

Gerton Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue, Inc.
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Budget Summary 2024-2025

History of Department

Gerton Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue, Inc. was founded in 1974 out of a need for fire protection for the Gerton community. This need was recognized after a member of the community lost his home to a devastating fire. Fire departments from Buncombe and Rutherford counties responded and stopped at the county lines and watch the house burn. Eventually fire departments from within Henderson County did arrive to extinguish the remains of the home. The residents of the Gerton community met and with creativeness and donations from many, the Gerton Fire Department was born. We built a homemade brush truck from a 1972 Ford truck. We then were able to get a 1941 Seagraves pumper donated from Orangeburg, SC. With the donation of turnout gear from some fire departments, we were able to achieve our status as a recognized fire department. The Upper Hickory Nut Gorge Community Center donated space to house our trucks. At that time, we were able to start receiving tax funds to operate.

Gerton fire department has struggled since its very inception. We have always had the lowest revenues within Henderson County, with the highest tax millage. This is largely in part to our small fire district. We only cover an area of 9.78 square miles. Our area is vastly rural with sparse residential structures and a few commercial buildings. Most of our land is wooded area. The fact that many of these wooded areas have been designated conservatoriums or have been "placed" in a timber status, they pay little to no taxes on their property. While we understand their desire to avoid paying taxes on this land, we are still required to respond into it for brush fires, search, and rescues. Most of the lands have trails through them that are frequented with hikers who can become lost and/or injured. This coupled with the smallest fire district in Henderson County leads us to have the smallest amount of revenue. While we have always run close on our funding, we have always been able to pay our debts on time and we have grown to meet the needs of our community.

We now have a station with decent equipment. All of our members have their own individual turnout gear. We are currently trying to purchase every firefighter a second set of gear. Our oldest truck is a 1999 New Lexington 1500 GPM Pumper and our newest is a 2019 Ford service truck. We have a 4-wheel drive certified ambulance. We have a 1999 New Lexington 1500 GPM pumper as our first out engine along with a 2001 Pierce pumper-tanker as a second out engine. We also replaced our old tanker with a 1999 KME pumper tanker. It has a 1000 GPM pump with a 1500-gallon tank. We also have a 1998 E-one mini-pumper for the tight narrow driveways and rough road conditions we may encounter. We have some specialized rescue equipment, such as the Amkus rescue tools and High Angle rescue equipment. This equipment is on our service truck. We are actively pursuing our Technical Rescue rating for all of firefighters along

with their FF status. We are having new members join randomly and some are retiring, so our numbers are remaining steady.

Goals and Accomplishments

Gerton developed a five, ten, and twenty-year plan in May of 1999. At that time, the department determined that we would, by 2004, purchase a four-wheel ambulance, increase our membership, purchase a new pumper-tanker and replace the heating and A/C system. In that same period, we were able to accomplish all of those goals. We replaced our building in 2003 that eliminated the need to replace the heating and A/C goal. By 2009, our goal was to purchase another pumper-tanker, add on to the station and build a sub-station. With the new station, we did not have to add on to our old station. We also found that we did not need another sub-station through our DOI rating. By 2019, our goal was to be able to have at least part-time personnel at our station. We accomplished that goal in 2012. We are currently working to revisit and create another plan. As you can tell, we have been conscious of what our community needs and have been planning for many years. We are currently working on our new 10-year plan.

Present and Future Needs

We have seen a need at of putting part time personnel in our station 24 hours a day to aid in response. We have been successful in accomplishing this, but are still finding it difficult to fill every shift. With the proposal we have with Bat Cave fire, we feel that it may help to overcome this issue. We now have a second firefighter working a 12-hour shift along with the 24 hour firefighter. This has increased our capabilities.

Annexation

We see no future annexations in our immediate future.

Equipment

We will continue to seek grants to help us to replace equipment as it ages. Equipment replacement will occur as funding, grants and assistance becomes available. We are finding that our maintenance expenses on our trucks leads us to believe we are coming up on time to replace truck. Our first and second out trucks along with our first out tanker are well over the 20-year-old life recommended by NFPA.

Finances

Gerton has always been financially strapped. We see that changing slowly. However, we have very competent leaders who are not only looking out for the needs of our community but are attuned to the financial condition of our department. We realize that while many do not think that our department is capable of surviving, Gerton has and will continue to meet the needs of our community. Previously, before the reappraisal our tax base would not support us being able to accomplish many of the things we had hoped for. With the reappraisal, we find that we may be able to have enough funding to actually start working on future plans.

Insurance Ratings

In May of 2022, we were inspected for our insurance rating. We are currently and able to maintain a certified class 4 fire department. During the inspection it became obvious that we need to replace some of our aging equipment. With the purchase of these two new trucks, we will address that need.

Manpower

Our work force issues could become a problem as many of our members are retiring and we are not seeing as many coming in to join, as we would like. We have few calls and our members are always willing to give of themselves and respond to any calls. We average 10 - 12 firefighters on any structural response. We always seem to respond 8 to 10 members on any call whether it is medical or fire related. Our volunteers are always willing to respond and help their neighbors without compensation. They do not do it for the glory or credit. Gerton Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue, Inc. stands for what volunteers really are. We started with having a paid firefighter on duty Monday through Friday from 8-5 and Saturdays for 12 hours. Starting April 2019, we have been trying to cover 24-hour shifts. We feel this is the best use of the extra funding we are beginning to see. We have also covered some special events; weekends or evenings when we felt the possibility for demand for service would increase. We have covered a few days with multiple firefighters when the possibility for our work force being overwhelmed exists. With this addition of daytime firefighters, we have seen many of our volunteers hanging out with them. This is helping with our shortages in volunteers. We are actively recruiting members throughout our community. Our proposal with Bat cave has helped us to overcome this situation.

Redistricting

We are not looking at redistricting. Our district is small, and we do not have many calls, but we when are dispatched the calls are usually legitimate and handled appropriately. We sometimes seem forgotten by county government, but we handle our problems and our residents are very satisfied with their fire department

Salaries

We have put on seven firefighters to fill our slots. We anticipate that we estimate around 12,000 a month to fill these slots. We do understand that in the next several years we will be absorbing the cost of maintain our worker's compensation cost. We have decided that with the growth we are seeing we will be able to meet that extra cost.

