

Town of Bladensburg
Community Grant Program
4229 Edmonston Road
Bladensburg, MD 20710
301-927-7041



Town of Bladensburg
COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM
Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) Grant Application and Guidelines

- A. For the purpose of this section, an “operating grant” shall provide support for the day-to-day costs of running the non-profit organization. A “capital grant” shall provide funds to nonprofit organizations to purchase equipment and related supplies or to make capital improvements (renovations, remodeling, etc.).
- B. Subject to the availability of funds, the Town will consider funding an operating and/or capital grant to a non-profit organization with an application submission that meets one of the following criteria:
1. Provides services that sustain and empower youth, families, and individuals to move towards an improved quality of life and self-sufficiency.
 2. Provides programs that preserve and enhance a community’s character;
 3. Provides programs that contribute to a vibrant economy; or
 4. Promotes programs that are integral to community revitalization, economic development, and environmental sustainability.
- C. A committee shall be convened to review and evaluate applications submitted to the Town of Bladensburg.
1. The Committee shall consist of the Mayor’s designated staff person, the Treasurer, the Town Administrator, and up to two at-large staff persons.
 2. The Grant committee will make recommendations that will be approved at the July 15, 2024, Mayor and Council Work Session and Meeting.
 3. Committee recommendations to the Mayor and Council will have the following order of preference:
 - a. Organizations directly serving Town residents.
 - b. Organizations directly serving Port Towns residents.
 - c. Organizations indirectly serving Town and Port Town residents.
- D. Application qualification criteria:
1. Applicant shall have the administrative and financial capacity to carry out the project successfully and shall be in good standing with the Maryland Department of Taxation;
 2. The project shall help meet the criteria outlined in paragraph B of this section;
 3. The applicant shall demonstrate that the proposed activity shall provide maximum public benefit in relation to cost and
 4. The applicant shall demonstrate the ability to leverage additional funds.

Guidelines and Instructions

Applications must be received by **July 3, 2024, at 3:00 PM**. Applications received after this date and time will not be considered, and extensions will not be permitted.

Please submit online or by email to jamaya@bladensburgmd.gov.

Grant applications will be available for download on the Town's website at www.bladensburgmd.gov.

Please complete all forms and answer all questions in the application. The application form does not limit the number of words in each section. However, please answer the questions concisely in the space provided.

Incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant without further consideration.

Limited funding available, maximum grant funding available per requesting applicant will be up to \$2,000 based on the final FY24 approved budget.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are required and must be included in all applications:

1. **Federal Tax-exempt IRS determination letter:** Copy of most recent IRS determination letter under Section 501 (c) (3) indicating evidence of tax-exempt status.
2. **Good Standing Status:** Include the most recent copy (2017) of the organization's general entity information showing that it is currently in good standing with the State Department of Assessment & Taxation (SDAT)
3. **Articles of Incorporation:** Include a copy of the Articles of Incorporation.
4. **Organizations' Bylaws:** Please include a copy of your organizational bylaws.
5. **Board of Directors:** Please list all board members and terms.
6. **Mission Statement** – Include the organization's Mission Statement.
7. **Copy of the last audit or financial statements**—If audited financials are unavailable, please provide a copy of the organization's most recent IRS 990 tax return.
8. **Organization budget for the current year:** Provide a copy of the most recent budget, including income, expenses, and debts.
9. **Form-W9:** Signed request for Taxpayer's Identification Number and Certification.
10. **Insurance Requirement:** Proof of Insurance.
11. **Letter of Support:** Include at least one (1) Letter of Support with an original signature from a community group, PTA/PTO, or church located within the radius as evidence of community need.

If this request includes partner organizations, please provide a copy of a Memorandum of Understanding, support letters, or a description of each organization's roles and responsibilities that is signed by all parties. If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch with Jessica Amaya at 410-927-7048 or by email at jamaya@bladensburgmd.gov.



Community Grant Application
Deadline July 3, 2024
3:00 P.M.

Organization Name: Engaged Community Offshoots, Inc dba ECO City Farms

Executive Director/Officer: Margaret Morgan-Hubbard

Address: 6010 Taylor Rd, Riverdale MD 20737

Phone Number: N/A

Email: info@ecocityfarms.org, nancy@ecocityfarms.org

Federal ID#: 26-4196401

Incorporation Date: June 26, 2009 501 (c) (3) Registration Date: June 26, 2009

Project Title: Operational Funding to Bolster Food Sovereignty at Bladensburg's Sole Urban Farm

Project Location(s): Bladensburg Farm, 6100 Emerson St, Bladensburg MD 20710

Amount Requested: \$2000

RESIDENCE OF CLIENTS SERVED (*Preference will be given to agencies serving Bladensburg residents – Check all that apply*)

- X Town of Bladensburg
- X Prince George's County
- X Port Towns (Edmonston, Cottage City, Colmar Manor)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - *Provide a brief summary of your project. Please include the following items: the purpose of the project, the number of people living in the Town of Bladensburg to be served, and how the Town grant funds will be used.*

ECO City Farms is seeking an operating grant from the Town of Bladensburg to sustain its mission of promoting food sovereignty, community health, and environmental stewardship through urban farming. Intentionally located in Prince George's County, ECO aims to serve the community of Bladensburg by providing access to affordable, local and chemical-free produce, educating beginner farmers in sustainable farming practices, and fostering a deeper connection to our shared earth.

The grant funds will support critical aspects of ECO's operations, including equipment for community events, water subsidies for local growers, and essential farm supplies such as wheelbarrows and hoses. The primary beneficiaries include the dozens of Bladensburg residents who participate in ECO's

programs and events. This encompasses the students who participate in our 6-week Summer Youth Program, 11 rising sophomores at Bladensburg High School; the community growers who call our Bladensburg Farm home; our farm staff; and our dozens of CSA members, many who will be receiving bags of fresh produce each week subsidized by the Town. Additionally, ECO hopes to hold seasonal community events that introduce hundreds of Bladensburg residents, especially our immediate neighbors, to our offerings, growing practices and dialogues about our food system.

ECO City Farms has been a pioneer in urban agriculture for over 14 years, transforming underutilized suburban and industrial spaces into thriving farms that address food insecurity, soil remediation, and environmental education. Our Bladensburg Farm, where our farmers produce fresh vegetables, compost and community on three and a half acres of previously-vacant land, is the only urban farm in the Town of Bladensburg.

Through partnerships with local institutions and advocacy efforts, ECO has positioned itself as a leader in sustainable agriculture in Prince George's County, contributing to policy change and increased community resilience. The grant will enable ECO to continue and expand upon these efforts.

PROGRAM INFORMATION - *Describe the overall or general purpose of your agency.*

Engaged Community Offshoots, Inc. (better known as ECO City Farms or simply ECO) is a nonprofit urban teaching and learning farm in Prince George's County whose mission is to grow great food, farms and farmers in ways that protect, restore and sustain the natural environment and the health of local communities. Working with area children, youth and adults, ECO educates and trains the next generation of urban farmers, eaters and environmental activists.

