

Form **990**

# Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-0047

# 2023

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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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

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**A** For the 2023 calendar year, or tax year beginning 10/01, 2023, and ending 09/30, 20 24

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

**C** Name of organization NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND, INC.  
 Doing business as \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
250 ARAPAHOE AVENUE  
 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code  
BOULDER, CO 80302-5821

**D** Employer identification number  
84-0611876

**E** Telephone number  
(303) 447-8760

**G** Gross receipts \$ 34,063,005

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**J** Website: WWW.NARF.ORG

**K** Form of organization:  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other

**L** Year of formation: 1970

**M** State of legal domicile: DC

## Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	<b>1</b>	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <u>CONSTRUCT THE FOUNDATIONS NECESSARY TO EMPOWER TRIBES SO THEY CAN CONTINUE TO LIVE ACCORDING TO THEIR NATIVE TRADITIONS, ENFORCE THEIR TREATY RIGHTS AND PROTECT THEIR SOVEREIGNTY.</u>		
	<b>2</b>	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	<b>3</b>	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	<b>3</b>	<u>13</u>
	<b>4</b>	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	<b>4</b>	<u>13</u>
	<b>5</b>	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2023 (Part V, line 2a)	<b>5</b>	<u>88</u>
	<b>6</b>	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	<b>6</b>	<u>20</u>
	<b>7a</b>	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	<b>7a</b>	<u>0</u>
<b>b</b>	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11	<b>7b</b>	<u>0</u>	
Revenue	<b>8</b>	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	<b>9</b>	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	<u>17,939,492</u>	<u>20,925,046</u>
	<b>10</b>	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	<u>757,583</u>	<u>1,003,416</u>
	<b>11</b>	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	<u>183,705</u>	<u>2,611,267</u>
	<b>12</b>	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<u>18,937,073</u>	<u>24,586,140</u>
Expenses	<b>13</b>	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	<u>1,103,168</u>	<u>0</u>
	<b>14</b>	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<b>15</b>	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	<u>10,031,093</u>	<u>11,965,591</u>
	<b>16a</b>	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	<u>36,000</u>	<u>33,300</u>
	<b>b</b>	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)	<u>3,701,512</u>	
	<b>17</b>	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	<u>7,569,879</u>	<u>8,492,321</u>
<b>18</b>	Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<u>18,740,140</u>	<u>20,491,212</u>	
<b>19</b>	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	<u>196,933</u>	<u>4,094,928</u>	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	<b>20</b>	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	<b>21</b>	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	<u>71,353,158</u>	<u>84,115,280</u>
	<b>22</b>	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	<u>3,492,645</u>	<u>3,528,328</u>
			<u>67,860,513</u>	<u>80,586,952</u>

## 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.

Prepared by: Michael Kennedy Date: 4/16/2025  
 Signature of officer: Michael Kennedy Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Type or print name and title: MICHAEL KENNEDY, CFO

**Paid Preparer Use Only**

Print/Type preparer's name: ADAM R. SMITH Preparer's signature: Adam R. Smith Date: 04/08/2025 Check  if self-employed PTIN: P00958966  
 Firm's name: FORVIS MAZARS, LLP Firm's EIN: 44-0160260  
 Firm's address: 111 SOUTH TEJON SUITE 800, COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80903-9848 Phone no.: (719) 471-4290

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

**Part III** Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III  Yes  No

**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission:

THE NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND HOLDS GOVERNMENTS ACCOUNTABLE. WE FIGHT TO PROTECT NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS, RESOURCES, AND LIFEWAYS THROUGH LITIGATION, LEGAL ADVOCACY, AND LEGAL EXPERTISE. AS ESTABLISHED BY NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND'S (NARF) FIRST BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE (CONTINUED ON SCHEDULE O)

**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 \$ 13,844,446 including grants of \$ 0 ) (Revenue \$ 1,049,472 )  
SEE SCHEDULE O.

**4b** (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 658,441 including grants of \$ 0 ) (Revenue \$ 0 )

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

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

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

**4e** Total program service expenses 14,502,887

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> 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>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>2</b> Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? See instructions . . . . .	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>3</b> 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>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>4</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> 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>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>5</b> 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>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>6</b> 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>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>7</b> 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>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>8</b> Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III . . . . .</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>9</b> 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>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>10</b> 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>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>11</b> 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.		
<b>a</b> 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>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>b</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>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>c</b> 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>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>d</b> 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>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>e</b> Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X . . . . .</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>f</b> 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>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>12a</b> Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII . . . . .</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>b</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>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>13</b> Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E . . . . .</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>14a</b> Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States? . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>b</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>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>15</b> 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>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>16</b> 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>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>17</b> 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>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>18</b> 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>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>19</b> 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>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>20a</b> Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H . . . . .</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>b</b> If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return? . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>21</b> 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>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

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

**Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance**

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

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

<b>Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance</b> <i>(continued)</i>		Yes	No		
<b>2a</b>	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	<b>2a</b>	88		
<b>b</b>	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?	<b>2b</b>		✓	
<b>3a</b>	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	<b>3a</b>			✓
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? <i>If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation on Schedule O</i>	<b>3b</b>			
<b>4a</b>	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)?	<b>4a</b>			✓
<b>b</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).				
<b>5a</b>	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	<b>5a</b>			✓
<b>b</b>	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	<b>5b</b>			✓
<b>c</b>	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	<b>5c</b>			
<b>6a</b>	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?	<b>6a</b>			✓
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	<b>6b</b>			
<b>7</b>	<b>Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>				
<b>a</b>	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?	<b>7a</b>			✓
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	<b>7b</b>			
<b>c</b>	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	<b>7c</b>			✓
<b>d</b>	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	<b>7d</b>			
<b>e</b>	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	<b>7e</b>			✓
<b>f</b>	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	<b>7f</b>			✓
<b>g</b>	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	<b>7g</b>			
<b>h</b>	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	<b>7h</b>			
<b>8</b>	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b> Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	<b>8</b>			
<b>9</b>	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b>				
<b>a</b>	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	<b>9a</b>			
<b>b</b>	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	<b>9b</b>			
<b>10</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</b> Enter:				
<b>a</b>	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	<b>10a</b>			
<b>b</b>	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	<b>10b</b>			
<b>11</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</b> Enter:				
<b>a</b>	Gross income from members or shareholders	<b>11a</b>			
<b>b</b>	Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	<b>11b</b>			
<b>12a</b>	<b>Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</b> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	<b>12a</b>			
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	<b>12b</b>			
<b>13</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.</b>				
<b>a</b>	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? <b>Note:</b> See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.	<b>13a</b>			
<b>b</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	<b>13b</b>			
<b>c</b>	Enter the amount of reserves on hand	<b>13c</b>			
<b>14a</b>	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	<b>14a</b>			✓
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? <i>If "No," provide an explanation on Schedule O</i>	<b>14b</b>			
<b>15</b>	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? If "Yes," see the instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N.	<b>15</b>			✓
<b>16</b>	Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income? If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O.	<b>16</b>			✓
<b>17</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(21) organizations.</b> Did the trust, or any disqualified or other person, engage in any activities that would result in the imposition of an excise tax under section 4951, 4952, or 4953? If "Yes," complete Form 6069.	<b>17</b>			

**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

**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

		Yes	No
<b>1a</b>	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.		
	<b>1a</b> 13		
<b>b</b>	Enter the number of voting members included on line 1a, above, who are independent . . . . .		
	<b>1b</b> 13		
<b>2</b>	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? . . . . .		✓
<b>3</b>	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? . . . . .		✓
<b>4</b>	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? . . . . .		✓
<b>5</b>	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? . . . . .		✓
<b>6</b>	Did the organization have members or stockholders? . . . . .		✓
<b>7a</b>	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? . . . . .		✓
<b>b</b>	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? . . . . .		✓
<b>8</b>	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
<b>a</b>	The governing body? . . . . .	✓	
<b>b</b>	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? . . . . .	✓	
<b>9</b>	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 . . . . .		✓

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

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

**Section C. Disclosure**

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed AK, AL, AR, AZ, (CONTINUED ON SCHEDULE O)
- 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 dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) JOHN ECHOHAWK EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	40.0 0.0			✓			293,898	0	34,614	
(2) MELODY MCCOY ATTORNEY	40.0 0.0					✓	244,258	0	59,713	
(3) KIM GOTTSCHALK ATTORNEY	40.0 0.0					✓	256,526	0	43,604	
(4) MATTHEW CAMPBELL DEPUTY DIRECTOR	40.0 0.0			✓			254,728	0	37,451	
(5) SUSAN NOE ATTORNEY	40.0 0.0					✓	258,337	0	28,255	
(6) BRETT SHELTON ATTORNEY	40.0 0.0					✓	256,985	0	28,876	
(7) DAVID GOVER ATTORNEY	40.0 0.0					✓	244,022	0	39,802	
(8) MICHAEL KENNEDY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	40.0 0.0			✓			202,447	0	41,016	
(9) DONALD RAGONA DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR	40.0 0.0			✓			190,025	0	44,701	
(10) SARAH TRUJILLO PALACIOS CORPORATE SECRETARY	40.0 0.0			✓			143,532	0	29,998	
(11) KENNETH KAHN VICE-CHAIRMAN	1.0 0.0	✓		✓			0	0	0	
(12) LACEY HORN CHAIRWOMAN	1.0 0.0	✓		✓			0	0	0	
(13) CAMILLE KALAMA BOARD MEMBER	1.0 0.0	✓					0	0	0	
(14) GAYLA HOSETH BOARD MEMBER	1.0 0.0	✓					0	0	0	

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(15) GEOFFREY BLACKWELL BOARD MEMBER	1.0 0.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0	0	0
(16) JAMIE AZURE BOARD MEMBER	1.0 0.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0	0	0
(17) LORI STINSON BOARD MEMBER	1.0 0.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0	0	0
(18) LOUIE UNGARO BOARD MEMBER	1.0 0.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0	0	0
(19) MICHAEL PETOSKEY BOARD MEMBER	1.0 0.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0	0	0
(20) REBECCA CROOKS-STRATTON BOARD MEMBER	1.0 0.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0	0	0
(21) REBECCA MILES BOARD MEMBER	1.0 0.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0	0	0
(22) RHONDA PITKA BOARD MEMBER	1.0 0.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0	0	0
(23) ROBERT MIGUEL BOARD MEMBER	1.0 0.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0	0	0
(24) STEPHANIE BRYAN BOARD MEMBER - END 5/3/2024	1.0 0.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0	0	0
(25)										
<b>1b Subtotal</b>								2,344,758	0	388,030
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b>								0	0	0
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b>								2,344,758	0	388,030

**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 41

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

**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
AP MOUNTAIN STATES, LLC, 797 VENTURA STREET, AURORA, CO 80011	CONSTRUCTION	1,591,463
CLASS EXPERTS GROUP, 740 WEST GLEN OAKS LANE, MILWAUKEE, WI 53092	SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION	345,972
SALT, LLC, 645 G STREET, SUITE #301, ANCHORAGE, AK 99501	PROJECT MANAGEMENT	245,187
JEMAL'S ATLANTIC LLC, P O BOX 714435, CINCINNATI, OH 45271-4435	RENT	234,436
IES COMMUNICATIONS, LLC, 2801 SOUTH FAIR LANE, TEMPE, AZ 85282	IT & AV	127,155

**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 8



**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	
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants, and Other Similar Amounts</b>	<b>1a</b>	Federated campaigns . . . . .	<b>1a</b> 7,098					
	<b>b</b>	Membership dues . . . . .	<b>1b</b>					
	<b>c</b>	Fundraising events . . . . .	<b>1c</b>					
	<b>d</b>	Related organizations . . . . .	<b>1d</b>					
	<b>e</b>	Government grants (contributions)	<b>1e</b> 1,247,850					
	<b>f</b>	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	<b>1f</b> 19,670,098					
	<b>g</b>	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f . . . . .	<b>1g</b> \$ 32,407					
	<b>h</b>	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f . . . . .		20,925,046				
	<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	<b>2a</b>	LEGAL FEES	Business Code 541110	1,003,416	1,003,416		
<b>b</b>								
<b>c</b>								
<b>d</b>								
<b>e</b>								
<b>f</b>		All other program service revenue . .		0	0	0	0	
<b>g</b>		<b>Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f . . . . .		1,003,416				
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b>	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) . . . . .		1,596,382			1,596,382	
	<b>4</b>	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	<b>5</b>	Royalties . . . . .		355			355	
	<b>6a</b>	Gross rents . . . . .	(i) Real					
			(ii) Personal					
	<b>b</b>	Less: rental expenses	<b>6b</b>					
	<b>c</b>	Rental income or (loss)	<b>6c</b> 0 0					
	<b>d</b>	Net rental income or (loss) . . . . .						
	<b>7a</b>	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	10,491,750				
			(ii) Other					
	<b>b</b>	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses . . . . .	<b>7b</b> 9,476,865					
	<b>c</b>	Gain or (loss) . . . . .	<b>7c</b> 1,014,885 0					
	<b>d</b>	Net gain or (loss) . . . . .		1,014,885			1,014,885	
<b>8a</b>	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 . . . . .	<b>8a</b>						
<b>b</b>	Less: direct expenses . . . . .	<b>8b</b>						
<b>c</b>	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . . .							
<b>9a</b>	Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 . . . . .	<b>9a</b>						
<b>b</b>	Less: direct expenses . . . . .	<b>9b</b>						
<b>c</b>	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . . .							
<b>10a</b>	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .							
<b>b</b>	Less: cost of goods sold . . . . .	<b>10b</b>						
<b>c</b>	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . . .							
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>	<b>11a</b>	HONORARIUMS	Business Code 900099	27,361	27,361			
	<b>b</b>	REIMBURSEMENTS	900099	11,279	11,279			
	<b>c</b>	OTHER MISC REVENUE	900099	7,416	7,416			
	<b>d</b>	All other revenue . . . . .		0	0	0	0	
	<b>e</b>	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d . . . . .		46,056				
<b>12</b>	<b>Total revenue.</b> See instructions . . . . .		24,586,140	1,049,472	0	2,611,622		

**Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses**

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

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

<b>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</b>		(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	0	0		
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	1,325,066	546,495	479,165	299,406
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	8,626,699	7,258,625	661,958	706,116
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	404,775	347,817	22,286	34,672
9	Other employee benefits	967,631	820,057	31,513	116,061
10	Payroll taxes	641,420	455,121	95,121	91,178
11	Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a	Management				
b	Legal	1,009,135	994,895	14,240	
c	Accounting	34,625		34,625	
d	Lobbying				
e	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	33,300			33,300
f	Investment management fees	383,057		383,057	
g	Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)	1,083,333	1,083,333	0	0
12	Advertising and promotion	445			445
13	Office expenses	906,448	494,780	166,771	244,897
14	Information technology	440,600	169,597	161,732	109,271
15	Royalties				
16	Occupancy	851,885	725,853	79,092	46,940
17	Travel	862,513	642,173	97,007	123,333
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	22,493	17,538		4,955
20	Interest	14,855		14,855	
21	Payments to affiliates				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	427,344	308,219	40,459	78,666
23	Insurance	54,203	48,425	3,673	2,105
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	MAILING, PRINTING & PRODUCTION EXPENSES	2,211,578	408,042		1,803,536
b	LIBRARY	164,729	156,839	1,259	6,631
c	CLIENT CASES LITIGATION EXPENSES	25,078	25,078		
d					
e	All other expenses	0	0	0	0
25	<b>Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24e	20,491,212	14,502,887	2,286,813	3,701,512
26	<b>Joint costs.</b> Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)	1,165,834	408,042	0	757,792

**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
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash—non-interest-bearing . . . . .	6,841,033	<b>1</b>	3,053,102
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .	3,099,408	<b>2</b>	776,165
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .	3,211,834	<b>3</b>	7,478,868
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net . . . . .	236,176	<b>4</b>	258,665
	<b>5</b> Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons . . . . .	0	<b>5</b>	0
	<b>6</b> Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) . . . . .	0	<b>6</b>	0
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net . . . . .		<b>7</b>	
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use . . . . .		<b>8</b>	
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .	422,918	<b>9</b>	447,753
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D . . . . .	<b>10a</b> 13,268,618		
	<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation . . . . .	<b>10b</b> 1,341,836	12,068,905	<b>10c</b> 11,926,782
	<b>11</b> Investments—publicly traded securities . . . . .	38,265,280	<b>11</b>	51,333,988
	<b>12</b> Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .	5,536,904	<b>12</b>	7,372,449
	<b>13</b> Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .	0	<b>13</b>	0
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets . . . . .		<b>14</b>	
	<b>15</b> Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .	1,670,700	<b>15</b>	1,467,508
<b>16 Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33) . . . . .	71,353,158	<b>16</b>	84,115,280	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .	1,437,805	<b>17</b>	1,640,908
	<b>18</b> Grants payable . . . . .		<b>18</b>	
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue . . . . .		<b>19</b>	
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities . . . . .		<b>20</b>	
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D . . . . .		<b>21</b>	
	<b>22</b> Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons . . . . .	0	<b>22</b>	0
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .	6,799	<b>23</b>	58,885
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .		<b>24</b>	
	<b>25</b> Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17–24). Complete Part X of Schedule D . . . . .	2,048,041	<b>25</b>	1,828,535
	<b>26 Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 . . . . .	3,492,645	<b>26</b>	3,528,328
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Net assets without donor restrictions . . . . .	61,486,304	<b>27</b>	70,051,126
	<b>28</b> Net assets with donor restrictions . . . . .	6,374,209	<b>28</b>	10,535,826
	<b>Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.</b>			
	<b>29</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds . . . . .		<b>29</b>	
	<b>30</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund . . . . .		<b>30</b>	
	<b>31</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds . . . . .		<b>31</b>	
<b>32</b> Total net assets or fund balances . . . . .	67,860,513	<b>32</b>	80,586,952	
<b>33</b> Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances . . . . .	71,353,158	<b>33</b>	84,115,280	

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

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

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>1</b>	24,586,140
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2</b>	20,491,212
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	<b>3</b>	4,094,928
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	<b>4</b>	67,860,513
<b>5</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	<b>5</b>	8,631,511
<b>6</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Investment expenses	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	Prior period adjustments	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O)	<b>9</b>	0
<b>10</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	<b>10</b>	80,586,952

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

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

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on Schedule O.		
<b>2a</b> Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both. <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		✓
<b>b</b> Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	✓	
<b>c</b> If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain on Schedule O.	✓	
<b>3a</b> As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Uniform Guidance, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F?		✓
<b>b</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 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](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2023**

**Open to Public  
Inspection**

Name of the organization <b>NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND, INC.</b>	Employer identification number <b>84-0611876</b>
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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)(vii)**. (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<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% 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<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% 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		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
<b>Total</b>					0	0

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Schedule A (Form 990) 2023

**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) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") . . . . .	12,901,033	17,314,327	14,822,919	17,939,492	20,925,046	83,902,817
<b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf . . . . .						0
<b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge . . . . .						0
<b>4 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3 . . . . .	12,901,033	17,314,327	14,822,919	17,939,492	20,925,046	83,902,817
<b>5</b> The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f) . . . . .						7,289,650
<b>6 Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4						76,613,167

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4 . . . . .	12,901,033	17,314,327	14,822,919	17,939,492	20,925,046	83,902,817
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources . . . . .	1,476,662	1,537,528	1,132,902	1,274,389	1,596,737	7,018,218
<b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on . . . . .						0
<b>10</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) . . . . .	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>11 Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						90,921,035
<b>12</b> Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) . . . . .					12	0
<b>13 First 5 years.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> . . . . .						<input type="checkbox"/>

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

<b>14</b> Public support percentage for 2023 (line 6, column (f), divided by line 11, column (f)) . . . . .	<b>14</b>	84.26 %
<b>15</b> Public support percentage from 2022 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 . . . . .	<b>15</b>	83.90 %
<b>16a 33 1/3% support test—2023.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>b 33 1/3% support test—2022.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2023.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2022.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>18 Private foundation.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions . . . . .		<input type="checkbox"/>

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 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) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
<b>2</b> 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 . . . .						
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf . . . .						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge . . . .						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5 . . . .						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons . . . .						
<b>b</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						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b . . . .						
<b>8 Public support.</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.) . . . .						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6 . . . .						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975 . . . .						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b . . . .						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included on line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) . . . .						
<b>13 Total support.</b> (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**

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2023 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) . . . .	<b>15</b>	%
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2022 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 . . . .	<b>16</b>	%

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for <b>2023</b> (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) . . . .	<b>17</b>	%
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from <b>2022</b> Schedule A, Part III, line 17 . . . .	<b>18</b>	%

**19a 33 1/3% support tests—2023.** 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—2022.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . .

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

**Part IV Supporting Organizations**

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 12 of 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>		
3b	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>		
3c	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>		
4b	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>		
4c	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>		
5b	<b>Type I or Type II only.</b> Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
5c	<b>Substitutions only.</b> 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>		
9b	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>		
9c	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>		
10b	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>		



**Part IV Supporting Organizations** (continued)

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

**Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> 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? If "No," describe in <b>Part VI</b> 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.		
<b>1</b>		
<b>2</b> Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization.		
<b>2</b>		

**Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations**

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

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

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> 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?		
<b>1</b>		
<b>2</b> Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s), or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? If "No," explain in <b>Part VI</b> how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).		
<b>2</b>		
<b>3</b> 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? If "Yes," describe in <b>Part VI</b> the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.		
<b>3</b>		

**Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations**

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

**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.

<b>Section A—Adjusted Net Income</b>		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
<b>1</b>	Net short-term capital gain	<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b>	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>	Other gross income (see instructions)	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	Add lines 1 through 3.	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b>	Depreciation and depletion	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Other expenses (see instructions)	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Adjusted Net Income</b> (subtract lines 5, 6, and 7 from line 4)	<b>8</b>	
<b>Section B—Minimum Asset Amount</b>		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
<b>1</b>	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):		
<b>a</b>	Average monthly value of securities	<b>1a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Average monthly cash balances	<b>1b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	<b>1c</b>	
<b>d</b>	<b>Total</b> (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	<b>1d</b>	
<b>e</b>	<b>Discount</b> claimed for blockage or other factors ( <i>explain in detail in Part VI</i> ):		
<b>2</b>	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 0.015 of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b>	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	Multiply line 5 by 0.035.	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Minimum Asset Amount</b> (add line 7 to line 6)	<b>8</b>	
<b>Section C—Distributable Amount</b>			Current Year
<b>1</b>	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, column A)	<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b>	Enter 0.85 of line 1.	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, column A)	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3.	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b>	Income tax imposed in prior year	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Distributable Amount.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions).	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).		

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

<b>Section D—Distributions</b>		<b>Current Year</b>
<b>1</b>	Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required—provide details in <b>Part VI</b> )	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	Other distributions (describe in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions.	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Total annual distributions.</b> Add lines 1 through 6.	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions.	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	Distributable amount for 2023 from Section C, line 6	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount	<b>10</b>

<b>Section E—Distribution Allocations</b> (see instructions)	<b>(i) Excess Distributions</b>	<b>(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2023</b>	<b>(iii) Distributable Amount for 2023</b>
<b>1</b> Distributable amount for 2023 from Section C, line 6			
<b>2</b> Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2023 (reasonable cause required—explain in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions.			
<b>3</b> Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2023			
<b>a</b> From 2018 . . . . .			
<b>b</b> From 2019 . . . . .			
<b>c</b> From 2020 . . . . .			
<b>d</b> From 2021 . . . . .			
<b>e</b> From 2022 . . . . .			
<b>f</b> <b>Total</b> of lines 3a through 3e			
<b>g</b> Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
<b>h</b> Applied to 2023 distributable amount			
<b>i</b> Carryover from 2018 not applied (see instructions)			
<b>j</b> Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.			
<b>4</b> Distributions for 2023 from Section D, line 7: \$			
<b>a</b> Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
<b>b</b> Applied to 2023 distributable amount			
<b>c</b> Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.			
<b>5</b> Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2023, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, explain in <b>Part VI</b> . See instructions.			
<b>6</b> Remaining underdistributions for 2023. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in <b>Part VI</b> . See instructions.			
<b>7</b> <b>Excess distributions carryover to 2024.</b> Add lines 3j and 4c.			
<b>8</b> Breakdown of line 7:			
<b>a</b> Excess from 2019 . . . . .			
<b>b</b> Excess from 2020 . . . . .			
<b>c</b> Excess from 2021 . . . . .			
<b>d</b> Excess from 2022 . . . . .			
<b>e</b> Excess from 2023 . . . . .			

**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.)

Area with horizontal dashed lines for supplemental information.

Schedule B (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

Attach to Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF. Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

2023

Name of the organization NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND, INC.

Employer identification number 84-0611876

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

- Form 990 or 990-EZ [checked] 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 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

- [checked] 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).

Name of organization <b>NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND, INC.</b>	Employer identification number <b>84-0611876</b>
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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	----- ----- -----	\$ ----- 1,200,000	<b>Person</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Payroll</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Noncash</b> <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2	----- ----- -----	\$ ----- 500,000	<b>Person</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Payroll</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Noncash</b> <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
3	----- ----- -----	\$ ----- 2,000,000	<b>Person</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Payroll</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Noncash</b> <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
4	----- ----- -----	\$ ----- 597,036	<b>Person</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Payroll</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Noncash</b> <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
5	----- ----- -----	\$ ----- 500,000	<b>Person</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Payroll</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Noncash</b> <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
6	----- ----- -----	\$ ----- 2,500,000	<b>Person</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Payroll</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Noncash</b> <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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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
7	----- ----- -----	\$ ----- 1,000,000	<b>Person</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Payroll</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Noncash</b> <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
8	----- ----- -----	\$ ----- 1,400,000	<b>Person</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Payroll</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Noncash</b> <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
9	----- ----- -----	\$ ----- 600,000	<b>Person</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Payroll</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Noncash</b> <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
10	----- ----- -----	\$ ----- 500,000	<b>Person</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Payroll</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Noncash</b> <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
11	----- ----- -----	\$ ----- 600,000	<b>Person</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Payroll</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Noncash</b> <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
-----	----- ----- -----	\$ -----	<b>Person</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Payroll</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Noncash</b> <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) <small>(See instructions.)</small>	(d) Date received
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(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) <small>(See instructions.)</small>	(d) Date received
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**Part III** *Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor.* Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions of **\$1,000 or less** for the year. (Enter this information once. See instructions.) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
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(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee
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(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
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(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee
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(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
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(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee
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(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
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(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee
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**SCHEDULE C  
(Form 990)**

**Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2023**

**Open to Public Inspection**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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

**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.

Name of organization <b>NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND, INC.</b>	Employer identification number <b>84-0611876</b>
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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. See instructions for definition of "political campaign activities."
- 2 Political campaign activity expenditures. See instructions . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Volunteer hours for political campaign activities. See instructions . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_

**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-.
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				

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

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Schedule C (Form 990) 2023

**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.

<b>Limits on Lobbying Expenditures</b> <b>(The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)</b>		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
<b>1a</b>	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grassroots lobbying) . . . . .	1,592													
<b>b</b>	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying) . . . . .	15,512													
<b>c</b>	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b) . . . . .	17,104													
<b>d</b>	Other exempt purpose expenditures . . . . .	20,474,108													
<b>e</b>	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d) . . . . .	20,491,212													
<b>f</b>	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.	1,000,000													
<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%; text-align: left;">If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th style="width: 50%; text-align: left;">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.														
<b>g</b>	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f) . . . . .	250,000													
<b>h</b>	Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0- . . . . .	0													
<b>i</b>	Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0- . . . . .	0													
<b>j</b>	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? . . . . .		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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.)

