

Form **990**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

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

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A For the 2021 calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending	
B Check if applicable: ☐ Address change ☐ Name change ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return/terminated ☐ Amended return ☐ Application pending	C Name of organization RURAL ADVANCEMENT FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL - USA Doing business as Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite PO BOX 640 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code PITTSBORO, NC 27312 D Employer identification number 56-1704863 E Telephone number 919-542-1396 G Gross receipts \$ 3,762,737. H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? ☐ Yes ☒ No H(b) Are all subordinates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No If "No," attach a list. See instructions H(c) Group exemption number ▶
F Name and address of principal officer: EDNA RODRIGUEZ SAME AS C ABOVE	
I Tax-exempt status: ☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) () ◀ (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527	
J Website: ▶ WWW.RAFIUSA.ORG	
K Form of organization: ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶	
L Year of formation: 1990 M State of legal domicile: NC	

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: TO CHALLENGE THE ROOT CAUSES OF UNJUST FOOD SYSTEMS, SUPPORTING AND ADVOCATING FOR ECONOMICALLY,			
	2 Check this box ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.			
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	12	
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	10	
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2021 (Part V, line 2a)	5	25	
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	10	
		7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0.
	b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11	7b	0.	
Revenue			Prior Year	Current Year
	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)		2,476,607.	3,760,774.
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		33,500.	0.
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)		945.	163.
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)		24,114.	1,800.
	12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)		2,535,166.	3,762,737.
	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)		481,830.	645,388.
	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)		1,084,056.	1,156,552.
	Expenses	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0.
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 92,100.				
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)			803,223.	837,483.
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)			2,369,109.	2,639,423.
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12			166,057.	1,123,314.
Net Assets or Fund Balances			Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)		3,465,272.	4,598,497.
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)		229,570.	239,725.
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20		3,235,702.	4,358,772.

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here	Signature of officer	Date 9/26/2022		
	EDNA RODRIGUEZ, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Type or print name and title			
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name DEETRA B. WATSON	Preparer's signature 	Date Check ☐ self-employed	PTIN P00534544
	Firm's name ▶ BLACKMAN & SLOOP, CPAS, P.A.	Firm's EIN ▶ 56-1304727		Phone no. (919) 942-8700
	Firm's address ▶ 1414 RALEIGH ROAD, SUITE 300 CHAPEL HILL, NC 27517			

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ☒ Yes ☐ No

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

RAFI-USA CHALLENGES THE ROOT CAUSES OF UNJUST FOOD SYSTEMS, SUPPORTING AND ADVOCATING FOR ECONOMICALLY, RACIALLY AND ECOLOGICALLY JUST FARMS COMMUNITIES.

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

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

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

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

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses.

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ **1,006,501.** including grants of \$ **595,582.**) (Revenue \$)

AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT: OUR EXPANDING FARMERS MARKET ACCESS (EFMA) PROJECT COORDINATES TWO FOOD ACCESS INCENTIVE PROGRAMS, FRESH BUCKS AND DOUBLE BUCKS, AT 23 NORTH CAROLINA FARMERS MARKETS, MOBILE MARKETS, AND CO-OP GROCERIES TO IMPROVE FOOD ACCESS AND INCLUSIVITY FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS, AS WELL AS, PROVIDE SMALL FARMERS NEW SALE OUTLETS. EFMA PROVIDES TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO MARKET MANAGERS AND WORKS TO DEVELOP, COORDINATE, AND EXPAND DIRECT PRODUCER-TO-CONSUMER MARKETS THAT MAKE LOCALLY PRODUCED FOODS MORE AVAILABLE AND ACCESSIBLE AND SUPPORT FARMERS AND FOOD ENTREPRENEURS OF COLOR.

IN 2017, RAFI-USA FOUNDED THE FARMERS OF COLOR NETWORK (FOCN) TO MORE

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ **359,984.** including grants of \$ **42,306.**) (Revenue \$)

COME TO THE TABLE: COME TO THE TABLE IS A MULTI-FACED PROGRAM THAT FOCUSES ON SYSTEMIC SOLUTIONS TO FOOD ACCESS THAT ALSO STRENGTHEN JUST AND SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE. THE PROGRAM WORKS WITH FAITH COMMUNITIES, HUNGER RELIEF ADVOCATES AND FARMERS TO ENGAGE AND MOBILIZE THEM ON ISSUES OF FOOD ACCESS AND JUSTICE IN THE FOOD SYSTEM. THE PROGRAM DELIVERS CONFERENCES AND EVENTS, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, TRAINING FOCUSED ON BUILDING EQUITY IN THE FOOD SYSTEM, AND COLLABORATE NETWORKS AND RESOURCES.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ **292,434.** including grants of \$ **7,500.**) (Revenue \$)

FISCAL SPONSORSHIPS: RAFI PROVIDES FISCAL SPONSORSHIP SERVICES TO HELP FACILITATE THE MISSION-RELATED WORK OF PARTNER INITIATIVES THAT LACK THE LEGAL STATUS OR ADMINISTRATIVE CAPACITY NECESSARY TO RECEIVE GRANTS OR DONATIONS. RAFI SERVES AS FISCAL SPONSOR FOR THE FOLLOWING GROUPS:

-NATIONAL ORGANIC COALITION- NOC IS A NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF ORGANIZATIONS WORKING TO PROVIDE A "WASHINGTON VOICE" FOR FARMERS, RANCHERS, ENVIRONMENTALISTS, CONSUMERS AND INDUSTRY MEMBERS INVOLVED IN ORGANIC AGRICULTURE.

-DURHAM FARMERS MARKET'S DOUBLE BUCKS PROGRAM-DOUBLE BUCKS IS AN INCENTIVE PROGRAM AT THE DURHAM FARMERS' MARKET THAT PROVIDES UP TO \$10 IN MATCHING FUNDS PER CUSTOMER FOR PURCHASES MADE WITH SNAP BENEFITS.