More than 14 years ago, ECO first brought the concept and the reality of urban agriculture to Prince George's County, and the DC metropolitan area. We transformed two blighted sites in lower-income, food-insecure neighborhoods in the County's Port Towns, our Bladensburg and Edmonston Farms, into places of nutrition, beauty, opportunity and collegial community. We pioneered urban farming to enhance local food security, remediate polluted soils, reconnect area residents to nature, provide new livelihoods for those in need, overcome past violence and heal our relationship with the land, and grow the next generation of environmental leaders and entrepreneurs.

ECO's farms are living laboratories for urban food production and systems change. We represent a new vision for the small American farm and local communities, where locally produced, safe and sustainably-grown chemical-free food is available to all. We pursue this important work – refining farming techniques and food access, and teaching and learning from fellow farmers – because our overarching goal is to ensure that all of us, collectively and individually, will have a safe, equitable and healthy food future.

For an organization with a small footprint and seven full-time staff, we continue to have a large reach. ECO staff helped found the County's Food Equity Council; have served on the County's Agricultural Advisory Commission; and has forged enduring partnerships with large and small local institutions, from M-NCPPC and a dozen County Public Schools, to PG Community College, the Soil Conservation District, the Chesapeake Bay Trust, a number of County municipalities and local churches and nonprofits. Prince George's County non-profits fulfill the unmet needs of our community and improve the quality of life of its residents and their families. We do so with integrity, innovation and collaboration

to find new solutions. At ECO City Farms, we pursue environmental and food justice – improving the physical environment while demonstrating new ways for people to better interact within it. We consider ourselves what Grace Lee Boggs, famed Civil Rights leader, called “solutionaries.” Through our mission of growing great food, farms and farmers, ECO replenishes County soil and trains our youth and new farmers how to engage with the earth in ways that are mutually nourishing in order to assure the healthy food and chemical-free environment that our communities deserve.

COMMUNITY NEED/POPULATION BEING SERVED: *Describe the issue or community that needs to be addressed. Prove the demographic data and geographic information used to determine the extent of the problem or the need not being addressed.*

In the context of the greater United States, Prince George’s County is a unique amalgamation of cultures, demographics, languages and land use strategies. The Town of Bladensburg itself is highly diverse, in many ways making it the perfect living laboratory for addressing long term issues of food security, equity and environmental restoration. Despite attempts to frame our modern-day society as a “post-agricultural economy,” food is at the very heart of our relationship with our bodies, communities, ecosystems and institutions. Considering our country’s painful history, where the same systems of power perpetrated violence against both people and our planet, our mission of cultivating healthy food creates intertwined pathways to healing.

The selection of our sites in the Port Towns was highly intentional as a strategy for establishing nourishing produce, educational opportunities and nature access directly into the neighborhoods most in need. Our Bladensburg Farm is located in a disadvantaged community as is defined by the White House’s Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool. The farm’s census tract is in the 87th percentile for diabetes, 98th percentile for housing cost and 74th percentile for low income. The site is in immediate proximity to three Title 1 public schools, Bladensburg Community Center, and a senior living community. All of these reasons highlight exactly why healthy diets are so necessary for Bladensburg residents – making their bodies more resilient to the array of socioeconomic and geographic factors that have a tremendous impact on their long-term health outcomes. However, the otherwise limited access to fresh and healthy foods in our area has all of the characteristics of a food desert. Creating an equitable and viable food system requires intentional community improvement strategies, like proliferating urban farms and farming. Stepped up local food production alone cannot ensure a future where food is accessible to all. Growing demand by those who can afford the best quality food can only go so far to boost food production in Bladensburg. Deliberate efforts and policies need to center on assuring healthy food for all as a basic human right.

In recent years, we have seen a consistent rise in local, quality applicants for ECO’s farming programs. Why are so many people, young and old, invested in learning about tending the earth, growing healthy food, and restoring themselves, their families and the environment? Because too many of our applicants consider themselves and their families to be hostages of an untrustworthy and dangerous food system. Because they no longer consider themselves to be healthy and strong, and are at risk for diabetes and other diet-related ailments. Because they want to repair themselves, their families and the food system itself. Because they are unwilling to be victims. Because they want to heal themselves and the environment. Because they want to return to the wisdom and knowledge of their grandparents and ancestors. Because they want to be whole.

The need is to grow local food as a strategy to restore ourselves, our economy and our planet. To do so

requires Town of Bladensburg support.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION- *Please provide a detailed description of the program you are proposing. Please include the group of people you plan to serve, the number of expected participants, the activities or services you will provide, and the location of the program/project.*

ECO's Bladensburg Farm is the organization's largest staff-run operation, located on three and a half acres in the middle of a residential community. The site contains a quarter-acre of growing space used for commercial distribution and donations; our hot compost and vermicompost infrastructure, where all of our on-farm compost is produced; our Beginning Farmer Training Program high tunnel, where ~25 trainees grow their own crops over the course of seven months each year; seven community growing plots; and our food forest, orchard and apiary. This site is central to our aspirations as a teaching and learning farm, where educators, trainees and community members come together to work side-by-side. As a non-profit organization, our operations are designed to support community. In a country where large-scale agriculture is heavily subsidized – where the US public pays proportionally less for food than any other country in the developed world – it is difficult to turn a profit while properly valuing the labor and investment that goes into our produce. However, we know that our mission of establishing food sovereignty in the underserved communities that we reside in is a necessary one. Therefore, in a time where so much is stacked against work like ours, we turn to the support of our local governments to increase our organization's capacity in our day-to-day operations. ECO is requesting general operating funds to support our daily farm operations. These funds would act to support events, equipment and utilities.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, ECO stepped up to support our community through donations of locally-grown, chemical-free produce – at a time when food access was more important than ever, due to the linkages between diet-related illnesses and COVID deaths and hospitalizations. This was especially true for Black and brown communities, who are more likely to be located in food deserts. However, the pandemic also disrupted ECO's programs and offerings, which is why we are actively working on reconnecting with our neighbors. This is why we find community events and offerings to be especially important at this unique moment in history, and turn to the Town of Bladensburg to request event funding and support. In July, ECO City Farms plans to hold a Summer Open House at our Bladensburg Farm, intended to re-introduce our farm to the community, educate our neighbors on our mission and growing practices, learn more about how our organization can meet our communities' needs, and create space for coming together. Portions of this funding would go towards promotion, food and activities for this event as well as future events and offerings.