<b>Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period</b>					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2020	(b) 2021	(c) 2022	(d) 2023	(e) Total
<b>2a</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount	855,853	877,081	1,000,000	1,000,000	3,732,934
<b>b</b> Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column (e))					5,599,401
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures	110,581	139,660	56,540	17,104	323,885
<b>d</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount	213,963	219,270	250,000	250,000	933,233
<b>e</b> Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					1,399,850
<b>f</b> Grassroots lobbying expenditures	1,026	3,662	2,287	1,592	8,567

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.

Table with 3 main columns: (a) Yes/No, (b) Amount. Rows include: 1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state, or local legislation...; a Volunteers?; b Paid staff or management...; c Media advertisements?; d Mailings to members...; e Publications...; f Grants to other organizations...; g Direct contact with legislators...; h Rallies, demonstrations...; i Other activities?; j Total. Add lines 1c through 1i; 2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to not be described in section 501(c)(3)?; 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).

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

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."

Table with 2 main columns: Question, Amount. Rows include: 1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members; 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; b Carryover from last year; c Total; 3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues; 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 expenditures next year?; 5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures. See instructions.

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.

Series of horizontal dashed lines for providing supplemental information.

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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Name of the organization: NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND, INC. Employer identification number: 84-0611876

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows 1-4 for values, 5-6 for Yes/No questions.

Part II Conservation Easements

Form with multiple rows for questions 1-9 regarding conservation easements, including a table for 'Held at the End of the Tax Year'.

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

Form with rows 1a-2b for reporting on art and historical treasures, including revenue and asset amounts.

**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 ASSIST IN RESEARCH - CLIENT CASES
- 4** Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.
- 5** During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?  Yes  No

**Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements**

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

- 1a** Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian, or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?  Yes  No
- b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table.
- |  | Amount    |
|--|-----------|
| <b>c</b> Beginning balance             | <b>1c</b> |
| <b>d</b> Additions during the year     | <b>1d</b> |
| <b>e</b> Distributions during the year | <b>1e</b> |
| <b>f</b> Ending balance                | <b>1f</b> |
- 2a** Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability?  Yes  No
- b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

**Part V Endowment Funds**

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

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
<b>1a</b> Beginning of year balance	31,068,058	31,061,234	26,053,835	26,041,891	26,034,947
<b>b</b> Contributions	107,749	6,824	5,007,399	11,944	6,944
<b>c</b> Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
<b>d</b> Grants or scholarships					
<b>e</b> Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
<b>f</b> Administrative expenses					
<b>g</b> End of year balance	31,175,807	31,068,058	31,061,234	26,053,835	26,041,891

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

- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment 96.23 %
- b** Permanent endowment 3.77 %
- c** Term endowment 0.00 %

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

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

- (i)** Unrelated organizations?
- (ii)** Related organizations?

	Yes	No
<b>3a(i)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>3a(ii)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>3b</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**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**

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

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
<b>1a</b> Land		3,570,000		3,570,000
<b>b</b> Buildings		8,022,273	678,866	7,343,407
<b>c</b> Leasehold improvements				
<b>d</b> Equipment		1,595,461	638,222	957,239
<b>e</b> Other		80,884	24,748	56,136
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 10c, column (B))				11,926,782

**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) PRIVATE EQUITY	7,372,449	END OF YEAR MARKET VALUE
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 12, col. (B)) . . .	7,372,449	

**Part VIII Investments—Program Related**

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

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, 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)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 15, col. (B)) . . . . .	

**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) OPERATING LEASE LIABILITY	1,486,992
(3) RETIREMENT OBLIGATION	341,543
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 25, col. (B)) . . . . .	1,828,535

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 .

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

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

<b>1</b>	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements . . . . .		<b>1</b>	32,834,594
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
<b>a</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments . . . . .	<b>2a</b>	8,631,511	
<b>b</b>	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	<b>2b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Recoveries of prior year grants . . . . .	<b>2c</b>		
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.) . . . . .	<b>2d</b>	0	
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b> . . . . .	<b>2e</b>	8,631,511	
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b> . . . . .		<b>3</b>	24,203,083
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:			
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .	<b>4a</b>	383,057	
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.) . . . . .	<b>4b</b>	0	
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b> . . . . .	<b>4c</b>	383,057	
<b>5</b>	Total revenue. Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.) . . . . .		<b>5</b>	24,586,140

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

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

<b>1</b>	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements . . . . .		<b>1</b>	20,108,155
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:			
<b>a</b>	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	<b>2a</b>		
<b>b</b>	Prior year adjustments . . . . .	<b>2b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Other losses . . . . .	<b>2c</b>		
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.) . . . . .	<b>2d</b>	0	
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b> . . . . .	<b>2e</b>	0	
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b> . . . . .		<b>3</b>	20,108,155
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:			
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .	<b>4a</b>	383,057	
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.) . . . . .	<b>4b</b>	0	
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b> . . . . .	<b>4c</b>	383,057	
<b>5</b>	Total expenses. Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.) . . . . .		<b>5</b>	20,491,212

**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.

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**Part XIII**

**Supplemental Information.** Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Return Reference - Identifier	Explanation
<p>SCHEDULE D, PART III, LINE 1A - COLLECTIONS OF ART - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOOTNOTE</p>	<p>IF ELECTED UNDER SFAS 116 PROVIDE FOOTNOTE FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: COLLECTIONS OF WORKS OF ART, HISTORICAL TREASURES, AND SIMILAR ASSETS ARE NOT CAPITALIZED IN AS MUCH AS THE ITEMS ARE PRESERVED AND CARED FOR CONTINUOUSLY. PURCHASES OF COLLECTION ITEMS ARE REPORTED IN THE YEAR OF ACQUISITION AS DECREASES IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS, OR IN TEMPORARILY OR PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS IF THE ASSETS USED TO PURCHASE THE ITEMS WERE RESTRICTED TO THAT USE BY DONOR STIPULATION. CONTRIBUTIONS OF COLLECTION ITEMS ARE NOT REPORTED IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. PROCEEDS FROM DISPOSAL OF AND INSURANCE RECOVERIES RELATED TO COLLECTION ITEMS ARE REPORTED AS INCREASES IN THE APPROPRIATE NET ASSET CLASSES. NARF'S COLLECTIONS CONSIST OF RARE BOOKS AND MAPS. THESE COLLECTIONS ARE HELD FOR EDUCATIONAL AND RESEARCH PURPOSES. THEY ARE SUBJECT TO A POLICY THAT REQUIRES PROCEEDS FROM THE DISPOSITION OF COLLECTION ITEMS TO BE USED TO ACQUIRE OTHER COLLECTION ITEMS. NO COLLECTION ITEMS WERE SOLD OR REMOVED IN 2024 AND 2023.</p>
<p>SCHEDULE D, PART III, LINE 4 - COLLECTIONS OF ART - DESCRIPTION OF COLLECTIONS</p>	<p>DESCRIPTION OF COLLECTIONS AND HOW THEY FURTHER THE EXEMPT PURPOSE: COLLECTIONS CONSIST OF RARE BOOKS AND MAPS. THESE COLLECTIONS ARE HELD FOR EDUCATIONAL AND RESEARCH PURPOSES, WHICH ARE USED IN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ABOUT INDIAN RIGHTS, LAWS, AND ISSUES.</p>
<p>SCHEDULE D, PART V, LINE 4 - INTENDED USES OF ENDOWMENT FUNDS</p>	<p>DESCRIBE THE INTENDED USES OF THE ORGANIZATION'S ENDOWMENT FUNDS: THE ENDOWMENT ASSETS INCLUDE DONOR-RESTRICTED ENDOWMENT FUNDS HELD IN PERPETUITY OR FOR DONOR-SPECIFIED PERIODS AND A BOARD-DESIGNATED ENDOWMENT, TITLED FUTURE LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND, FOR FUTURE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPRESENTATION OF TRIBES AND NATIVE ORGANIZATIONS WHO DO NOT HAVE THE RESOURCES TO PAY FOR THE COSTS OF PREPARING FOR PROTRACTED LITIGATION. RETURNS GENERATED BY THE ENDOWMENT ASSETS ARE UNRESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DONOR STIPULATIONS AND ARE USED TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS AND SUPPORTING OPERATIONS.</p>

**SCHEDULE G  
(Form 990)**

**Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities**

OMB No. 1545-0047

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

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Internal Revenue Service

Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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Name of the organization

NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND, INC.

Employer identification number

84-0611876

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

- 1** Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.
- a**  Mail solicitations
  - b**  Internet and email solicitations
  - c**  Phone solicitations
  - d**  In-person solicitations
  - e**  Solicitation of non-government grants
  - f**  Solicitation of government grants
  - g**  Special fundraising events
- 2a** Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees, or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services?  **Yes**  **No**
- b** If "Yes," list the 10 highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col. (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
<b>1</b> INNOVAIRRE STUDIOS INC, 2 EXECUTIVE CAMPUS SUITE 200, CHERRY HILL, NJ 08002	DIRECT MAIL		✓	3,717,662	33,300	3,684,362
<b>2</b>						
<b>3</b>						
<b>4</b>						
<b>5</b>						
<b>6</b>						
<b>7</b>						
<b>8</b>						
<b>9</b>						
<b>10</b>						
<b>Total</b>				3,717,662	33,300	3,684,362

- 3** List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.

AL, AK, AZ, AR, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VT, VA, WA, WV, WI, WY

**Part II Fundraising Events.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events
		(event type)	(event type)	(total number)	(add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	<b>1</b> Gross receipts . . . . .				
	<b>2</b> Less: Contributions . . . . .				
	<b>3</b> Gross income (line 1 minus line 2) . . . . .				
Direct Expenses	<b>4</b> Cash prizes . . . . .				
	<b>5</b> Noncash prizes . . . . .				
	<b>6</b> Rent/facility costs . . . . .				
	<b>7</b> Food and beverages . . . . .				
	<b>8</b> Entertainment . . . . .				
	<b>9</b> Other direct expenses . . . . .				
	<b>10</b> Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) . . . . .				
<b>11</b> Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) . . . . .					

**Part III Gaming.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col. (a) through col. (c))
		Revenue	<b>1</b> Gross revenue . . . . .		
Direct Expenses	<b>2</b> Cash prizes . . . . .				
	<b>3</b> Noncash prizes . . . . .				
	<b>4</b> Rent/facility costs . . . . .				
	<b>5</b> Other direct expenses . . . . .				
	<b>6</b> Volunteer labor . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	<b>7</b> Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) . . . . .				
	<b>8</b> Net gaming income summary. Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d) . . . . .				

**9** Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities: \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states? . . . . .  Yes  No

**b** If "No," explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**10a** Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended, or terminated during the tax year? . . . . .  Yes  No

**b** If "Yes," explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

11 Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers?  Yes  No

12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust, or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming?  Yes  No

13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in:

a	The organization's facility	<b>13a</b>	%
b	An outside facility	<b>13b</b>	%

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?  Yes  No

b If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party \$ \_\_\_\_\_

c If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

16 Gaming manager information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Gaming manager compensation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Description of services provided \_\_\_\_\_

Director/officer           Employee           Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions:

a Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license?  Yes  No

b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year \_\_\_\_\_ \$

**Part IV** **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v); and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also provide any additional information. See instructions.

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Return Reference	Identifier	Explanation	
SCHEDULE G, PART I, LINE 2B	PAYMENT OF FEES OR PAYMENT OF EXPENSES	Name	Description
		INNOVAIRRE STUDIOS INC	SCHEDULE G, PART I: PAYMENTS FOR PRODUCTION EXPENSES (SUCH AS PRINTING AND POSTAGE) TO INNOVAIRRE STUDIOS WERE MADE SEPARATELY FROM FUNDRAISING FEES. TOTAL PRODUCTION EXPENSES AMOUNTED TO \$2,211,578 FOR THE YEAR.