- CAMPAIGN FOR CONTRACT AGRICULTURE REFORM - CCAR IS A NATIONAL

4d Other program services (Describe on Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ **559,211.** including grants of \$ **42,806.**) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses **2,218,130.**

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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>	X	
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> ? See instructions	X	
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>		X
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>	X	
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Rev. Proc. 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>		X
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>		X
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>		X
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>		X
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>		X
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in donor-restricted endowments or in quasi endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>		X
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>	X	
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>		X
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>		X
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>		X
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>	X	
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>		X
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>	X	
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>		X
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		X
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
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>		X
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>		X
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>		X
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. See instructions</i>		X
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>		X
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>		X
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		X
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
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>	X	

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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	22 X	
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 X	
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	X
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	X
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	X
26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5 or 22, for receivables from or payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>	26	X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity (including an employee thereof) or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>	27	X
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see the Schedule L, Part IV, instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, or substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28a	X
b A family member of any individual described in line 28a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28b	X
c A 35% controlled entity of one or more individuals and/or organizations described in line 28a or 28b? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28c	X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	29	X
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	X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	31	X
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	X
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	X
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 X	
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a	X
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	X
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	X
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations on Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note: All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38 X	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

	Yes	No
1a Enter the number reported in box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable	1a 92	
b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included on line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b 0	
c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c X	

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		Yes	No
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	25	
b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?	2b	X	
Note: If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file. See instructions.			
3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a		X
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation on Schedule O	3b		
4a At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a		X
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		X
b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b		X
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		X
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		X
b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b		
c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c		X
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		X
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f		X
g If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required? ...	7g		
h If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h		
8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8		
9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.			
a Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a		
b Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b		
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:			
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a		
b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b		
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:			
a Gross income from members or shareholders	11a		
b Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	11b		
12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	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?	13a		
Note: See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.			
b Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	13b		
c Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c		
14a Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a		X
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation on Schedule O	14b		
15 Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year?	15		X
If "Yes," see the instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N.			
16 Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income?	16		X
If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O.			
17 Section 501(c)(21) organizations. Did the trust, any disqualified person, or mine operator engage in any activities that would result in the imposition of an excise tax under section 4951, 4952 or 4953?	17		
If "Yes," complete Form 6069.			

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

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

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	1a	12		
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 on Schedule O.				
b Enter the number of voting members included on line 1a, above, who are independent	1b	10		
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?	2			X
3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3			X
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4			X
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5			X
6 Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6			X
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?	7a			X
b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	7b			X
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:				
a The governing body?	8a		X	
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b		X	
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 on Schedule O	9			X

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?	10a			X
b 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?	10b			
11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11a		X	
b Describe on Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.				
12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a		X	
b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b		X	
c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe on Schedule O how this was done	12c		X	
13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13		X	
14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14		X	
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?				
a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a		X	
b Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b		X	
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process on Schedule O. See instructions.				
16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	16a			X
b 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?	16b			

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed **► NC, SC, MD, NY, NJ, VA, NH**

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, if applicable), 990, and 990-T (section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
☒ Own website ☐ Another's website ☐ Upon request ☐ Other (explain on Schedule O)

19 Describe on 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 **►**
EDNA RODRIGUEZ, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - 919-542-1396
PO BOX 640, PITTSBORO, NC 27312

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

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

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

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
 - List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See the instructions for definition of "key employee."
 - List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (box 5 of Form W-2, Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
 - List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
 - List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- See the instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) EDNA RODRIGUEZ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	40.00	X		X				132,455.	0.	35,119.
(2) MICHELLE OSBORNE MEMBER AT-LARGE & STAFF REPRESENTATIVE	40.00	X		X				60,231.	0.	14,366.
(3) LISA MISCH SECRETARY - NON-VOTING	40.00	X		X				57,222.	0.	6,707.
(4) ARCHIE L. HART BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(5) LARIZA GARZON BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(6) BEVERLY BOWEN BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(7) BEN MILLER BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(8) CLAIRE KELLOWAY BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(9) HELGA GARZA BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(10) CLIF SLADE BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(11) JERRY DEWITT BOARD PRESIDENT	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(12) PHILLIP FARLAND BOARD VICE PRESIDENT	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(13) ELIJAH BRUNSON BOARD TREASURER	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.

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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 line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
1b Subtotal								249,908.	0.	56,192.
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A								0.	0.	0.
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								249,908.	0.	56,192.

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

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		X
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>	X	
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>		X

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
STEVE ETKA 1301 HANCOCK AVE, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22301-2023	POLICY DIRECTOR, NATIONAL ORGANIC COA	141,914.

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

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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	1 a Federated campaigns	1a					
	b Membership dues	1b	167,000.				
	c Fundraising events	1c					
	d Related organizations	1d					
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e	322,095.				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above ...	1f	3,271,679.				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	1g	\$				
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f						
Program Service Revenue			Business Code				
	2 a						
	b						
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f All other program service revenue						
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f						
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)			163.			163.
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5 Royalties						
	6 a Gross rents	6a	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
	b Less: rental expenses ...	6b					
	c Rental income or (loss)	6c					
	d Net rental income or (loss)						
	7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	7a	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	7b					
	c Gain or (loss)	7c					
	d Net gain or (loss)						
	8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	8a					
b Less: direct expenses	8b						
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events							
9 a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	9a						
b Less: direct expenses	9b						
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities							
10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a						
b Less: cost of goods sold	10b						
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory							
Miscellaneous Revenue	11 a MISCELLANEOUS INCOME		Business Code				
	b						
	c						
	d All other revenue						
	e Total. Add lines 11a-11d			1,800.			
	12 Total revenue. See instructions			3,762,737.	1,800.	0.	163.

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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

☒ **X**

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21	539,928.	539,928.		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	105,460.	105,460.		
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	306,099.	249,703.	35,176.	21,220.
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	642,229.	508,830.	90,399.	43,000.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	25,541.	23,501.		2,040.
9 Other employee benefits	111,038.	102,171.		8,867.
10 Payroll taxes	71,645.	49,943.	17,451.	4,251.
11 Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	70,917.		70,917.	
d Lobbying	45,042.	45,042.		
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.)	382,880.	363,516.	18,754.	610.
12 Advertising and promotion	1,298.	538.	691.	69.
13 Office expenses	85,347.	35,384.	45,426.	4,537.
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy				
17 Travel	22,164.	21,162.	1,002.	
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	17,242.	16,713.	529.	
20 Interest	4,226.	1,752.	2,249.	225.
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	25,121.	11,411.	12,723.	987.
23 Insurance	9,496.	3,937.	5,054.	505.
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a PROGRAM EXPENSES, TECHN	68,675.	68,675.		
b MEMBERSHIPS AND DUES	58,070.	53,930.	640.	3,500.
c FACILITIES AND EQUIPMEN	24,851.	11,288.	12,586.	977.
d OTHER PERSONNEL EXPENSE	17,477.	4,401.	12,893.	183.
e All other expenses	4,677.	845.	2,703.	1,129.
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	2,639,423.	2,218,130.	329,193.	92,100.
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 ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)

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Part X Balance Sheet

Check 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	1,641,277.	1	1,488,337.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	264,902.	2	264,931.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	891,952.	3	2,177,883.
	4 Accounts receivable, net	2,024.	4	
	5 Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	11,713.	9	38,223.
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	1,100,499.		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	495,942.		
		629,678.	10c	604,557.
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities	6,226.	11	7,066.
	12 Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	17,500.	15	17,500.	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	3,465,272.	16	4,598,497.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	84,722.	17	139,482.
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	109,846.	23	100,093.
	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	35,002.	25	150.
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	229,570.	26	239,725.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here ☒ and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.			
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions	1,028,798.	27	1,521,064.
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions	2,206,904.	28	2,837,708.
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here ☐ and complete lines 29 through 33.			
	29 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		29	
	30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		30	
	31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		31	
	32 Total net assets or fund balances	3,235,702.	32	4,358,772.
	33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	3,465,272.	33	4,598,497.