For close to a decade, ECO has lent growing space at our Bladensburg Farm to neighbor farmers, primarily immigrants from Cameroon who are providing West African crops to their community. We find this resource to be especially crucial due to these crops' otherwise limited access in the Bladensburg area. We are happy to be providing land access to our community. However, utility prices for water have created barriers to ECO's continued support. This funding could help to subsidize their water usage and enable us to continue to feed and support our community throughout the growing season.

Finally, portions of this funding would go towards general farm needs, such as necessary equipment replacements. With our resources shared amongst our farmers, trainees and community growers, we are in need of additional supplies to compensate for old and degraded equipment, including wheelbarrows, hoses and a replacement hydrant.

There are many individuals and groups that our organization touches who would be supported by this funding. This includes our farmers and farming apprentices, members of our Beginning Farmer Training Program and Summer Youth Program, community growers and their families and community networks, our CSA members, people who purchase our produce, and attendees of our public events. Close to 50 farmers – across our farms and programs – would be supported through an expanded farming capacity. The community reach extends even farther. We have relationships with neighbors at many of the surrounding apartments, including Emerson House, Parkview and Autumn Woods, who would be supported through this funding by increased food access and community events. As the only urban farm in Bladensburg, we are providing a crucial resource to the Town and to Prince George’s County more generally – meaning that hundreds would benefit directly and indirectly from the towns’ support.

METHODOLOGY- *Describe the methodology (or approach) for the proposed program/project, e.g., the procedures, tasks, techniques, or tools you will use to develop the program.*

ECO City Farms’ theory of change is based on the belief that community values and long-term health are shaped by and reflect the land use, industries, resources and institutions inside its borders. Local food production can be a powerful stimulus for economic and social transformation. ECO’s presence in the Bladensburg community is designed to create pathways for change through increased community resiliency, education and sovereignty.

In these rapidly changing times, as everyday people cope with inflation, economic uncertainty and the felt realities of climate change, our organization is looking to mold to our community’s ever-changing needs. A foundational piece of serving our community is to properly gauge how best to tailor our offerings to match the present-day climate, which this grant will help to serve. Our Summer Open House was designed, in part, to engage our community about what they would most like to see from ECO through a series of conversations and surveys. This community engagement and stakeholder consultation will enable us to understand broader community goals and align our initiatives accordingly. This community dialogue is central to dictating the best path forward to make our organization’s mission into a reality. Collective decision-making is a core principle of a community-embedded organization such as ours. The direction of the produce and event offerings that will come out of this grant can only be properly defined after properly quantifying community interests and needs through neighborhood dialogue.

FUNDING SOURCES - *What efforts have you made to obtain funding from other sources, including fundraising, dues, and any requests for other county/state programs?*

ECO City Farms relies heavily upon grant funding to bring our organization’s mission to life. We have several major federal programming grants, including the USDA’s Beginning Farmer Rancher Development Program (BFRDP) and the Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production (UAIP) grants; MDA’s Healthy Soils Competitive Fund; and the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) grant funded by the University of Vermont. However, while the operation of our two commercial urban farms—covering more than 5 acres of land in the Port Towns—is the basis of all our training and outreach work, we do not receive specific grant support for our daily operations or administrative staff, or for the considerable costs of seeds, soil amendments, tools and supplies, maintenance, marketing, or utilities related to our farming activities. Nor do we have funding to support the planning, documenting, or carrying out of the work involved. A majority of grant opportunities are program-specific, which assist

and support the establishment of large projects but do not consider the heavy cost of continued day-to-day operation and staff salaries after these projects are put in place. The specific purpose of this proposal is to support and strengthen our farming operations, which is the foundation for all of our associated work.

The funds we request with this grant will be allocated for general support to cover the many yearly costs of our Bladensburg Farm that are not covered by our restricted federal, state or foundation funding, or the earned income from our produce sales. We will invest in activities intended to ensure ECO's greater financial stability by strengthening our ties with our hometown of Bladensburg and finding ways to strategically improve the health and wellbeing of our constituency. In the future, as we streamline farm operations and partner even more closely with the communities we serve, we expect that together we will find new ways to support and fund our critical farm operations as well.

ORGANIZATION CAPABILITIES - *Describe the organization's ability to implement the program/project.*

ECO City Farms has been operating in the Port Towns for 14 years. At the time of the organization's establishment, urban farming was practically non-existent in our region. Over the past decade and a half, Prince George's County has seen huge steps forward in public education and policy to support urban farming, in part due to ECO's advocacy. ECO has played a key role in moving local farming forward, changing zoning laws across Prince George's County to allow for farming on 80% of county land and assisting in the establishment of Prince George's County's Food Equity Council. In that time, ECO has continued to offer fresh, local produce and expanded our programs and operations, acting as a stable supporter of food sovereignty and land access for our communities throughout major shifts in the economy, local and national government and a global pandemic. ECO was created not just as an urban farm, but as a model for urban farming intended to be replicated locally and globally.

Our Bladensburg Farm was established over a decade ago, and has seen significant financial and labor investment in that time. As a mission-driven organization, ECO has proved its continued dedication to developing our soils and community relationships in the town of Bladensburg, and we plan to continue this investment for decades to come. We have seen many iterations of our programs, staff and organizational direction over time, but have always operated primarily via grant funding. Each year, we successfully run our ten-month Beginning Farmer Training Program and 6-week SEED2FEED Summer Youth Program, distribute our CSA to over 50 families year-round, and hold community events centering farming and nutrition education. We have 7 full-time staff members and several part-time employees who will support in the implementation of this funding if awarded.

IMPACT - *Describe the Town funds' impact on your program/project.*

ECO City Farms could not operate without the support of and partnership with our local governments. Our ability to meaningfully engage our community has only been made possible through over a decade of collaboration between ECO and the towns that we reside in. Our shared mission to serve the residents of our constituencies has brought forward a fruitful partnership to combat food insecurity in the Port Towns. We are grateful for the continued desire to collaborate – together, we are able to expand our reach and impact farther than ECO would ever be able to accomplish alone.

Funding for daily farm operations and outreach is of the utmost importance to our organization, as

nonprofits face the greatest difficulty in securing operational grant funding. New farm equipment will make our work more efficient, enabling us to better serve our community through healthy produce and more resilient ecosystems. Additionally, event funding will create new opportunities for community engagement and connection with our organization's mission. As we seek to reconnect with our neighbors and continue to adapt our offerings to meet the needs of our community, these events enable us to better connect our produce and programs with those who can serve to benefit most from them. At a small nonprofit like ECO, the Town's award would greatly increase organizational and staff capacity, enabling us to act as better stewards of our land and servants to our community.

Obtaining a printout of Good Standing Status
From the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation

The Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT) website provides information about business entities.

Go to <https://egov.maryland.gov/BusinessExpress/EntitySearch>. Under “Business Name Search”, enter the name or part of the name of the entity. There should be no spaces between words, and you should not include the words “the” or “and”. Also, do not include any “tail” such as “Inc.” or “LLC”. If you only search part of the name, follow the part with “%” for a wildcard search. It will give you the entity’s name, status with the SDAT, and whether the entity is in good standing with SDAT.