Substations

We are looking into a satellite station in Grand Highlands, even though during our DOI rating we found that we could actually cover our district with one station as determined by distribution. We have had meetings with Grand Highlands and they have agreed to give us the land. We are working with legislators to see if we can find funding to build the building. We will also be looking for grants and funding to build the station. We feel a second station could aid in our response into this area. Grand Highlands is working on a plan to help us to build us a station in their area to aid in our response to them.

Summary

We will take in enough revenue to come close to what we spend. It has been difficult to survive the last several years. We are presenting you a real budget. I feel like we will have enough money to make ends to meet. We have had several major truck repairs that have added to our expenses. However, this year we feel that we are finally at a point where we will make it. As always when funding gets short or an unexpected expense arises, we will make a determination what is the best way to address that situation. Failure is not an option. Our success affects our community.

This year if we did change our income from Henderson County fire taxes, and the money actually comes in, we are anticipating taking in \$308,439. This actually puts us in a situation where we will be able to meet all of our needs and continue to replenish our emergency reserves. We hope to eventually build that reserve up to \$100,000 to have in case of a catastrophic failure. Our building payments and insurance this year will be over \$50,000 and with the increased cost of fuel consumption and the increased cost of electricity; we feel that we are being conservative with our budget. We keep anticipating growth in Grand Oaks and Grand Highlands so our tax base will grow slowly. This along with the donations we receive should keep us alive and we will continue to grow.

This year we have received a \$600,000 grant to replace and upgrade our trucks and equipment. While this is a great plan and will benefit us greatly, we will still be having to be fiscally responsible for the rest of our funding. The funds that Bat Cave is giving us will be used toward adding a second person for 12-hour days. This enhances our response and safety for our personnel. There is a bill in federal legislation to turn OSHA 1910.120 and several NFPA standards into law. They could have serious impacts on the fire service in general but especially the small volunteer and combination departments.

It has been tough for us the last several years and we have cut back and many times done without to keep our doors open. We keep looking for a light at the end of the tunnel and with the growth we are experiencing it does not always look very promising. However, there is a light and it is growing. With the additional expenses anticipated with the new requirement of having an annual audit by a third party and the fact we have to change our fiscal year to mirror the county fiscal year we were forced into having to ask for an increase. Our residents are extremely happy with us and they do not mind paying a little more for fire protection because they truly get their money's worth from us. Our board met and with the approval of the department, we are asking to increase our tax rate to .0135. Without this rate, we are afraid we would not be able to deliver the service level that our residents have become accustomed to getting for the next four years. Our last increase was in 2020-21 when we went from .0125 to .0135. There has been a great deal of growth and addition in our capabilities since that time. We had a balance on June 30 of over \$132,638, after we had paid all of our bills.

Our request to the FRAC is to please look favorably upon our request to maintain our current rate of .0135 and approve it. We have refinanced our current loan and not increase our payments but extend the terms and repaired and made improvements to our station and paid off all our equipment. Also, if you hear of any grants, please let us know. We would love to apply for them. We appreciate your support and look forward to working with you in the future. Thanks for your time and feel free to ask questions at any time. We are very proud of what we have acquired, and moral is at an all time high. The

community is very excited and supporting us with comments of praise. I hope you will look favorably on our budget request and approve it as presented.

Department Name

2024-2025 REVENUES

	A	B	C	D	E
1	ITEM DESCRIPTION	2023-2024 BUDGET	YEAR-TO-DATE	2024-2025 BUDGET	INCREASE/DECREASE
2			AS OF		
3	REVENUE				
4	PRESENT/REQUESTED TAX RATE				
5	ACTUAL HENDERSON COUNTY REVENUE RECEIVED				
6	Henderson County Ad Valorem Taxes	\$282,486.00	\$208,774.66	\$308,439.00	\$25,953.00
7	Donations	\$5,000.00	\$14,112.59	\$2,000.00	(\$3,000.00)
8	Fundraising	\$5,000.00		\$2,000.00	(\$3,000.00)
9	Grants	\$10,000.00	\$50,150.92	\$600,000.00	\$590,000.00
10	HazMat Charges	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
11	Interest Income	\$100.00	\$2.22	\$100.00	\$0.00
12	Miscellaneous	\$2,058.00	\$11,424.09	\$2,000.00	(\$58.00)
13	NC County Sales Tax Refund	\$500.00		\$500.00	\$0.00
14	NC Fuel Tax Refund	\$0.00			\$0.00
15	Other Income (City, Other Counties, Town)	\$100.00		\$50,000.00	\$49,900.00
16	Rental Income	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
17	Sales of Assets	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
18	Total Revenues	\$305,244.00	\$284,464.48	\$965,039.00	\$659,795.00
19					
20					
21	FOOTNOTES				

2024-2025 EXPENDITURES

	A	B	C	D	E
1	ITEM DESCRIPTION	2023-2024 BUDGET	YEAR-TO-DATE	2024-2025 BUDGET	INCREASE/DECREASE
2			AS OF		
3	EXPENDITURES				
4	Administrative Cost				
5	Annual Payment - Apparatus	\$50,000.00		\$415,000.00	\$365,000.00
6	Annual Payment - Building	\$40,000.00	\$34,381.68	\$40,000.00	\$0.00
7	Annual Payment - Other Equipment	\$10,000.00		\$200,000.00	\$190,000.00
8	Appreciation and Award Banquets	\$500.00		\$500.00	\$0.00
9	Bank Charges	\$300.00		\$300.00	\$0.00
10	Building Fund	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
11	Chaplain	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
12	Computer	\$4,000.00	\$5,944.82	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
13	Contingency Funds	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
14	Contract Labor (Part-Time Clerk)	\$8,000.00	\$7,590.00	\$10,000.00	\$2,000.00
15	County/State Tax	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
16	Discretionary Fund	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
17	Deposits/Down Payment	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
18	Dues/Subscriptions	\$2,500.00	\$2,572.49	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
19	Expendable Supplies	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
20	Flowers/Gifts	\$100.00		\$100.00	\$0.00
21	Food	\$1,000.00	\$221.89	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
22	Insurance - Building, Business Umbrella, Error	\$16,000.00	\$16,733.00	\$17,000.00	\$1,000.00
23	Legal and Professional Fees	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00	\$0.00
24	Licenses and Permits	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
25	Miscellaneous	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
26	Office Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$408.94	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
27	Public Relations	\$600.00		\$1,000.00	\$400.00
28	Rent	\$500.00		\$500.00	\$0.00
29	<i>(Optional Line Item)</i>				\$0.00
30	<i>(Optional Line Item)</i>				\$0.00
31	<i>(Optional Line Item)</i>				\$0.00
32	<i>(Optional Line Item)</i>				\$0.00
33	Total Administrative Cost	\$139,500.00	\$67,852.82	\$697,900.00	\$558,400.00