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Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	3,762,737.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	2,639,423.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	1,123,314.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	3,235,702.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	756.
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 on Schedule O)	9	-1,000.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	4,358,772.

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on Schedule O.		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? _____ If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: ☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis		X
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? _____ If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: ☒ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis	X	
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 on Schedule O.	X	
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? _____		X
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 on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits _____		

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SCHEDULE A
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box.)

- 1 ☐ A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2 ☐ A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E (Form 990).)
- 3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 4 ☐ A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____
- 5 ☐ An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.)
- 6 ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
- 7 ☒ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 8 ☐ A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 9 ☐ An agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university: _____
- 10 ☐ An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions, subject to certain exceptions; and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)
- 11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 12 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2).** See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box on lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
- a ☐ **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
- b ☐ **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
- c ☐ **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
- d ☐ **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
- e ☐ Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.

f Enter the number of supported organizations _____

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

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
Total						

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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) 2017	(b) 2018	(c) 2019	(d) 2020	(e) 2021	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	2594416.	1423053.	2260280.	2476607.	3760774.	12515130.
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	2594416.	1423053.	2260280.	2476607.	3760774.	12515130.
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)						5047009.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						7468121.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2017	(b) 2018	(c) 2019	(d) 2020	(e) 2021	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	2594416.	1423053.	2260280.	2476607.	3760774.	12515130.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources	11,202.	10,779.	6,439.	2,945.	163.	31,528.
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.)					1,800.	1,800.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						12548458.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
13 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						☐

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2021 (line 6, column (f), divided by line 11, column (f))	14	59.51	%
15 Public support percentage from 2020 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	72.47	%
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2021. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization			☒
b 33 1/3% support test - 2020. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization			☐
17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2021. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization			☐
b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2020. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization			☐
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions			☐

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2017	(b) 2018	(c) 2019	(d) 2020	(e) 2021	(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) 2017	(b) 2018	(c) 2019	(d) 2020	(e) 2021	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included on line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						

14 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** ☐ ►

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2021 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2020 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2021 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2020 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2021. 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 - 2020. 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 in line 12 on Part I. If you checked box 12a, Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked box 12b, Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked box 12c, Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked box 12d, Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

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

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Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

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

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

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

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

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

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

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

Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations

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

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

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

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

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

Section C - Distributable Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, column A)		Current Year
2	Enter 0.85 of line 1.		
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, column A)		
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3.		
5	Income tax imposed in prior year		
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions).		
7	☐ Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).		

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

Section D - Distributions		Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	1	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	2	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	3	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	4	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required - <i>provide details in Part VI</i>)	5	
6 Other distributions (<i>describe in Part VI</i>). See instructions.	6	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.	7	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (<i>provide details in Part VI</i>). See instructions.	8	
9 Distributable amount for 2021 from Section C, line 6	9	
10 Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount	10	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2021	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2021
1 Distributable amount for 2021 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2021 (reasonable cause required - <i>explain in Part VI</i>). See instructions.			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2021			
a From 2016			
b From 2017			
c From 2018			
d From 2019			
e From 2020			
f Total of lines 3a through 3e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2021 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2016 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2021 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2021 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2021, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, <i>explain in Part VI</i> . See instructions.			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2021. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, <i>explain in Part VI</i> . See instructions.			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2022. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a Excess from 2017			
b Excess from 2018			
c Excess from 2019			
d Excess from 2020			
e Excess from 2021			

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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.)

SCHEDULE A, PART II, LINE 10, EXPLANATION FOR OTHER INCOME:

OTHER INCOME

2021

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Schedule B
(Form 990)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Schedule of Contributors**▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-PF.
▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

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Name of the organization

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Organization type (check one):

Filers of:**Section:**

Form 990 or 990-EZ

☒ 501(c)(3) (enter number) organization☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation☐ 527 political organization

Form 990-PF

☐ 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation☐ 501(c)(3) taxable private foundationCheck if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.**Note:** Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.**General Rule**☐ For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.**Special Rules**☒ For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of **(1)** \$5,000; or **(2)** 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h; or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I (entering "N/A" in column (b) instead of the contributor name and address), II, and III.☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year ▶ \$ _____**Caution:** An organization that isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't file Schedule B (Form 990), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990).

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

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	██████████ ██████████ ██████████	\$ 1,583,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2	██ ████████████████████████████████ ████████████████████████████	\$ 375,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
3	████████████████████ ████████████████ ████████████████████████████	\$ 110,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
4	██ ████████████████████████████ ████████████████████████████	\$ 350,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
5	████████████████████████████████████ ████████████████████████████████████ ████████████████████████████	\$ 322,094.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
6	████████████████████████████████████ ████████████████████████████████ ████████████████████████████	\$ 210,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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Part II

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
	_____ _____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
	_____ _____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
	_____ _____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
	_____ _____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
	_____ _____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
	_____ _____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
	_____ _____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____

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Part III

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

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

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

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527
▶ **Complete if the organization is described below.** ▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**
▶ **Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV.

2 Political campaign activity expenditures ▶ \$

3 Volunteer hours for political campaign activities ▶

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

1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 ▶ \$

2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ▶ \$

3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

4a Was a correction made? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," describe in Part IV.

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

1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$

2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527
exempt function activities ▶ \$

3 Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1120-POL,
line 17b ▶ \$

4 Did the filing organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV.

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

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

A Check ☐ if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures).

B Check ☐ if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grassroots lobbying)															
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)															
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)															
d Other exempt purpose expenditures															
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)															
f Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.															
<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.			
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:														
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.														
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.														
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.														
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.														
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.														
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)															
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-															
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-															
j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?															

☐ Yes ☐ No

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below.

See the separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2018	(b) 2019	(c) 2020	(d) 2021	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots nontaxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

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

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

	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state, or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:			
a Volunteers?		X	
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?	X		
c Media advertisements?		X	
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?		X	
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?		X	
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?		X	
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?		X	
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?		X	
i Other activities?	X		42,515.
j Total. Add lines 1c through 1i			42,515.
2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?		X	
b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

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

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

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

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

Part IV Supplemental Information

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

PART II-B, LINE 1, LOBBYING ACTIVITIES:

THE ORGANIZATION'S LOBBYIST ARE ETKA CONSULTING PAID \$40,460 FOR NATIONAL ORGANIC (NOC) AND CONTRACT AGRICULTURAL REFORM (CCAR). THE PURPOSE OF THE CONTRACT IS AGRICULTURAL SERVICES AND PRODUCTS. STAFF LOBBYING INCLUDED \$2,055 FOR THE NATIONAL ORGANIC COALITION.