A printout of entity details from the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation webpage indicating the organization's good standing is acceptable. Please note that if the entity is listed as “forfeited” or not in good standing with SDAT, it cannot enter into a contract with the Town of Bladensburg until the forfeiture or lack of good standing is resolved.

Attachments to be included with the Grant Application
Identify each document alphabetically

DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

Please ensure you have attached the required documents before submitting your grant application.

ATTACHMENT- A – Federal Tax-Exempt IRS Determination Letter.

(The organization's Name must match the SDAT Records)

ATTACHMENT- B - Good Standing Status with the State of Maryland

(The organization's Full Legal Name must match the SDAT records)

ATTACHMENT- C - Articles of Incorporation

(The organization's Full Legal Name must match the SDAT records)

ATTACHMENT- D - Organizations By-Laws

(The organization's Full Legal Name must match the SDAT records)

ATTACHMENT- E – Board of Directors with names, addresses, and terms of office

ATTACHMENT- F - Organization Mission Statement

ATTACHMENT-G - Financial Statements

ATTACHMENT - H – Copy of budget for the current year

ATTACHMENT-I - Signed For W-9 Request for Taxpayer-Identification Number & Certification (The Organization’s Full Legal Name must match SDAT records)

ATTACHMENT-J – Insurance requirements/proof of insurance

ATTACHMENT K – Letter(s) of Support

CERTIFICATION

"I certify that I have reviewed this application and that, to the best of my knowledge, all statements and figures contained herein are true, accurate, and complete. If your organization does not have a Board of Directors, please indicate "NA" on the signature line and have the organization director sign.



Signature of Chief Executive Officer Date

Print Name: Margaret Morgan-Hubbard

Title: Founder & Chief Executive Officer

Address: 6010 Taylor Rd, Riverdale MD 20737

Phone: (202) 812-3901

Email info@ecocityfarms.org

Provide the following information about your clients based on your most recent data. Information current as of (date) 07/03/2024

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
P. O. BOX 2508
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date:

JUN 26 2009

ENGAGED COMMUNITY OFFSHOOTS INC
6200 SHERIDAN ST STE 0135
RIVERDALE, MD 20737

Employer Identification Number:

26-4196401

DLN:

17053050020009

Contact Person:

BENJAMIN L DAVIS

ID# 31465

Contact Telephone Number:

(877) 829-5500

Accounting Period Ending:

June 30

Public Charity Status:

170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

Form 990 Required:

Yes

Effective Date of Exemption:

January 24, 2009

Contribution Deductibility:

Yes

Addendum Applies:

No

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

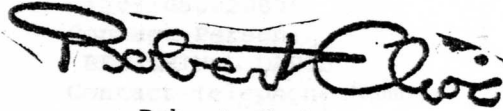
Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined that you are a public charity under the Code section(s) listed in the heading of this letter.

Please see enclosed Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

Letter 947 (DO/CG)

ENGAGED COMMUNITY OFFSHOOTS INC

Sincerely,



Robert Choi
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

Enclosures: Publication 4221-PC

Public Charity Status
17200111A
Form 990 Required
Yes
Applicable Dates
January 24, 2009
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Washington, DC 20548

Dear Sir:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for exempt status, we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. You are also qualified to deduct contributions under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax-advantaged requests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2512 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determine your status under the Code section 170(e)(1)(B)(i) listed in the instructions to Form 990.

Enclosed are enclosed Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Requirements for Public Charities. For more helpful information about your organization's exempt organization status, please refer to the instructions to Form 990.

ENGAGED COMMUNITY OFFSHOOTS, INC.: D12897500

General Information

Filing History

Annual Report/Personal Property

General Information

Options for this Business

Department ID Number: D12897500

Business Name: ENGAGED COMMUNITY OFFSHOOTS, INC.

Principal Office: **i** 6010 TAYLOR ROAD
RIVERDALE MD 20737

Resident Agent: **i** MARGARET MORGAN-HUBBARD
3901 LIVINGSTON ST.
HYATTSVILLE MD 20781

Status: INCORPORATED

Good Standing: THIS BUSINESS IS IN GOOD STANDING

Business Type: CORPORATION

Business Code: 04 ORDINARY BUSINESS - NON-STOCK

Date of Formation/ Registration: 01/24/2009 **i**

State of Formation: MD

Stock Status: NONSTOCK

Close Status: NO

Articles of Incorporation of
Engaged Community Offshoots, Inc

FIRST:

The undersigned:

Adam Schwartz whose address is 2901 Taylor Street, Mt. Rainier, MD 20712
Margaret Morgan-Hubbard whose address is 3901 Livingston Street, Hyattsville, MD
20781 and Thomas Earl Cannady whose address is 6700 Belcrest Road, Apt. 923,
Hyattsville, MD 20782, being at least 18 years of age, do hereby form a corporation
under the laws of the state of Maryland.

SECOND:

The name of the corporation is "Engaged Community Offshoots, Inc.". The duration of
the corporation shall be perpetual, unless otherwise dissolved by action of law or by
action of the members at an annual or special meeting.

THIRD:

The corporation is formed, as a nonprofit social enterprise, for the following purposes:
A) To develop an environmentally sound and socially equitable community based
businesses which are spin-offs of the Engaged University's work.
B) To engage in related educational and other lawful activity which may hereafter be
authorized by the Board of Directors; provided, however, that the purposes for which the
corporation is formed shall at all times be consistent with Section 501(c)(3) of the
Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code..

FOURTH:

The street address of the principle office of the corporation in Maryland is Center for
Educational Partnership at 6200 Sheridan Street, Riverdale, MD 20737. ✓

FIFTH:

The name of the resident agent of the corporation in Maryland is Thomas Earl Cannady ✓
whose address is 6700 Belcrest Road, Apt. 923, Hyattsville, MD 20782.

SIXTH:

The corporation has no authority to issue capital stock.

SEVENTH:

The number of directors of the corporation shall be three which number may be increased
or decreased pursuant to the bylaws of the corporation. The names of the directors who
shall act until the first meeting or until their successors are duly chosen and qualified are
Thomas Cannady, Margaret Morgan-Hubbard, and Adam Schwartz.

EIGHTH:

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be
distributable to its members trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the
corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for

STATE OF MARYLAND

I hereby certify that this is a true and complete copy of the 3
page document on file in this office. DATED: 2/3/09
STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION
BY: [Signature], Custodian
This stamp replaces our previous certification system. Effective: 6/95

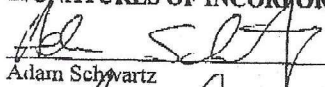
services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article Third hereof. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

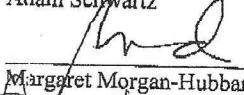
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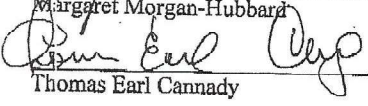
Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed these articles and acknowledge the same to be my act.

