

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2023

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

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A For the 2023 calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization CLEVELAND ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY		D Employer identification number 34-0816490
	Doing business as		E Telephone number 216-635-3368
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	
	3900 WILDLIFE WAY		G Gross receipts \$ 18,028,064.
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code CLEVELAND, OH 44109		H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
F Name and address of principal officer: SARAH CRUPI SAME AS C ABOVE		H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		If "No," attach a list. See instructions	
J Website: WWW.CLEVELANDZOOLOGY.ORG		H(c) Group exemption number	
K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other		L Year of formation: 1957	M State of legal domicile: OH

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH WILDLIFE
	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 46
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) 4 46
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2023 (Part V, line 2a) 5 26
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) 6 55
	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) 13,455,152. 9,336,233.
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) 0. 3,115,685.
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) 386,311. 876,743.
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) 111,391. -4,368.
	12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) 13,952,854. 13,324,293.
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3) 7,546,067. 4,399,751.
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) 0. 0.
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10) 1,734,523. 1,864,931.
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) 0. 0.
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) 1,421,632.
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e) 1,061,393. 1,431,314.
	18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) 10,341,983. 7,695,996.
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12 3,610,871. 5,628,297.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16) 30,703,125. 35,448,440.
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) 8,962,540. 6,806,929.
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20 21,740,585. 28,641,511.

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 SARAH CRUPI, CEO	Date			
	Type or print name and title				
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name MICHAEL B. KLEIN, CPA	Preparer's signature MICHAEL B. KLEIN, CP	Date 09/06/24	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	PTIN P00359504
	Firm's name CIUNI & PANICHI, INC.	Firm's EIN 34-1322309	Phone no. (216) 831-7171		
	Firm's address 25201 CHAGRIN BLVD. #200 CLEVELAND, OH 44122-5683				

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: THE CLEVELAND ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY IS THE NONPROFIT PARTNER OF CLEVELAND METROPARKS ZOO, COMMITTED TO RAISING AWARENESS OF THE ZOO AS A COMMUNITY PRIORITY AND CIVIC ASSET; SECURING PRIVATE SUPPORT FOR THE ZOO; AND GIVING MEMBERS AND DONORS GREAT VALUE FOR THEIR INVESTMENT.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? [] Yes [X] No If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? [] Yes [X] No If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

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

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ 4,246,559. including grants of \$ 3,043,343.) (Revenue \$ 3,115,685.) WE EXCEEDED OUR REVENUE GOALS FOR ANNUAL OPERATIONS AND EVENTS, INCLUDING RECORD MEMBERSHIP REVENUE OF OVER \$5.1 MILLION, AND THE ADDITION OF OVER 10,000 NEW FAMILIES TO OUR MEMBERSHIP BASE. THE ZOO SOCIETY CONTINUED DIGITAL MEMBERSHIP COMMUNICATIONS AND IN-PERSON DONOR EVENTS. IN TURN, THE ZOO SOCIETY PROVIDED \$3,043,343 IN GENERAL OPERATING SUPPORT TO CLEVELAND METROPARKS ZOO.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 125,000. including grants of \$ 125,000.) (Revenue \$) IN 2023, THE ZOO SOCIETY SECURED \$5,199,012 IN CAPITAL PROJECT SUPPORT. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMITTED \$125,000 IN SUPPORT FOR SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS. THE ZOO SOCIETY REMITTED PRIOR YEAR COMMITMENTS TO THE DISTRICT FOR THE TROPICAL BEARS HABITAT AS WELL AS CONTINUED TO FUNDRAISE FOR THE PRIMATE FOREST PROJECT. THROUGHOUT THE DURATION OF THE PRIMATE FOREST PROJECT, THE ZOO SOCIETY WILL MAKE ADDITIONAL COMMITMENTS IN SUPPORT OF THE DIFFERENT PHASES OF THE PROJECT.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 1,231,408. including grants of \$ 1,231,408.) (Revenue \$) THE ZOO SOCIETY PROVIDED OVER \$1.2 MILLION TO THE ZOO IN SUPPORT OF ITS EDUCATION, CONSERVATION, ANIMAL CARE PROGRAMS, AND OTHER SPECIAL PROJECTS.

THE ZOO SOCIETY PROVIDED \$232,452 IN SUPPORT OF ANIMAL CARE PROGRAMMING AND \$266,915 IN SUPPORT OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMING.

THE ZOO SOCIETY PROVIDED \$732,041 IN SUPPORT OF CONSERVATION PROGRAMMING. THIS FUNDING WAS A BLEND OF GENEROUS DONATIONS, INVESTMENT SPINOFFS, AS WELL AS A PORTION OF EACH MEMBERSHIP PURCHASED IN THE YEAR.

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

4e Total program service expenses 5,602,967.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Yes, No. Rows include questions 1 through 21 regarding organizational requirements, such as political activities, lobbying, and financial reporting.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question number, Yes, No. Rows 22-38 detailing various organizational requirements and compliance checks.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

Table with 3 columns: Question number, Yes, No. Rows 1a, 1b, 1c detailing IRS filing and tax compliance information.

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

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No columns. Includes questions 2a through 17 regarding employee reporting, tax returns, unrelated business income, foreign accounts, prohibited transactions, and charitable contributions.

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

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year (46); 1b Enter the number of voting members included on line 1a, above, who are independent (46); 2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee? (X); 3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? (X); 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? (X); 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? (X); 6 Did the organization have members or stockholders? (X); 7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body? (X); 7b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? (X); 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: a The governing body? (X); b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? (X); 9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses on Schedule O (X).