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

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2021**Open to Public Inspection****Name of the organization** **RURAL ADVANCEMENT FOUNDATION
INTERNATIONAL - USA****Employer identification number**
56-1704863**Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?	☐ Yes	☐ No
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?	☐ Yes	☐ No

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

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).
☐ Preservation of land for public use (for example, recreation or education) ☐ Preservation of a historically important land area
☐ Protection of natural habitat ☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure
☐ Preservation of open space

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 7/25/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?

☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide in Part XIII the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:

(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under FASB ASC 958 relating to these items:

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$

Part III	Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets <i>(continued)</i>
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- 3** Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that make significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):
- a** ☐ Public exhibition
- b** ☐ Scholarly research
- c** ☐ Preservation for future generations
- d** ☐ Loan or exchange program
- e** ☐ Other _____
- 4** Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.
- 5** During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

- 1a** Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:

	Amount
c Beginning balance	1c
d Additions during the year	1d
e Distributions during the year	1e
f Ending balance	1f

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

Part V	Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 10.
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	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

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

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment ► _____ %
- b Permanent endowment ► _____ %
- c Term endowment ► _____ %

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

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

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

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

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

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

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land		168,229.		168,229.
b Buildings		926,129.	489,801.	436,328.
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		1,600.	1,600.	0.
e Other		4,541.	4,541.	0.
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)				604,557.

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Part VII Investments - Other Securities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely held equity interests		
(3) Other		
(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
Total. (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.) ▶		

Part VIII Investments - Program Related.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

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

Part IX Other Assets.

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

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

Part X Other Liabilities.

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

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2) SECURITY DEPOSIT	150.
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) ▶	150.

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

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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	3,763,493.
2 Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	756.
b Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	
e Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	756.
3 Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	3,762,737.
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	
b Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	
c Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0.
5 Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	3,762,737.

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	2,640,423.
2 Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b Prior year adjustments	2b	
c Other losses	2c	
d Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	1,000.
e Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	1,000.
3 Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	2,639,423.
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	
b Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	
c Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0.
5 Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	2,639,423.

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.

PART XII, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

BAD DEBT EXPENSE	1,000.
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SCHEDULE I
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments, and Individuals in the United States**
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.

▶ **Attach to Form 990.**

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Name of the organization **RURAL ADVANCEMENT FOUNDATION
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Employer identification number

Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?

☒ **Yes** ☐ **No**

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

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

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section (if applicable)	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of noncash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
RED ROOSTER FARM [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		8,000.	0.			SUPPORT TO FARMERS FOR NEW AND INNOVATIVE AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS.
FARMWORKERS SELF-HELP, INC. [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	501(C)(3)	10,000.	0.			SUPPORT TO FARMERS FOR NEW AND INNOVATIVE AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS.
METRO ATLANTA URBAN FARMS [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	501(C)(3)	8,000.	0.			SUPPORT TO FARMERS FOR NEW AND INNOVATIVE AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS.
BOTANICAL BITES AND PROVISIONS [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		8,000.	0.			SUPPORT TO FARMERS FOR NEW AND INNOVATIVE AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS.
THE COFFEELADY31 LLC [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		6,000.	0.			SUPPORT TO FARMERS FOR NEW AND INNOVATIVE AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS.
VICKS ESTATE, FARM, & FISHERY [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		6,000.	0.			SUPPORT TO FARMERS FOR NEW AND INNOVATIVE AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS.

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

6.

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

42.

LHA **For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990.**

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SEE PART IV FOR COLUMN (H) DESCRIPTIONS

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(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of noncash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
NEWSOIL VERMICULTURE LLC [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		6,000.	0.			SUPPORT TO FARMERS FOR NEW AND INNOVATIVE AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS.
OTL FARMS [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		8,000.	0.			SUPPORT TO FARMERS FOR NEW AND INNOVATIVE AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS.
CEDAR SEEDER WELLNESS FARM [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		8,000.	0.			SUPPORT TO FARMERS FOR NEW AND INNOVATIVE AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS.
SOUTHERN FARMERS COLLABORATIVE GROUP LLC - [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		10,000.	0.			SUPPORT TO FARMERS FOR NEW AND INNOVATIVE AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS.
CAROLINA COMMON ENTERPRISE [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	501(C)(3)	8,000.	0.			SUPPORT TO FARMERS FOR NEW AND INNOVATIVE AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS.
GULLAH FARMERS COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION - [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		10,000.	0.			SUPPORT TO FARMERS FOR NEW AND INNOVATIVE AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS.
THE GARDEN DOCTORS [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		8,000.	0.			SUPPORT TO FARMERS FOR NEW AND INNOVATIVE AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS.
FOUNTAIN HEIGHTS FARMS [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		6,000.	0.			SUPPORT TO FARMERS FOR NEW AND INNOVATIVE AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS.
OPEN DOOR FARM [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		8,000.	0.			SUPPORT TO FARMERS FOR NEW AND INNOVATIVE AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS.

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(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of noncash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
WHYMSS FARM [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		8,000.	0.			SUPPORT TO FARMERS FOR NEW AND INNOVATIVE AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS.
BRIARWOOD CATTLE FARM [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		6,000.	0.			SUPPORT TO FARMERS FOR NEW AND INNOVATIVE AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS.
WILLIAMS PRODUCE [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		6,960.	0.			SUPPORT TO FARMERS FOR NEW AND INNOVATIVE AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS.
THE PECULIAR PIG FARM [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		6,960.	0.			SUPPORT TO FARMERS FOR NEW AND INNOVATIVE AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS.
VANGUARD RANCH [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		6,960.	0.			SUPPORT TO FARMERS FOR NEW AND INNOVATIVE AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS.
LAMBERT'S ORCHARD, LLC [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		6,960.	0.			SUPPORT TO FARMERS FOR NEW AND INNOVATIVE AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS.
ROBINSON FARMS LLC [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		6,960.	0.			SUPPORT TO FARMERS FOR NEW AND INNOVATIVE AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS.
ECOBLOSSOMS FARM [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		8,700.	0.			SUPPORT TO FARMERS FOR NEW AND INNOVATIVE AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS.
INDIAN SPRINGS FARMERS ASSOCIATION [REDACTED], [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		8,700.	0.			SUPPORT TO FARMERS FOR NEW AND INNOVATIVE AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS.