**SCHEDULE J  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND, INC.

**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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OMB No. 1545-0047

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**Open to Public Inspection**

Employer identification number

84-0611876

**Part I Questions Regarding Compensation**

	Yes	No
<p><b>1a</b> 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> <p> <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>		
<p><b>b</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>	<b>1b</b>	
<p><b>2</b> 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>	<b>2</b>	
<p><b>3</b> 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> <p> <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 type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations                              <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee                 </p>		
<p><b>4</b> 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><b>a</b> Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment? . . . . .</p>	<b>4a</b>	✓
<p><b>b</b> Participate in or receive payment from a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan? . . . . .</p>	<b>4b</b>	✓
<p><b>c</b> 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>	<b>4c</b>	✓
<p><b>Only section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5–9.</b></p>		
<p><b>5</b> 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><b>a</b> The organization? . . . . .</p>	<b>5a</b>	✓
<p><b>b</b> Any related organization? . . . . .</p> <p>If "Yes" on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.</p>	<b>5b</b>	✓
<p><b>6</b> 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><b>a</b> The organization? . . . . .</p>	<b>6a</b>	✓
<p><b>b</b> Any related organization? . . . . .</p> <p>If "Yes" on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.</p>	<b>6b</b>	✓
<p><b>7</b> 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>	<b>7</b>	✓
<p><b>8</b> 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>	<b>8</b>	✓
<p><b>9</b> If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)? . . . . .</p>	<b>9</b>	

**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	JOHN ECHOHAWK	(i)	292,044	0	1,854	22,458	12,156	328,512	0
	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	MELODY MCCOY	(i)	242,674	0	1,584	20,439	39,274	303,971	0
	ATTORNEY	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	KIM GOTTSCHALK	(i)	254,672	0	1,854	20,439	23,165	300,130	0
	ATTORNEY	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	MATTHEW CAMPBELL	(i)	254,488	0	240	14,921	22,530	292,179	0
	DEPUTY DIRECTOR	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	SUSAN NOE	(i)	256,753	0	1,584	14,959	13,296	286,592	0
	ATTORNEY	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	BRETT SHELTON	(i)	255,401	0	1,584	14,920	13,956	285,861	0
	ATTORNEY	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	DAVID GOVER	(i)	243,470	0	552	14,362	25,440	283,824	0
	ATTORNEY	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	MICHAEL KENNEDY	(i)	200,863	0	1,584	15,651	25,365	243,463	0
	CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	DONALD RAGONA	(i)	186,977	0	3,048	14,166	30,535	234,726	0
	DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	SARAH TRUJILLO PALACIOS	(i)	143,292	0	240	8,102	21,896	173,530	0
	CORPORATE SECRETARY	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11		(i)							
		(ii)							
12		(i)							
		(ii)							
13		(i)							
		(ii)							
14		(i)							
		(ii)							
15		(i)							
		(ii)							
16		(i)							
		(ii)							

Part III

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

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<p>SCHEDULE J, PART I, LINE 4B - SUPPLEMENTAL NONQUALIFIED RETIREMENT PLAN</p>	<p>AMOUNT OF AWARD UNDER THE ORGANIZATIONS NONQUALIFIED PLAN IS DETERMINED BY INCORPORATING YEARS OF SERVICE, AGE AND AVERAGE THREE-YEAR BASE SALARY. THE ONE-TIME CASH AWARD IS PAYABLE AT THE DATE OF RETIREMENT FOR ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES.            THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES ACCRUED DEFERRED RETIREMENT COMPENSATION UNDER THE PLAN:            *JOHN ECHOHAWK - \$5,480            *MELODY MCCOY - \$5,480            *KIM GOTTSCHALK - \$5,480            *MICHAEL KENNEDY - \$3,739            *DONALD RAGONA - \$2,979</p>



**SCHEDULE M  
(Form 990)**

**Noncash Contributions**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2023**

**Open to Public  
Inspection**

Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.  
Attach to Form 990.

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

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization  
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Employer identification number  
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**Part I Types of Property**

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art—Works of art . . . . .				
2 Art—Historical treasures . . . . .				
3 Art—Fractional interests . . . . .				
4 Books and publications . . . . .				
5 Clothing and household goods . . . . .				
6 Cars and other vehicles . . . . .				
7 Boats and planes . . . . .				
8 Intellectual property . . . . .				
9 Securities—Publicly traded . . . . .	✓	5	32,407	MARKET VALUE
10 Securities—Closely held stock . . . . .				
11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests . . . . .				
12 Securities—Miscellaneous . . . . .				
13 Qualified conservation contribution—Historic structures . . . . .				
14 Qualified conservation contribution—Other . . . . .				
15 Real estate—Residential . . . . .				
16 Real estate—Commercial . . . . .				
17 Real estate—Other . . . . .				
18 Collectibles . . . . .				
19 Food inventory . . . . .				
20 Drugs and medical supplies . . . . .				
21 Taxidermy . . . . .				
22 Historical artifacts . . . . .				
23 Scientific specimens . . . . .				
24 Archeological artifacts . . . . .				
25 Other ( _____ )				
26 Other ( _____ )				
27 Other ( _____ )				
28 Other ( _____ )				

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part V, Donee Acknowledgement . . . . . **29** 0

	Yes	No
30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least 3 years from the date of the initial contribution, and which isn't required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period? . . . . .		✓
b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.		
31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any nonstandard contributions? . . . . .		✓
32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions? . . . . .		✓
b If "Yes," describe in Part II.		
33 If the organization didn't report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.		

**Part II**

**Supplemental Information.** Provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33, and whether the organization is reporting in Part I, column (b), the number of contributions, the number of items received, or a combination of both. Also complete this part for any additional information.

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SCHEDULE M, PART I - EXPLANATIONS OF REPORTING METHOD FOR NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTIONS	SECURITIES - PUBLICLY TRADED - NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTIONS: THE NUMBER SHOWN ON COLUMN B REPRESENTS THE NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED.

**SCHEDULE O  
(Form 990)**

Department of Treasury Internal  
Revenue Service

**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

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

- ▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.
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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 1 - ORGANIZATION'S MISSION	PRIORITIES THAT GUIDE NARF IN ITS MISSIONS STILL CONTINUE TO LEAD NARF TODAY: (1) THE PRESERVATION OF TRIBAL EXISTENCE; (2) THE PROTECTION OF TRIBAL NATURAL RESOURCES; (3) THE PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS; (4) THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF GOVERNMENTS TO NATIVE AMERICANS; AND (5) THE DEVELOPMENT OF INDIAN LAW AND EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ABOUT INDIAN RIGHTS, LAWS AND ISSUES.

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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A -	<p>THE NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND (NARF) IS THE OLDEST AND LARGEST NON-PROFIT LAW FIRM DEDICATED TO SERVING THE LEGAL ADVOCACY NEEDS OF TRIBAL NATIONS AND THEIR COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY. NARF ASSISTS IN THE EVOLUTION, ASSERTION, AND DEFENSE OF TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY, AND IS CONSIDERED THE PREMIER THOUGHT LEADER IN THE FIELD OF FEDERAL INDIAN LAW. CONTINUING THREATS TO TRIBAL NATIONS, THEIR INTERESTS, AND THEIR CONSTITUTIONALLY GUARANTEED RIGHTS AFFIRM THE NEED FOR THE CASEWORK AND PROGRAMMING OF NARF.</p> <p>NARF IS GUIDED BY FIVE MISSION PRIORITIES WHICH INCLUDE THE PRESERVATION OF TRIBAL EXISTENCE, THE PROTECTION OF TRIBAL NATURAL RESOURCES, THE PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF GOVERNMENTS TO NATIVE AMERICANS, THE DEVELOPMENT OF INDIAN LAW, AND BY EXTENSION, THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC ABOUT CONTEMPORARY INDIAN RIGHTS, LAWS, AND ISSUES. A BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONSISTING OF TRIBAL AND INDIGENOUS LEADERS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY GUIDES THE DIRECTION OF NARF TO THE FULFILLMENT OF OUR MISSION IN PROTECTING TRIBAL INTERESTS, AND OUR LITIGATION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ALONGSIDE OUR CORPORATE OFFICERS ENSURES THAT THE PROGRAMS AND CASES NARF ENGAGES IN WILL CONTINUE TO EFFECTIVELY ADVOCATE UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF FEDERAL INDIAN LAW FOR THE BENEFIT OF TRIBAL NATIONS.</p> <p>FY2024 WAS A YEAR OF CONTINUED GROWTH FOR OUR ORGANIZATION, AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE MANY SUCCESSFUL ASSERTIONS OF TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY. THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW COALITIONS OF LEGAL ADVOCATES, IN-HOUSE TRIBAL GENERAL COUNSELS, AND ACADEMICS ASSURES THAT NARF WILL CONTINUE TO BE AGILE AND PREPARED TO ASSIST TRIBAL NATIONS WITH THEIR ONGOING LEGAL NEEDS AND CHALLENGES. THIS REPORT WILL HIGHLIGHT A FEW OF THE PROGRAMS AND CASE UPDATES FROM FY2024.</p> <p>NARF PROGRAMS</p> <p>- TRIBAL SUPREME COURT PROJECT</p> <p>THE TRIBAL SUPREME COURT PROJECT IS A PROGRAM SPEARHEADED BY THE NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND (NARF) AND THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS (NCAI) THAT CONSISTS OF A COALITION OF OVER 200 ATTORNEYS, ACADEMICS, INDIAN LAW AND U.S. SUPREME COURT PRACTITIONERS, TRIBAL IN-HOUSE ATTORNEYS, AND OTHER LEGAL ORGANIZATIONS. THE PROJECT RECOGNIZES THAT A SINGLE SUPREME COURT DECISION, GOOD OR BAD, HAS THE POTENTIAL TO BENEFIT OR ADVERSELY IMPACT ALL TRIBAL NATIONS, AND SO THE PROJECT COORDINATES, STRATEGIZES, AND PROVIDES CRITICAL RESOURCES TO TRIBES AND INDIVIDUALS WHOSE CASES MAY POTENTIALLY APPEAR BEFORE THE COURT. THE PROJECT BEGAN IN 2001 WHEN AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE TRIBES WERE LOSING ALMOST 80% OF THEIR CASES IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES (SCOTUS). AS A CRITICAL RESOURCE TO TRIBAL NATIONS, THE PROJECT COORDINATES AND FOCUSES RESOURCES TO IMPROVE ADVOCACY AND RESULTS IN TRIBAL SCOTUS CASES AND HAS IMPROVED THE WIN-LOSS RATIO FOR TRIBES BY ASSISTING IN OVER 40 CASES DECIDED BY THE SCOTUS AND DOZENS MORE THAT THE SCOTUS DECLINED TO HEAR.</p> <p>ONE EXAMPLE OF THE PROJECT'S SUCCESS IS SEEN IN THE HAALAND V. BRACKEEN (2022) CASE WHICH INVOLVED THE VALIDITY OF THE 1978 INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT (ICWA). THE PROJECT WORKED DIRECTLY AND CLOSELY WITH THE 4 TRIBAL PARTIES TO THE CASE AND THE U.S. SOLICITOR GENERAL'S OFFICE AND WE COORDINATED 21 SEPARATE AMICUS CURIAE (FRIEND OF THE COURT) BRIEFS FILED IN SUPPORT OF THE TRIBES AND THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING AMICUS BRIEFS OF A COLLECTIVE 497 TRIBES AND 62 TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS; A COLLECTIVE 23 STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA; AND A COLLECTIVE 87 MEMBERS OF THE U.S. CONGRESS. THE PROJECT ALSO HOSTED OR PARTICIPATED IN 4 MOOT COURTS FOR THE TRIBES' ARGUING COUNSEL TO ASSIST THEM IN PRACTICING, STRATEGIZING, AND POLISHING THEIR ORAL ARGUMENTS, WITH THE RESULTING WORK HELPING TO SECURE A 7-2 SCOTUS DECISION UPHOLDING THE ICWA, AN EVEN MORE TRIUMPHANT VICTORY BECAUSE LESS THAN A DECADE BEFORE, THE SCOTUS HAD RULED AGAINST TRIBAL INTERESTS IN ITS MOST PREVIOUS ICWA CASE.</p> <p>- JUDICIAL SELECTION PROJECT</p> <p>THE GOAL OF THE JUDICIAL SELECTION PROJECT IS TO INCREASE THE REPRESENTATION OF NATIVE AMERICANS IN THE FEDERAL AND STATE JUDICIARIES. TO THAT END, THE PROJECT HELPS RECRUIT AND SUPPORT QUALIFIED NATIVE CANDIDATES FOR FEDERAL AND STATE JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS. THE PROJECT WORKS WITH THE WHITE HOUSE TO PROMOTE BETTER NATIVE AMERICAN REPRESENTATION IN THE FEDERAL JUDICIARY AND THE U.S. SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE TO ENSURE THAT NOMINEES ARE ASKED ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE WITH INDIAN TRIBES AND THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF FEDERAL INDIAN LAW DURING CONFIRMATION PROCEEDINGS. PROJECT STAFF ALSO PARTICIPATE IN SEVERAL COALITIONS THAT WORK TO INCREASE DEMOGRAPHIC AND PROFESSIONAL DIVERSITY IN THE JUDICIARY.</p> <p>THE PROJECT ALSO EVALUATES THE RECORDS OF JUDICIAL NOMINEES ON THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF INDIAN ISSUES. THE ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS ARE SHARED WITH STAKEHOLDERS AND FEDERAL DECISION-MAKERS IN RELATION TO THEIR DECISION WHETHER TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE A PARTICULAR NOMINATION. THE PROJECT ALSO SEEKS TO EDUCATE THE FEDERAL JUDICIARY ABOUT TRIBAL ISSUES, EDUCATING TRIBAL LEADERS ABOUT THE FEDERAL JUDICIARY AND THE JUDICIAL NOMINATION PROCESS, AND REACHING OUT TO ELECTED OFFICIALS AND THE PUBLIC AT LARGE ABOUT THE NEED FOR NATIVE AMERICAN FEDERAL JUDGES AND JUDGES WHO UNDERSTAND THE UNIQUE LEGAL STATUS OF INDIAN TRIBES. THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 39 VACANCIES IN THE FEDERAL JUDICIARY.</p> <p>NARF WILL SEEK TO WORK WITH THE NEW ADMINISTRATION TO CONTINUE TO ENSURE THAT QUALIFIED NATIVE CANDIDATES ARE CONSIDERED AND NOMINATED TO FILL VACANCIES ON THE FEDERAL BENCH. IN THE NEXT FOUR YEARS, WE ALSO ANTICIPATE INCREASED FOCUS ON STATE LEVEL VACANCIES</p> <p>- WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION INSTRUMENTS ON TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE,</p>