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? (X); 10b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?; 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? (X); 11b Describe on Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.; 12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 (X); 12b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? (X); 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe on Schedule O how this was done (X); 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? (X); 14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? (X); 15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision? a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official (X); b Other officers or key employees of the organization (X); If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process on Schedule O. See instructions.; 16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? (X); 16b 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 OH
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. [X] Own website [] Another's website [X] 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
SARAH CRUPI - 216-635-3368
3900 WILDLIFE WAY, CLEVELAND, OH 44109

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

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

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

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

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
 - List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See the instructions for definition of "key employee."
 - List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (box 5 of Form W-2, box 6 of Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
 - List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
 - List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- See the instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) SARAH CRUPI CEO	50.00			X			189,609.	0.	25,478.	
(2) EUSTACIA NETZEL-HATCHER DIRECTOR OF FINANCE	45.00			X			130,058.	0.	14,970.	
(3) RACHAEL FULLER DIRECTOR OF MARKETING & EVENTS	45.00					X	126,519.	0.	8,030.	
(4) ANDREA PONIKVAR DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT	45.00					X	101,842.	0.	19,728.	
(5) MYLES ABBOTT DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(6) CHERYL BAILEY DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(7) PATRICIA O. BEMER DIRECTOR	3.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(8) VIRGINIA D. BENJAMIN LIFE DIRECTOR	3.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(9) ANNE E. BINGHAM DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(10) CARL E. BLACK DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(11) MARTHA BOLAND DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(12) BARBARA BROWN, PHD SECRETARY	4.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(13) MARILYN K. BROWN LIFE DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(14) GEORGE S. COAKLEY LIFE DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(15) SPENCER DIEKEN DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(16) JAMES M. DONCHESS DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(17) JULIE A. EDGAR, PHD DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(18) ROBERT ELMORE DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(19) HOWARD S. ESSNER DIRECTOR	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(20) THEODORE R. EVANS, JR. DIRECTOR	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(21) SALLY EVERETT LIFE DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(22) THOMAS G. FISTEK VICE PRESIDENT	4.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(23) JAMES L. FRANCIS LIFE DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(24) COTY FRANKLIN DIRECTOR	4.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(25) GREGORY D. FRIEDMAN LIFE DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(26) LINDSAY M. GUZOWSKI DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
1b Subtotal								548,028.	0.	68,206.
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A								0.	0.	0.
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								548,028.	0.	68,206.

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 **4**

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

Section B. Independent Contractors

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

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
ARAMARK SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT 3900 WILDLIFE WAY, CLEVELAND, OH 44109	EVENT CATERING	524,473.
HKM PRINTING SERVICES, LLC PO BOX 6172, HERMITAGE, PA 16148-0922	PRINTING	104,170.

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 **2**

SEE PART VII, SECTION A CONTINUATION SHEETS

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(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			
(27) CAROL HALL LIFE DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(28) LAWRENCE H. HATCH DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(29) PAUL A. HECHKO, DVM DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(30) JESSICA M. JUNG DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(31) LORI J. KALBERER DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(32) KAREN KAMINISKI DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(33) BERNARD L. KARR DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(34) JONATHAN KESSELMAN DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(35) JOANNE M. KIRK DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(36) JOSEPH J. MAHOVLIC LIFE DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(37) ALLEN J. MISTYSYN DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(38) A. MALACHI MIXON, IV VICE CHAIR	4.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(39) KEN MOUNTCASTLE DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(40) PATRICK S. MULLIN LIFE DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(41) GREGG G. MURESAN DIRECTOR	4.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(42) KEVIN P. MURPHY DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(43) CHRISTINE MYEROFF CHAIR	4.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(44) CHRISTOPHER NEHEZ DIRECTOR	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(45) LISA O'BRIEN DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(46) RUSSELL O'ROURKE DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
Total to Part VII, Section A, line 1c										

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

Table with 7 main columns: (A) Name and title, (B) Average hours per week, (C) Position (checkboxes for Individual trustee or director, Institutional trustee, Officer, Key employee, Highest compensated employee, Former), (D) Reportable compensation from the organization, (E) Reportable compensation from related organizations, (F) Estimated amount of other compensation.

Total to Part VII, Section A, line 1c

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

				(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	
				Total revenue	Related or exempt function revenue	Unrelated business revenue	Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1 a Federated campaigns	1a						
	b Membership dues	1b	1,986,161.					
	c Fundraising events	1c	277,805.					
	d Related organizations	1d						
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e						
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above ...	1f	7,072,267.					
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	1g	\$ 814,436.					
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f			9,336,233.				
	Program Service Revenue	2 a MEMBERSHIPS	Business Code	713990	3,115,685.	3,115,685.		
b _____								
c _____								
d _____								
e _____								
f All other program service revenue								
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f				3,115,685.				
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)			868,191.			868,191.	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds							
	5 Royalties							
	6 a Gross rents	6a	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
			b Less: rental expenses ...	6b				
			c Rental income or (loss)	6c				
	d Net rental income or (loss)							
	7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	7a	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
			b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	7b	4,157,542.			
			c Gain or (loss)	7c	4,148,990.			
	d Net gain or (loss)				8,552.		8,552.	
	8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 277,805. of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	8a						
			b Less: direct expenses	8b	550,413.			
			c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events				-4,368.	
	9 a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	9a						
b Less: direct expenses			9b					
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities								
10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a							
		b Less: cost of goods sold	10b					
		c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory						
Miscellaneous Revenue	11 a _____	Business Code						
	b _____							
	c _____							
	d All other revenue							
	e Total. Add lines 11a-11d							
12 Total revenue. See instructions				13,324,293.	3,115,685.	0.	872,375.	

