

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Form 990

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

2023

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A For the 2023 calendar year, or tax year beginning JUL 1, 2023 and ending JUN 30, 2024

Form header section containing organization name (MISSOULA ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP), EIN (27-3994460), address (PO BOX 7457, MISSOULA, MT 59807), and other identifying information.

Part I Summary

Table with 3 columns: Description, Prior Year, Current Year. Rows include mission statement, governance metrics, revenue (Total: 860,829), expenses (Total: 935,268), and net assets (Total: 571,893).

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.

Signature block containing signatures of officer (GRANT KIER, PRESIDENT & CEO) and preparer (DREW RIEKER, CPA), along with dates and contact information.

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions [X] Yes [] No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

THE MISSOULA ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP WORKS COLLABORATIVELY AND STRATEGICALLY TO FACILITATE INCREASED PROSPERITY THROUGH BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT WHILE ENHANCING THE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT AND QUALITY OF LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

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 [X] 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 [X] 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 \$) including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM:

MISSOULA ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP'S BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM SUPPORTS BUSINESSES AT EVERY STAGE OF GROWTH BY PROVIDING DIRECT SERVICES AND COLLABORATING WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS. IN 2024, MEP WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE DOWNTOWN MISSOULA BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT TO DELIVER ONE-ON-ONE SUPPORT, MENTORSHIP, AND RESOURCES TO MORE THAN 40 DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES. KEY AREAS OF FOCUS INCLUDED COMMERCIAL RENT INCREASES, THE DOWNTOWN SAFETY AND MOBILITY PROJECT, THE NEW FY2025 PARKING PLAN, AND THE BROOKS STREET CORRIDOR INITIATIVE. MEP ALSO PARTNERED WITH THE CITY'S PARKING DIRECTOR TO INFORM AND PREPARE BUSINESSES FOR UPCOMING CHANGES, CULMINATING IN A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH 15 BUSINESS OWNERS. BEYOND DOWNTOWN, MEP CONNECTED WITH OVER 70 BUSINESSES

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$) including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM:

MISSOULA ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP'S WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AIMS TO FOSTER INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH BY IMPROVING ACCESS TO QUALITY JOBS AND SUPPORTING WORKFORCE RESILIENCE. IN 2024, MEP LED MISSOULA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES' GOOD JOBS, GREAT CITIES ACADEMY, A YEARLONG INITIATIVE FOCUSED ON ADVANCING EQUITABLE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES. FOLLOWING THE CLOSURES OF ROSEBURG FOREST PRODUCTS AND PYRAMID MOUNTAIN LUMBER, MEP CONVENED MORE THAN 30 PUBLIC, PRIVATE, AND NONPROFIT STAKEHOLDERS TO ASSESS THE ECONOMIC IMPACT AND EXPLORE REDEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES, WORKER SUPPORT, AND LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY FOR THE WOOD PRODUCTS INDUSTRY. MEP ALSO CONTINUES TO WORK CLOSELY WITH INVESTORS TO IDENTIFY NEW OPPORTUNITIES IN THIS

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$) including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

LAND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM:

THE MISSOULA ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP'S LAND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM SUPPORTS STRATEGIC REDEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COORDINATION TO ADVANCE HOUSING, COMMERCIAL SPACE, AND PUBLIC AMENITIES. IN 2024, MEP PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN ADVANCING THE MIDTOWN MASTER PLAN BY WORKING WITH PRIVATE LANDOWNERS AND DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS TO UNLOCK BROWNFIELD SITES. THIS EFFORT CONTRIBUTED TO THE CITY OF MISSOULA ENTERING INTO A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT FOR 10 ACRES SOUTH OF SOUTHGATE MALL-OPENING THE DOOR FOR POTENTIAL HOUSING, PARK SPACE, AND TRANSPORTATION CONNECTIVITY. MEP ALSO CONTINUED ITS SUPPORT OF THE OLD LIBRARY BLOCK REDEVELOPMENT BY COLLABORATING WITH THE CITY'S SELECTED DEVELOPERS, DECHASE MIKSIS AND EDLEN & CO., TO ATTRACT CAPITAL AND BUSINESS PARTNERS. THIS INCLUDED

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

(Expenses \$) including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses

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>		
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.</i> See instructions		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

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows 22-38. Includes questions about grants, compensation, tax-exempt bonds, excess benefit transactions, controlled entities, and Schedule O completion.