2024-2025 EXPENDITURES

	A	B	C	D	E
34	2023-2024 BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE 2024-2025 BUDGET INCREASE/DECREASE				
35	Operational Cost				
36	Breathing Apparatus	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00
37	Communications (radios, pagers, cell phone)	\$5,000.00	\$2,913.93	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00
38	EMT Supplies & Equipment	\$4,000.00	\$4,099.38	\$5,000.00	\$1,000.00
39	Firefighting Supplies & Equipment	\$4,000.00	\$20,102.27	\$7,000.00	\$3,000.00
40	Firefighting Equipment Maintenance	\$3,000.00	\$41,165.27	\$4,000.00	\$1,000.00
41	Fuel	\$7,000.00	\$4,655.32	\$8,000.00	\$1,000.00
42	Hazardous Materials Supplies	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
43	Infection Control	\$1,000.00		\$1,500.00	\$500.00
44	Maintenance/Repair of Apparatus	\$8,000.00	\$12,069.71	\$9,000.00	\$1,000.00
45	Physical Fitness	\$400.00		\$400.00	\$0.00
46	Rehabilitation	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
47	Rescue Equipment	\$3,000.00	\$9,232.81	\$4,000.00	\$1,000.00
48	Training	\$1,200.00	\$443.30	\$1,500.00	\$300.00
49	Turn Out Gear	\$9,000.00	\$15,643.17	\$9,000.00	\$0.00
50	Uniforms	\$0.00	\$635.10	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
51	<i>(Optional Line Item)</i>				\$0.00
52	<i>(Optional Line Item)</i>				\$0.00
53	<i>(Optional Line Item)</i>				\$0.00
54	Total Operational Cost	\$57,600.00	\$110,960.26	\$72,400.00	\$14,800.00
55	PERSONNEL COST				
56	Payroll				
57	Gross Full-Time Pay	\$50,000.00			(\$50,000.00)
58	Gross Part-Time Pay	\$120,000.00	\$87,457.18	\$140,000.00	\$20,000.00
59	Gross Overtime Pay				\$0.00
60	Gross Holiday Pay				\$0.00
61	Employer's Payroll Taxes (6.2% Soc. Sec. 1.45% Medicaid)		\$7,136.09		\$0.00
62	Bonus				\$0.00
63	Vol./FF Reimbursement/Stipend				\$0.00
64	<i>(Optional Line Item)</i>				\$0.00
65	<i>(Optional Line Item)</i>				\$0.00
66	<i>(Optional Line Item)</i>				\$0.00
67	Total Payroll Cost	\$170,000.00	\$94,593.27	\$140,000.00	(\$30,000.00)
68	Benefits				
69	Employer's Retirement Contribution	4000		4000	\$0.00
70	Supplemental Retirement 401k/457				\$0.00
71	Health Insurance	4000		4000	\$0.00
72	Dental Insurance				\$0.00

2024-2025 EXPENDITURES

	A	B	C	D	E
73	Vision Insurance				\$0.00
74	Supplemental Insurance plans	1500			(\$1,500.00)
75	State Firemen's Pension Fund	5000			(\$5,000.00)
76	Physicals for all Firefighters			16000	\$16,000.00
77	(Optional Line Item)				\$0.00
78	(Optional Line Item)				\$0.00
79	(Optional Line Item)				\$0.00
80	Total Benefits Cost	\$14,500.00	\$0.00	\$24,000.00	\$9,500.00
81					
82	STATIONS:				
83	MAIN STATION				
84	Building Maint	4000	12069.71	4500	\$500.00
85	Cable	4000	973.92	4000	\$0.00
86	Electric	6000	3946.71	7000	\$1,000.00
87	Garbage	1500		1000	(\$500.00)
88	Grounds Upkeep	1500		3000	\$1,500.00
89	Heating Fuel	8000	4738.85	7750	(\$250.00)
90	Station Supplies	1000		1489	\$489.00
91	Telephone	2000	3103.89	2000	\$0.00
92	Water				\$0.00
93	STATION #2				
94	Building Maint				\$0.00
95	Cable				\$0.00
96	Electric				\$0.00
97	Garbage				\$0.00
98	Grounds Upkeep				\$0.00
99	Heating Fuel				\$0.00
100	Station Supplies				\$0.00
101	Telephone				\$0.00
102	Water				\$0.00
103					
104	STATION #3				
105	Building Maint				\$0.00
106	Cable				\$0.00
107	Electric				\$0.00
108	Garbage				\$0.00
109	Grounds Upkeep				\$0.00
110	Heating Fuel				\$0.00
111	Station Supplies				\$0.00

2024-2025 EXPENDITURES

	A	B	C	D	E
112	Telephone				\$0.00
113	Water				\$0.00
114					
115	STATION #4				
116	Building Maint				\$0.00
117	Cable				\$0.00
118	Electric				\$0.00
119	Garbage				\$0.00
120	Grounds Upkeep				\$0.00
121	Heating Fuel				\$0.00
122	Station Supplies				\$0.00
123	Telephone				\$0.00
124	Water				\$0.00
125					
126	Total Station Cost	\$28,000.00	\$24,833.08	\$30,739.00	\$2,739.00
127					
128	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$409,600.00	\$298,239.43	\$965,039.00	\$555,439.00

CURRENT ASSETS**AS OF**

Item Description	Current Balance
Bonds, Certificates of Deposit, Stock	\$0.00
General Checking	\$108,640.00
Savings	\$24,000.00
Truck Fund	\$0.00
Building Fund	\$0.00
Future Needs	\$490,000.00
Contingency Fund	\$0.00
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Total assets	\$622,640.00

Notes:

2023/2024 TAX RATE WORKSHEET FOR

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
TOTAL DISTRICT TAX ASSESSMENT 2024-2025	\$235,747,933.00
Divided by 100	
TOTAL	\$2,357,479.33
Multiplied by requested tax rate	0.135
TOTAL	\$318,259.71
*Multiplied by tax collection percentage (97%)	
TOTAL	\$308,711.92
Subtract Training Center Assessment	272
Add Projected Payments in Lieu of Taxes	
**TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUE	\$308,439.92
** Revenue is projected because it does not reflect tax discoveries, releases or refunds.	
* Collection percentage based on last complete year of collections.	