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(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of noncash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
STRAW HAT FARMS [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		5,220.	0.			SUPPORT TO FARMERS FOR NEW AND INNOVATIVE AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS.
MOORE BROTHERS BEEF, INC. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		5,220.	0.			SUPPORT TO FARMERS FOR NEW AND INNOVATIVE AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS.
MARVIEW FARMS LLC [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		5,220.	0.			SUPPORT TO FARMERS FOR NEW AND INNOVATIVE AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS.
PATCHWORK CITY FARMS [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		5,220.	0.			SUPPORT TO FARMERS FOR NEW AND INNOVATIVE AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS.
PACHAMAMA PERU [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		5,220.	0.			SUPPORT TO FARMERS FOR NEW AND INNOVATIVE AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS.
HARDY FAMILY FARM [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		5,220.	0.			SUPPORT TO FARMERS FOR NEW AND INNOVATIVE AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS.
G4 FARMS [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		5,220.	0.			SUPPORT TO FARMERS FOR NEW AND INNOVATIVE AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS.
MOTHER'S FINEST FAMILY FARM [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		5,220.	0.			SUPPORT TO FARMERS FOR NEW AND INNOVATIVE AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS.
SOUTHWEST GEORGIA PROJECT [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	501(C)(3)	7,950.	0.			SUPPORT TO FARMERS FOR NEW AND INNOVATIVE AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS.

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(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of noncash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
FIRST FRUITS FARMS INC [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		11,000.	0.			SUPPORT TO FARMERS FOR NEW AND INNOVATIVE AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS.
CARRBORO FARMERS MARKET [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		44,643.	0.			SUPPORT FARMERS MARKETS TO BE ABLE TO ACCEPT AND DOUBLE THE VALUE OF SNAP AND OTHER BENEFITS USED
DURHAM FARMERS MARKET [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		38,386.	0.			SUPPORT FARMERS MARKETS TO BE ABLE TO ACCEPT AND DOUBLE THE VALUE OF SNAP AND OTHER BENEFITS USED
DURHAM CENTRAL MARKET [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		6,625.	0.			SUPPORT FARMERS MARKETS TO BE ABLE TO ACCEPT AND DOUBLE THE VALUE OF SNAP AND OTHER BENEFITS USED
ENO RIVER FARMERS MARKET [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		7,500.	0.			SUPPORT FARMERS MARKETS TO BE ABLE TO ACCEPT AND DOUBLE THE VALUE OF SNAP AND OTHER BENEFITS USED
FARMERS OF ORANGE NC INC [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		18,854.	0.			SUPPORT FARMERS MARKETS TO BE ABLE TO ACCEPT AND DOUBLE THE VALUE OF SNAP AND OTHER BENEFITS USED
HISTORIC MORGANTON MARKET [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	58-1371611		10,900.	0.			SUPPORT FARMERS MARKETS TO BE ABLE TO ACCEPT AND DOUBLE THE VALUE OF SNAP AND OTHER BENEFITS USED
MARION BUSINESS ASSOCIATION [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	56-6001607		5,040.	0.			SUPPORT FARMERS MARKETS TO BE ABLE TO ACCEPT AND DOUBLE THE VALUE OF SNAP AND OTHER BENEFITS USED
MARKET SQUARE / REIDSVILLE [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	56-6001316		6,300.	0.			SUPPORT FARMERS MARKETS TO BE ABLE TO ACCEPT AND DOUBLE THE VALUE OF SNAP AND OTHER BENEFITS USED

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(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of noncash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
NASH COUNTY FARMERS MARKET [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		13,360.	0.			SUPPORT FARMERS MARKETS TO BE ABLE TO ACCEPT AND DOUBLE THE VALUE OF SNAP AND OTHER BENEFITS USED
SOUTH DURHAM FARMERS MARKET [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	501(C)(3)	16,887.	0.			SUPPORT FARMERS MARKETS TO BE ABLE TO ACCEPT AND DOUBLE THE VALUE OF SNAP AND OTHER BENEFITS USED
STANLY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	GOVERNMENT	13,672.	0.			SUPPORT FARMERS MARKETS TO BE ABLE TO ACCEPT AND DOUBLE THE VALUE OF SNAP AND OTHER BENEFITS USED
WILMINGTON FARMERS MARKET INC. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		7,500.	0.			SUPPORT FARMERS MARKETS TO BE ABLE TO ACCEPT AND DOUBLE THE VALUE OF SNAP AND OTHER BENEFITS USED
COLUSA FARMS LLC [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		6,000.	0.			SUPPORT TO FARMERS FOR NEW AND INNOVATIVE AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS.
SEJAH FARM [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		8,000.	0.			SUPPORT TO FARMERS FOR NEW AND INNOVATIVE AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS.

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Part III **Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22.
Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of noncash assistance
FOCN INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS	15	105,460.	0.	FMV	SUPPORT FARMERS MARKETS TO BE ABLE TO ACCEPT AND DOUBLE THE VALUE OF SNAP AND OTHER BENEFITS USED AT FARMERS

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

PART I, LINE 2:

THE ORGANIZATION SELECTS DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS FOR FUNDING THROUGH A COMPETITIVE APPLICATION PROCESS. FIRST, RAFI STAFF WORK WITH POTENTIAL APPLICANTS TO ASSESS APPLICATION MATERIALS AND UNDERSTAND PROJECT REQUIREMENTS. ONCE APPLICANTS HAVE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED PROPOSALS FOR FUNDING, THE PROPOSALS ARE TURNED OVER TO A REVIEW COMMITTEE COMPRISED OF FARMERS, MEMBERS OF FARMER SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS, AGRIBUSINESS EXPERTS, RURAL CLERGY, AND UNIVERSITY RESEARCHERS. THE REVIEW COMMITTEE SCORES THE PROPOSALS USING A STANDARDIZED RATINGS SHEET. REVIEWERS THEN SELECT

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FINALISTS FROM AMONG THE TOP SCORING APPLICANTS. THE REVIEW COMMITTEE THEN MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUNDING TO RAFI'S AGRICULTURAL REINVESTMENT FUND (ARF) OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE THEN APPROVES FUNDING FOR EACH SPECIFIC PROJECT.

ONCE FUNDING IS APPROVED, RAFI STAFF MEMBERS WORK THE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT AWARD WINNERS TO DEVELOP DEMONSTRATION CONTRACTS. THE CONTRACTS CLEARLY STATE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR FUNDING BY THE AWARD WINNERS AND THE TIMETABLE FOR REPORTING.