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	<p>GENETIC RESOURCES, AND TRADITIONAL CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS</p> <p>NARF REPRESENTS NCAI REGARDING THE ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS FOR A POTENTIAL INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENT OR INSTRUMENTS TO PROTECT VARIOUS TYPES OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, INCLUDING TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE (TK), GENETIC RESOURCES AND ASSOCIATED TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE (GRAATK), AND TRADITIONAL CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS (TCE). THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN PARTICIPATING IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS AT THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (WIPO) INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND GENETIC RESOURCES, TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND FOLKLORE (IGC) SINCE 2000, AND SINCE 2010, THE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE CENTERED ON THE THREE POTENTIAL INSTRUMENTS' DRAFT TEXT. THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (PTO) FOR THESE NEGOTIATIONS, BUT PRIOR TO 2023/2024 NEITHER THE PTO, THE STATE DEPARTMENT, NOR ANY OTHER FEDERAL AGENCY HAD EVER CONSULTED WITH AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE TRIBES REGARDING THE NEGOTIATIONS.</p>

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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A -	<p>AT ITS 2016 ANNUAL CONVENTION, NCAI PASSED A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR SUCH CONSULTATION. THE PTO AND OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES CONDUCTED THE FIRST LISTENING SESSIONS WITH TRIBES ON THIS MATTER AT NCAI'S 2017 MID-YEAR CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL CONVENTION. IN MAY 2017, NARF AND THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO LAW SCHOOL HOSTED A DRAFTING SESSION ON THE WIPO TCE INSTRUMENT. WITH NCAI'S APPROVAL, NARF TOOK A PROPOSED DRAFT OF NEW TCE PROVISIONS TO THE 34TH WIPO SESSION IN GENEVA, SWITZERLAND IN JUNE 2017. THE WIPO INDIGENOUS CAUCUS APPROVED THE DRAFT AND SOME OF THE TEXT FROM IT WAS INTRODUCED INTO THE DRAFT TCE INSTRUMENT. WORK IN FY2024 INCLUDED:</p> <p>JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2024: AFTER OVER 20 YEARS, USPTO FINALLY INITIATED FORMAL TRIBAL CONSULTATION ON THE WIPO NEGOTIATIONS IN OCTOBER 2023. NARF REPRESENTED NCAI IN THE WEBINAR PORTION OF THE CONSULTATION ON JANUARY 19 AND 23, 2024, AND PREPARED WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT WERE SUBMITTED</p> <p>FEBRUARY 23, 2024. 68 * APRIL 2024: NCAI DELIVERED AN INTERVENTION AT THE UNPFII SESSION REQUESTING A RECOMMENDATION FOR ENSURING EFFECTIVE INDIGENOUS PARTICIPATION IN THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON GENETIC RESOURCES.</p> <p>MAY 13-24, 2024: DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON GENETIC RESOURCES: HISTORIC ADOPTION OF A TREATY THAT INCLUDES PROVISIONS FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES, SUCH AS THE DISCLOSURE OF GENETIC RESOURCES AND ASSOCIATED TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE IN PATENT APPLICATIONS. THE U.S. HAS NOT YET SIGNED THE TREATY. NARF REPRESENTED NCAI IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AT THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE.</p> <p>SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2024: NCAI PREPARED POSITIONS ON THE WIPO DESIGN LAW TREATY TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE IN SAUDI ARABIA (NOVEMBER 11-22, 2024), FOCUSING ON DISCLOSURE OF TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND THE CONTROL OF INDIGENOUS DESIGNS IN PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE DATABASES.</p> <p>NARF ALSO REPRESENTED NCAI IN A ONE-DAY WIPO STOCKTAKING SESSION IN GENEVA ON NOVEMBER 29, 2024, TO DISCUSS OUTCOMES FROM THE GRATK TREATY DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE, AND IN A WEEK-LONG NEGOTIATING SESSION DECEMBER 2-6, 2024, WHICH RESUMED NEGOTIATIONS ON THE TK AND TCES TEXTS. NEGOTIATIONS ON THE TK AND TCES TEXT WILL CONTINUE IN GENEVA IN MARCH 2025. THIS WORK IS ONGOING.</p> <p>NARF INITIATIVES/COALITIONS</p> <p>- HOMELANDS COALITION</p> <p>FOR MORE THAN 50 YEARS, THE NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND ("NARF") HAS BEEN THE PREMIERE LEGAL ADVOCATE AND THOUGHT LEADER FOR TRIBAL NATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES. OUR IMPACT LITIGATION, COUPLED WITH COMPANION PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS, PROTECT THE INHERENT SOVEREIGNTY OF TRIBAL NATIONS AND OCCUPY A MUCH-NEEDED SPACE IN THE FIELD OF FEDERAL INDIAN LAW AND POLICY. PROTECTING SACRED PLACES, LANDS, AND WATER ACROSS THE COUNTRY HAS LONG BEEN A PILLAR OF NARF'S WORK. TWO OF OUR FIVE ORGANIZATIONAL PRIORITIES HAVE BEEN TO PROTECT TRIBAL NATURAL RESOURCES AND TO PRESERVE TRIBAL EXISTENCE, EACH DEPENDENT ON TRIBES' ABILITY TO MAINTAIN STRONG RELATIONSHIPS WITH THEIR HOMELANDS. OUR REPUTATION, BUILT ON OVER 50 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP SUPPORTING TRIBAL NATIONS, ENABLES US TO USE EXISTING RELATIONSHIPS TO FIND MEANINGFUL WAYS TO BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER TO ADDRESS THESE PRESSING ISSUES. WE MAINTAIN STRONG WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH TRIBAL NATIONS LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, MANY THAT SEEK A HEALTHY ECOSYSTEM AND WANT TO BUILD RESILIENT COMMUNITIES, AND WE HAVE STRONG PARTNERSHIPS WITH STATE, FEDERAL, AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT SHARE INTERESTS IN RESOLVING ENVIRONMENTAL CRISES.</p> <p>NARF PROPOSES TO BROADEN OUR WORK TO INCREASE COORDINATION AND CAPACITY TO ASSIST TRIBAL NATIONS IN PROTECTING THEIR HOMELANDS IN A STRATEGIC AND THOUGHTFUL MANNER. THE PROJECT, WILL, AMONG OTHER THINGS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* DEVELOP A COALITION OF PARTNERS THAT WORK IN THE FIELD TO COORDINATE AND STRATEGIZE WAYS TO BETTER PROTECT HOMELANDS.</li> <li>* CONTINUE, AND BUILD OUR CAPACITY, TO LITIGATE AND PARTICIPATE IN ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS TO PROTECT OUR HOMELANDS.</li> <li>* CONTINUE TO WORK IN COLLABORATION WITH OUR CURRENT PARTNERS SUCH AS THE NBS CRA COALITION, TULE RIVER INDIAN TRIBE, BEARS EARS INTERTRIBAL COALITION, TO CONTINUE OUR CO-MANAGEMENT WORK.</li> <li>* CONTINUE TO DEVELOP OUR SACRED PLACES PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO SEEK TO IMPROVE FEDERAL AND STATE SACRED PLACE AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY (E.G., RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, TRUST OBLIGATIONS, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS, LAW REFORMATION, ETC.).</li> <li>* HOST CONVENINGS WHEN APPROPRIATE.</li> <li>* DEVELOP THE NEXT GENERATION OF ADVOCATES.</li> </ul> <p>- NATIVE AMERICAN VOTING RIGHTS COALITION</p> <p>THE NATIVE AMERICAN VOTING RIGHTS COALITION (NAVRC) CONTINUES TO STAND AT THE FOREFRONT OF CHALLENGING ISSUES TO NATIVE VOTERS IN THE AREAS OF VOTING RIGHTS AND ELECTION PROTECTION. OUR VOTING RIGHTS PRACTICE GROUP AND THE NATIVE AMERICAN VOTING RIGHTS COALITION (NAVRC) WE LEAD, IS AN ONGOING SUCCESS IN ADDRESSING LONGSTANDING BARRIERS AND ACTIVE EFFORTS TO DIMINISH NATIVE VOTER PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL ELECTIONS. NARF AND NAVRC (A COALITION COMPRISED OF NARF, THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS, THE ACLU: VOTING RIGHTS PROJECT, FAIR ELECTIONS CENTER, WESTERN NATIVE VOICE, AND OTHER VOTING RIGHTS ORGS, ADVOCATES, IN-HOUSE TRIBAL ATTORNEYS, AND OTHER EXPERTS), SPENT 2024 ACTIVELY WORKING TO INCREASE ACCESS TO THE BALLOT BOX FOR NATIVE AMERICANS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. WE MET MONTHLY TO DISCUSS ONGOING BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS AND ESTABLISHED VARIOUS WORKING GROUPS</p>

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	<p>TO ADDRESS ISSUES SUCH AS COMMUNICATIONS AND STRATEGY TOWARD PASSAGE OF THE NATIVE AMERICAN VOTING RIGHTS ACT (NAVRA). IN MAY, NEARLY 50 NAVRC MEMBERS, BROUGHT TOGETHER AND LED BY NARF, MET ON THE SANTA ANA PUEBLO IN NEW MEXICO TO COLLABORATE AND DISCUSS GOTV STRATEGY, POOL RESOURCES, AND DOCUMENT ONGOING NEEDS.</p> <p>ON ELECTION DAY 2024, OVER 170 LAW STUDENTS AND ATTORNEY VOLUNTEERS, TRAINED BY NARF AND PARTNERS, MONITORED POLLING SITES ON OR NEAR RESERVATIONS AND PUEBLOS ACROSS SIX STATES TO PROVIDE ELECTION PROTECTION SUPPORT FOR NATIVE VOTERS. AS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND, THE NATIVE VOTE ELECTION PROTECTION PROJECT SERVES INDIAN COUNTRY AT LARGE AND COORDINATES ORGANIZATIONS, INDIVIDUALS, AND TRIBAL NATIONS WORKING TO PROTECT THE NATIVE VOTE. POLL WATCHERS AND OBSERVERS COORDINATED WITH NARF ATTORNEYS TO STAFF CALL/COMMAND CENTERS TO DOCUMENT THEIR EXPERIENCES AND OBSERVATIONS, AS WELL AS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND ADVICE ON ENSURING THEIR FAIR PARTICIPATION IN THE ELECTION.</p> <p>NAVRC LITIGATION</p> <p>- LITIGATION  <a href="https://vote.narf.org/our-work/">HTTPS://VOTE.NARF.ORG/OUR-WORK/</a>  AT PRESENT, NARF HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN EVERY LITIGATION BROUGHT UNDER THE VOTING RIGHTS PRACTICE GROUP. THIS REMARKABLE RECORD OF SUCCESS HAS REQUIRED ONGOING DILIGENCE, A LONG-TERM COMMITMENT TO COMPLEX LITIGATION, AND THE LEVERAGING OF STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS. LITIGATION REMAINS AT THE HEART OF NARF'S VOTER PROTECTION WORK, AND NARF REMAINS THE VOTING PRACTICE TRUSTED TO DEFEND NATIVE INTERESTS ACROSS INDIAN COUNTRY.</p> <p>IMPORTANT LITIGATION WINS IN 2024 INCLUDED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDING BALLOT COLLECTION AND SAME DAY VOTER REGISTRATION IN MONTANA (WESTERN NATIVE VOICE ET AL V. JACOBSEN)</li> <li>- SUCCESSFULLY INCREASING THE TYPES OF PROOF OF RESIDENTIAL LOCATION ACCEPTED IN ARIZONA SO THAT NATIVE AMERICANS WITHOUT MAILING ADDRESSES ON THEIR HOMES COULD VOTE (TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION V. BRNOVICH)</li> <li>- SUCCESSFULLY INCREASING LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE IN ALASKA (TOYUKAK V. TREADWELL)</li> <li>- INCREASING VOTER REGISTRATION OPPORTUNITIES IN SOUTH DAKOTA (ROSEBUD SIOUX TRIBE V. BARNETT)</li> <li>- NARF LITIGATED TO INCREASE BALLOT CURE PROVISIONS IN ALASKA THROUGHOUT 2024 BUT THAT CASE IS ONGOING (ARCTIC VILLAGE COUNCIL ET AL V. FENUMAIAI ET AL)</li> </ul> <p>ADDITIONALLY, NARF CONTINUED ITS REDISTRICTING LITIGATION FOLLOWING THE FIRST EVER FAIR DISTRICTING IN INDIAN COUNTRY PROJECT. BUILDING ON ITS PREVIOUS LITIGATION WINS, IN 2024 NARF SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED AND WON A NATIVE MAJORITY DISTRICTS IN NORTH DAKOTA AND CONTINUED TO DEFEND THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT FROM ATTACKS ON THE ABILITY FOR PRIVATE PLAINTIFFS TO BRING VOTING RIGHTS LITIGATION. (WALEN ET AL. V. BURGUM ET AL.; TURTLE MOUNTAIN BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS, ET AL. V. MICHAEL HOWE). NARF IS CURRENTLY DRAFTING BRIEFING FOR THE SUPREME COURT TO DEFEND ITS LITIGATION WINS IN MONTANA AND NORTH DAKOTA. (WESTERN NATIVE VOICE ET AL V. JACOBSEN; WALEN ET AL. V. BURGUM ET AL.)</p>