Note: All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows 1a-1c. Includes questions about Form 1096, Forms W-2G, and backup withholding rules.

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

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No columns. Includes questions 2a through 17 regarding employee reporting, tax shelter transactions, and charitable contributions.

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 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.		
	21		
b	Enter the number of voting members included on line 1a, above, who are independent		
	21		
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?		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?		X
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		X
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?		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?		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?		X
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a	The governing body?	X	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	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		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?		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?		
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	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	X	
b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	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	X	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	X	
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	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	X	
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process on Schedule O. See instructions.		X
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?		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?		

Section C. Disclosure

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed NONE
- 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
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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, box 6 of Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.

- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, 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) GRANT KIER PRESIDENT & CEO	40.00			X				172,996.	0.	7,261.
(2) TOM SEVERSON CHAIR	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(3) JACK LAWSON VICE CHAIR	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(4) JASON WILLIAMS PAST CHAIR	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(5) LIZ MELLEM SECRETARY	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(6) MARK HAYDEN TREASURER	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(7) PAUL GLADEN EX-OFFICIO DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(8) AMBER SHERRILL EX-OFFICIO DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(9) CHARLIE BEATON DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(10) SETH BODNAR DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(11) JAYMIE BOWDITCH DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(12) SCOTT BURKE DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(13) BILL CALHOUN DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(14) ANDREA DAVIS DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(15) RYAN HANSEN DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(16) CHRISTINA HENDERSON DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(17) MICAH HILL DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(18) DOUG JACKSON DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(19) DEBBIE JOHNSTON DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(20) ALAN MCCORMICK DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(21) SUE WILLIAMS DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(22) GEORGE LAMBROS DIRECTOR EMERITUS	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(23) KIRK BODLOVIC DIRECTOR (FORMER)	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(24) JORDAN HESS DIRECTOR (FORMER)	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(25) JASON RICE DIRECTOR (FORMER)	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(26) JOSH SLOTNICK DIRECTOR (FORMER)	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
1b Subtotal								172,996.	0.	7,261.
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A								0.	0.	0.
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								172,996.	0.	7,261.

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
NONE		

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization 0

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

		(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	
		Total revenue	Related or exempt function revenue	Unrelated business revenue	Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1 a Federated campaigns	1a				
	b Membership dues	1b				
	c Fundraising events	1c				
	d Related organizations	1d				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e	37,417.			
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	353,372.			
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	1g \$				
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		390,789.			
Program Service Revenue	2 a PROGRAM REVENUE	Business Code				
		900099	468,307.	468,307.		
	b					
	c					
	d					
	e					
	f All other program service revenue	900099				
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		468,307.				
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		2.		2.	
	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 REVENUE	Business Code				
		900099	1,731.		1,731.	
	b					
	c					
	d All other revenue					
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d		1,731.				
12 Total revenue. See instructions		860,829.	468,307.	0.	1,733.	

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

<i>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</i>	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21 ...				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	178,506.			
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	426,880.			
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	24,023.			
9 Other employee benefits	35,248.			
10 Payroll taxes	47,609.			
11 Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting				
d Lobbying				
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.)	71,093.			
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	3,803.			
14 Information technology	9,929.			
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	68,828.			
17 Travel	5,262.			
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials ...				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	3,011.			
20 Interest	1,109.			
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	5,045.			
23 Insurance	6,901.			
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 <u>DONATIONS</u>	22,000.			
b <u>DUES, SUBSCRIPTIONS, LI</u>	11,455.			
c <u>MEALS AND ENTERTAINMENT</u>	8,204.			
d <u>REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE</u>	4,312.			
e All other expenses	2,050.			
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	935,268.			
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X Balance Sheet

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	34,751.	1	11,740.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	10,007.	2	10,007.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	564,948.	3	562,153.
	4 Accounts receivable, net	92,919.	4	46,332.
	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	385.	9	1,664.
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 102,836.		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 89,863.	9,014.	10c 12,973.
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities		11	
	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	113,984.	15	59,839.
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	826,008.	16	704,708.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	18,222.	17	35,381.
	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		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties	49,960.	24	40,068.
	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	111,494.	25	57,366.
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	179,676.	26	132,815.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.			
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions	81,384.	27	14,342.
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions	564,948.	28	557,551.
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.			
	29 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		29	
	30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		30	
	31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		31	
	32 Total net assets or fund balances	646,332.	32	571,893.
33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	826,008.	33	704,708.	