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	4,220,177.	4,220,177.		
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	179,574.	179,574.		
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	360,835.	71,586.	187,541.	101,708.
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	1,285,404.	482,342.	121,745.	681,317.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	66,891.	15,830.	25,189.	25,872.
9 Other employee benefits	21,396.	4,639.	9,176.	7,581.
10 Payroll taxes	130,405.	40,660.	23,092.	66,653.
11 Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	52,980.	1,515.	51,255.	210.
d Lobbying	43,000.	15,000.		28,000.
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 Sch O.)	2,324.	66.	2,249.	9.
12 Advertising and promotion	25,626.	12,543.		13,083.
13 Office expenses	16,122.	5,766.	1,873.	8,483.
14 Information technology	240,005.	98,798.	100,152.	41,055.
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy				
17 Travel				
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	18,962.	3,360.	1,876.	13,726.
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	49,482.		49,482.	
23 Insurance	176,785.	26,649.	61,342.	88,794.
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 OTHER EXPENSE	270,160.	160,369.	29,551.	80,240.
b CAPITAL CAMPAIGN EXPENS	219,618.			219,618.
c PRINTING & PUBLICATIONS	181,085.	149,477.		31,608.
d POSTAGE & SHIPPING	75,833.	70,413.	1,888.	3,532.
e All other expenses	59,332.	44,203.	4,986.	10,143.
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	7,695,996.	5,602,967.	671,397.	1,421,632.
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)	370,750.	325,565.	0.	45,185.

Part X Balance Sheet

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

		(A)			(B)	
		Beginning of year			End of year	
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing		135,278.	1		583,587.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments		12,474,273.	2		14,289,093.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		4,257,749.	3		4,488,655.
	4 Accounts receivable, net			4		
	5 Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons			5		
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)			6		
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net			7		
	8 Inventories for sale or use			8		
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		45,537.	9		93,050.
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	508,444.			
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	435,740.			
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities		122,186.	10c		72,704.
	12 Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12,397,661.	11		14,572,919.
	13 Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11			12		
	14 Intangible assets			13		
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11			14		
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)		1,270,441.	15		1,348,432.	
		30,703,125.	16		35,448,440.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses		8,514,771.	17		5,427,452.
	18 Grants payable			18		
	19 Deferred revenue		21,000.	19		916,249.
	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		426,769.	25		463,228.
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25		8,962,540.	26		6,806,929.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
	and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.					
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions		14,300,012.	27		16,606,066.
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions		7,440,573.	28		12,035,445.
	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		21,740,585.	32		28,641,511.	
33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		30,703,125.	33		35,448,440.	

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	13,324,293.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	7,695,996.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	5,628,297.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	21,740,585.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	2,049,784.
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O)	9	-777,155.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	28,641,511.

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on Schedule O.		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? _____ If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		X
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? _____ If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	X	
c	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? _____ If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain on Schedule O.	X	
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Uniform Guidance, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F? _____		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits _____		

Form 990 (2023)

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.
Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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

OMB No. 1545-0047

2023

Open to Public
Inspection

Name of the organization CLEVELAND ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY	Employer identification number 34-0816490
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Part I Reason for Public Charity Status. (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

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

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

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

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	7,817,056.	8,763,488.	11,518,798.	13,455,152.	9,336,233.	50,890,727.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge ...						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	7,817,056.	8,763,488.	11,518,798.	13,455,152.	9,336,233.	50,890,727.
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						5,271,966.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						45,618,761.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	7,817,056.	8,763,488.	11,518,798.	13,455,152.	9,336,233.	50,890,727.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources ...	388,333.	303,326.	311,583.	383,359.	868,191.	2,254,792.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on ...	48,192.		138,263.	111,391.		297,846.
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						53,443,365.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	3,115,685.
13 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						<input type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2023 (line 6, column (f), divided by line 11, column (f))	14	85.36 %
15 Public support percentage from 2022 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	87.72 %
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2023. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b 33 1/3% support test - 2022. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2023. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2022. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions		<input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

Section A. Public Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2019, (b) 2020, (c) 2021, (d) 2022, (e) 2023, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received; 2 Gross receipts from admissions; 3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business; 4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit; 6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5; 7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons; 7b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons; 8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)

Section B. Total Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2019, (b) 2020, (c) 2021, (d) 2022, (e) 2023, (f) Total. Rows include: 9 Amounts from line 6; 10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources; 10b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975; 10c Add lines 10a and 10b; 11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included on line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on; 12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.); 13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)

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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

Table with 2 columns: Line number, Percentage. Row 15: Public support percentage for 2023 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) 15 %; Row 16: Public support percentage from 2022 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 16 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

Table with 2 columns: Line number, Percentage. Row 17: Investment income percentage for 2023 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) 17 %; Row 18: Investment income percentage from 2022 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 18 %

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2023. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

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

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

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 12 of Part I. If you checked box 12a, Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked box 12b, Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked box 12c, Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked box 12d, Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

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

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

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

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

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

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

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

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

Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part VI

Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a, and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V, Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions.)