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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A -	<p>- TRIBAL WATER INSTITUTE</p> <p>NARF CONTINUES TO BUILD AND EXPAND THE TRIBAL WATER INSTITUTE (TWI), A PROJECT TO ADDRESS THE UNIQUE AND OFTEN TECHNICALLY CHALLENGING WATER LAW ISSUES OF TRIBAL COMMUNITIES. VITAL RESOURCES ARE NEEDED TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE, ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORKS, VARYING WATER AND WATER PRIORITY ISSUES, AND UNDER-REPRESENTATION IN MANAGEMENT DISCUSSIONS AND AGREEMENTS WILL BE ADDRESSED BY THIS INNOVATIVE APPROACH TO TRIBAL WATER ISSUES. THE TWI WILL ADDRESS THE SHORTAGE OF WATER LAW EXPERTISE ACROSS INDIAN COUNTRY, BOLSTER EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS, AND PROVIDE THOUGHTFUL LEADERSHIP IN ADVOCATING FOR TRIBAL WATER RIGHTS. IN EARLY SUMMER, NARF HIRED FOUR TWI LEGAL FELLOWS, THREE FOR THE BOULDER OFFICE AND ONE FOR THE ALASKA OFFICE. THESE FELLOWS ARE WORKING ON ALL OF NARF'S WATER CASES. WE HAVE FORMALLY ACCEPTED FOUR NEW CASES AND AN AMICUS OPPORTUNITY UNDER THE TWI AND WE ARE CONSIDERING ADDITIONAL CASES AS WELL AS ADDITIONAL SHORT-TERM (E.G., AMICUS PARTY) PROSPECTS. DUE TO CLIENT CONFIDENTIALITY NEEDS, THESE NEW CASES AND ISSUES ARE NOTED GENERALLY BELOW:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*EPA CWA RULE LITIGATION DEFENSE, N.D. FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT.</li> <li>*REPRESENTING WASHINGTON TRIBE IN FERC HYDROPOWER RELICENSE PROCESS.</li> <li>*REPRESENTING NON-FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED CALIFORNIA TRIBE ON FISHERY AND WATER ISSUES.</li> <li>*REPRESENT UTAH TRIBE ON WATER RIGHTS PROTECTION ISSUE.</li> <li>*AMICUS ON TRIBAL JURISDICTION OVER GROUNDWATER IN RIPARIAN STATES.</li> </ul> <p>NARF HAS ALSO BEEN PARTICIPATING IN MANY TRIBAL CONFERENCES, WEBINARS, AND OTHER COLLABORATIVE OPPORTUNITIES TO RAISE AWARENESS OF THE TWI, TO GAIN INSIGHT INTO TRIBAL WATER PRIORITIES AND BUILD COLLABORATIONS.</p> <p>CASE UPDATES</p> <p>NARF IS CURRENTLY GUIDED BY FIVE MISSION PRIORITIES WHICH GUIDES AND DIRECTS OUR CASE SELECTION COMMITTEE AS TO THE TYPES OF HIGH IMPACT ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED. THIS COVERS A BROAD BASE OF PRACTICE AREAS UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF FEDERAL INDIAN LAW, BUT THIS SUMMARY WILL PROVIDE A HANDFUL OF CASE EXAMPLES TO ILLUSTRATE THE TYPES OF CASES THAT TRIBAL NATIONS NEED ASSISTANCE WITH.</p> <p>- BAY MILLS INDIAN COMMUNITY AND ENBRIDGE LINE 5 EXPANSION</p> <p>NARF AND EARTHJUSTICE JOINTLY REPRESENT THE BAY MILLS INDIAN COMMUNITY TO FIGHT A PROPOSED OIL PIPELINE TUNNEL, WHICH THREATENS THE COMMUNITY'S TREATY RIGHTS, TRIBAL FISHERIES, AND THE ENVIRONMENT. THE PROPOSED TUNNEL WOULD ENCAPSULATE OIL GIANT ENBRIDGE'S LINE 5 PIPELINE UNDER THE STRAITS OF MACKINAC. BAY MILLS HAS A LONG-STANDING AND CRITICAL INTEREST IN THE WATERS OF THE GREAT LAKES, THE STRAITS OF MACKINAC, AND THE SURROUNDING REGION. AS ONE OF THE SIGNATORIES TO THE 1836 TREATY OF WASHINGTON, WHICH CEDED NEARLY 14 MILLION ACRES TO THE UNITED STATES FOR THE CREATION OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, BAY MILLS RESERVED THE RIGHT TO FISH, HUNT, AND GATHER THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY - INCLUDING IN THE GREAT LAKES AND THE STRAITS OF MACKINAC. FURTHERMORE, THE AREA HAS DEEP CULTURAL, RELIGIOUS, AND ECONOMIC SIGNIFICANCE TO THE COMMUNITY.</p> <p>ON AUGUST 12, 2020, A MICHIGAN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE (ALJ) GRANTED BAY MILLS INDIAN COMMUNITY THE RIGHT TO INTERVENE IN AN ONGOING CONTESTED CASE PROCESS PENDING BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION (MPSC). THE MPSC IS EVALUATING ENBRIDGE'S PERMIT APPLICATION TO BUILD A TUNNEL BENEATH THE STRAITS OF MACKINAC, AND RELOCATE A NEW SEGMENT OF ITS LINE 5 PIPELINE. AFTER MANY YEARS OF LITIGATION AND MULTIPLE HEARINGS, ON DECEMBER 1, 2023, THE MPSC ISSUED AN ORDER APPROVING ENBRIDGE'S PERMIT APPLICATION. BAY MILLS, ALONG WITH OTHER TRIBAL INTERVENORS, APPEALED THE DECISION TO THE MICHIGAN COURT OF APPEALS. BRIEFING IS COMPLETE AND ORAL ARGUMENT TOOK PLACE ON JANUARY 13, 2025. WE ARE AWAITING THE DECISION.</p> <p>- STATE OF IDAHO, ET AL. V. EPA</p> <p>NARF, KANJI &amp; KATZEN P.L.L.C., AND EARTHJUSTICE ARE CO-COUNSELING TO REPRESENT TWELVE TRIBAL NATIONS IN A LAWSUIT THAT A DOZEN STATES BROUGHT AGAINST THE EPA CHALLENGING AMENDMENTS TO CLEAN WATER ACT REGULATIONS. THE CASE, IDAHO, ET AL. V. EPA, IS A CHALLENGE TO EPA'S TRIBAL RESERVED RIGHTS RULE, A REVISION AND ADDITION TO CLEAN WATER ACT REGULATIONS THAT REQUIRES STATES TO ACCOUNT FOR AQUATIC-BASED TRIBAL RESERVED RIGHTS AND WATER USES WHEN SETTING WATER QUALITY STANDARDS. THE RULE APPLIES NATIONWIDE. THE RULE IS INTENDED TO CREATE A CONSISTENT APPROACH FOR STATES TO EMPLOY TO INCORPORATE TRIBAL RIGHTS WHEN STATES DEVELOP WATER QUALITY STANDARDS. THE STATES ALLEGE EPA HAS OVERSTEPPED ITS AUTHORITY UNDER THE CLEAN WATER ACT AND THAT THE AGENCY CANNOT FORCE THE STATES TO RECOGNIZE TRIBAL RIGHTS, A JOB THE STATES ARGUE IS EXCLUSIVELY FEDERAL. IN MID-JUNE, THE STATES MOVED FOR A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION TO STAY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RULE. THE COURT DID NOT RULE ON THE MOTION AND WE COMPLETED SUMMARY JUDGEMENT BRIEFING IN LATE JANUARY AND ARE AWAITING A HEARING DATE.. THE TRIBAL PARTIES INTERVENING AS DEFENDANTS INCLUDE THE NEZ PERCE TRIBE, CONFEDERATED SALISH &amp; KOOTENAI TRIBES OF THE FLATHEAD RESERVATION, QUINAULT INDIAN NATION, BAY MILLS INDIAN COMMUNITY, PUYALLUP TRIBE OF INDIANS, LAC DU FLAMBEAU BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA INDIANS, RED LAKE NATION, FOND DU LAC BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA INDIANS, GRAND TRAVERSE BAND OF OTTAWA AND CHIPPEWA INDIANS, WHITE EARTH BAND OF MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE, PORT GAMBLE S'KLALLAM TRIBE, AND THE SOKAOGON CHIPPEWA COMMUNITY.</p> <p>- BEARS EARS NATIONAL MONUMENT</p> <p>FOR SEVERAL YEARS, THE BEARS EARS INTER TRIBAL COALITION, A CONSORTIUM OF FIVE SOVEREIGN INDIAN NATIONS (HOPI, NAVAJO, UINTAH &amp; OURAY UTE, UTE MOUNTAIN UTE, AND ZUNI) HAS WORKED TO PROTECT BEARS EARS IN UTAH, ONE OF AMERICA'S MOST SIGNIFICANT UNPROTECTED CULTURAL LANDSCAPES. THE BEARS EARS REGION CONTAINS AT LEAST 100,000</p>



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	<p>ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES, SOME DATED BACK TO 12,000 BCE, AND IS STILL CRITICAL TO MANY TRIBES TODAY FOR SPIRITUAL AND HUNTING AND GATHERING PURPOSES. AFTER YEARS OF ADVOCACY, PRIOR ADMINISTRATIONS DESIGNATED THE BEARS EARS REGION AS A NATIONAL MONUMENT WHICH WAS DIMINISHED BY SUBSEQUENT ADMINISTRATIONS.</p> <p>ON OCTOBER 8, 2021, PRESIDENT BIDEN ISSUED A PROCLAMATION RESTORING THE BEARS EARS NATIONAL MONUMENT TO ITS ORIGINAL SIZE, PLUS SOME ADDITIONAL ACREAGE. ON AUGUST 24, 2022, THE STATE OF UTAH FILED SUIT AGAINST PRESIDENT BIDEN. THE STATE IS ARGUING THAT PRESIDENT BIDEN ABUSED HIS AUTHORITY IN CREATING BEARS EARS AND GRAND STAIRCASE ESCALANTE IN NUMEROUS WAYS AND THAT THE MONUMENTS ARE FAR TOO LARGE TO PROTECT THE HISTORIC AND SCIENTIFIC OBJECTS THE ANTIQUITIES ACT WAS MEANT TO PROTECT. THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF UTAH GRANTED MOTIONS TO DISMISS THE CASES CHALLENGING THE BEARS EARS NATIONAL MONUMENT DESIGNATION. THE STATE AND MINING COMPANIES HAVE APPEALED THAT DECISION TO THE 10TH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS. THE TENTH CIRCUIT HEARD ORAL ARGUMENT ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2024, IN BOULDER, COLORADO, AND NARF ARGUED ON BEHALF OF THE TRIBAL NATIONS.</p> <p>- WESTERN NATIVE VOICE V. JACOBSEN</p> <p>ON MAY 17, 2021, NARF FILED THIS CASE ON BEHALF OF FOUR TRIBES CHALLENGING A MONTANA STATE LAW THAT PREVENTS BALLOT COLLECTION AND REMOVES ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION. HB 176 ATTEMPTED TO END ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION WHICH RESERVATION VOTERS HAVE RELIED UPON TO CAST VOTES IN MONTANA SINCE 2005. THE OTHER LAW ATTEMPTED TO BLOCK ORGANIZED BALLOT COLLECTION ON RURAL RESERVATIONS (HB 530), DESPITE THE THIRTEENTH DISTRICT COURT RULING UNCONSTITUTIONAL A SIMILAR ANTI-BALLOT COLLECTION LAW IN WESTERN NATIVE VOICE V. STAPLETON WHICH NARF BROUGHT AND WON IN 2020. THESE LAWS SHOW AN ONGOING PATTERN OF ANTI-NATIVE ELECTION-RELATED LEGISLATION IN THE STATE.</p> <p>ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2022, FOLLOWING A TWO-WEEK TRIAL, THE DISTRICT COURT ISSUED AN ORDER IN PLAINTIFF'S FAVOR ON ALL COUNTS. THE DISTRICT COURT ALSO FOUND EVIDENCE OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION GIVEN THIS PATTERN OF DENYING ACCESS TO NATIVE AMERICANS. NARF AND THE ACLU REPRESENT GOTV ORGANIZATIONS. THE CASE HAS BEEN CONSOLIDATED WITH A SIMILAR CASE BROUGHT BY THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND YOUTH GROUPS THAT ALSO CHALLENGED A BAN ON STUDENT ID'S. THE DISTRICT COURT ALSO FOUND THE BAN ON STUDENT ID'S UNCONSTITUTIONAL. THE STATE FILED AN APPEAL WITH THE STATE SUPREME COURT. IN LATE MARCH 2024 THE MONTANA SUPREME COURT UPHELD OUR DISTRICT COURT WIN. IN JUNE 2024, THE STATE FILED A NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE US SUPREME COURT, IN AN UNPRECEDENTED MOVE AND ON AUGUST 26, FILED A CERT PETITION. WE FILED OUR RESPONSE IN MID-DECEMBER 2024.</p>