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	860,829.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	935,268.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-74,439.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	646,332.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
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	0.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	571,893.

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

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

Schedule B
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

Attach to Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF.
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2023

Name of the organization

MISSOULA ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP

Employer identification number

27-3994460

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

501(c)(6) (enter number) organization

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation

527 political organization

Form 990-PF

501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

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

General Rule

For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or 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).

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the instructions for Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF.

Schedule B (Form 990) (2023)

Name of organization

Employer identification number

MISSOULA ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP**27-3994460****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
<u>1</u>	<u>N/A</u> _____ _____	\$ <u>25,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>2</u>	<u>N/A</u> _____ _____	\$ <u>25,020.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>3</u>	<u>N/A</u> _____ _____	\$ <u>50,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>4</u>	<u>N/A</u> _____ _____	\$ <u>100,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>5</u>	<u>N/A</u> _____ _____	\$ <u>9,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>6</u>	<u>N/A</u> _____ _____	\$ <u>20,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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MISSOULA ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP**27-3994460****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
7	N/A	\$ 17,500.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
8	N/A	\$ 6,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
9	N/A	\$ 50,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
10	N/A	\$ 5,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
11	N/A	\$ 5,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
12	N/A	\$ 5,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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MISSOULA ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP

27-3994460

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
13	N/A	\$ 5,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
_____	_____	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
_____	_____	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
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_____	_____	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
_____	_____	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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

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

Name of organization MISSOULA ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP	Employer identification number 27-3994460
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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	
_____ _____ _____		_____ _____ _____	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
_____	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
_____ _____ _____		_____ _____ _____	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
_____	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
_____ _____ _____		_____ _____ _____	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
_____	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
_____ _____ _____		_____ _____ _____	

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.

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

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include: 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?, 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?

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

Table with 2 columns: Description, Held at the End of the Tax Year. Rows include: 1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply), 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, 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?, 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 2d above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?, 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.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows include: 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. 1b If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items. (i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1. (ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X. 2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under FASB ASC 958 relating to these items: a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1. b Assets included in Form 990, Part X.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

- 3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that 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 in Part XIII

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

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
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 |
|--|--------|----|
| (i) Unrelated organizations? | 3a(i) | |
| (ii) Related organizations? | 3a(ii) | |
| b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? | 3b | |
- 4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment

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

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements		5,829.	1,275.	4,554.
d Equipment		97,007.	88,588.	8,419.
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 10c, column (B))				12,973.

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, line 12, col. (B))		

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, line 13, col. (B))		

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) SECURITY DEPOSIT	4,100.
(2) ROU ASSET	55,739.
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 15, col. (B))	59,839.

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) LEASE LIABILITY	57,366.
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 25, col. (B))	57,366.

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...

**SCHEDULE J
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest
Compensated Employees
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.
Attach to Form 990.
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Inspection

Name of the organization

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Employer identification number

27-3994460

Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

	Yes	No								
<p>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.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (such as maid, chauffeur, chef)</td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use	<input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions	<input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments	<input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees	<input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (such as maid, chauffeur, chef)		
<input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use									
<input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions	<input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence									
<input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments	<input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees									
<input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (such as maid, chauffeur, chef)									
<p>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</p>	1b									
<p>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?</p>	2									
<p>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.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee</td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee				
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study									
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee									
<p>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:</p> <p>a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?</p>	4a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>								
<p>b Participate in or receive payment from a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?</p>	4b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>								
<p>c Participate in or receive payment from an equity-based compensation arrangement?</p> <p>If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.</p>	4c	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>								
<p>Only section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.</p>										
<p>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:</p> <p>a The organization?</p>	5a									
<p>b Any related organization?</p> <p>If "Yes" on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.</p>	5b									
<p>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:</p> <p>a The organization?</p>	6a									
<p>b Any related organization?</p> <p>If "Yes" on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.</p>	6b									
<p>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</p>	7									
<p>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</p>	8									
<p>9 If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?</p>	9									

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Schedule J (Form 990) 2023

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

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

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

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC and/or 1099-NEC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
(1) GRANT KIER PRESIDENT & CEO	(i)	172,996.	0.	0.	6,920.	341.	180,257.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
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Part III Supplemental Information

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

PART I, LINE 3:

AN INDEPENDENT CONSULTING FIRM CONDUCTED A PRIOR COMPENSATION SURVEY AND HELPED DETERMINE THE CEO'S COMPENSATION PACKAGE AND RANGE. THE COMPENSATION PACKAGE IS REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUALLY.

**SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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

OMB No. 1545-0047

2023

Open to Public
Inspection

Name of the organization

MISSOULA ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP

Employer identification number

27-3994460

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

COUNTYWIDE, OFFERING TAILORED ASSISTANCE IN AREAS SUCH AS ACCESSING
CAPITAL, EXPLORING MARKET EXPANSION, AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

ADDITIONALLY, MEP SUPPORTED 20 POTENTIAL STARTUPS, PROVIDING GUIDANCE
ON BUSINESS PLANNING, FUNDING STRATEGIES, AND MENTORSHIP TO HELP LAUNCH
AND GROW NEW VENTURES.

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

SECTOR. IN ADDITION, MEP PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN THE CLEAN ENERGY
WORKFORCE COALITION, WHICH EARNED NATIONAL RECOGNITION AND FUNDING TO
LAUNCH A CLEAN ENERGY TRAINING PROGRAM AT MISSOULA COLLEGE. THIS
INITIATIVE, FOCUSED ON CREATING PATHWAYS FOR LOW-INCOME WOMEN, REFLECTS
MEP'S COMMITMENT TO INCLUSIVE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRY
DIVERSIFICATION. MEP'S WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM COLLABORATES WITH
PRIVATE SECTOR STAKEHOLDERS, EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AND PEER
ORGANIZATIONS. THE PROGRAM FOCUSES ON EXPANDING CAREER PATHWAYS,
INCUMBENT WORKER TRAINING, TALENT RETENTION, AND ATTRACTION.

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

FACILITATING INTRODUCTIONS TO GROCERS, CHILDCARE PROVIDERS, AND
RETAILERS TO HELP SHAPE A PROJECT ALIGNED WITH COMMUNITY NEEDS.
ADDITIONALLY, MEP FOUNDED THE MISSOULA INFRASTRUCTURE COALITION, A
QUARTERLY CONVENING OF INDUSTRY LEADERS AND PUBLIC AGENCIES FOCUSED ON
ADDRESSING LONG-TERM INFRASTRUCTURE CHALLENGES AND IMPROVING
COORDINATION ACROSS SECTORS TO SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE GROWTH THROUGHOUT

MISSOULA COUNTY.

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Schedule O (Form 990) 2023

Name of the organization

MISSOULA ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP

Employer identification number

27-3994460

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

COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM:

MEP'S COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM STRENGTHENS COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND INVOLVEMENT AROUND ECONOMIC ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES. IN 2024, MEP'S BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER, THE INDICATOR, REACHED 800+ SUBSCRIBERS AND MAINTAINED A 60% ENGAGEMENT RATE-WELL ABOVE INDUSTRY STANDARDS. MEP ALSO CONTINUED ITS MONTHLY ECON 101 RADIO SEGMENT ON KGVO NEWSTALK, REACHING OVER 20,000 LISTENERS ACROSS MISSOULA AND RAVALLI COUNTIES WITH TIMELY DISCUSSIONS ON TOPICS SUCH AS HOUSING, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND WORKFORCE NEEDS. MEP FACILITATED TWO HIGH-LEVEL LISTENING SESSIONS AT THE REQUEST OF SENATOR JON TESTER AND THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF MINNEAPOLIS, ALLOWING LOCAL BUSINESS LEADERS TO DIRECTLY SHARE THEIR ECONOMIC CONCERNS WITH FEDERAL POLICYMAKERS. IN ADDITION, MEP LAUNCHED A NEW EVENT SERIES-FAST ACTION CONVERSATIONS-WITH AN INAUGURAL SESSION ON THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF HOMELESSNESS, FEATURING EXPERT PANELISTS AND FINDINGS FROM A COMMISSIONED STUDY BY DR. BRYCE WARD. THESE INITIATIVES REFLECT MEP'S COMMITMENT TO FOSTERING OPEN DIALOGUE, INFORMED DECISION-MAKING, AND INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

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

THE TREASURER AND CEO REVIEW THE FORM 990 AND A COPY IS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE BOARD PRIOR TO FILING.