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SCHEDULE C
(Form 990)

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

OMB No. 1545-0047

2023

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

Open to Public
Inspection

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

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

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

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

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

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

Name of organization CLEVELAND ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY	Employer identification number 34-0816490
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Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV.
- 2 Political campaign activity expenditures \$ _____
- 3 Volunteer hours for political campaign activities _____

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

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 \$ _____
- 2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 \$ _____
- 3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? Yes No
- 4a Was a correction made? Yes No
- b If "Yes," describe in Part IV.

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

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities \$ _____
- 2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities \$ _____
- 3 Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b \$ _____
- 4 Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? Yes No
- 5 Enter the names, addresses, and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV.

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

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

- A Check if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures).
- B Check if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)	(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grassroots lobbying)														
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	43,000.													
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)	43,000.													
d Other exempt purpose expenditures	7,688,620.													
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)	7,731,620.													
f Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.	536,581.													
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If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:													
not over \$500,000,	20% of the amount on line 1e.													
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over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000,	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.													
over \$17,000,000,	\$1,000,000.													
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)	134,145.													
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-	0.													
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-	0.													
j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No												

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)
(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2020	(b) 2021	(c) 2022	(d) 2023	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount	637,594.	693,961.	667,099.	536,581.	2,535,235.
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					3,802,853.
c Total lobbying expenditures	15,000.	15,000.	30,000.	43,000.	103,000.
d Grassroots nontaxable amount	159,399.	173,490.	166,775.	134,145.	633,809.
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					950,714.
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part IV Supplemental Information

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

PART II-A, LINE 1, LOBBYING ACTIVITIES:

IN 2023, THE CLEVELAND ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY PARTICIPATED IN LOBBYING ACTIVITIES BY CONTRIBUTING TO THE COMMITTEE FOR OUR METROPARKS, AN INDEPENDENT GROUP OF CITIZENS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL ASPECTS OF MANAGING THE CLEVELAND METROPARKS 10-YEAR LEVY CAMPAIGN CYCLE. CZS HIRED MCKINLEY STRATEGIES, A LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING FIRM, IN SEPTEMBER 2023 TO ASSIST WITH

Part IV Supplemental Information *(continued)*

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS AND ADVOCATING FOR
STATE CAPITAL FUNDING.

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SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990,
Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.
Attach to Form 990.

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OMB No. 1545-0047

2023

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Name of the organization **CLEVELAND ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY** Employer identification number **34-0816490**

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

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

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

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

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

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included on line 2a	2c
d Number of conservation easements included on line 2c acquired after July 25, 2006, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Schedule D (Form 990) 2023

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

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

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

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

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

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	7,415,676.	8,978,405.	7,796,120.	6,904,368.	5,532,438.
b Contributions	2,250.	44,105.			65,176.
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	1,430,119.	-1,606,834.	1,390,785.	1,130,553.	1,394,412.
d Grants or scholarships	310,660.		208,500.	238,801.	87,658.
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	8,537,385.	7,415,676.	8,978,405.	7,796,120.	6,904,368.

- 2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:
- a Board designated or quasi-endowment 89.1900 %
 - b Permanent endowment 10.8100 %
 - c Term endowment .0000 %
- The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.
- 3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:
- | | Yes | No |
|--|-----|----|
| (i) Unrelated organizations? | | X |
| (ii) Related organizations? | | X |
| b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? | | |
- 4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment

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

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		508,444.	435,740.	72,704.
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 10c, column (B))				72,704.

Part VII Investments - Other Securities

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

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

Part VIII Investments - Program Related.

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

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

Part IX Other Assets

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

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

Part X Other Liabilities

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

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2) ANNUITY OBLIGATIONS	82,597.
(3) DEFERRED COMPENSATION	380,631.
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 25, col. (B))	

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

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

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

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	12,348,415.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	2,049,784.
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	10,547.
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	2,060,331.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	10,288,084.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	3,036,209.
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	3,036,209.
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	13,324,293.

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

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	4,732,129.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	79,476.
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	79,476.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	4,652,653.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	3,043,343.
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	3,043,343.
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	7,695,996.

Part XIII Supplemental Information

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

PART V, LINE 4:

THE ZOOFUTURES FUND ASSETS ARE BOARD-DESIGNATED AND ARE AVAILABLE TO ADVANCE ANY ASPECT OF THE CLEVELAND ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY'S MISSION.

PART X, LINE 2:

THE ZOO SOCIETY IS TAX-EXEMPT, UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE (IRC) OF 1986. NO PROVISION FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAXES HAS BEEN REPORTED IN ITS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. IN ADDITION, THE ZOO SOCIETY HAS BEEN CLASSIFIED AS AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS NOT A "PRIVATE FOUNDATION" WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 509(A) OF THE IRC.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE "INCOME TAXES" TOPIC OF THE FASB ASC, UNCERTAIN

Part XIII Supplemental Information (continued)

INCOME TAX POSITIONS ARE EVALUATED AT LEAST ANNUALLY BY MANAGEMENT. AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022, THE ZOO SOCIETY HAS IDENTIFIED NO UNCERTAIN INCOME TAX POSITIONS AND HAS INCURRED NO AMOUNTS FOR INCOME TAX PENALTIES AND INTEREST FOR THE YEARS THEN ENDED. THE ZOO SOCIETY FILES INFORMATION RETURNS IN THE UNITED STATES AND LOCAL JURISDICTIONS.

PART XI, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

CHANGE IN VALUE OF SPLIT-INTEREST AGREEMENTS 10,547.

PART XI, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

ASC 606 EFFECTS - SEE NOTE BELOW 3,115,685.

SPECIAL EVENTS EXPENSE -79,476.