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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A -	<p>- WALEN V. BURGUM</p> <p>ON MARCH 30, 2022, THE MANDAN, HIDATSA AND ARIKARA NATION (MHA) AND INDIVIDUAL NATIVE AMERICAN VOTERS FILED A MOTION WITH THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NORTH DAKOTA TO INTERVENE IN WALEN ET AL. V. BURGUM ET AL. THIS IS A LAWSUIT BROUGHT BY TWO INDIVIDUALS SEEKING TO ELIMINATE THE MAJORITY-NATIVE STATE LEGISLATIVE SUBDISTRICT ENCOMPASSING THE FORT BERTHOLD RESERVATION IN NORTH DAKOTA. THE TRIBAL GOVERNMENT AND NATIVE VOTERS SEEK TO DEFEND THE SUBDISTRICT, WHICH ENSURES MHA TRIBAL MEMBERS HAVE AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO ELECT A CANDIDATE THAT REPRESENTS THEIR INTERESTS TO THE NORTH DAKOTA STATE HOUSE. THE PLAINTIFFS MOVED FOR A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION LAST YEAR, AND THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA AND MHA NATION OPPOSED. THE THREE-JUDGE PANEL DENIED THE MOTION, AND THE ELECTION WAS ALLOWED TO PROCEED, WHICH RESULTED IN THE MHA NATION'S DISTRICT FOR THE FIRST TIME BEING REPRESENTED BY AN MHA TRIBAL MEMBER.</p> <p>ON NOVEMBER 2, 2023, THE THREE-JUDGE PANEL GRANTED MHA NATION'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT, DISMISSING THE CASE AND VACATING THE TRIAL. THE PLAINTIFFS APPEALED TO THE U.S. SUPREME COURT, BUT THE TRIBAL GOVERNMENT AND NATIVE VOTERS HAVE MOVED TO DISMISS THE APPEAL. ON JANUARY 13, 2025, THE SUPREME COURT RULED SUMMARILY IN OUR FAVOR. THAT BROUGHT THE CASE TO THE END ON THE MERITS, THOUGH WE ANTICIPATE PURSUING ATTORNEY'S FEES. WE CO-COUNSEL WITH CAMPAIGN LEGAL CENTER AND BRYAN SELLS. THIS REDISTRICTING CASE WAS A CRITICAL VICTORY IN ENSURING THAT THE TRIBE'S INTERESTS WOULD BE ADEQUATELY REPRESENTED AT THE STATE LEVEL.</p> <p>- NAGPRA REPATRIATION CASES</p> <p>NARF HAS SUCCEEDED IN ASSISTING SISSETON WAHPETON OYATE AND SPIRIT LAKE NATION TO BRING THE REMAINS OF TWO OF THEIR CHILDREN, AMOS LAFROMBOISE AND EDWARD UPRIGHT, BACK TO THEIR TRIBAL HOMELANDS FROM THE CARLISLE BARRACKS POST CEMETERY ("CARLISLE CEMETERY"). THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED PURSUANT TO A FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND, WRITTEN AND SIGNED AGREEMENT WITH THE ARMY, WHICH WAS NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE TRIBES AND THE ARMY IN ARMS-LENGTH, GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT NEGOTIATIONS. WHILE THE TRIBES INITIALLY SOUGHT TO HAVE THE BOYS REPATRIATED PURSUANT TO THE NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES PROTECTION AND REPATRIATION ACT ("NAGPRA"), THE TRIBES ULTIMATELY DECIDED TO, WITHOUT WAIVING THEIR NAGPRA RIGHTS, NEGOTIATE A GENERAL, GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT FOR DISINTERMENT AND RETURN OF THE BOYS. THE TRIBES VIEWED THIS OPTION AS PREFERABLE ONCE IT BECAME APPARENT THE ARMY WAS WILLING TO NEGOTIATE A PLAN FOR THE DISINTERMENT AND RETURN OF THE BOYS THAT WOULD ENGAGE THE TRIBES AND THE ARMY IN A GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT RELATIONSHIP AND FACILITATE MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATION OF TERMS.</p> <p>NARF IS CONTINUING TO WORK WITH THE WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA TO REPATRIATE TWO OF ITS CHILDREN, EDWARD HENSLEY AND SAMUEL GILBERT, FROM THE CARLISLE CEMETERY. NARF IS WORKING WITH THE BIG FIRE LAW &amp; POLICY CENTER IN REPRESENTING THE TRIBE. IN OCTOBER 2023, THE WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA REQUESTED THE REPATRIATION OF SAMUEL'S AND EDWARD'S REMAINS PURSUANT TO NAGPRA. ON DECEMBER 7, 2023, THE ARMY REFUSED TO COMPLY WITH THE LAW AND DENIED WINNEBAGO'S REQUEST. ON JANUARY 17, 2024, NARF, ITS CO-COUNSEL AT CULTURAL HERITAGE PARTNERS, AND THE WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA'S GENERAL COUNSEL, DANELLE SMITH, FILED A FEDERAL LAWSUIT AGAINST THE UNITED STATES ARMY ("ARMY") IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA SEEKING THE REPATRIATION OF THE REMAINS OF SAMUEL GILBERT AND EDWARD HENSLEY FROM THE CARLISLE CEMETERY PURSUANT TO NAGPRA. THROUGH ITS LAWSUIT, WINNEBAGO SEEKS TO ENFORCE ITS PLAINLY APPARENT RIGHTS UNDER NAGPRA. HOWEVER, THE BATTLE TO ENFORCE NAGPRA REPATRIATION AT CARLISLE ALSO SYMBOLIZES A BROADER EFFORT TO OBTAIN JUSTICE AND HEALING FOR ALL TRIBAL NATIONS IMPACTED BY THE CULTURAL AND LITERAL GENOCIDE CARRIED OUT BY FEDERAL INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOLS. ON MAY 3, 2024, THE ARMY FILED A MOTION TO DISMISS WINNEBAGO'S LAWSUIT. IN THEIR MOTION, THE ARMY ARGUED THAT NAGPRA IS NOT APPLICABLE TO THE NATIVE AMERICAN HUMAN REMAINS BURIED AT CARLISLE CEMETERY AND THAT APPLYING NAGPRA AT CARLISLE WOULD DISHONOR THE NATIVE AMERICAN CHILDREN BURIED THERE.</p> <p>ON JULY 12, 2024, NARF ARGUED THE MOTION TO DISMISS AT THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA (EDVA) IN ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA. ON AUGUST 20, 2024, THE EDVA GRANTED THE ARMY'S MOTION TO DISMISS. ON OCTOBER 21, 2024, WINNEBAGO FILED ITS NOTICE OF APPEAL WITH THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT (FOURTH CIRCUIT). WINNEBAGO'S OPENING BRIEF WAS DUE IN EARLY 2025.</p> <p>- HAALAND V. BRACKEEN/INDIAN CHILD WELFARE CASE</p> <p>IN THE PAST DECADE, ANTI-TRIBAL INTERESTS HAVE ENGAGED IN SERIAL FEDERAL COURT LITIGATION CHALLENGING THE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT (ICWA) WITH THE GOAL OF UNDERMINING ICWA AND TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY. THE MOST POTENTIALLY CONSEQUENTIAL CASE WAS HAALAND V. BRACKEEN (FORMERLY BRACKEEN V. ZINKE AND BRACKEEN V. BERNARDT). IN EARLY OCTOBER 2018, JUDGE REED O'CONNOR OF THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS FOUND THAT ICWA IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL ON THE GROUNDS THAT (1) VIOLATED THE EQUAL PROTECTION CLAUSE AS AN UNCONSTITUTIONAL "RACE-BASED" STATUTE, (2) INSERTED THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT INTO STATE AFFAIRS BY "COMMANDEERING" STATE COURTS AND AGENCIES AND THUS VIOLATED THE TENTH AMENDMENT, AND (3) IMPERMISSIBLY DELEGATED FEDERAL POWERS TO TRIBES THROUGH SECTION 1915(C).</p> <p>THE CHEROKEE NATION, ONEIDA NATION, QUINAULT INDIAN NATION, AND MORONGO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, WHO PREVIOUSLY INTERVENED IN THE CASE AS DEFENDANTS, ASKED THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT TO STAY THE DECISION, WHICH IT DID, AND INITIATED AN APPEAL. ON AUGUST 9, 2019, THE FIFTH CIRCUIT OVERTURNED THE DISTRICT COURT'S OPINION AND AFFIRMED THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF ICWA. HOWEVER, THE INDIVIDUAL PLAINTIFFS AND THE STATE PLAINTIFFS PETITIONED THE FIFTH CIRCUIT TO REHEAR THE CASE EN BANC. THE FIFTH CIRCUIT EN BANC DECISION GENERALLY UPHELD THE AUTHORITY</p>