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

THE ORGANIZATION DISCLOSES AND ENFORCES COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY.

Name of the organization

MISSOULA ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP

Employer identification number

27-3994460

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

AN INDEPENDENT CONSULTING FIRM CONDUCTED A PRIOR COMPENSATION SURVEY AND HELPED DETERMINE THE CEO'S COMPENSATION PACKAGE AND RANGE. THE COMPENSATION PACKAGE IS REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUALLY.

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

MEP'S BYLAWS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE ORGANIZATION'S WEBSITE AND ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, POLICIES, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST.

**Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization
Return or Excise Taxes Related to Employee Benefit Plans**

OMB No. 1545-0047

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

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.

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.

Part I - Identification

Type or Print	Name of exempt organization, employer, or other filer, see instructions. MISSOULA ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP	Taxpayer identification number (TIN) 27-3994460
File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. PO BOX 7457	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. MISSOULA, MT 59807	

Enter the Return Code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return) 01

Application Is For	Return Code	Application Is For	Return Code
Form 990 or Form 990-EZ	01	Form 4720 (other than individual)	09
Form 4720 (individual)	03	Form 5227	10
Form 990-PF	04	Form 6069	11
Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	05	Form 8870	12
Form 990-T (trust other than above)	06	Form 5330 (individual)	13
Form 990-T (corporation)	07	Form 5330 (other than individual)	14
Form 1041-A	08		

• After you enter your Return Code, complete either Part II or Part III. Part III, including signature, is applicable only for an extension of time to file Form 5330.

• If this application is for an extension of time to file Form 5330, you must enter the following information.

Plan Name _____
 Plan Number _____
 Plan Year Ending (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

Part II - Automatic Extension of Time To File for Exempt Organizations (see instructions)

The books are in the care of JCCS, P.C.
321 W BROADWAY, 4TH FLOOR - MISSOULA, MT 59802
 Telephone No. 406-549-4148 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 MAY 15, 20 25, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:
 calendar year 20 ____ or
 tax year beginning JUL 1, 20 23, and ending JUN 30, 20 24

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.

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

Form **8868** (Rev. 1-2024)

IRS E-file Signature Authorization for a Tax Exempt Entity

OMB No. 1545-0047

Form **8879-TE**

For calendar year 2023, or fiscal year beginning JUL 1, 2023, and ending JUN 30, 2024

2023

Department 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 **MISSOULA ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP** EIN or SSN **27-3994460**

Name and title of officer or person subject to tax **GRANT KIER
PRESIDENT & CEO**

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b	Total revenue, if any (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1b	860,829.
2a	Form 990-EZ check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b	Total revenue, if any (Form 990-EZ, line 9)	2b	
3a	Form 1120-POL check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b	Total tax (Form 1120-POL, line 22)	3b	
4a	Form 990-PF check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b	Tax based on investment income (Form 990-PF, Part V, line 5)	4b	
5a	Form 8868 check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b	Balance due (Form 8868, line 3c)	5b	
6a	Form 990-T check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b	Total tax (Form 990-T, Part III, line 4)	6b	
7a	Form 4720 check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b	Total tax (Form 4720, Part III, line 1)	7b	
8a	Form 5227 check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b	FMV of assets at end of tax year (Form 5227, Item D)	8b	
9a	Form 5330 check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b	Tax due (Form 5330, Part II, line 19)	9b	
10a	Form 8038-CP check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	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 2023 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 **JUNKERMIER, CLARK, CAMPANELLA, STEVENS PC** to enter my PIN **22404**
ERO firm name Enter five numbers, but do not enter all zeros

as my signature on the tax year 2023 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 2023 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

Grant Kier

Date **5/14/2025**

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.

81044801040

Do not enter all zeros

I certify that the above numeric entry is my PIN, which is my signature on the 2023 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

[Signature]

Date **05/06/25**

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

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

Form **8879-TE** (2023)