

Form **990**
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)
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OMB No 1545-0047
2017
Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2017 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2017, and ending 12-31-2017

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

C Name of organization: EMPOWERING OHIO'S ECONOMY INC
 Doing business as:
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address): 37 WEST BROAD STREET SUITE 970 Room/suite:
 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code: COLUMBUS, OH 43215

D Employer identification number: 47-2628428
E Telephone number:
G Gross receipts \$ 0

F Name and address of principal officer:
 JO ANN DAVIDSON
 37 W BROAD ST STE 970
 COLUMBUS, OH 43215

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? Yes No
H(b) Are all subordinates included? Yes No
 If "No," attach a list (see instructions)
H(c) Group exemption number ▶

I Tax-exempt status: 501(c)(3) 501(c)(4) ◀ (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: ▶

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other ▶
L Year of formation: 2014
M State of legal domicile: DE

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities:
 THE CORPORATION IS ORGANIZED TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT WITHIN OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF BRINGING ABOUT CIVIC BETTERMENTS AND SOCIAL IMPROVEMENTS IT WILL ENCOURAGE JOB GROWTH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE COMMUNITY BY (1) PROMOTING THE ADVANTAGES OF OHIO'S FAVORABLE BUSINESS CLIMATE TO PROSPECTIVE BUSINESSES, MANUFACTURERS AND EMPLOYERS, INCLUDING THE BENEFITS OF ITS ABUNDANT AND AFFORDABLE ENERGY, (2) PROMOTING OHIO AS WELL-SUITED TO HOST AND SUPPORT MAJOR CONVENTIONS OR SIMILAR EVENTS AND AS AN ATTRACTIVE DESTINATION FOR TRAVEL, BUSINESS MEETINGS AND VACATIONS, AND (3) LESSENING THE BURDENS ON STATE, COUNTY, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES BY ASSISTING THEM IN THE PROMOTION OF THE COMMUNITY TO A NATIONWIDE AUDIENCE

2 Check this box if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets

3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	5
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	5
5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2017 (Part V, line 2a)	5	0
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	
7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	

	Prior Year	Current Year
8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	5,000,000	0
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		0
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)		0
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)		0
12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	5,000,000	0
13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	972,500	975,000
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)		0
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 0		
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	61,437	153,586
18 Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	1,033,937	1,128,586
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	3,966,063	-1,128,586
	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	6,556,425	5,427,839
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)		0
22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	6,556,425	5,427,839

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: 2018-11-08
 MICHAEL W BLANKENBECLER DIRECTOR
 Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name: MIKE BLANKENBECLER CPA
 Preparer's signature: MIKE BLANKENBECLER CPA
 Date: 2018-11-12
 Check if self-employed
 PTIN: P00520726
 Firm's name: BLANKENBECLER ADVISORS INC
 Firm's EIN: 31-1262945
 Firm's address: 501 MORRISON RD STE 201
 Phone no: (614) 475-7560
 GAHANNA, OH 432303314

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

THE CORPORATION IS ORGANIZED TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT WITHIN OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF BRINGING ABOUT CIVIC BETTERMENTS AND SOCIAL IMPROVEMENTS IT WILL ENCOURAGE JOB GROWTH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE COMMUNITY BY (1) PROMOTING THE ADVANTAGES OF OHIO'S FAVORABLE BUSINESS CLIMATE TO PROSPECTIVE BUSINESSES, MANUFACTURERS AND EMPLOYERS, INCLUDING THE BENEFITS OF ITS ABUNDANT AND AFFORDABLE ENERGY, (2) PROMOTING OHIO AS WELL-SUITED TO HOST AND SUPPORT MAJOR CONVENTIONS OR SIMILAR EVENTS AND AS AN ATTRACTIVE DESTINATION FOR TRAVEL, BUSINESS MEETINGS AND VACATIONS, AND (3) LESSENING THE BURDENS ON STATE, COUNTY, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES BY ASSISTING THEM IN THE PROMOTION OF THE COMMUNITY TO A NATIONWIDE AUDIENCE

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

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

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

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported

4a (Code) (Expenses \$ 1,055,000 including grants of \$ 975,000) (Revenue \$)
See Additional Data

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

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

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

4e Total program service expenses ▶ 1,055,000

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

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

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	Yes	
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>		No
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>		No
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>		No
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>		No
b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		No
26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>		No
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>		No
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		No
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		No
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		No
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>		No
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>		No
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>		No
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		No
b If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		
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>		No
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	Yes	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

Table with columns for question ID, question text, and Yes/No response boxes. Includes sections for backup withholding, employee reporting, foreign accounts, prohibited tax shelter transactions, charitable contributions, and organizational requirements.