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	<p>OF CONGRESS TO ENACT ICWA, AND ALSO HELD THAT ICWA DOES NOT OPERATE ON THE BASIS OF RACE. ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2021, THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, INTERVENING TRIBAL NATIONS (INCLUDING THE NAVAJO NATION), AND TEXAS AND INDIVIDUAL PLAINTIFFS ALL FORMALLY ASKED THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT TO REVIEW THE FIFTH CIRCUIT'S EN BANC DECISION. ON FEBRUARY 28, 2022, THE SUPREME COURT GRANTED ALL FOUR PETITIONS AND CONSOLIDATED THE CASE UNDER HAALAND V. BRACKEEN. MERITS BRIEFING TOOK PLACE THE SUMMER OF 2022.</p> <p>NARF, ALONG WITH OUR CO-COUNSEL AT DENTONS, FILED A TRIBAL AMICUS BRIEF ON BEHALF OF FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES AND NATIONAL AND REGIONAL NATIVE ORGANIZATIONS. THE TRIBAL AMICUS BRIEF FILED IN AUGUST 2022 WAS SIGNED BY 497 TRIBES AND 62 NATIVE ORGANIZATIONS-TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, THE LARGEST SHOW OF INDIAN COUNTRY SUPPORT FOR ANY BRIEF BEFORE THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT. NARF ALSO INITIATED THE TRIBAL SUPREME COURT PROJECT (TSCP) PROCESS FOR THE CASE. THE TSCP ORGANIZED REGULAR BRACKEEN WORKGROUP MEETINGS AND COORDINATED AMICUS SUPPORT FOR THE TRIBAL PARTIES. THE TRIBAL AMICUS BRIEF WAS JOINED BY AN OVERWHELMING SHOW OF SUPPORT FOR ICWA: 21 PRO-ICWA BRIEFS WERE FILED, REPRESENTING THE VOICES OF MANY ICWA STAKEHOLDERS, INCLUDING PARENTS, FORMER FOSTER YOUTH, CHILD WELFARE PROFESSIONALS, MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS, LEGAL SCHOLARS, STATE GOVERNMENTS, MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, AND OTHER OFFICIALS. THIS AVALANCHE OF SUPPORT-MUCH OF WHICH REFERENCED ICWA BEING THE "GOLD STANDARD" FOR CHILD WELFARE PRACTICES-DWARFED THE VOICES IN OPPOSITION. ORAL ARGUMENT WAS HEARD ON NOVEMBER 9, 2022. ON JUNE 15, 2023, THE SUPREME COURT ISSUED ITS DECISION, A FULL-THROATED, 7-2 OPINION AFFIRMING THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT. THE MAJORITY OPINION WAS WRITTEN BY JUSTICE BARRETT, AND IT SOUNDLY REJECTED THE PETITIONERS' ARGUMENTS THAT CONGRESS LACKED THE AUTHORITY TO PASS ICWA OR THAT, THROUGH ICWA, CONGRESS EXERTED UNCONSTITUTIONAL CONTROL OVER STATES. JUSTICE BARRETT'S OPINION ALSO REJECTED THE NON-INDIAN INDIVIDUAL AND STATE PETITIONERS' EQUAL PROTECTION AND NONDELEGATION ARGUMENTS ON THE GROUNDS THAT THESE CHALLENGERS DID NOT HAVE STANDING TO RAISE THOSE ARGUMENTS.</p>
FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A -	<p>IN SHORT: TRIBES WON ON EVERY ISSUE THAT HAD BEEN APPEALED. JUSTICE GORSUCH WROTE A CONCURRING OPINION, WHICH WAS PARTIALLY JOINED BY JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR AND JUSTICE JACKSON, IN WHICH HE DELVED MORE DEEPLY INTO THE HISTORY BEHIND ICWA, EXPLAINING THAT ICWA "DID NOT EMERGE FROM A VACUUM. IT CAME AS A DIRECT RESPONSE TO THE MASS REMOVAL OF INDIAN CHILDREN FROM THEIR FAMILIES DURING THE 1950S, 1960S, AND 1970S BY STATE OFFICIALS AND PRIVATE PARTIES." IN ADDITION, JUSTICE GORSUCH NOTED THAT WHILE CONGRESS HAS BROAD POWER TO LEGISLATE WITH RESPECT TO INDIAN AFFAIRS, THE CONSTITUTION ALSO RECOGNIZES TRIBES' INHERENT SOVEREIGNTY AND PROMISES TRIBES "SOVEREIGNTY FOR AS LONG AS THEY WISH TO KEEP IT." NARF WAS PLEASED TO ASSIST IN THIS RESOUNDING EFFORT TO PROTECT NATIVE CHILDREN AS WELL AS THE INHERENT SOVEREIGNTY OF TRIBAL NATIONS.</p>
FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4B - PROGRAM SERVICE DESCRIPTION	<p>TO FREE RESOURCES THAT ARE AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET. NILL'S COLLECTION INCLUDES CATALOG RECORDS FOR APPROXIMATELY 7,000 ARTICLES, 4,500 BOOKS, AND 1400 TRIBAL LAW RESOURCES. MANY OF THESE ITEMS ARE FREELY AVAILABLE ONLINE AND ARE EASILY ACCESSED VIA A LINK IN THE CATALOG RECORD. NILL IS THE ONLY LIBRARY SERVING THE PUBLIC WITH EXTENSIVE EXPERTISE AND RESOURCES RELATING TO INDIAN LAW, PROVIDING SERVICES THAT OTHER LIBRARIES ARE UNABLE TO PROVIDE.</p> <p>THE NILL WEBSITE HAS ABOUT 20,000 VISITORS AND 45,000 PAGE VISITS EACH MONTH. USING OUR INDIAN LAW RESEARCH GUIDES (<a href="https://www.narf.org/nill/resources">HTTPS://WWW.NARF.ORG/NILL/ RESOURCES</a>) ON TOPICS SUCH AS TRIBAL ENROLLMENT AND INDIGENOUS PEACEMAKING, MANY PATRONS ARE ABLE TO FIND ANSWERS TO THEIR QUESTIONS ON THEIR OWN.</p> <p>THANKS TO COORDINATION WITH THE COLORADO STATE LIBRARY, NARF STAFF CAN NOW BORROW BOOKS AND OTHER ITEMS FROM AN INTERLIBRARY LOAN SYSTEM OF ALMOST 200 LIBRARIES IN COLORADO AND WYOMING. NILL IS NOW ABLE TO REQUEST BOOKS THROUGH PROSPECTOR, A UNIFIED CATALOG OF ACADEMIC, PUBLIC, AND SPECIAL LIBRARIES IN THE SURROUNDING AREA THAT OFFERS ACCESS TO 30 MILLION ITEMS.</p> <p>THE NATIONAL INDIAN LAW LIBRARY (NILL) IS THE ONLY LAW LIBRARY IN THE UNITED STATES DEVOTED TO AMERICAN INDIAN LAW. THE LIBRARY SERVES BOTH NARF AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. SINCE IT WAS STARTED AS A NARF PROJECT IN 1972, NILL HAS COLLECTED OVER 19,000 BIBLIOGRAPHIC RESOURCES THAT RELATE TO FEDERAL INDIAN AND TRIBAL LAW. THE LIBRARY'S HOLDINGS INCLUDE THE LARGEST COLLECTION OF TRIBAL CODES, ORDINANCES AND CONSTITUTIONS AVAILABLE; LEGAL PLEADINGS FROM MAJOR INDIAN LAW CASES; AND OFTEN HARD TO FIND REPORTS AND HISTORICAL LEGAL INFORMATION. IN ADDITION TO MAKING ITS CATALOG AND EXTENSIVE COLLECTION AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC, NILL PROVIDES FREE WEEKLY INDIAN LAW UPDATES VIA EMAIL TO OVER 8,000 SUBSCRIBERS AND ANSWERS MORE THAN 100 RESEARCH QUESTIONS EACH MONTH. MOST IMPORTANTLY, NILL SUPPORTS THE RESEARCH NEEDS OF NARF SO THAT IT CAN PROVIDE THE BEST REPRESENTATION TO ITS CLIENTS.</p> <p>THE MISSION OF THE NATIONAL INDIAN LAW LIBRARY'S ACCESS TO TRIBAL LAW PROJECT IS TO ENHANCE THE POWER OF TRIBAL COURTS AND STRENGTHEN TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY BY PROVIDING TRIBAL LEADERS, LEGAL PRACTITIONERS, AND THE PUBLIC WITH CONVENIENT ACCESS TO CURRENT AND ACCURATE COPIES OF TRIBAL CODES AND CONSTITUTIONS. NILL BEGAN COLLECTING THE LAWS OF TRIBAL NATIONS IN 1988. EVENTUALLY, MUCH OF THE COLLECTION MOVED ONLINE TO THE TRIBAL LAW GATEWAY. NILL'S GOAL IS FOR THE GATEWAY TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO ACCURATE TRIBAL LAW INFORMATION FOR ALL 574 FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES, IN THE FORMAT OF THE TRIBE'S CHOOSING.</p>
FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 11B - REVIEW OF FORM 990 BY GOVERNING BODY	<p>PROCESS TO REVIEW THE FORM 990: THE FORM 990 IS PREPARED BY THIRD PARTY PREPARERS. THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER THOROUGHLY REVIEWS THE FORM 990 AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE PROVIDED WITH COPIES OF THE FORM 990 PRIOR TO FILING WITH THE IRS.</p>

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FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 12C - CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY	PROCESS FOR MONITORING COMPLIANCE WITH CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY: BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, SUPERVISORS, AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL STAFF ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT ANUALLY (BY JANUARY 15 OF EACH YEAR). DISCLOSURE AND DETERMINATION OF THE POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST (PCI) AT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS LEVEL IS DISCLOSED TO THE BOARD CHAIR (IF THE BOARD CHAIR IS THE ONE WITH PCI, THEN TO THE VICE-CHAIR), WHICH IS THEN BROUGHT TO THE FULL BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION AND DETERMINATION. BOARD MEMBERS WITH PCI SHALL BE ABSENT FROM THE BOARD'S DISCUSSION AND DECISION. EMPLOYEES WITH PCI SHALL GO TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (ED) (IF ED HAS A PCI, THEN TO THE BOARD CHAIR). THE MATTER WILL THEN GO TO CORPORATE OFFICERS FOR CONSIDERATION AND DETERMINATION.
FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 15 - LINE 15A & 15B	REVIEW OF CEO AND TOP MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL COMPENSATION: AN EXTENSIVE SALARY SURVEY IS PERFORMED FOR ALL POSITIONS IN THE SUMMER OF EVERY EVEN YEAR IN WHICH CURRENT SALARIES ARE COMPARED TO MARKET SURVEY DATA OBTAINED FROM A VARIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEY SOURCES. THIS INFORMATION IS THEN SUBMITTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR REVIEW AND THEN DISCUSSED AND APPROVED DURING AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING. MINUTES OF THE MEETING ARE TAKEN FOR SUBSTANTIATION OF THE DELIBERATION AND DECISION. THIS PROCEDURE WAS LAST PERFORMED IN 2024.
FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 17 - STATES WITH WHICH A COPY OF THIS FORM 990 IS REQUIRED TO BE FILED	CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY
FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 19 - REQUIRED DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC	EXPLAIN WHY 1023/1024, 990, OR 990-T IS NOT AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC: FORM 1023 WAS FILED BEFORE JULY 15, 1987 AND A COPY WAS NOT AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME.  DESCRIBE HOW DOCUMENTS ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC: FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE AND UPON REQUEST. REQUESTS (WITH A VALID BUSINESS PURPOSE) FOR THE MANAGING DOCUMENTS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY WILL BE CONSIDERED.
FORM 990, PART VIII, LINE 1E -	GOVERNMENT GRANTS: THE AMOUNT SHOWN AS GOVERNMENT GRANTS ON LINE 1(E) INCLUDES \$1,247,850 OF CONTRIBUTIONS REVENUE FROM APPROXIMATELY 20 TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS.

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Form 990-T

Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return (and proxy tax under section 6033(e))

OMB No. 1545-0047

2023

For calendar year 2023 or other tax year beginning 10/01, 2023, and ending 09/30, 20 24

Go to www.irs.gov/Form990T for instructions and the latest information.

Do not enter SSN numbers on this form as it may be made public if your organization is a 501(c)(3).

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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Form header section containing: A Check box if address changed; B Exempt under section 501(C)(3); C Book value of all assets at end of year 84,115,280; D Employer identification number 84-0611876; E Group exemption number; F Check box if an amended return.

G Check organization type: 501(c) corporation (checked), 501(c) trust, 401(a) trust, Other trust, State college/university, 6417(d)(1)(A) Applicable entity.

H Check if filing only to claim: Credit from Form 8941, Refund shown on Form 2439, Elective payment amount from Form 3800.

I Check if a 501(c)(3) organization filing a consolidated return with a 501(c)(2) titleholding corporation.

J Enter the number of attached Schedules A (Form 990-T).

K During the tax year, was the corporation a subsidiary in an affiliated group or a parent-subsidiary controlled group? Yes (checked), No.

L The books are in care of (SEE STATEMENT), Telephone number (303) 447-8760.

Part I Total Unrelated Business Taxable Income

Table with 11 rows for Part I: Total Unrelated Business Taxable Income. Columns include line number, description, and amount. Total amount is 0.

Part II Tax Computation

Table with 7 rows for Part II: Tax Computation. Columns include line number, description, and amount. Total amount is 0.

Part III Tax and Payments

Table with 5 rows for Part III: Tax and Payments. Columns include sub-row (1a-1d, 3a-3e), description, and amount. Total tax amount is 0.

**Part III Tax and Payments** (continued)

<b>6a</b>	Payments: Preceding year's overpayment credited to the current year . . . . .	<b>6a</b>	7,157	
<b>b</b>	Current year's estimated tax payments. Check if section 643(g) election applies <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>6b</b>	0	
<b>c</b>	Tax deposited with Form 8868 . . . . .	<b>6c</b>	0	
<b>d</b>	Foreign organizations: Tax paid or withheld at source (see instructions) . . . . .	<b>6d</b>	0	
<b>e</b>	Backup withholding (see instructions). . . . .	<b>6e</b>	0	
<b>f</b>	Credit for small employer health insurance premiums (attach Form 8941) . . . . .	<b>6f</b>	0	
<b>g</b>	Elective payment election amount from Form 3800 . . . . .		0	
<b>h</b>	Payment from Form 2439 . . . . .	<b>6h</b>	0	
<b>i</b>	Credit from Form 4136 . . . . .	<b>6i</b>	0	
<b>j</b>	Other (see instructions) . . . . .	<b>6j</b>	0	
<b>7</b>	<b>Total payments.</b> Add lines 6a through 6j . . . . .	<b>7</b>		7,157
<b>8</b>	Estimated tax penalty (see instructions). Check if Form 2220 is attached <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>8</b>		0
<b>9</b>	<b>Tax due.</b> If line 7 is smaller than the total of lines 4, 5, and 8, enter amount owed . . . . .	<b>9</b>		0
<b>10</b>	<b>Overpayment.</b> If line 7 is larger than the total of lines 4, 5, and 8, enter amount overpaid . . . . .	<b>10</b>		7,157
<b>11</b>	Enter the amount of line 10 you want: <b>Credited to 2024 estimated tax</b> 0 <b>Refunded</b>	<b>11</b>		7,157

**Part IV Statements Regarding Certain Activities and Other Information** (see instructions)

<b>1</b>	At any time during the 2023 calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account (bank, securities, or other) in a foreign country? If "Yes," the organization may have to file FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts. If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country here	Yes	No
<b>2</b>	During the tax year, did the organization receive a distribution from, or was it the grantor of, or transferor to, a foreign trust? If "Yes," see instructions for other forms the organization may have to file.		✓
<b>3</b>	Enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year . . . . . \$		
<b>4</b>	Enter available pre-2018 NOL carryovers here \$ . . . . . Do not include any post-2017 NOL carryover shown on Schedule A (Form 990-T). Don't reduce the NOL carryover shown here by any deduction reported on Part I, line 6.		
<b>5</b>	Post-2017 NOL carryovers. Enter the Business Activity Code and available post-2017 NOL carryovers. Don't reduce the amounts shown below by any NOL claimed on any Schedule A, Part II, line 17, for the tax year. See instructions.		
	Business Activity Code	Available post-2017 NOL carryover	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
<b>6a</b>	Reserved for future use . . . . .		
<b>b</b>	Reserved for future use . . . . .		

**Part V Supplemental Information**

Provide any additional information. See instructions.

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 taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

**Sign Here** Michael Kennedy 4/16/2025 CFO  
 Signature of officer Date Title

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May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below (see instructions)?  Yes  No

<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name <b>ADAM R. SMITH</b>	Preparer's signature <i>Adam R. Smith</i>	Date <b>04/08/2025</b>	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN <b>P00958966</b>
	Firm's name <b>FORVIS MAZARS, LLP</b>	Firm's EIN <b>44-0160260</b>			
	Firm's address <b>111 SOUTH TEJON SUITE 800, COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80903-9848</b>	Phone no. <b>(719) 471-4290</b>			

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BOOK CARE - NAME AND ADDRESS	NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND, 250 ARAPAHOE AVENUE, BOULDER, CO 80302-5821