SIGNATURES OF INCORPORATORS:


Adam Schwartz

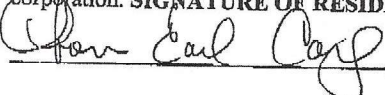

Margaret Morgan-Hubbard


Thomas Earl Cannady

Filing Party's Return Address:

The Center for Educational Partnership
6200 Sheridan Street
Riverdale, MD 20737

I hereby consent to my designation in this document as resident agent for this corporation. **SIGNATURE OF RESIDENT AGENT LISTED IN FIFTH:**

 Thomas Earl Cannady

ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT
Engaged Community Offshoots, Inc.

Engaged Community Offshoots, Inc., a Maryland corporation, hereby certifies to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland that:

The charter of the corporation is hereby amended as follows:

~~FIRST: Names of incorporators changed to as follows:—~~

~~Adam Schwartz whose address is 2901 Taylor Street, Mt. Rainier, MD 20712;~~
~~Margaret Morgan Hubbard whose address is 3901 Livingston Street, Hyattsville,~~
~~MD 20781 and Noma Mpofo whose address is 5907 39th Avenue, Hyattsville,~~
~~MD 20781, being at least 18 years of age, do hereby form a corporation under~~
~~the laws of the state of Maryland.~~ AS

THIRD:

Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code.

The corporation is formed, as a nonprofit social enterprise, for the following purposes:

- A) To develop an environmentally sound and socially equitable community based businesses which are spin-offs of the Engaged University's work.
- B) To engage in related educational and other lawful activity which may hereafter be authorized by the Board of Directors; provided, however, that the purposes for which the corporation is formed shall at all times be consistent with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code..

FIFTH:

The name of the resident agent of the corporation in Maryland is *Margaret Morgan-Hubbard* whose address is *3901 Livingston Street, Hyattsville. MD 20781.* ✓✓

SEVENTH:

STATE OF MARYLAND

I hereby certify that this is a true and complete copy of the 4 page document on file in this office. DATE: 6.2.09

BY: Shana J. Watson, Custodian

This stamp replaces our previous verification system. Effective: 6/95

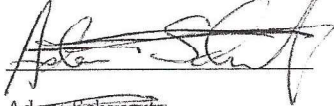
The number of directors of the corporation shall be three which number may be increased or decreased pursuant to the bylaws of the corporation. The names of the directors who shall act until the first meeting or until their successors are duly chosen and qualified are *Noma Mpofo*, Margaret Morgan-Hubbard, and Adam Schwartz.


NINTH:


Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed these articles and acknowledge the same to be my act.

SIGNATURES OF INCORPORATORS:


Adam Schwartz

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Margaret Morgan-Hubbard RA

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Noma Mpofo

Filing Party's Return Address:

The Center for Educational Partnership/6200 Sheridan Street/Riverdale, MD 20737

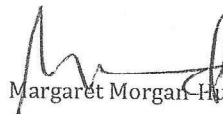
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These amendments of the charter of the corporation has been approved by the Board of Directors at a Meeting on May 26, 2009. A quorum was present.

We the undersigned President and Secretary swear under perjury that the foregoing is a corporate act.

 5/27/09

Vinnie Bevivino, Secretary

 5/27/09

Margaret Morgan Hubbard, President



Bylaws of Engaged Community Offshoots, Inc.

ARTICLE I — NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1 — Name: The name of the organization shall be Engaged Community Offshoots, Inc.

Engaged Community Offshoots, Inc. shall be a nonprofit organization incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland.

Section 2 — Purpose: Engaged Community Offshoots, Inc. is organized exclusively for charitable, scientific and education purposes.

The corporation is formed, as a nonprofit social enterprise, for the following purposes:

A) To develop and support the environmentally sound and socially equitable community based activities and businesses which are offshoots of the work of the Engaged University at the University of Maryland, College Park.

B) To engage in related educational and other lawful activity which may hereafter be authorized by the Board of Directors; provided, however, that the purposes for which the corporation is formed shall at all times be consistent with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE II — MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 — Membership: Membership shall consist of the board of directors.

ARTICLE III — BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 — Board role, size, and compensation: The board is responsible for overall policy and direction of the association, and delegates responsibility of day-to-day operations to the staff and committees.

The board shall have up to 20, but not fewer than 6 members. The board receives no compensation other than reasonable expenses.

Section 2 — Terms: All board members shall serve two-year terms, but are eligible for re-election for up to five consecutive terms.

Section 3— Meetings and notice: The board shall meet at least quarterly, at an agreed upon time and place. An official board meeting requires that each board member have

written notice at least two weeks in advance.

Section 4— Board elections: During the last quarter of each fiscal year of the corporation, the board of directors shall elect Directors to replace those whose terms will expire at the end of the fiscal year. This election shall take place during a regular meeting of the directors, called in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws.

Section 5 — Election procedures: New directors shall be elected by a majority of directors present at such a meeting, provided there is a quorum present. Directors so elected shall serve a term beginning on the first day of the next fiscal year.

Section 6 — Quorum: A quorum must be attended by at least fifty percent of board members for business transactions to take place and motions to pass.

Section 7 — Officers and Duties: There shall be five officers of the board, consisting of a chair, vice-chair, secretary, vice-secretary and treasurer. Their duties are as follows:

- *The chair* shall convene regularly scheduled board meetings, shall preside or arrange for other members of the Executive Committee to preside at each meeting in the following order: vice-chair, secretary, treasurer.
- *The vice-chair* shall chair committees on special subjects as designated by the board.
- *The secretary* shall be responsible for keeping records of board actions, including overseeing the taking of minutes at all board meetings, sending out meeting announcements, distributing copies of minutes and the agenda to each board member, and assuring that corporate records are maintained. There shall also be a *vice-secretary*.
- *The treasurer* shall make a report at each board meeting. The treasurer shall chair the finance committee, assist in the preparation of the budget, help develop fundraising plans, and make financial information available to board members and the public.

Section 8 — Vacancies: When a vacancy on the board exists mid-term, the secretary must receive nominations for new members from present board members two weeks in advance of a board meeting. These nominations shall be sent out to board members with the regular board meeting announcement, to be voted upon at the next board meeting. These vacancies will be filled only to the end of the particular board member's term.

Section 9 — Resignation, termination, and absences: Resignation from the board must be in writing and received by the secretary. A board members shall be terminated from the board due to excess absences, more than two unexcused absences from board meetings in a year. A board member may be removed for other reasons by a three-fourths vote of the remaining directors.

Section 10 — Special meetings: Special meetings of the board shall be called upon the request of the chair, or one-third of the board. Notices of special meetings shall be sent out by the secretary to each board member at least two weeks in advance.