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

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a (Voting members), 1b (Independent members), 2 (Family/Business relationships), 3 (Delegation of control), 4 (Changes to governing documents), 5 (Asset diversion), 6 (Members/stockholders), 7a (Power to elect/appoint), 7b (Governance decisions), 8 (Meeting documentation), 8a/b (Committee authority), 9 (Officer reachability).

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a (Local chapters), 10b (Policies for chapters), 11a (Form 990 distribution), 11b (Review process), 12a (Conflict of interest policy), 12b (Disclosure of interests), 12c (Compliance monitoring), 13 (Whistleblower policy), 14 (Document retention), 15a/b (Compensation review), 16a (Investment/participation), 16b (Participation policy).

Section C. Disclosure

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 17 (States for Form 990), 18 (Public inspection methods), 19 (Governing documents availability), 20 (Books and records location).

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

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

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

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

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.

- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."

- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.

- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

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

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) JO ANN DAVIDSON SEC -TREAS /	5 00	X						0	0	0
(2) JB HADDEN PRESIDENT/DI	3 00	X						0	0	0
(3) DAVID HOBSON DIRECTOR	3 00	X						0	0	0
(4) MICHAEL W BLANKENBECLER DIRECTOR	5 00	X						0	0	0
(5) TOM FROEHLE DIRECTOR	3 00	X						0	0	0

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			

1b Sub-Total	▶			
1c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A	▶			
1d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)	▶			

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

Section B. Independent Contractors

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

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

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

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

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

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.	975,000	975,000		
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, line 15 and 16.				
4 Benefits paid to or for members.				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees.				
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B).				
7 Other salaries and wages.				
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401 (k) and 403(b) employer contributions).				
9 Other employee benefits.				
10 Payroll taxes.				
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management.				
b Legal.	9,306		9,306	
c Accounting.	11,473		11,473	
d Lobbying.	80,000	80,000		
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.	50,025		50,025	
14 Information technology.				
15 Royalties.				
16 Occupancy.				
17 Travel.	306		306	
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials.				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings.				
20 Interest.				
21 Payments to affiliates.				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization.				
23 Insurance.	2,476		2,476	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O):				
a				
b				
c				
d				
e All other expenses.				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	1,128,586	1,055,000	73,586	0
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 IX

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	6,556,425	1	5,427,839
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments		2	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions) Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a		
	b Less accumulated depreciation	10b		10c
	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 34)		6,556,425	16	5,427,839
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses		17	
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24) Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25		0	26
Net Assets or Fund Balances	27 Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34. Unrestricted net assets	6,556,425	27	5,427,839
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets		28	
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	30 Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34. Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	6,556,425	33	5,427,839
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	6,556,425	34	5,427,839

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	0
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,128,586
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-1,128,586
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	6,556,425
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	5,427,839

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

	Yes	No
<p>1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O</p>		
<p>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</p>	2a	No
<p>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</p>	2b	No
<p>c If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O</p>	2c	
<p>3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?</p>	3a	No
<p>b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits</p>	3b	

Additional Data

Software ID:

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Name: EMPOWERING OHIO'S ECONOMY INC

Form 990 (2017)

Form 990, Part III, Line 4a:

PROMOTING OHIO AS WELL-SUITED TO HOST AND SUPPORT MAJOR CONVENTIONS OR SIMILAR EVENTS AND AS AN ATTRACTIVE DESTINATION FOR TRAVEL, BUSINESS MEETINGS AND VACATIONS THE METHODS FOR ACHIEVING THESE PURPOSES INCLUDE FUNDING AND HOSTING MAJOR CONVENTIONS AND MEETINGS VIA INTERENET, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND SOCIAL MEDIA EDUCATION TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

**Schedule I
(Form 990)**

**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments and Individuals in the United States**

OMB No 1545-0047

2017

**Open to Public
Inspection**

Department of the
Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.
▶ Attach to Form 990.