RAFI MONITORS DEMONSTRATION CONTRACT ACTIVITIES THROUGH SITE VISITS AND PROJECT REPORTS. SITE VISITS ARE CONDUCTED FOR TWO REASONS. FIRST, TO ENSURE THAT DEMONSTRATION INITIATIVES ARE BEING CARRIED OUT AS PROPOSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPROVED PLAN AND BUDGET. SECOND, RAFI STAFF MEMBERS AIM TO ASSIST FARMER PARTICIPANTS TO OVERCOME BARRIERS AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE RESOURCES THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO THEM. EACH DEMONSTRATION PROJECT IS VISITED AT LEAST TWICE BY RAFI STAFF MEMBERS AND SOME MORE OFTEN, DEPENDING UPON THE NEEDS OF THE SPECIFIC PROJECT. DEMONSTRATION CONTRACT PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT INTERIM AND FINAL REPORTS ON PROJECT PROGRESS. THE REPORTS ASK PARTICIPANTS TO DETAIL PROGRESS BEING MADE TO RURAL ADVANCEMENT FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL-USA 56-1704863 TOWARDS PROJECT COMPLETION, TRACK IMPACTS, AND REQUIRE DETAILED ITEMIZATION OF EXPENDITURES (INCLUDING APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION).

ADDITIONALLY, RAFI STAFF MEMBERS ARE IN CONSTANT CONTACT WITH PROJECT PARTICIPANTS DURING THE CONTRACT PERIOD IN ORDER TO ARRANGE INTERVIEWS, MEDIA COVERAGE, AND ASSIST FARMERS ACCESS TO OTHER RESOURCES.

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PART II, LINE 1, COLUMN (H):

NAME OF ORGANIZATION OR GOVERNMENT: CARRBORO FARMERS MARKET

(H) PURPOSE OF GRANT OR ASSISTANCE: SUPPORT FARMERS MARKETS TO BE ABLE
TO ACCEPT AND DOUBLE THE VALUE OF SNAP AND OTHER BENEFITS USED AT FARMERS
MARKETS.

NAME OF ORGANIZATION OR GOVERNMENT: DURHAM FARMERS MARKET

(H) PURPOSE OF GRANT OR ASSISTANCE: SUPPORT FARMERS MARKETS TO BE ABLE
TO ACCEPT AND DOUBLE THE VALUE OF SNAP AND OTHER BENEFITS USED AT FARMERS
MARKETS.

NAME OF ORGANIZATION OR GOVERNMENT: DURHAM CENTRAL MARKET

(H) PURPOSE OF GRANT OR ASSISTANCE: SUPPORT FARMERS MARKETS TO BE ABLE
TO ACCEPT AND DOUBLE THE VALUE OF SNAP AND OTHER BENEFITS USED AT FARMERS
MARKETS.

NAME OF ORGANIZATION OR GOVERNMENT: ENO RIVER FARMERS MARKET

(H) PURPOSE OF GRANT OR ASSISTANCE: SUPPORT FARMERS MARKETS TO BE ABLE
TO ACCEPT AND DOUBLE THE VALUE OF SNAP AND OTHER BENEFITS USED AT FARMERS
MARKETS.

NAME OF ORGANIZATION OR GOVERNMENT: FARMERS OF ORANGE NC INC

(H) PURPOSE OF GRANT OR ASSISTANCE: SUPPORT FARMERS MARKETS TO BE ABLE
TO ACCEPT AND DOUBLE THE VALUE OF SNAP AND OTHER BENEFITS USED AT FARMERS
MARKETS.

NAME OF ORGANIZATION OR GOVERNMENT: HISTORIC MORGANTON MARKET

(H) PURPOSE OF GRANT OR ASSISTANCE: SUPPORT FARMERS MARKETS TO BE ABLE

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TO ACCEPT AND DOUBLE THE VALUE OF SNAP AND OTHER BENEFITS USED AT FARMERS
MARKETS.

NAME OF ORGANIZATION OR GOVERNMENT: MARION BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

(H) PURPOSE OF GRANT OR ASSISTANCE: SUPPORT FARMERS MARKETS TO BE ABLE
TO ACCEPT AND DOUBLE THE VALUE OF SNAP AND OTHER BENEFITS USED AT FARMERS
MARKETS.

NAME OF ORGANIZATION OR GOVERNMENT: MARKET SQUARE / REIDSVILLE

(H) PURPOSE OF GRANT OR ASSISTANCE: SUPPORT FARMERS MARKETS TO BE ABLE
TO ACCEPT AND DOUBLE THE VALUE OF SNAP AND OTHER BENEFITS USED AT FARMERS
MARKETS.

NAME OF ORGANIZATION OR GOVERNMENT: NASH COUNTY FARMERS MARKET

(H) PURPOSE OF GRANT OR ASSISTANCE: SUPPORT FARMERS MARKETS TO BE ABLE
TO ACCEPT AND DOUBLE THE VALUE OF SNAP AND OTHER BENEFITS USED AT FARMERS
MARKETS.

NAME OF ORGANIZATION OR GOVERNMENT: SOUTH DURHAM FARMERS MARKET

(H) PURPOSE OF GRANT OR ASSISTANCE: SUPPORT FARMERS MARKETS TO BE ABLE
TO ACCEPT AND DOUBLE THE VALUE OF SNAP AND OTHER BENEFITS USED AT FARMERS
MARKETS.

NAME OF ORGANIZATION OR GOVERNMENT: STANLY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

(H) PURPOSE OF GRANT OR ASSISTANCE: SUPPORT FARMERS MARKETS TO BE ABLE
TO ACCEPT AND DOUBLE THE VALUE OF SNAP AND OTHER BENEFITS USED AT FARMERS
MARKETS.

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NAME OF ORGANIZATION OR GOVERNMENT: WILMINGTON FARMERS MARKET INC.

(H) PURPOSE OF GRANT OR ASSISTANCE: SUPPORT FARMERS MARKETS TO BE ABLE
TO ACCEPT AND DOUBLE THE VALUE OF SNAP AND OTHER BENEFITS USED AT FARMERS
MARKETS.

(F) DESCRIPTION OF NON-CASH ASSISTANCE: SUPPORT FARMERS MARKETS TO BE
ABLE TO ACCEPT AND DOUBLE THE VALUE OF SNAP AND OTHER BENEFITS USED AT
FARMERS MARKETS.

**SCHEDULE J
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Compensation Information

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

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

▶ **Attach to Form 990.**

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

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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.

- | | |
|--|--|
| ☐ First-class or charter travel | ☐ Housing allowance or residence for personal use |
| ☐ Travel for companions | ☐ Payments for business use of personal residence |
| ☐ Tax indemnification and gross-up payments | ☐ Health or social club dues or initiation fees |
| ☐ Discretionary spending account | ☐ Personal services (such as maid, chauffeur, chef) |

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

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

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

- | | |
|--|---|
| ☐ Compensation committee | ☐ Written employment contract |
| ☐ Independent compensation consultant | ☒ Compensation survey or study |
| ☐ Form 990 of other organizations | ☒ Approval by the board or compensation committee |

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

a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?

b Participate in or receive payment from a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?

c Participate in or receive payment from an equity-based compensation arrangement?