We certify that the attached Financial Statement for

Gerton Fire and Rescue Department

is accurate to the best of our knowledge.

William Mitchell

Board President

Anthony W. Kelly

Board Treasurer

GERTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE, INC.

Statement of Activity

July 2022 - June 2023

	TOTAL
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Revenue	
43400 Direct Public Support	
43450 Individ, Business Contributions	14,112.59
Total 43400 Direct Public Support	14,112.59
43433 2022 Fire Grant	7,175.00
43551 Rescue Grant 2022	5,526.15
43553 Supplemental Grant 2022	35,000.00
43554 NC Forestry Grant 2023	2,449.77
45000 Investments	
45030 Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	2.22
Total 45000 Investments	2.22
46400 Other Types of Income	
46430 Miscellaneous Revenue	
46431 Henderson County Tax Millage	208,774.66
46432 Insurance Claims	4,116.23
46434 Sales Tax Refund	6,239.30
46435 State Firemen's Relief Fund	1,068.56
Total 46430 Miscellaneous Revenue	220,198.75
Total 46400 Other Types of Income	220,198.75
Total Revenue	\$284,464.48
GROSS PROFIT	\$284,464.48
Expenditures	
61003 Firefighter Radios <i>2022</i>	2,913.93
61014 State Fire Grant <i>2021 50/50</i>	15,643.17
61015 Rescue Grant 2022 - Turnout Gear	9,232.81
61017 Forestry Grant 2022	6,078.06
61052 2022 OSFM Supplemental Grant	34,452.11
62100 Contract Services	
62110 Accounting Fees	7,340.00
62140 Legal Fees	250.00
Total 62100 Contract Services	7,590.00
62800 Facilities and Equipment	
61000 Firefighter Equipment	17,029.78
62840 Equip Rental and Maintenance	500.00
Total 62800 Facilities and Equipment	17,529.78
62901 First Bank Principal	19,536.20
65000 Operations	
65020 Postage, Mailing Service	122.00
65040 Supplies	83.40
65041 Office Supplies	325.54
Total 65040 Supplies	408.94

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Statement of Activity

July 2022 - June 2023

	TOTAL
65050 Telephone, Telecommunications	559.11
65051 Utilities - Electrical Power	3,946.71
65052 Utilities - Satellite TV	973.92
65053 Utilities - Heating Fuel	4,738.85
65054 Utilities - Internet	3,103.89
Total 65000 Operations	13,853.42
65100 Other Types of Expenses	
65120 Insurance - Liability, D and O	
65122 Insurance-Bldg, Auto, Liability	16,733.00
Total 65120 Insurance - Liability, D and O	16,733.00
65160 Other Costs	
65042 Computer Supplies & Website Mnt	700.61
65043 Computer Software	3,926.71
65044 Accounting Software	1,317.50
65161 Gasoline Fire Trucks	4,655.32
65162 Firefighter Supplies	2,572.49
65163 Dues, Subscriptions, Manuals	1,562.00
65164 Building & Grounds Maintenance	12,069.71
65165 Fire Truck Maintenance	8,815.36
65166 Medical Supplies	4,099.38
65167 Paid Firefighter Uniforms	635.10
65168 Firefighter Equip Maintenance	5,054.67
65169 Firefighter Refreshments/Meals	221.89
Total 65160 Other Costs	45,630.74
Total 65100 Other Types of Expenses	62,363.74
66000 Payroll Expenses	
Taxes	7,136.09
Wages	87,457.18
Total 66000 Payroll Expenses	94,593.27
68300 Travel and Meetings	
68310 Conference, Convention, Meeting	
68311 Firefighter Training	443.30
Total 68310 Conference, Convention, Meeting	443.30
Total 68300 Travel and Meetings	443.30
69000 Interest	14,845.48
Unapplied Cash Bill Payment Expense	0.00
Total Expenditures	\$299,075.27
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$ -14,610.79
NET REVENUE	\$ -14,610.79

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

2022

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.
Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

Open to Public Inspection

A For the **2022** calendar year, or tax year beginning **7/01**, 2022, and ending **6/30**, 2023

B Check if applicable:

<input type="checkbox"/> Address change	C GERTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT & RESCUE, INC PO BOX 52 GERTON, NC 28735-0052	D Employer identification number
<input type="checkbox"/> Name change		E [REDACTED]
<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return		828-290-6194
<input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated		G Gross receipts \$ 288,502.
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended return		
<input type="checkbox"/> Application pending		

F Name and address of principal officer: **ROBERT JAY ALLEY**
SAME AS C ABOVE

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? Yes No
H(b) Are all subordinates included? Yes No
If "No," attach a list. See instructions.

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

J Website: N/A **H(c)** Group exemption number

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other **L** Year of formation: 1974 **M** State of legal domicile: NC

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: TO PROVIDE FIRE PROTECTION FOR A RURAL AREA.		
	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	9
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	0
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2022 (Part V, line 2a)	5	8
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	20
	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)	Prior Year 38,111.	Current Year 64,264.
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	198,893.	209,286.
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	2.	2.
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	21,256.	14,950.
	12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	258,262.	288,502.
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)		
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	47,566.	94,593.
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)		
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	208,649.	174,140.	
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	256,215.	268,733.	
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	2,047.	19,769.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year 516,839.	End of Year 514,316.
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	507,623.	485,332.
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	9,216.	28,984.

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here	Signature of officer		Date		
	ROBERT JAY ALLEY		CHIEF		
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	WAYNE J. PARRIS, CPA	Wayne J. Parris, CPA	11-27-23		P01202486
	Firm's name	WAYNE J. PARRIS, CPA		Firm's EIN	[REDACTED]
	Firm's address	21 HYDE PARK PL ARDEN, NC 28704		Phone no.	(828) 687-8824

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

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other S (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.

1 a 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	1 c
d Additions during the year	1 d
e Distributions during the year	1 e
f Ending balance	1 f

2 a 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 on 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
1 a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

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

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment _____ %
- b Permanent endowment _____ %
- c Term endowment _____ %

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

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

	Yes	No
(i) Unrelated organizations	3a(i)	
(ii) Related organizations	3a(ii)	
b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?	3b	

4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

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

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1 a Land		35,228.		35,228.
b Buildings		486,395.	205,324.	281,071.
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		1,209,277.	1,141,987.	67,290.
e Other		22,317.	12,099.	10,218.
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)				393,807.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A		X
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? See instructions		X
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I		X
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II		
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		X
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I		X
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II		X
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III		X
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV		X
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in donor-restricted endowments or in quasi endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V		X
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X, as applicable.		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI	X	
b Did the organization report an amount for investments – other securities in Part X, line 12, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII		X
c Did the organization report an amount for investments – program related in Part X, line 13, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII		X
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX		X
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X		X
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X		X
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII		X
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional		X
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		X
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV		X
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV		X
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV		X
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I. See instructions		X
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II		X
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III		X
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		X
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II		X

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

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

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

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

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

		Yes	No
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return.		
	2a	8	
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?	X	
	2b		
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
	3a		
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation on Schedule O		
	3b		
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		X
	4a		
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		X
	5a		
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		X
	5b		
c	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		
	5c		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?		X
	6a		
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
	6b		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?		
	7a		
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
	7b		
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		
	7c		
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.		
	7d		
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		
	7e		
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		
	7f		
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
	7g		
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		
	7h		
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
	8		
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
	9a		
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
	9b		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.	10a	
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b	
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:		
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a	
b	Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	11b	
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a	
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.	12b	
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.		
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state?	13a	
	Note: See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.		
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	13b	
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c	
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a	X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation on Schedule O	14b	
15	Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year?	15	X
	If "Yes," see the instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N.		
16	Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income?	16	X
	If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O.		
17	Section 501(c)(21) organizations. Did the trust, or any disqualified or other person engage in any activities that would result in the imposition of an excise tax under section 4951, 4952, or 4953?	17	
	If "Yes," complete Form 6069.		

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year. If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain on Schedule O.		
1b	Enter the number of voting members included on line 1a, above, who are independent.		
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee? SEE SCHEDULE O	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? SEE SCHEDULE O	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? SEE SCH O	X	
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
8a	The governing body?	X	
8b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	X	
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses on Schedule O.		X

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

		Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		X
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. SEE SCHEDULE O		
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?		
15a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official.		X
15b	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 **NONE**
- 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, if applicable), 990, and 990-T (section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
 Own website Another's website Upon request Other (explain on Schedule O)
- 19 Describe on Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year. **SEE SCHEDULE O**
- 20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records.
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Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

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

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

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

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

See the instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) ROBERT JAY ALLEY CHIEF	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
(2) KARL BRADLEY SECRETARY	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
(3) AARON ECKHARDT BOARD MEMBER	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
(4) NORRIS LYDA BOARD MEMBER	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
(5) PATRICK O'KELLEY BOARD MEMBER	0 0	X						0.	0.	0.
(6) ERIK JULIAN BOARD MEMBER	0 0	X						0.	0.	0.
(7) WILLIAM MITCHELL PRESIDENT	5 0			X				0.	0.	0.
(8) JAMES SANE VICE PRESIDENT	1 0			X				0.	0.	0.
(9) CAROLYN ALLEY TREASURER	25 0			X				0.	0.	0.
(10)										
(11)										
(12)										
(13)										
(14)										

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)					(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee			
(15)									
(16)									
(17)									
(18)									
(19)									
(20)									
(21)									
(22)									
(23)									
(24)									
(25)									

1b Subtotal 0. 0. 0.
 c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A 0. 0. 0.
 d Total (add lines 1b and 1c) 0. 0. 0.

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

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person		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

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

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants, and Other Similar Amounts	1a Federated campaigns	1a			
	b Membership dues	1b			
	c Fundraising events	1c			
	d Related organizations	1d			
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e	50,151.		
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	14,113.		
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	1g			
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		64,264.		
Program Service Revenue	2a <u>HENDERSON COUNTY</u>	Business Code	209,286.	209,286.	
	b				
	c				
	d				
	e				
	f All other program service revenue				
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		209,286.		
3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		2.	2.		
4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
5 Royalties					
Other Revenue	6a Gross rents	6a			
	b Less: rental expenses	6b			
	c Rental income or (loss)	6c			
	d Net rental income or (loss)				
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	7a			
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	7b			
	c Gain or (loss)	7c			
	d Net gain or (loss)				
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	8a			
	b Less: direct expenses	8b			
	c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events				
	9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	9a			
	b Less: direct expenses	9b			
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities				
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a				
b Less: cost of goods sold	10b				
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory					
Miscellaneous Revenue	11a <u>NC SALES TAX REFUND</u>	Business Code	9,765.	9,765.	
	b <u>INSURANCE PROCEEDS</u>		4,116.	4,116.	
	c <u>RELIEF FUND SUPPLEMENT</u>		1,069.	1,069.	
	d All other revenue				
	e Total. Add lines 11a-11d		14,950.		
	12 Total revenue. See instructions		288,502.	224,238.	0.