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

Name of the organization
EMPOWERING OHIO'S ECONOMY INC

Employer identification number
47-2628428

Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? Yes No
- 2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States

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

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section (if applicable)	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1) See Additional Data							
(2)							
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							
(6)							
(7)							
(8)							
(9)							
(10)							
(11)							
(12)							

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table 5

3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table 5

Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22

Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of noncash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of noncash assistance
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					
(7)					

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

Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE I, PAGE 1, PART I, LINE 2	EMPOWERING OHIO'S ECONOMY, INC RECEIVED DOCUMENTATION FROM THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT RECEIVE GRANTS DURING THE YEAR WHICH ENSURES THE FUNDS ARE NOT OTHERWISE DIVERTED FROM THEIR INTENDED USE

Additional Data**Software ID:****Software Version:****EIN:** 47-2628428**Name:** EMPOWERING OHIO'S ECONOMY INC**Form 990, Schedule I, Part II, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.**

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
STATE LEGISLATIVE LEADERS FOUNDATIO 481 MAIN ST CENTERVILLE, MA 02632	23-7148478	501C3	50,000				PUBLIC EDUCATION
OHIO UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION PO BOX 869 ATHENS, OH 45701	31-6402269	501C3	10,000				ANNUAL GIVING

Form 990, Schedule I, Part II, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
OHIO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RESEARCH F 230 E TOWN ST COLUMBUS, OH 43215	47-5568413	501C3	15,000				ANNUAL GIVING
CAPITOL SQUARE FOUNDATION 1 CAPITOL SQ OH STATEHOUSE RM 16 COLUMBUS, OH 43215	31-1222851	501C3	100,000				ANNUAL GIVING

Form 990, Schedule I, Part II, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
ASHLAND UNIVERSITY 401 COLLEGE AVE ASHLAND, OH 44805	34-0714626	501C3	150,000				PUBLIC EDUCATION
TWO PATHS AMERICA 1114 DUBLIN RD COLUMBUS, OH 43215	47-4854159	501C4	250,000				PUBLIC EDUCATION

Form 990, Schedule I, Part II, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.

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GENERATION NOW 250 W MAIN ST STE 1400 LEXINGTON, KY 40507	81-5237089	501C4	100,000				ADVOCACY
OHIOANS FOR JUSTICE 41 S HIGH ST 21ST FLR COLUMBUS, OH 43215	30-0998182	501C4	50,000				ADVOCACY

Form 990, Schedule I, Part II, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
COALITION GROWTH OPPORTUNITY 250 W MAIN ST STE 1400 LEXINGTON, KY 40507	47-4425291	501C4	200,000				PUBLIC EDUCATION
OHIO WORKS 2931 DUBLIN-GRANVILLE RD STE 190 COLUMBUS, OH 43231	82-0990131	501C4	50,000				PUBLIC EDUCATION

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

OMB No 1545-0047

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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Name of the organization
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Employer identification number

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990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990 - ORGANIZATION'S MISSION	THE CORPORATION IS ORGANIZED TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT WITHIN OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF BRINGING ABOUT CIVIC BETTERMENTS AND SOCIAL IMPROVEMENTS IT WILL ENCOURAGE JOB GROWTH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE COMMUNITY BY (1) PROMOTING THE ADVANTAGES OF OHIO'S FAVORABLE BUSINESS CLIMATE TO PROSPECTIVE BUSINESSES, MANUFACTURERS AND EMPLOYERS, INCLUDING THE BENEFITS OF ITS ABUNDANT AND AFFORDABLE ENERGY, (2) PROMOTING OHIO AS WELL-SUITED TO HOST AND SUPPORT MAJOR CONVENTIONS OR SIMILAR EVENTS AND AS AN ATTRACTIVE DESTINATION FOR TRAVEL, BUSINESS MEETINGS AND VACATIONS, AND (3) LESSENING THE BURDENS ON STATE, COUNTY, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES BY ASSISTING THEM IN THE PROMOTION OF THE COMMUNITY TO A NATIONWIDE AUDIENCE

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 11B	THE ORGANIZATION'S CURRENT DIRECTORS APPROVED THE FORM AFTER HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW AND QUESTION THE PREPARER

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 12C	IN ACCORDANCE WITH EMPOWERING OHIO'S ECONOMY'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, INTERESTED PERSONS ARE REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE ANY POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST ON AN ONGOING BASIS EMPOWERING OHIO'S ECONOMY ALSO REQUIRES INTERESTED PERSONS TO ANNUALLY CONFIRM THAT THEY HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND WHETHER THEY HAVE ANY POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 19	GOVERNING DOCUMENTS ARE NOT PUBLICLY AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION