			7		
	8	Inventories for sale or use		17,209	8	17,407	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		13,859	9	12,511	
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment—cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	6,131,281			
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	2,951,047	3,338,669	10c	3,180,234
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities		4,657,051	11	5,862,598	
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12,315,258	12	9,925,501	
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11			13		
	14	Intangible assets			14		
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		0	15	5,000	
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)		21,103,171	16	19,733,940		
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		190,282	17	183,765	
	18	Grants payable			18		
	19	Deferred revenue			19		
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities			20		
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D			21		
	22	Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L			22		
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties			23		
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties			24		
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17–24). Complete Part X of Schedule D			25		
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25		190,282	26	183,765	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.						
	27	Unrestricted net assets		5,104,585	27	4,205,611	
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets		869,912	28	390,172	
	29	Permanently restricted net assets		14,938,392	29	14,954,392	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.						
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds			30		
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund			31		
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds			32		
	33	Total net assets or fund balances		20,912,889	33	19,550,175	
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		21,103,171	34	19,733,940	

Part XI

Reconciliation of Net Assets

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

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1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	1,325,129
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	2,341,784
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-1,016,655
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	20,912,889
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	-344,837
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	-1,222
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	19,550,175

Part XII

Financial Statements and Reporting

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

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		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 in Schedule O		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		No
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	Yes	
c	If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O	Yes	
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
▶ Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization
THE RHODE ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Employer identification number
05-0259110

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

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

1

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

2

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A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).**(Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ))

3

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

4

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

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

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

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

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

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An 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)

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

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

a

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

b

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

c

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Type III functionally integrated. A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**

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

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

f

Enter the number of supported organizations

g

Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii)EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 9 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 fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any unusual grants)	1,208,852	1,859,170	1,177,361	1,312,260	994,727	6,552,370
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	1,208,852	1,859,170	1,177,361	1,312,260	994,727	6,552,370
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)						1,208,378
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						5,343,992

Section B. Total Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
7 Amounts from line 4	1,208,852	1,859,170	1,177,361	1,312,260	994,727	6,552,370
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	264,215	254,595	752,656	770,222	626,205	2,667,893
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)	45,414	39,132	25,482	39,053	31,202	180,283
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						9,400,546
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions)					12	950,416
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here					<input type="checkbox"/>	

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage		
14 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	56 850 %
15 Public support percentage for 2014 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	50 250 %
16a 33 1/3% support test—2015. 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b 33 1/3% support test—2014. 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	<input type="checkbox"/>	
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2015. 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	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2014. 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	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						
14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ► <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	
16 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2015 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	
18 Investment income percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	

19a 33 1/3% support tests—2015. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► ☐

b 33 1/3% support tests—2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► ☐

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

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 11 of Part I. If you checked 11a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 11b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 11c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 11d 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 (b) and (c) 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 11a or 11b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) 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 (b) and (c) 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 (a) its supported organizations, (b) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (c) 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 IRC 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35-percent 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 in line 7? If "Yes," complete Part II 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 in line 9(a)) 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 in line 9(a)) 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 IRC 4943 because of IRC 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer b 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.)		
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 in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
b A family member of a person described in (a) above?		
c A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI.		

Part IV

Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
<div>1</div> <div>Did the 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></div>		
<div>2</div> <div>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></div>		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
<div>1</div> <div>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></div>		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
<div>1</div> <div>Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (1) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (2) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (3) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?</div>		
<div>2</div> <div>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></div>		
<div>3</div> <div>By reason of the relationship described in (2), 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></div>		

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

<div>1</div> <div>Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions)</div> <div><div>a</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.</div><div><div>b</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.</div><div><div>c</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).</div></div></div></div>		
<div>2</div> <div>Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below.</div> <div><div>a</div><div>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></div><div><div>b</div><div>Did the activities described in (a) 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></div></div></div>	Yes	No
<div>3</div> <div>Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below.</div> <div><div>a</div><div>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>Provide details in Part VI.</i></div><div><div>b</div><div>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></div></div></div>		

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 **See instructions.** All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E

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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 (explain in detail in Part VI) _____		
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 1-1/2% 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 0.35	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) <input type="checkbox"/>		

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

Section D - Distributions	Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI) See instructions	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI) See instructions	
9 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2015	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2015
1 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2015 (reasonable cause required--see instructions)			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015			
a			
b			
c			
d From 2013.			
e From 2014.			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2010 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f			
4 Distributions for 2015 from Section D, line 7 \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
c Remainder Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2015, if any Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2015 Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Add lines 3j and 4c			
8 Breakdown of line 7			
a			
b			
c Excess from 2013.			
d From 2014.			
e From 2015.			

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
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SCHEDULE D

(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

► 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.

Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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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? <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</div>	
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? <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</div>	

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) <div><input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or education)<div><input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space</div><input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of an historically important land area <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a certified historic structure</div>											
2	Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year											
a	Total number of conservation easements	<table><tr><th></th><th>Held at the End of the Year</th></tr><tr><td>2a</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>2b</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>2c</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>2d</td><td></td></tr></table>		Held at the End of the Year	2a		2b		2c		2d	
	Held at the End of the Year											
2a												
2b												
2c												
2d												
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements											
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)											
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register											
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? <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</div>											
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)? <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</div>											
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 SFAS 116 (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 SFAS 116 (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 SFAS 116 (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

d☐ Loan or exchange programs

b☒ Scholarly research

e☐ Other

c☒ Preservation for future generations

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

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Part V

Endowment Funds.

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

	(a)Current year	(b)Prior year	b (c)Two years back	(d)Three years back	(e)Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	16,322,808	16,759,323	10,667,033	9,099,072	10,125,704
b Contributions	16,000	100,386	5,152,127	1,029,000	22,967
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	-319,122	223,680	1,814,452	1,040,015	-474,461
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	848,490	760,581	874,289	501,054	575,138
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	15,171,196	16,322,808	16,759,323	10,667,033	9,099,072

2

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

a Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ 1 430 %

b Permanent endowment ▶ 98 570 %

c Temporarily restricted endowment ▶ 0 %

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

3a

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

(i) unrelated organizations

(ii) related organizations

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

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

4

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

Part VI

Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to 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		636,822		636,822
b Buildings		5,131,616	2,632,038	2,499,578
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		362,843	319,009	43,834
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c)) ▶				3,180,234

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	926,834
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	-344,837
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	6,293
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	-1,222
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	-339,766
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	1,266,600
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	58,529
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	58,529
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c.(This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	1,325,129

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	2,289,548
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	6,293
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	6,293
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	2,283,255
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	58,529
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	58,529
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c.(This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	2,341,784

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	COLLECTION ITEMS INCLUDE FURNISHINGS, DOCUMENTS, PUBLICATIONS, PAINTINGS, ART AND OTHER ITEMS. THE COLLECTION ITEMS ARE HELD FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION AND EDUCATION IN FURTHERANCE OF PUBLIC SERVICE. THEY ARE PROTECTED, KEPT UNENCUMBERED, CARED FOR, AND PRESERVED TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE WITHIN THE SOCIETY'S RESOURCES. THE SOCIETY'S POLICY REQUIRES THAT THE PROCEEDS FROM THE SALES OF COLLECTION ITEMS BE USED SOLELY FOR ACQUISITIONS OF OTHER ITEMS FOR COLLECTION OR CONSERVATION OF COLLECTION ITEMS. DUE TO THE COST OF CAPITALIZING THE COLLECTION ITEMS AND MAINTAINING ONGOING VALUATION INFORMATION, THE SOCIETY HAS ELECTED NOT TO CAPITALIZE ITS COLLECTIONS. HOWEVER, MANAGEMENT CONSIDERS THE VALUE OF THE COLLECTION ITEMS TO BE SIGNIFICANT.

Part XIII Supplemental Information *(continued)*

Return Reference	Explanation
PART V, LINE 4	THE TRUSTEES MANAGE THE ENDOWMENT IN A MANNER THAT, OVER THE LONG-TERM, WILL ENSURE THAT THE ENDOWMENT ASSETS WILL APPRECIATE IN A MANNER THAT, AT A MINIMUM, KEEPS PACE WITH THE EFFECTS OF INFLATION WHILE ASSUMING A MODERATE LEVEL OF RISK TO SATISFY ITS LONG-TERM RATE-OF-RETURN OBJECTIVES, THE SOCIETY RELIES ON A TOTAL RETURN STRATEGY WHEREBY INVESTMENT RETURNS ARE ACHIEVED THROUGH BOTH CAPITAL APPRECIATION (REALIZED AND UNREALIZED) AND CURRENT YIELD (INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS) THE SOCIETY TARGETS A DIVERSIFIED ASSET ALLOCATION THAT PLACES A GREATER EMPHASIS ON EQUITY-BASED INVESTMENTS TO ACHIEVE ITS LONG-TERM RETURN OBJECTIVES WITHIN A REASONABLE RISK TOLERANCE THE SOCIETY'S INVESTMENT POLICY IS EXPECTED TO ENHANCE THE REAL PURCHASING POWER OF THE ENDOWMENT WHILE MAINTAINING ITS ABILITY TO MEET CURRENT OBLIGATIONS THE SOCIETY'S INTERMEDIATE TO LONG-TERM INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE IS TO MAINTAIN PURCHASING POWER SO THAT LEVELS OF SERVICES AND PROGRAMS ARE MAINTAINED IN RELATION TO AVERAGE COST INCREASES THE SOCIETY'S SPENDING POLICY GUIDES ITS USE OF ENDOWMENT EARNINGS THE SPENDING POLICY DETERMINES THE AMOUNT THAT CAN BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE ENDOWMENT TO SUPPORT THE SOCIETY'S OPERATIONS AND RESTRICTED PURPOSES THE SPENDING POLICY IS REVIEWED ANNUALLY BY THE TRUSTEES IN CONSULTATION WITH THE FINANCE AND INVESTMENT MANAGERS IN CONSIDERATION OF ECONOMIC CONDITIONS, INSTITUTIONAL ENDOWMENT OBJECTIVES AND OPERATIONAL FUNDING NEEDS, THE SPENDING POLICY IS ADJUSTED BY THE TRUSTEES AS DETERMINED TO BE NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH UPMIFA'S PRUDENCY REQUIREMENTS
PART XI, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS	LOSS ON DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT -1,222

SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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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THE RHODE ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Employer identification number
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Part I Fundraising Activities.

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

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

e ☐ Solicitation of non-government grants

b ☐ Internet and email solicitations

f ☐ Solicitation of government grants

c ☐ Phone solicitations

g ☐ Special fundraising events

d ☐ In-person solicitations
- 2a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b If "Yes," list the ten 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			
Total						

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 APRIL GALA (event type)	(b)Event #2 (event type)	(c)Other events 2 (total number)	(d) Total events (add col (a) through col (c))
	1 Gross receipts	43,365		29,424	72,789
	2 Less Contributions	24,090		17,890	41,980
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	19,275		11,534	30,809
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs				
	7 Food and beverages				
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses	4,485		10,442	14,927
	10 Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶				14,927
	11 Net income summary Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) ▶				15,882

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))
Direct Expenses	1 Gross revenue			28,554	28,554
	2 Cash prizes				
	3 Noncash prizes			2,390	2,390
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses			2,727	2,727
	6 Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes ^{100 000} _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	7 Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) ▶				5,117
	8 Net gaming income summary Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d) ▶				23,437

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

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	100.000 %
b	An outside facility	13b	0 %

14

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

Name ▶

ANNE CONWAY

Address ▶

15 NORTE DAME AVENUE
CUMBERLAND, RI 02864

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 ▶

ANNE CONWAY

Gaming manager compensation ▶

\$ _____

Description of services provided ▶

KEEPS THE BOOKS AND RECORDS OF ALL GAMING ACTIVITIES IS IN CHARGE OF MANAGING ALL GAMING ACTIVITIES

☐ 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 complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

Return Reference	Explanation
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Schedule G (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2015

SCHEDULE M

(Form 990)

Noncash Contributions

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- ▶Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
- ▶Attach to Form 990.
- ▶Information about Schedule M (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990

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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	X	4	0	PRICELESS
2 Art—Historical treasures				
3 Art—Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications	X		0	PRICELESS
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities—Publicly traded				
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	X	292	0	PRICELESS
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ▶ (OTHER - MANUSCRIPTS)	X	148	0	PRICELESS
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	
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30a	During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which is not required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?	Yes	No
b	If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II		
31	Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any non-standard contributions?		No
32a	Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?		No
b	If "Yes," describe in Part II		
33	If the organization did not report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II		

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.

Return Reference	Explanation
PART I, LINE 33	WE CONSIDER OUR COLLECTION TO BE PRICELESS THEREFORE, WE DID NOT ENDEAVOR A VALUE

**SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or
990-EZ)**

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.

▶ **Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.**

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990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11	FORM 990 IS REVIEWED BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE. THE AUDIT COMMITTEE THEN DISCUSSES WITH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	A BOARD MEMBER SHALL PROMPTLY DISCLOSE ALL POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST TO THE BOARD PRIOR TO ANY CONSIDERATION OF ANY MATTER IN WHICH A POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST EXISTS. IF THE BOARD DETERMINES THAT A CONFLICT OF INTEREST EXISTS, THE BOARD MEMBER SHALL ABSTAIN FROM DISCUSSING OR VOTING ON THE MATTER.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15A	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DETERMINES THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMPENSATION AND INFORMS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ALL OTHER SALARIES ARE DETERMINED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR APPROVAL
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	ALL DOCUMENTS ARE KEPT IN THE BUSINESS OFFICE AND COPIES CAN BE REQUESTED FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION THE DOCUMENTS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON GUIDE STAR

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9	LOSS ON DISPOSAL OF FIXED ASSETS -1,222
FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C	THE PROCESS HAS NOT CHANGED FROM THE PRIOR YEAR