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

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

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21.				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22.				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.				
4 Benefits paid to or for members.				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees.	0.	0.	0.	0.
6 Compensation not included above to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B).	0.	0.	0.	0.
7 Other salaries and wages.	87,457.	87,457.		
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions).				
9 Other employee benefits.				
10 Payroll taxes.	7,136.	7,136.		
11 Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a Management.				
b Legal.				
c Accounting.	7,590.		7,590.	
d Lobbying.				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17.				
f Investment management fees.				
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)				
12 Advertising and promotion.				
13 Office expenses.	326.		326.	
14 Information technology.	5,945.	5,945.		
15 Royalties.				
16 Occupancy.	22,438.	19,318.	3,120.	
17 Travel.				
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials.				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings.				
20 Interest.	15,145.	15,145.		
21 Payments to affiliates.				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization.	32,695.	32,695.		
23 Insurance.	16,733.	16,733.		
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 FIREFIGHTER EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES	27,353.	27,353.		
b RESCUE/EMT SUPPLIES	21,807.	21,807.		
c VEHICLES MAINTENANCE	8,815.	8,815.		
d VEHICLES FUEL	5,037.	5,037.		
e All other expenses.	10,256.	9,768.	488.	
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	268,733.	257,209.	11,524.	0.
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

Part X Balance Sheet

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
Assets	1	Cash — non-interest-bearing	127,954.	1	114,571.
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		2	
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net	1,900.	4	5,937.
	5	Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		5	
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)		6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 1,753,217.		
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 1,359,410.	386,985.	10c 393,807.
	11	Investments — publicly traded securities		11	
	12	Investments — other securities. See Part IV, line 11.		12	
	13	Investments — program-related. See Part IV, line 11.		13	
	14	Intangible assets		14	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11.		15	1.
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33).	516,839.	16	514,316.	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,305.	17	3,734.
	18	Grants payable		18	
	19	Deferred revenue		19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22	Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	506,318.	23	481,598.
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25.	507,623.	26	485,332.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
	27	Net assets without donor restrictions	2,047.	27	16,289.
	28	Net assets with donor restrictions	7,169.	28	12,695.
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here and complete lines 29 through 33. <input type="checkbox"/>				
	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.	9,216.	32	28,984.
33	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances.	516,839.	33	514,316.	

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	288,502.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	268,733.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	19,769.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	9,216.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O) SEE SCHEDULE O	9	-1.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	28,984.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on Schedule O.			
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		X
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			
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	X	
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			
2c	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?	X	
If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain on Schedule O.			
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Uniform Guidance, 2 C.F.R Part 200, Subpart F?		X
3b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

**SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

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

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(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 in (a).....	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) 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?..... Yes No

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 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?..... Yes No

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.

1 a 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..... \$

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other (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
1c Beginning balance	
1d Additions during the year	
1e Distributions during the year	
1f Ending balance	

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 on Part XIII.

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

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

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

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment _____ %
- b Permanent endowment _____ %
- c Term endowment _____ %

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

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

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

	Yes	No
3a(i)		
3a(ii)		
3b		

b If "Yes" on line 3a(i), 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		35,228.		35,228.
b Buildings		486,395.	205,324.	281,071.
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		1,209,277.	1,141,987.	67,290.
e Other		22,317.	12,099.	10,218.

Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.) 393,807.

Part VII Investments – Other Securities.

N/A

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)		
(I)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 12.)		

Part VIII Investments – Program Related.

N/A

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)		
(10)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 13.)		

Part IX Other Assets.

N/A

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)	
(10)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 15.)	

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)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
(11)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 25.)	

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. N/A

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	
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
	a Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2 a		
	b Donated services and use of facilities	2 b		
	c Recoveries of prior year grants	2 c		
	d Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2 d		
	e Add lines 2a through 2d		2 e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	
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	4 a		
	b Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4 b		
	c Add lines 4a and 4b		4 c	
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)		5	

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return. N/A

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

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

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.

SCHEDULE O
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FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 2 - BUSINESS OR FAMILY RELATIONSHIP OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, ETC.

ROBERT JAY ALLEY AND CAROLYN ALLEY ARE HUSBAND/WIFE.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 7A - HOW MEMBERS OR SHAREHOLDERS ELECT GOVERNING BODY

THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS ELECTED ANNUALLY BY THE ENTIRE CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP. THE INDIVIDUAL DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS ARE ALL EXECTED ANNUALLY BY THE CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 7B - DECISIONS OF GOVERNING BODY APPROVAL BY MEMBERS OR SHAREHOLDERS

GERTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT & RESCUE'S "GOVERNING BODY" IS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DOES NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE ANY DECISIONS WITHOUT THE ENTIRE CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP'S APPROVAL. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 11B - FORM 990 REVIEW PROCESS

BEFORE THE 990 IS FILED THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK OVER THE FORM AT A BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 19 - OTHER ORGANIZATION DOCUMENTS PUBLICLY AVAILABLE

ALL OF GERTON VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE'S GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE PUBLIC RECORD AND AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST. EVERY OTHER YEAR OR SO THE DEPARTMENT SENDS A LETTER TO ALL RESIDENTS IN THE FIRE DISTRICT INVITING THEM TO COME TO THE DEPARTMENT TO OBSERVE ASSETS, ASK QUESTIONS AND REVIEW ANY DOCUMENTS THEY DESIRE.

**FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9
OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES**

ROUNDING.....	\$	-1.
TOTAL	\$	<u>-1.</u>

GERTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT & RESCUE, INC

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4E
PROGRAM SERVICES TOTALS

	PROGRAM SERVICES TOTAL	FORM 990	SOURCE
TOTAL EXPENSES	257,209.	257,209.	PART IX, LINE 25, COL. B
GRANTS	0.	0.	PART IX, LINES 1-3, COL. B
REVENUE	0.	209,286.	PART VIII, LINE 2, COL. A

FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 24E
OTHER EXPENSES

	(A) TOTAL	(B) PROGRAM SERVICES	(C) MANAGEMENT & GENERAL	(D) FUNDRAISING
COMMUNICATIONS	2,914.	2,914.		
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	1,757.	1,757.		
EQUIPMENT RENTAL AND MAINT	500.	500.		
ON-SCENE SUPPORT	222.	222.		
POSTAGE AND SHIPPING	122.		122.	
TELEPHONE	3,663.	3,297.	366.	
TRAINING AND EDUCATION	443.	443.		
UNIFORMS	635.	635.		
TOTAL	\$ 10,256.	\$ 9,768.	\$ 488.	\$ 0.

GERTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT & RESCUE, INC

	2022	2021	DIFF
REVENUE			
CONTRIBUTIONS AND GRANTS.....	64,264	38,111	26,153
PROGRAM SERVICE REVENUE.....	209,286	198,893	10,393
INVESTMENT INCOME.....	2	2	0
OTHER REVENUE.....	14,950	21,256	-6,306
TOTAL REVENUE.....	288,502	258,262	30,240
EXPENSES			
SALARIES, OTHER COMPEN., EMP. BENEFITS..	94,593	47,566	47,027
OTHER EXPENSES.....	174,140	208,649	-34,509
TOTAL EXPENSES.....	268,733	256,215	12,518
NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES			
REVENUE LESS EXPENSES.....	19,769	2,047	17,722
TOTAL ASSETS AT END OF YEAR.....	514,316	516,840	-2,524
TOTAL LIABILITIES AT END OF YEAR.....	485,332	507,623	-22,291
NET ASSETS/FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR.	28,984	9,217	19,767

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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GERTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT & RESCUE, INC



FORMS NEEDED FOR THIS RETURN

FEDERAL: 990, SCH D, SCH O, 8868

CARRYOVERS TO 2023

NONE

GERTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT & RESCUE, INC

THE ORGANIZATION'S FEDERAL TAX RETURN IS NOT FINISHED UNTIL YOU COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS.

PRIOR TO TRANSMISSION OF THE RETURN**FORM 8868**

NO SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED WITH FORM 8868.

EVEN RETURN

NO PAYMENT IS REQUIRED.

AFTER TRANSMISSION OF THE RETURN**RECEIVE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF YOUR E-FILE TRANSMISSION STATUS.**

WITHIN SEVERAL HOURS, ACCESS THE PROGRAM AND GET YOUR FIRST ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (ACK) THAT THE PROGRAM HAS RECEIVED YOUR TRANSMISSION FILE.

ACCESS THE PROGRAM AGAIN AFTER 24 AND THEN 48 HOURS TO RECEIVE YOUR FEDERAL ACKS.

**IRS e-file Signature Authorization
for a Tax Exempt Entity**

For calendar year 2022, or fiscal year beginning 7/01, 2022, and ending 6/30, 20 2023

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

**Do not send to the IRS. Keep for your records.
Go to www.irs.gov/Form8879TE for the latest information.**

Name of filer

EIN or SSN

GERTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT & RESCUE, INC

Name and title of officer or person subject to tax

ROBERT JAY ALLEY CHIEF

Part I Type of Return and Return Information

Check the box for the return for which you are using this Form 8879-TE and enter the applicable amount, if any, from the return. Form 8038-CP and Form 5330 filers may enter dollars and cents. For all other forms, enter whole dollars only. If you check the box on line 1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, 5a, 6a, 7a, 8a, 9a, or 10a below, and the amount on that line for the return being filed with this form was blank, then leave line 1b, 2b, 3b, 4b, 5b, 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, or 10b, whichever is applicable, blank (do not enter -0-). But, if you entered -0- on the return, then enter -0- on the applicable line below. Do not complete more than one line in Part I.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1a Form 990 check here	<input type="checkbox"/> b Total revenue, if any (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1b	<u>288,502.</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> 2a Form 990-EZ check here	<input type="checkbox"/> b Total revenue, if any (Form 990-EZ, line 9)	2b	
<input type="checkbox"/> 3a Form 1120-POL check here	<input type="checkbox"/> b Total tax (Form 1120-POL, line 22)	3b	
<input type="checkbox"/> 4a Form 990-PF check here	<input type="checkbox"/> b Tax based on investment income (Form 990-PF, Part V, line 5)	4b	
<input type="checkbox"/> 5a Form 8868 check here	<input type="checkbox"/> b Balance due (Form 8868, line 3c)	5b	
<input type="checkbox"/> 6a Form 990-T check here	<input type="checkbox"/> b Total tax (Form 990-T, Part III, line 4)	6b	
<input type="checkbox"/> 7a Form 4720 check here	<input type="checkbox"/> b Total tax (Form 4720, Part III, line 1)	7b	
<input type="checkbox"/> 8a Form 5227 check here	<input type="checkbox"/> b FMV of assets at end of tax year (Form 5227, Item D)	8b	
<input type="checkbox"/> 9a Form 5330 check here	<input type="checkbox"/> b Tax due (Form 5330, Part II, line 19)	9b	
<input type="checkbox"/> 10a Form 8038-CP check here	<input type="checkbox"/> b Amount of credit payment requested (Form 8038-CP, Part III, line 22)	10b	

Part II Declaration and Signature Authorization of Officer or Person Subject to Tax

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I am an officer of the above entity or I am a person subject to tax with respect to (name of entity) _____, (EIN) _____ and that I have examined a copy of the 2022 electronic return and accompanying schedules and statements, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. I further declare that the amount in Part I above is the amount shown on the copy of the electronic return. I consent to allow my intermediate service provider, transmitter, or electronic return originator (ERO) to send the return to the IRS and to receive from the IRS (a) an acknowledgement of receipt or reason for rejection of the transmission, (b) the reason for any delay in processing the return or refund, and (c) the date of any refund. If applicable, I authorize the U.S. Treasury and its designated Financial Agent to initiate an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) entry to the financial institution account indicated in the tax preparation software for payment of the federal taxes owed on this return, and the financial institution to debit the entry to this account. To revoke a payment, I must contact the U.S. Treasury Financial Agent at 1-888-353-4537 no later than 2 business days prior to the payment (settlement) date. I also authorize the financial institutions involved in the processing of the electronic payment of taxes to receive confidential information necessary to answer inquiries and resolve issues related to the payment. I have selected a personal identification number (PIN) as my signature for the electronic return and, if applicable, the consent to electronic funds withdrawal.

PIN: check one box only

I authorize WAYNE J. PARRIS, CPA to enter my PIN 20120 as my signature
ERO firm name Enter five numbers, but do not enter all zeros

on the tax year 2022 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I also authorize the aforementioned ERO to enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

As an officer or person subject to tax with respect to the entity, I will enter my PIN as my signature on the tax year 2022 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I will enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

Signature of officer or person subject to tax

Date

Part III Certification and Authentication

ERO's EFIN/PIN. Enter your six-digit electronic filing identification number (EFIN) followed by your five-digit self-selected PIN.