If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

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

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

a The organization?

b Any related organization?

If "Yes" on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.

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

a The organization?

b Any related organization?

If "Yes" on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.

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

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

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

Yes No

1b

2

4a

4b

4c

5a

5b

6a

6b

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

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

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

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FORM 990, PART I, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

RACIALLY AND ECOLOGICALLY JUST FARMS COMMUNITIES.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

INTENTIONALLY SUPPORT BLACK, INDIGENOUS, AND PEOPLE OF COLOR (BIPOC)

FARMERS IN THE SOUTHEAST WITH THE GOALS OF IMPROVING THEIR ECONOMIC

VIABILITY, KEEPING THEIR LAND, AND GAINING GENERATIONAL INVESTMENT.

FOCN PROVIDES FARMER-LED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, MARKET ACCESS

OPPORTUNITIES, WEBINARS, FARM TOURS, NETWORKING EVENTS, AND GATHERINGS

TO HIGHLIGHT ANCESTRAL TRADITIONS AND KNOWLEDGE.

IN 2020, FOCN ENTERED INTO THE SARE PROJECT, NAVIGATING FARM FINANCIAL

& MENTAL HEALTH CRISES, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH NORTH CAROLINA STATE

UNIVERSITY, THE LAND LOSS PREVENTION PROJECT, THE NORTH CAROLINA

AGROMEDICINE INSTITUTE, AND THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR APPROPRIATE

TECHNOLOGY AND FUNDED BY SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE RESEARCH & EDUCATION

(SARE) TO REDUCE THE LOSS OF FARMS AND LIVES BY RESEARCHING AND TESTING

CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE INFORMATION AND INFORMATION DELIVERY THAT

ADDRESSES THE COMBINED FINANCIAL, LAND TENURE, AND MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

FACED BY FARM FAMILIES IN SEVERE FINANCIAL DISTRESS.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4C, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

ALLIANCE OF ORGANIZATIONS WORKING TO PROVIDE A VOICE FOR MEMBERS AND

RANCHERS INVOLVED IN CONTRACT AGRICULTURE, AS WELL AS THE COMMUNITIES

IN WHICH THEY LIVE.

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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4D, OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES:

FARM ADVOCACY: FARM ADVOCACY PROVIDES ASSISTANCE, DEVELOPS TOOLS AND RESOURCES, AND PROMOTES POLICIES THAT HELP FARMERS ATTAIN GREATER FINANCIAL STABILITY AND ENCOURAGE THRIVING AND SUSTAINABLE SMALL AND MID-SCALE FAMILY FARMS. THE PROGRAM EDUCATES FARMERS ABOUT MANAGING RISK AND EQUIPS THEM TO NAVIGATE FEDERAL FARM PROGRAMS. THE PROGRAM PROVIDES INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING AND ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS FACING FINANCIAL CRISIS AND WHO STAND TO LOSE THEIR FARMS WITHOUT IMMEDIATE SUPPORT.

CHALLENGING CORPORATE POWER: CHALLENGING CORPORATE POWER WORKS TO HOLD CORPORATIONS AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABLE TO CURB THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF LIVESTOCK CONCENTRATION AND BUILD ALTERNATIVE, INCLUSIVE LIVESTOCK ECONOMIES THAT EQUITABLY DISTRIBUTE PROFITS ACROSS FARMERS, RURAL COMMUNITIES, AND CONSUMERS. THE FISCALLY SPONSORED PROJECT, CAMPAIGN FOR CONTRACT AGRICULTURE REFORM (CCAR) IS INCLUDED AS PART OF THIS PROGRAM.

JUST FOODS: FROM PROMOTING MEANINGFUL STANDARDS FOR ORGANIC AGRICULTURE, TO PIONEERING NEW STANDARDS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE IN THE FOOD SYSTEM, JUST FOODS PROJECTS SEEK TO MAKE FAIR, SUSTAINABLE FARMING A VIABLE CHOICE. PROTECTING AGRICULTURAL GENETIC DIVERSITY IS ALSO ESSENTIAL TO THE VIABILITY OF FAMILY FARMS. THEREFORE, JUST FOODS ADVOCATES FOR FUNDING FOR CLASSICAL BREEDING PROGRAMS AND SUPPORT PUBLICLY-HELD SEEDS AND BREEDS. WITHIN THE JUST FOODS PROGRAM ARE THE PROJECTS: FARMERS OF COLOR NETWORK AND EXPANDING FARMERS MARKET ACCESS. EXPENSES \$ 559,211. INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$ 42,806. REVENUE \$ 0.

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B:

UPON COMPLETION, AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND FORM 990 ARE DISTRIBUTED TO THE BOARD. AUDIT FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS MEET WITH AUDITOR TO REVIEW. TREASURER/ AUDIT FINANCE CHAIR PROVIDES REPORT TO THE BOARD. THE BOARD FORMALLY ACCEPTS AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND FORM 990.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C:

COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY IS MONITORED WHENEVER A SITUATION ARISES THAT COULD BE A POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST. ADDITIONALLY, DISCLOSURES BY STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS ARE MADE ANNUALLY.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15:

THE ORGANIZATION'S SALARY STRUCTURE INTEGRATES COMPARABILITY DATA OBTAINED FROM A MARKET COMPENSATION STUDY OBTAINED IN 2019 FROM THE NC CENTER FOR NONPROFITS AND IN-HOUSE COMPLETED IN 2019. THE STUDY WAS BASED ON MARKET RATES FOR COMPARABLE JOBS IN COMPARABLE ORGANIZATIONS (SIZE, NONPROFIT, FIELD, POSITION, ETC.). THE CURRENT STRUCTURE WAS REVISED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN 2021.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19:

THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G, OTHER FEES:

OTHER CONTRACT SERVICES:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	363,516.
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	18,754.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	610.
TOTAL EXPENSES	382,880.

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TOTAL OTHER FEES ON FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G, COL A **382,880.**

FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9, CHANGES IN NET ASSETS:

BAD DEBT **-1,000.**

FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C:

**THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OVERSEES THE SELECTION OF THE AUDITORS AND THE
AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE ORGANIZATION. NO CHANGES HAVE
BEEN MADE FROM THE PRIOR YEAR.**

**SCHEDULE R
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Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.

► Attach to Form 990.

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

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

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

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
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Part III

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

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

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

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

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1)			
(2)			
(3)			
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R. See instructions.

Form **8879-TE****IRS e-file Signature Authorization
for a Tax Exempt Entity**

OMB No. 1545-0047

For calendar year 2021, or fiscal year beginning _____, 2021, and ending _____, 20____

2021Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service▶ **Do not send to the IRS. Keep for your records.**
▶ **Go to www.irs.gov/Form8879TE for the latest information.**Name of filer **RURAL ADVANCEMENT FOUNDATION
INTERNATIONAL - USA**EIN or SSN
56-1704863Name and title of officer or person subject to tax **EDNA RODRIGUEZ
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR****Part I Type of Return and Return Information**

Check the box for the return for which you are using this Form 8879-TE and enter the applicable amount, if any, from the return. Form 8038-CP and Form 5330 filers may enter dollars and cents. For all other forms, enter whole dollars only. If you check the box on line **1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, 5a, 6a, 7a, 8a, 9a, or 10a** below, and the amount on that line for the return being filed with this form was blank, then leave line **1b, 2b, 3b, 4b, 5b, 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, or 10b**, whichever is applicable, blank (do not enter -0-). But, if you entered -0- on the return, then enter -0- on the applicable line below. **Do not** complete more than one line in Part I.

1a Form 990 check here ▶ ☒	b Total revenue, if any (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1b <u>3,762,737.</u>
2a Form 990-EZ check here ... ▶ ☐	b Total revenue, if any (Form 990-EZ, line 9)	2b _____
3a Form 1120-POL check here ▶ ☐	b Total tax (Form 1120-POL, line 22)	3b _____
4a Form 990-PF check here ... ▶ ☐	b Tax based on investment income (Form 990-PF, Part V, line 5)	4b _____
5a Form 8868 check here ▶ ☐	b Balance due (Form 8868, line 3c)	5b _____
6a Form 990-T check here ▶ ☐	b Total tax (Form 990-T, Part III, line 4)	6b _____
7a Form 4720 check here ▶ ☐	b Total tax (Form 4720, Part III, line 1)	7b _____
8a Form 5227 check here ▶ ☐	b FMV of assets at end of tax year (Form 5227, Item D)	8b _____
9a Form 5330 check here ▶ ☐	b Tax due (Form 5330, Part II, line 19)	9b _____
10a Form 8038-CP check here ▶ ☐	b Amount of credit payment requested (Form 8038-CP, Part III, line 22)	10b _____

Part II Declaration and Signature Authorization of Officer or Person Subject to Tax

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that ☒ I am an officer of the above entity or ☐ I am a person subject to tax with respect to (name of entity) _____, (EIN) _____ and that I have examined a copy of the

2021 electronic return and accompanying schedules and statements, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. I further declare that the amount in Part I above is the amount shown on the copy of the electronic return. I consent to allow my intermediate service provider, transmitter, or electronic return originator (ERO) to send the return to the IRS and to receive from the IRS (a) an acknowledgement of receipt or reason for rejection of the transmission, (b) the reason for any delay in processing the return or refund, and (c) the date of any refund. If applicable, I authorize the U.S. Treasury and its designated Financial Agent to initiate an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) entry to the financial institution account indicated in the tax preparation software for payment of the federal taxes owed on this return, and the financial institution to debit the entry to this account. To revoke a payment, I must contact the U.S. Treasury Financial Agent at 1-888-353-4537 no later than 2 business days prior to the payment (settlement) date. I also authorize the financial institutions involved in the processing of the electronic payment of taxes to receive confidential information necessary to answer inquiries and resolve issues related to the payment. I have selected a personal identification number (PIN) as my signature for the electronic return and, if applicable, the consent to electronic funds withdrawal.

PIN: check one box only

☒ I authorize **BLACKMAN & SLOOP, CPAS, P.A.** to enter my PIN **23525**
ERO firm name Enter five numbers, but
do not enter all zeros

as my signature on the tax year 2021 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I also authorize the aforementioned ERO to enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

☐ As an officer or person subject to tax with respect to the entity, I will enter my PIN as my signature on the tax year 2021 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I will enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

Signature of officer or person subject to tax ▶

Date ▶

Part III Certification and Authentication

ERO's EFIN/PIN. Enter your six-digit electronic filing identification number (EFIN) followed by your five-digit self-selected PIN.

69978912345

Do not enter all zeros

I certify that the above numeric entry is my PIN, which is my signature on the 2021 electronically filed return indicated above. I confirm that I am submitting this return in accordance with the requirements of **Pub. 4163**, Modernized e-File (MeF) Information for Authorized IRS e-file Providers for Business Returns.

ERO's signature ▶ **DEETRA B. WATSON**

Date ▶

ERO Must Retain This Form - See Instructions
Do Not Submit This Form to the IRS Unless Requested To Do So

LHA For Privacy act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see instructions.

Form **8879-TE** (2021)

**Application for Automatic Extension of Time To File an
Exempt Organization Return**

OMB No. 1545-0047

- **File a separate application for each return.**
► **Go to www.irs.gov/Form8868 for the latest information.**

Electronic filing (e-file). You can electronically file Form 8868 to request a 6-month automatic extension of time to file any of the forms listed below with the exception of Form 8870, Information Return for Transfers Associated With Certain Personal Benefit Contracts, for which an extension request must be sent to the IRS in paper format (see instructions). For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit www.irs.gov/e-file-providers/e-file-for-charities-and-non-profits.

Automatic 6-Month Extension of Time. Only submit original (no copies needed).

All corporations required to file an income tax return other than Form 990-T (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns.

Type or print File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.	Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions. RURAL ADVANCEMENT FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL - USA	Taxpayer identification number (TIN) 56-1704863
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. PO BOX 640	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. PITTSBORO, NC 27312	

Enter the Return Code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return) 0 1

Application Is For	Return Code	Application Is For	Return Code
Form 990 or Form 990-EZ	01	Form 1041-A	08
Form 4720 (individual)	03	Form 4720 (other than individual)	09
Form 990-PF	04	Form 5227	10
Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	05	Form 6069	11
Form 990-T (trust other than above)	06	Form 8870	12
Form 990-T (corporation)	07		

EDNA RODRIGUEZ, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- The books are in the care of ► **PO BOX 640 - PITTSBORO, NC 27312**

Telephone No. ► **919-542-1396**

Fax No. ► _____

- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box ☐
• If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) _____. If this is for the whole group, check this box ☐. If it is for part of the group, check this box ☐ and attach a list with the names and TINs of all members the extension is for.

- 1 I request an automatic 6-month extension of time until **NOVEMBER 15, 2022**, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:

► ☒ calendar year **2021** or

► ☐ tax year beginning _____, and ending _____.

- 2 If the tax year entered in line 1 is for less than 12 months, check reason: ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return
☐ Change in accounting period

3a If this application is for Forms 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.	3a	\$	0.
b If this application is for Forms 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit.	3b	\$	0.
c Balance due. Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	3c	\$	0.

Caution: If you are going to make an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-TE and Form 8879-TE for payment instructions.