TOTAL TO SCHEDULE D, PART XI, LINE 4B 3,036,209.

PART XII, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

SPECIAL EVENTS EXPENSE 79,476.

PART XII, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

ASC 606 EFFECTS - SEE NOTE BELOW 3,043,343.

PART XI, LINE 4B & PART XII, LINE 4B:

IN 2019, THE CLEVELAND ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY ADOPTED, ON A RETROSPECTIVE BASIS, ASU 2014-09 FOR ITS AUDIT PRESENTATION WITH REGARD TO NETTING OPERATING AGREEMENT EXPENSES AGAINST MEMBERSHIP REVENUE. THE IRS 990 INSTRUCTIONS STATE THAT "UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE, THE ORGANIZATION GENERALLY SHOULD USE THE SAME ACCOUNTING METHOD ON THE RETURN (INCLUDING THE FORM 990 AND ALL SCHEDULES) TO REPORT REVENUE AND EXPENSES THAT IT REGULARLY USES TO KEEP ITS BOOKS AND RECORDS. TO BE ACCEPTABLE FOR FORM

Part XIII Supplemental Information (continued)

990 REPORTING PURPOSES, HOWEVER, THE METHOD OF ACCOUNTING MUST CLEARLY REFLECT INCOME." AS THE ZOO SOCIETY CONSIDERS THE OPERATING AGREEMENT EXPENSES A MAJOR COMPONENT OF ITS PROGRAMMATIC SUPPORT TO CLEVELAND METROPARKS ZOO, IT RECORDS THE FULL AMOUNT OF MEMBERSHIP REVENUE AND OPERATING AGREEMENT EXPENSE ON ITS INTERNAL STATEMENTS RATHER THAN A NET REVENUE FIGURE. THE ZOO SOCIETY'S 2023 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE ACCOMPANIED BY A SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE TO RECONCILE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE METHODS OF PRESENTATION.

**SCHEDULE F
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Statement of Activities Outside the United States

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 14b, 15, or 16.

Attach to Form 990.

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

OMB No. 1545-0047

2023

Open to Public
Inspection

Name of the organization CLEVELAND ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY	Employer identification number 34-0816490
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Part I General Information on Activities Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 14b.

- For grantmakers.** Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of its grants and other assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? Yes No
- For grantmakers.** Describe in Part V the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of its grants and other assistance outside the United States.
- Activities per Region. (The following Part I, line 3 table can be duplicated if additional space is needed.)

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees, agents, and independent contractors in the region	(d) Activities conducted in the region (by type) (such as, fundraising, program services, investments, grants to recipients located in the region)	(e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in the region	(f) Total expenditures for and investments in the region
EAST ASIA & THE PACIFIC			GRANTMAKING	CONSERVATION AND RESEARCH.	95,000.
SOUTH AMERICA			GRANTMAKING	CONSERVATION AND RESEARCH.	213,806.
EUROPE			GRANTMAKING	CONSERVATION AND RESEARCH.	25,996.
SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA			GRANTMAKING	CONSERVATION AND RESEARCH.	7,500.
3 a Subtotal	0	0			342,302.
b Total from continuation sheets to Part I	0	0			0.
c Totals (add lines 3a and 3b)	0	0			342,302.

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations or Entities Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 15, for any recipient who received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

1 (a) Name of organization	(b) IRS code section and EIN (if applicable)	(c) Region	(d) Purpose of grant	(e) Amount of cash grant	(f) Manner of cash disbursement	(g) Amount of noncash assistance	(h) Description of noncash assistance	(i) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
		EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC - AUSTRALIA, BRUNEI, BURMA,	FIELD PARTNER SUPPORT.	10,000.	WIRE TRANSFER	0.		
		EUROPE (INCLUDING ICELAND & GREENLAND) - ALBANIA, ANDORRA,	FIELD PARTNER SUPPORT.	19,896.	WIRE TRANSFER	0.		
		EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC - AUSTRALIA, BRUNEI, BURMA,	FIELD PARTNER SUPPORT.	20,000.	WIRE TRANSFER	0.		
		EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC - AUSTRALIA, BRUNEI, BURMA,	FIELD PARTNER SUPPORT.	55,000.	WIRE TRANSFER	0.		
		EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC - AUSTRALIA, BRUNEI, BURMA,	FIELD PARTNER SUPPORT.	10,000.	WIRE TRANSFER	0.		

2 Enter total number of recipient organizations listed above that are recognized as charities by the foreign country, recognized as a tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization by the IRS, or for which the grantee or counsel has provided a section 501(c)(3) equivalency letter 5

3 Enter total number of other organizations or entities 0

Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 16.

Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Region	(c) Number of recipients	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Manner of cash disbursement	(f) Amount of noncash assistance	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
CONSERVATION PARTNER SUPPORT.	SOUTH AMERICA	1	51,078.	WIRE TRANSFER	0.		
CONSERVATION PARTNER SUPPORT.	EUROPE (INCLUDING ICELAND & GREENLAND) - ALBANIA, ANDORRA,	1	6,100.	WIRE TRANSFER	0.		
CONSERVATION PARTNER SUPPORT.	SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA	1	7,500.	WIRE TRANSFER	0.		