ARTICLE IV— COMMITTEES

Section 1 — Committee formation: The board may create committees as needed, such as fundraising, housing, public relations, data collection, etc. The board Chair appoints all committee chairs.

Section 2 — Executive Committee: The five officers serve as the members of the Executive Committee. Except for the power to amend the articles of incorporation and bylaws, the Executive Committee shall have all the powers and authority of the board of directors in the intervals between meetings of the board of directors, and is subject to the direction and control of the full board.

Section 3 — Finance Committee: The treasurer is the chair of the Finance Committee, which includes three other board members. The Finance Committee is responsible for developing and reviewing fiscal procedures, fundraising plan, and annual budget with staff and other board members. The board must approve the budget and all expenditures must be within budget. Any major change in the budget must be approved by the board or the Executive Committee. The fiscal year shall be the calendar year. Annual reports are required to be submitted to the board showing income, expenditures, and pending income. The financial records of the organization are public information and shall be made available to board members and the public.

ARTICLE V — DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Section 1— Executive Director (CEO): The Executive Director (CEO) is hired by the board. The CEO has day-to-day responsibilities for the organization, including carrying out the organization's goals and policies. The CEO will attend all board meetings, report on the progress of the organization, answer questions of the board members and carry out the duties described in the job description. The board can designate other duties as necessary. The CEO is a board member by virtue of her/his employment and her/his continuing membership is contingent upon that employment.

ARTICLE VI — AMENDMENTS

Section 1 —Amendments: These bylaws may be amended when necessary by two-thirds majority of the board of directors. Proposed amendments must be submitted to the secretary to be sent out with regular board announcements.

CERTIFICATION

These bylaws were approved at a meeting of the board of directors by a two-thirds majority vote on January 30, 2009.



ECO City Farms Board List 2023-24

Name	Term	Occupation/Employer	Demographic Info
Cherryl A. Clement, Board Chair	2020-2024	Training Professional, Virginia Department of Transportation and Yoga Coach	Trinidadian female
Margaret Morgan-Hubbard, CEO		CEO, ECO City Farms	Female
Kimberly Brown	2021-2025	Program Officer, Gates Foundation	African American female
Xavier Brown	2020-2024	Black Dirt Collective Farmer and Planner, DC Department of Parks and Recreation	African American male
Benny Erez	2021-2025	Former Director of Urban Agriculture for ECO City Farms	Israeli male
Cynthia Gossage	2021-2025	Former Chair, Department of Nutrition and Hospitality, Prince Georges Community College	European American female
Viviana Lindo	2021-2025	Former Director of Community Education for ECO City Farms	Peruvian female
Dr. Dyann A. Waugh	2021-2025	Physician and Nutritionist, US Postal Service	African American female

OUR MISSION

WHO WE ARE

ECO City Farms is a nonprofit urban teaching and learning farm in Prince George's County that grows great food, farms and farmers in ways that protect, restore and sustain the natural environment and the health of local communities. Working with area children, youth and adults, ECO educates and trains the next generation of urban farmers and eaters.

OUR VISION

We envision a just, vigorous and sustainable food system in the Chesapeake foodshed with ample fertile soil, quality environments, livable incomes and decent working conditions for farmers and food workers, and nutritious high quality food for all.

WHAT WE DO

ECO City Farms grows nutrient-rich vegetables, herbs and fruit in places where good food is scarce and sell it directly to community members through affordable weekly farm shares, on-farm stands and at the Riverdale Park Farmers Market. We also increase the amount of good and affordable food available by distributing sustainably grown produce from other small farmers. We compost food waste, using natural processes and thousands of worms, to rebuild healthy soil and restore the environment. We teach about nutrition and cooking to increase the desire for good food and an understanding of its health benefits. We advocate for a revitalized local and just food system, and partner with government, schools, other nonprofits, business and others to improve life for all in our community.

WHO WE SERVE

ECO City Farms provides its working class inner beltway Prince George's County and the District of Columbia neighbors with with locally-grown, healthy and nutrient-rich vegetables and herbs. We are a cornerstone of the Port Towns' Community Health Partnership, a collaborative effort to ensure that local area residents have full access to healthy food and enhanced opportunities for active living. We are also part of Place Matters, a national effort that works to eliminate racial and socioeconomic inequalities in health.

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2022

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

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

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

Open to Public Inspection

A For the **2022** calendar year, or tax year beginning **07/01**, 20**22**, and ending **06/30**, 20**23**

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

C Name of organization **ENGAGED COMMUNITY OFFSHOOTS**
 Doing business as **ECO CITY FARMS**
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
6010 TAYLOR ROAD
 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
RIVERDALE, MD 20737

D Employer identification number
26-4196401

E Telephone number
301-288-1120

G Gross receipts \$

F Name and address of principal officer: **MARGARET MORGAN-HUBBARD**
6010 TAYLOR ROAD, RIVERDALE, MD 20737

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.

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

J Website: **WWW.ECOCITYFARMS.ORG**

H(c) Group exemption number

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other

L Year of formation: **2009**

M State of legal domicile: **MD**

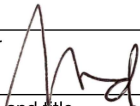
Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: OUR MISSION IS TO SERVE AS A PROTOTYPE FOR SUSTAINABLE LOCAL URBAN FARMING. WE GROW GREAT FOOD, FARMS, AND FARMERS INSIDE THE CAPITAL BELTWAY IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND.		
	2	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	7
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	7
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2022 (Part V, line 2a)	5	9
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	75
	7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
	b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11	7b	0
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	446,356	552,820
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	20,533	15,667
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	487	11
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	8,018	32,199
	12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	475,394	600,697
Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	0	0
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0
	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	247,246	298,548
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
	b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)	0	0
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	305,401	249,311
	18	Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	552,647	547,859
	19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	-77,253	52,838
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	341,325	308,331
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	23,677	23,720
	22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	317,648	284,611

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here

Signature of officer:  Date: _____

Type or print name and title: _____

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name: _____ Preparer's signature: _____ Date: _____ Check if self-employed PTIN: _____

Firm's name: _____ Firm's EIN: _____

Firm's address: _____ Phone no.: _____

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

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

OUR MISSION IS TO SERVE AS A PROTOTYPE FOR SUSTAINABLE LOCAL URBAN FARMING. WE GROW GREAT FOOD, FARMS, AND FARMERS INSIDE THE CAPITAL BELTWAY IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MARYLAND.

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

OUTREACH & EDUCATION: ECO City Farms is a teaching and learning urban production farm with a non-profit mission of educating the community about food, health, equity and the environment. We combine theory with practice, and design with construction, to solve real life problems of growing food in the age of climate-change, and strive to create a working model of the change we want to see in the here and now. We share our knowledge, experience and practice to show the benefits of urban agriculture to advance food justice and community health. We offer a variety of programs to energize the next generation of urban farmers, eaters, and activists. We've trained many local residents through our on-farm apprenticeships, beginning farmer training program, summer youth employment program, community education and events. Area public school children engage in on-farm environmental education; teens gain valuable life skills; and dozens of aspiring urban farmers receive comprehensive instruction and support through apprenticeships, continuing education coursework and our urban farm incubator.