Part IV Foreign Forms

- 1 Was the organization a U.S. transferor of property to a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 926, Return by a U.S. Transferor of Property to a Foreign Corporation (see the Instructions for Form 926)* Yes No

- 2 Did the organization have an interest in a foreign trust during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to separately file Form 3520, Annual Return To Report Transactions With Foreign Trusts and Receipt of Certain Foreign Gifts, and/or Form 3520-A, Annual Information Return of Foreign Trust With a U.S. Owner (see the Instructions for Forms 3520 and 3520-A; don't file with Form 990)* Yes No

- 3 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5471, Information Return of U.S. Persons With Respect to Certain Foreign Corporations (see the Instructions for Form 5471)* Yes No

- 4 Was the organization a direct or indirect shareholder of a passive foreign investment company or a qualified electing fund during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8621, Information Return by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund (see the Instructions for Form 8621)* Yes No

- 5 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign partnership during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8865, Return of U.S. Persons With Respect to Certain Foreign Partnerships (see the Instructions for Form 8865)* Yes No

- 6 Did the organization have any operations in or related to any boycotting countries during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to separately file Form 5713, International Boycott Report (see the Instructions for Form 5713; don't file with Form 990)* Yes No

Part V Supplemental Information

Provide the information required by Part I, line 2 (monitoring of funds); Part I, line 3, column (f) (accounting method; amounts of investments vs. expenditures per region); Part II, line 1 (accounting method); Part III (accounting method); and Part III, column (c) (estimated number of recipients), as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information. See instructions.

PART I, LINE 2:

ALL GRANTS ARE AWARDED BASED ON THE YEARLY CONSERVATION BUDGET. PROJECTS ARE FUNDED VIA PROPOSALS SUBMITTED TO THE CURATOR OF CONSERVATION AND EVALUATED THROUGH A VARIETY OF MEANS DEPENDING ON THE PROGRAM. ALL AWARDS ARE APPROVED BY THE ZOO CEO. ALL PROGRAMS HAVE EXISTING GUIDELINES DEFINING PROGRAM GOALS/FOCUS, FUNDING/AWARD AMOUNTS AVAILABLE, CRITERIA FOR FUNDING, PROCESS FOR APPLICATION AND REVIEW AND EXPECTATIONS OF GRANT RECIPIENTS. PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES EXIST FOR GRANTEE ELIGIBILITY, SELECTION AND FUNDING CRITERIA. RECORDS ARE KEPT ON ALL PROJECTS WHICH ARE AWARDED FUNDING, FROM THE INITIAL APPLICATION THROUGH COMPLETION OF GRANT AGREEMENT/COMMITMENT. ALL INTERNATIONAL PROPOSALS ARE PUT THROUGH A REVIEW PROCESS, WHICH INCLUDES AN EVALUATION OF THE PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR OR ORGANIZATION REQUESTING FUNDS, ANY COLLABORATORS AND LETTERS OF COMMITMENT/SUPPORT (REQUIRED FOR ALL COLLABORATORS, GOVERNING BODIES, PROTECTED AREA, ORGANIZATION/GROUP OR INSTITUTION WHOSE COOPERATION IS NECESSARY FOR PROJECT COMPLETION), AND/OR LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION. UPON SELECTION, AWARDEES ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE WRITTEN ACCEPTANCE OF AWARD, INCLUDING A SIGNED GRANT AGREEMENT BEFORE FUNDS ARE RELEASED. VERIFICATION MUST ALSO BE SENT ONCE FUNDS ARE RECEIVED. GRANTEES MUST MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH AND PROVIDE PERIODIC UPDATES AND SUBMIT A FINAL REPORT, INCLUDING ACCOUNTING OF FUNDS WITHIN ONE YEAR OF RECEIPT OF THE GRANT.

PART I, LINE 3:

ALL FUNDS LISTED WERE GRANT DISTRIBUTIONS COVERED BY THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

Part V Supplemental Information

Provide the information required by Part I, line 2 (monitoring of funds); Part I, line 3, column (f) (accounting method; amounts of investments vs. expenditures per region); Part II, line 1 (accounting method); Part III (accounting method); and Part III, column (c) (estimated number of recipients), as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information. See instructions.

PART III, COL (C):

THE ORGANIZATION ACCOUNTS FOR EACH GRANT AWARDED AND THE NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS IS AN EXACT NUMBER.

PART II, LINE 1:

THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND GRANT AWARDS ARE PREPARED USING THE ACCRUAL METHOD OF ACCOUNTING.

PART III:

THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND GRANT AWARDS ARE PREPARED USING THE ACCRUAL METHOD OF ACCOUNTING.

**SCHEDULE G
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

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

Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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

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2023

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization

CLEVELAND ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Employer identification number

34-0816490

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

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

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col. (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
Total						

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

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

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events
		TWILIGHT AT THE ZOO	SUNSET SAFARIS	1	(add col. (a) through col. (c))
	Revenue	(event type)	(event type)	(total number)	
1	Gross receipts	648,698.	140,575.	38,945.	828,218.
2	Less: Contributions	161,780.	116,025.		277,805.
3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	486,918.	24,550.	38,945.	550,413.
Direct Expenses					
4	Cash prizes				
5	Noncash prizes				
6	Rent/facility costs	51,334.		8,528.	59,862.
7	Food and beverages	415,996.	47,320.	11,989.	475,305.
8	Entertainment	2,500.			2,500.
9	Other direct expenses	17,073.	41.		17,114.
10	Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				554,781.
11	Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d)				-4,368.

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

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

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities: _____
 a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states? Yes No
 b If "No," explain: _____

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended, or terminated during the tax year? Yes No
 b If "Yes," explain: _____

- 11 Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers? Yes No
- 12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust, or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? Yes No

13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in:

a The organization's facility	13a	%
b An outside facility	13b	%

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

- 15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? Yes No
- b If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party \$ _____
- c If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party:

Name _____
 Address _____

16 Gaming manager information:
 Name _____
 Gaming manager compensation \$ _____
 Description of services provided _____

 Director/officer Employee Independent contractor

- 17 Mandatory distributions:
 a Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? Yes No
- b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year \$ _____

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

**SCHEDULE I
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments, and Individuals in the United States**
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.
Attach to Form 990.
Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

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2023

**Open to Public
Inspection**

Name of the organization **CLEVELAND ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY** Employer identification number **34-0816490**

Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

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

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

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section (if applicable)	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of noncash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
CLEVELAND METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT - 4101 FULTON ROAD - CLEVELAND, OH 44111	34-6000704		232,452.	0.			ANIMAL CARE AND RESEARCH
CLEVELAND METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT - 4101 FULTON ROAD - CLEVELAND, OH 44111	34-6000704		266,915.	0.			EDUCATION
CLEVELAND METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT - 4101 FULTON ROAD - CLEVELAND, OH 44111	34-6000704		125,000.	0.			CAPITAL PROJECTS
CLEVELAND METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT - 4101 FULTON ROAD - CLEVELAND, OH 44111	34-6000704		389,739.	0.			FIELD CONSERVATION
CLEVELAND METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT - 4101 FULTON ROAD - CLEVELAND, OH 44111	34-6000704		3,043,343.	0.			GENERAL OPERATING SUPPORT

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

3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table **0.**

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

Schedule I (Form 990) 2023

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

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of noncash assistance

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

PART I, LINE 2:

ALL GRANTS FOR ANIMAL CARE, EDUCATION, CAPITAL PROJECTS AND CONSERVATION,
 ARE AWARDED BASED ON THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE ZOO. THE ZOO'S EXECUTIVE
 DIRECTOR MAKES AN ANNUAL REQUEST TO THE CZS CEO FOR FUNDING TO SUPPORT
 THESE AREAS. AS EXPENSES ARE INCURRED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, THE ZOO STAFF
 WILL REQUEST A REIMBURSEMENT OF THESE EXPENSES FROM CZS TO BE REMITTED TO
 THE CLEVELAND METROPARKS (CMP) ON BEHALF OF THE ZOO. THESE REQUESTS ARE
 PROVIDED TO CZS AS AN INVOICE GENERATED FROM CMP WITH SUPPORTING
 DOCUMENTATION.

Part IV Supplemental Information

THE AMOUNT FOR GENERAL OPERATING SUPPORT IS THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS THAT CZS REMITTED TO CMP OVER THE YEAR. DISTRIBUTIONS ARE MADE ON A QUARTERLY BASIS BASED ON THE PERCENTAGE OF MEMBERSHIP SALES AS OUTLINED IN THE OPERATING AGREEMENT (A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CZS AND CMP).

Lined area for supplemental information.

**SCHEDULE J
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Compensation Information

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

CLEVELAND ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Employer identification number

34-0816490

Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

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

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

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

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

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

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee |

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

- a** Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?
- b** Participate in or receive payment from a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?
- c** Participate in or receive payment from an equity-based compensation arrangement?
- If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

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

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

- a** The organization?
- b** Any related organization?
- If "Yes" on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.

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

- a** The organization?
- b** Any related organization?
- If "Yes" on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.

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

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

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

	Yes	No
1b		
2		
4a		X
4b		X
4c		X
5a		X
5b		X
6a		X
6b		X
7		X
8		X
9		

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Schedule J (Form 990) 2023

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

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

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

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC and/or 1099-NEC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
(1) SARAH CRUPI CEO	(i)	189,609.	0.	0.	12,283.	13,195.	215,087.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
	(i)							
	(ii)							
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	(ii)							

**SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)**

Noncash Contributions

OMB No. 1545-0047

2023

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

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization **CLEVELAND ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY** Employer identification number **34-0816490**

Part I	Types of Property	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1	Art - Works of art				
2	Art - Historical treasures				
3	Art - Fractional interests				
4	Books and publications				
5	Clothing and household goods				
6	Cars and other vehicles				
7	Boats and planes				
8	Intellectual property				
9	Securities - Publicly traded	X	20	814,436.	FAIR MARKET VALUE
10	Securities - Closely held stock				
11	Securities - Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12	Securities - Miscellaneous				
13	Qualified conservation contribution - Historic structures				
14	Qualified conservation contribution - Other				
15	Real estate - Residential				
16	Real estate - Commercial				
17	Real estate - Other				
18	Collectibles				
19	Food inventory				
20	Drugs and medical supplies				
21	Taxidermy				
22	Historical artifacts				
23	Scientific specimens				
24	Archeological artifacts				
25	Other ()				
26	Other ()				
27	Other ()				
28	Other ()				

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

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

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

SCHEDULE M, PART I, COLUMN (B):

THE ORGANIZATION IS REPORTING THE NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED.

Multiple horizontal lines for supplemental information.

**SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.
Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

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2023

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CLEVELAND ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Employer identification number

34-0816490

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 4:

KEY CHANGES TO THE CZS CODE OF REGULATIONS INCLUDE:

-REVISIONS TO EMERITUS DIRECTORS, ELECTED DIRECTORS AND VOTING DIRECTOR
CONCEPTS SUCH AS (1) REMOVING TITLE OF LIFE DIRECTOR, (2) CLARIFYING
EMERITUS DIRECTOR IS AN HONORARY POSITION THAT CAN ATTEND MEETINGS BUT DOES
NOT HAVE VOTING RIGHTS, (3) CLARIFYING THAT ELECTED DIRECTORS ARE THOSE
DIRECTORS WHO ARE ELECTED FOR THREE YEAR PERIODS, VOTE AND COUNT TOWARDS
QUORUM, (4) REDEFINED QUORUM AND NUMBER OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED FOR
VOTING MATTERS

-REVISIONS TO CERTAIN TITLES INCLUDING CHANGE OF TITLE FROM BOARD PRESIDENT
AND VICE PRESIDENTS TO BOARD CHAIR AND VICE CHAIRS, CHANGE OF TITLE OF CZS
EXECUTOR DIRECTOR TO CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND ADDITION OF CONCEPT OF
CHAIR ELECT

-PROVIDES FOR WRITTEN PROXIES FOR VOTING

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

THE FORM 990 IS REVIEWED BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE, AS WELL AS THE CEO, PRIOR
TO BEING FILED WITH THE IRS AND THE BOARD IS NOTIFIED AND PROVIDED WITH AN
ELECTRONIC COPY OF THE REPORT PRIOR TO FILING.

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

EACH DIRECTOR IS REQUIRED TO SIGN THE ORGANIZATION'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST
STATEMENT ANNUALLY. IF AND WHEN POTENTIAL CONFLICT ARISES, THE DIRECTOR IS

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EXPECTED TO EXCUSE THEMSELF FROM ANY DISCUSSIONS, DECISIONS OR VOTES.

THERE IS NO HISTORY OF REQUIRED ENFORCEMENT OF THE POLICY.

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

THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE, A STANDING BOARD COMMITTEE, REVIEWS AND APPROVES THE SALARY AND INCENTIVE AWARDS FOR THE CEO AND MEMBERS OF THE MANAGEMENT TEAM TO ENSURE REASONABLE COMPENSATION AND TO OPERATE IN COMPLIANCE WITH IRS INTERMEDIATE SANCTIONS GUIDELINES. THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE USES NONPROFIT INDUSTRY SURVEYS FOR COMPARABILITY DATA, INCLUDING THE ASSOCIATION OF FUNDRAISING PROFESSIONALS, OHIO ASSOCIATION OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, AND THE ASSOCIATION OF ZOOS AND AQUARIUMS; AND SURVEYS THE FULL BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE PURPOSE OF EVALUATING THE CEO'S PERFORMANCE. THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE ADDITIONALLY SERVES AS A RESOURCE FOR THE CEO IN PAYROLL PLANNING FOR THE ENTIRE STAFF, PER A TIERED SYSTEM ESTABLISHED TO ASSIST IN ATTRACTING AND RETAINING HIGH-QUALITY EMPLOYEES. THE CLEVELAND ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY BUDGET IS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OR TO THE FULL BOARD.

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

THE ORGANIZATION MAKES ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST.

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

CHANGE IN VALUE OF SPLIT-INTEREST AGREEMENTS	10,547.
PROVISION FOR BAD DEBTS	-32,640.
ASC 606 EFFECTS	-755,062.
TOTAL TO FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9	-777,155.

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FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C:

THE AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETS WITH THE INDEPENDENT AUDIT FIRM AND ZOO SOCIETY MANAGEMENT IN THE FALL OF EACH YEAR TO REVIEW ANY MAJOR NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS AND REGULATORY CHANGES AND TO PLANS FOR THE UPCOMING AUDIT. FIELDWORK IS SCHEDULED AT THAT TIME. ONCE FIELDWORK IS COMPLETE, A DRAFT REPORT IS CIRCULATED TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE PRIOR TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING. AT SAID MEETING, THE AUDIT FIRM REVIEWS THE REPORT, THE AUDIT COMMITTEE VOTES TO ACCEPT THE REPORT, THEN STAFF IS EXCUSED, FOLLOWED BY THE AUDIT FIRM. AFTER THE FINAL AUDIT REPORT IS ISSUED, IT IS CIRCULATED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORTS ON THE AUDIT PROCESS AND OUTCOMES AT THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OR FULL BOARD MEETING, INCLUDING VOTING TO ACCEPT THE AUDIT REPORT AND REQUIRED COMMUNICATIONS AND TO ACCEPT THE REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE INTO THE RECORDS OF THE CORPORATION. IN ADDITION TO REVIEW OF THE PRIOR YEAR IRS 990 PRIOR TO FILING, THE AUDIT COMMITTEE DECIDES WHETHER OR NOT TO RETAIN THE FIRM FOR THE NEXT CYCLE AT THE SECOND ANNUAL AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING.

SCHEDULE F, PART I, LINE 3, COL (F):

INCLUDED IN SCHEDULE F IS A PASS-THROUGH AMOUNT OF \$162,728.

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

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

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

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

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

Part I - Identification

Type or Print <small>File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.</small>	Name of exempt organization, employer, or other filer, see instructions. CLEVELAND ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY	Taxpayer identification number (TIN) 34-0816490
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. 3900 WILDLIFE WAY	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. CLEVELAND, OH 44109	

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

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

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

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

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

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

The books are in the care of **SARAH CRUPI**
3900 WILDLIFE WAY - CLEVELAND, OH 44109

Telephone No. **216-635-3368** Fax No. _____

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

1 I request an automatic 6-month extension of time until **NOVEMBER 15**, 20 **24**, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:
 calendar year 20 **23** or
 tax year beginning _____, 20 _____, and ending _____, 20 _____

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

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

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