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

FARMING & COMPOSTING (URBAN AGRICULTURE): ECO City Farm's produces nutrient rich healthy soil and grow nutritious chemical free food year-round on combined 5 acres of urban land in Prince George's County near Washington, DC. We also helped to develop and manage an urban farm incubator at Watkins Regional Park for 10 new urban farm businesses. We demonstrate the efficacy of urban farming--making healthy food available to thousands businesses. We demonstrate the efficacy of urban farming businesses. We demonstrate the efficacy of urban farming--making healthy food available to thousands of community members and diverting many thousands of pounds of food waste through two our small-scale modular compost facilities. We are "Certified Naturally Grown," a designation created by small farmers world-wide who do not use synthetic inputs, and go beyond all organic practice guidelines. We care for our farms' ecosystem through promoting overall soil health and supporting biodiversity: attracting pollinators, beneficial insects, and microbes to manage our pest problems, and employing cover crops, crop rotation, and natural amendments to manage weed and disease problems.

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

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

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

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules *(continued)*

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

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

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

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance <i>(continued)</i>		Yes	No
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a	
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?	2b	✓
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a	✓
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>	3b	
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a	✓
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country _____ See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a	✓
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b	✓
c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c	
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	6a	✓
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b	
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a	✓
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b	
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c	✓
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d	
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e	✓
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f	✓
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g	✓
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h	✓
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8	
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a	
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b	
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a	
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b	
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:		
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a	
b	Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	11b	
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a	
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b	
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.		
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note: See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.	13a	
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	13b	
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c	
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a	✓
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? <i>If "No," provide an explanation on Schedule O</i>	14b	
15	Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year? If "Yes," see the instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N.	15	✓
16	Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income? If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O.	16	✓
17	Section 501(c)(21) organizations. 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.	17	

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
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain on Schedule O.		
1b	Enter the number of voting members included on line 1a, above, who are independent		
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a	The governing body?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses on Schedule O		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

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

Section C. Disclosure

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed **MD**
- 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) MARGARET MORGAN-HUBBARD ----- CEO	40.00			✓				0	0	
(2) CHERYL CLEMENT ----- BOARD CHAIR	4.00	✓		✓			0	0	0	
(3) SONIA KEINER ----- SECRETARY	4.00	✓		✓			0	0	0	
(4) KIMBERLY BROWN ----- BOARD MEMBER	3.00	✓					0	0	0	
(5) XAVIER BROWN ----- BOARD MEMBER	3.00	✓					0	0	0	
(6) CYNTHIA GOSSAGE ----- BOARD MEMBER	3.00	✓					0	0	0	
(7) WALTER KAMIAT ----- BOARD MEMBER	3.00	✓					0	0	0	
(8) DYANN WAUGH ----- BOARD MEMBER	3.00	✓					0	0	0	
(9) ABBY WILKERSON ----- BOARD MEMBER	3.00	✓					0	0	0	
(10) -----										
(11) -----										
(12) -----										
(13) -----										
(14) -----										

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)										
(16)										
(17)										
(18)										
(19)										
(20)										
(21)										
(22)										
(23)										
(24)										
(25)										
1b Subtotal								0	0	
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								0	0	

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

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

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation

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

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Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants, and Other Similar Amounts	1a	Federated campaigns	1a 0				
	b	Membership dues	1b 0				
	c	Fundraising events	1c 0				
	d	Related organizations	1d 0				
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e 398,429				
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f 154,391				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	1g \$ 0				
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f		552,820			
	Program Service Revenue	2a	EDUCATION SERVICES Business Code 611699	15,667	15,667		
b		-----					
c		-----					
d		-----					
e		-----					
f		All other program service revenue . .					
g		Total. Add lines 2a-2f		15,667			
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		11			
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5	Royalties					
	6a	Gross rents	(i) Real				
			(ii) Personal				
	b	Less: rental expenses	6b				
	c	Rental income or (loss)	6c				
	d	Net rental income or (loss)					
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities				
			(ii) Other				
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	7b				
	c	Gain or (loss)	7c				
	d	Net gain or (loss)					
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18					
			8a				
b	Less: direct expenses	8b					
c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events						
9a	Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19						
		9a					
b	Less: direct expenses	9b					
c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities						
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances						
		10a					
b	Less: cost of goods sold	10b					
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory		32,199	32,199			
Miscellaneous Revenue	11a	----- Business Code					
	b	-----					
	c	-----					
	d	All other revenue					
	e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d					
12	Total revenue. See instructions		600,697	47866			

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

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

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.

	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	51,063	10,848	40,215	
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	213,566	140,954	72,612	
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits	11,600	7,656	3,944	
10 Payroll taxes	22,319	14,731	7,588	
11 Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	11,267		11,267	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)				
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	10,693		10,693	
14 Information technology	2,956		2,956	
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	20,105	17,105	3,000	
17 Travel	1,821	1,821		
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	4,665	4,665		
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	17,672	17,672		
23 Insurance	7,670		7,670	
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 FARM SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT	69,925	65,314	4,611	
b PROGRAM EXPENSES	102,537	102,537		
c				
d				
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	547,859	373,300	174,559	
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X Balance Sheet

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	24,836	1	15,484	
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	6,670	2	500	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3		
	4 Accounts receivable, net	150	4	350	
	5 Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		5		
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)		6		
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7		
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8		
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9		
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	471,656			
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	179,659	309,669	10c	291,997
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities		11		
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12		
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13		
	14 Intangible assets		14		
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		15		
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	341,325	16	308,331		
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	23,677	17	23,720	
	18 Grants payable		18		
	19 Deferred revenue		19		
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20		
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21		
	22 Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		22		
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23		
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24		
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17–24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		25		
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	23,677	26	23,720	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.				
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions	317,648	27	370,486	
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions	0	28		
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.				
	29 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		29		
	30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		30		
	31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		31		
	32 Total net assets or fund balances	317,648	32	370,486	
33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	341,325	33	394,206		

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	600,697
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	547,859
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	52,838
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	317,648
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	72
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O)	9	
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	370,486

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

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

Engaged Community Offshoots, Inc dba ECO City Farms FY2025 Budget
 July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

Foundation and Other Institutions	Total
<i>Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) Research and Education Grant</i>	\$113,457
<i>Chesapeake Bay Trust Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Award Program</i>	\$13,490
<i>The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation (pending)</i>	\$60,000
Federal Government	
<i>USDA Beginning Farmer Rancher Development Program 2022</i>	\$175,000
<i>USDA Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Grant (pending)</i>	\$100,000
State/Local Government	
<i>MDA Healthy Soils</i>	\$ 20,000
<i>Prince George's County Council Non-Departmental FY2025 Grant (submitted LOI)</i>	\$ 60,000
<i>Prince George's County Council Special Appropriations Grants (to apply)</i>	\$ 6,000
<i>Prince George's County Executive FY25 Community Partnership Grant (to apply)</i>	\$ 10,000
<i>Town of Edmonston Composting and Food Waste Reduction Grant</i>	\$22,520
Earned Income (produce sales \$20k and education fees inc PGCC \$15k)	\$ 35,000
Individual Contributions	\$ 3,000
Corporate Contributions	\$ 2,000
TOTAL BUDGETED INCOME	\$ 620,467

EXPENSES	Total
Salaries	\$269,080
Payroll Taxes and Fringe Benefits	\$48,434
Farm Related Expenses (production, maintenance, infrastructure supplies)	\$30,000
<i>Farm Utilities</i>	\$20,000
Educational Program and Community Engagement Expenses	\$40,000
<i>Education Contractors and Stipends</i>	\$40,000
<i>Incubator Farm Expenses</i>	\$10,000
Organization Operation Expenses	\$5,000
<i>Office Rent</i>	\$3,000
<i>Insurance</i>	\$10,000
<i>Accountant Services</i>	\$13,000
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES	\$ 488,514
Net Income	\$ 131,953

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

**Give form to the
requester. Do not
send to the IRS.**

Before you begin. For guidance related to the purpose of Form W-9, see *Purpose of Form*, below.

Print or type. See Specific Instructions on page 3.	1 Name of entity/individual. An entry is required. (For a sole proprietor or disregarded entity, enter the owner's name on line 1, and enter the business/disregarded entity's name on line 2.) Engaged Community Offshoots, Inc		
	2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above. ECO City Farms		
	3a Check the appropriate box for federal tax classification of the entity/individual whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes. <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate <input type="checkbox"/> LLC. Enter the tax classification (C = C corporation, S = S corporation, P = Partnership) _____ Note: Check the "LLC" box above and, in the entry space, enter the appropriate code (C, S, or P) for the tax classification of the LLC, unless it is a disregarded entity. A disregarded entity should instead check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) _____		
	3b If on line 3a you checked "Partnership" or "Trust/estate," or checked "LLC" and entered "P" as its tax classification, and you are providing this form to a partnership, trust, or estate in which you have an ownership interest, check this box if you have any foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries. See instructions <input type="checkbox"/>		
	4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3): Exempt payee code (if any) _____ Exemption from Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) reporting code (if any) _____ <i>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the United States.)</i>		
	5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.). See instructions. 6010 Taylor Road	Requester's name and address (optional)	
	6 City, state, and ZIP code Riverdale, MD 20737		
7 List account number(s) here (optional)			

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. See also *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number									
-				-					
or									
Employer identification number									
2	6	-	4	1	9	6	4	0	1

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
- The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and, generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person 	Date July 2, 2024
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General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

What's New

Line 3a has been modified to clarify how a disregarded entity completes this line. An LLC that is a disregarded entity should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. Otherwise, it should check the "LLC" box and enter its appropriate tax classification.

New line 3b has been added to this form. A flow-through entity is required to complete this line to indicate that it has direct or indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries when it provides the Form W-9 to another flow-through entity in which it has an ownership interest. This change is intended to provide a flow-through entity with information regarding the status of its indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries, so that it can satisfy any applicable reporting requirements. For example, a partnership that has any indirect foreign partners may be required to complete Schedules K-2 and K-3. See the Partnership Instructions for Schedules K-2 and K-3 (Form 1065).

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS is giving you this form because they

- My name is Faidah and I am a Bladensburg high school student. I support ECO City Farms' project request. I support them because I like the cause that they want to do. I can tell that their intentions are genuine from the time I've spent with eco city farms. I hope you take this request into consideration and help them because they are very kind and positive energy.
- Hi my name is Angeline Diaz and I'm a Bladensburg highschool student. I support ECO city Farms' project request because the things that are done over here are things that I believe are great for the community. I also believe that being able to see eco city farms and the things that are done here are really great ways to be knowledged in healthy things.
- My name is Yarity and I'm a Bladensburg High school student. I support ECO City Farms' project request because they provide a good way to grow food. At first I didn't even think about all of the harmful chemicals there are in my food until I went to ECO City Farms. I'm currently helping out here in ECO City Farm and the foods they grow are the most healthy and fresh ones. While being here at ECO City Farms I've seen how many people in this community want to help out with ECO because the people here help their community. I know with your help we can help out more communities and be a stronger farm. Thank you for taking your time to read this letter.
- My name is Azzuri and I am a Bladensburg High School student but also a Bladensburg resident. I support ECO City Farms' project request because what they do is important for the resident but also the community. They have a program that I'm in and have shown nothing but positivity, kindness, and realness. They have shown that they want to help and offer advice on eating much more healthier.
- My name is Kobe Cruz and I am a resident of Bladensburg and a student of Bladensburg High School. I support ECO City Farms' project request because they provide a program that's a really great learning opportunity that can open many doors. I'd say that this program has been really fun and has also helped me learn more and I think that others should also be able to experience this program. I also think about the environmental impact that they have and they provide healthy foods for people.
- My name is Floria Fonju and I am a Bladensburg High school student. I support ECO City Farms' project request. I support ECO City Farms' project request because they feed and give people fresh and healthy food. They create a program that will help kids during the holidays. ECO City Farms provides healthy food for the community
- My name is Ava and I am a Bladensburg high school student. I support ECO City Farms' request. My reason for why I support it is it can help fund our organization, as well it will help with our community because what we have here at ECO city farms is beneficial to the community. I feel as ECO is a really great organization and this opportunity will be very appreciated.

- My name is Fidelia Fonju and I am a Bladensburg high school student. I support ECO City Farms' project because they supply fresh food items and it really helps people around them.
- My name is Gabriela Ibarra and I am a Bladensburg high school student. I support ECO City Farms' project request. The reason for it is during my time at ECO city farms there are very good people with kind hearts that truly love the environment. ECO city farms are also really good because they hold programs that allow the new generation of Bladensburg citizens the opportunity to learn more about the environment. Apart from that it also allows students to learn teamwork while learning how to make healthy foods with the produce grown on the farm.
- My name is Nikayla and I am a student at Bladensburg high school and I actually live on the street (Upshur) by the town hall. As someone who lives in Bladensburg I do support ECO City Farms' project request. I've been in a 6-week summer internship and honestly I learned so much and were not even halfway done with the program. To add ECO city farms intentions are pure and honest because who doesn't want healthy CLEAN food on their plate? They deserve this grant.