56000928732
Do not enter all zeros

I certify that the above numeric entry is my PIN, which is my signature on the 2022 electronically filed return indicated above. I confirm that I am submitting this return in accordance with the requirements of Pub. 4163, Modernized e-File (MeF) Information for Authorized IRS e-file Providers for Business Returns.

ERO's signature

Date

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

Application for Automatic Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

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

Automatic 6-Month Extension of Time. Only submit original (no copies needed).

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.

Type or print	Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions. GERTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT & RESCUE, INC	Taxpayer identification number (TIN) <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 30px;"></div>
	Number, street, and room or suite number, if a P.O. box, see instructions. PO BOX 52	
File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. GERTON, NC 28735-0052	

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 1041-A	08
Form 4720 (individual)	03	Form 4720 (other than individual)	09
Form 990-PF	04	Form 5227	10
Form 990-T (section 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	05	Form 6069	11
Form 990-T (trust other than above)	06	Form 8870	12
Form 990-T (corporation)	07		

• The books are in the care of ▶ CAROLYN ALLEY PO BOX 52 GERTON NC 28735-0052

Telephone No. ▶ 828-694-1730 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 5/15, 2024, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:

▶ calendar year 20____ or

▶ tax year beginning 7/01, 2022, and ending 6/30, 2023.

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.

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.

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

GERTON

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE, INC.

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for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

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Gerton, North Carolina

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors of
Gerton Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue, Inc.

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Gerton Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Gerton Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue, Inc. as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Gerton Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue, Inc. and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Gerton Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Gerton Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue, Inc.'s internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Gerton Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

Wayne J. Parris, CPA

Wayne J. Parris, CPA

Arden, North Carolina

November 27, 2023

GERTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE, INC.
 STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
 June 30, 2023 and 2022

ASSETS	<u>6-30-2023</u>	<u>6-30-2022</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 101,876.24	\$ 116,328.83
Taxes receivable	5,936.89	1,899.53
Cash restricted for relief fund	12,694.59	11,626.03
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>\$ 120,507.72</u>	<u>\$ 129,854.39</u>
FIXED ASSETS		
Property and equipment	\$ 1,753,217.65	\$ 1,713,699.76
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(1,359,409.51)	(1,326,714.52)
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	<u>\$ 393,808.14</u>	<u>\$ 386,985.24</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 514,315.86</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 516,839.63</u></u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accrued expenses payable	\$ 3,734.37	\$ 1,304.66
Current portion of long-term debt	25,789.06	25,192.21
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 29,523.43</u>	<u>\$ 26,496.87</u>
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		
Long-term debt	\$ 455,808.63	\$ 481,126.18
TOTAL LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 455,808.63</u>	<u>\$ 481,126.18</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 485,332.06</u>	<u>\$ 507,623.05</u>
NET ASSETS		
Without donor restrictions	\$ 16,289.21	\$(2,409.45)
With donor restrictions	12,694.59	11,626.03
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 28,983.80</u>	<u>\$ 9,216.58</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 514,315.86</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 516,839.62</u></u>

See accompanying notes.

GERTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE, INC.
STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES
For the Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

	6-30-2023	6-30-2022
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS:		
Revenues and gains		
Henderson County	\$ 209,285.90	\$ 198,892.84
State of North Carolina	0.00	0.00
Donations	14,112.59	1,055.60
Grants	50,150.92	37,055.35
Insurance proceeds	4,116.23	3,389.71
Interest income	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous income	0.00	4,597.73
NC sales tax refund	9,765.42	12,260.97
TOTAL REVENUES AND GAINS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	\$ 287,431.06	\$ 257,252.20
NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS		
Restrictions satisfied by payments	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL REVENUES, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	\$ 287,431.06	\$ 257,252.20
Expenses		
Program Services	\$ 257,210.41	\$ 245,472.80
Supporting Services	11,524.21	10,742.04
Fundraising	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 268,734.62	\$ 256,214.84
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	\$ 18,696.44	\$ 1,037.36
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS		
Relief Fund supplement	\$ 1,068.56	\$ 1,007.49
Interest income on relief fund	2.22	2.22
Net assets released from restrictions	(0.00)	(0.00)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	\$ 1,070.78	\$ 1,009.71
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	\$ 19,767.22	\$ 2,047.07
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	9,216.58	7,169.51
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 28,983.80	\$ 9,216.58

See accompanying notes.

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GERTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND RESCUE, INC.
STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
For the Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

	6-30-2023				6-30-2022			
	Program Services		Supporting Services		Program Services		Supporting Services	
	Fire & Rescue	Management and General	Fundraising	Total	Fire & Rescue	Management and General	Fundraising	Total
Compensation and related expenses								
Salaries and wages	\$ 87,457.18	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 87,457.18	\$ 43,684.38	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 43,684.38
Payroll taxes	7,136.11	0.00	0.00	7,136.11	3,882.49	0.00	0.00	3,882.49
Compensation and related expenses	\$ 94,593.29	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 94,593.29	\$ 47,566.87	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 47,566.87
Bank Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	130.00	0.00	130.00
Buildings and grounds	11,247.86	1,249.76	0.00	12,497.62	8,860.90	984.55	0.00	9,845.45
Communications	2,913.93	0.00	0.00	2,913.93	515.35	0.00	0.00	515.35
Computer and software expense	5,944.82	0.00	0.00	5,944.82	3,775.48	0.00	0.00	3,775.48
Depreciation	32,694.99	0.00	0.00	32,694.99	91,482.48	0.00	0.00	91,482.48
Dues and subscriptions	1,757.00	0.00	0.00	1,757.00	530.64	0.00	0.00	530.64
Equipmental rental and maintenance	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Firefighting equipment and supplies	27,353.47	0.00	0.00	27,353.47	22,741.46	0.00	0.00	22,741.46
Insurance	16,733.00	0.00	0.00	16,733.00	15,378.56	0.00	0.00	15,378.56
Interest	15,144.73	0.00	0.00	15,144.73	16,008.45	0.00	0.00	16,008.45
Office supplies	0.00	325.54	0.00	325.54	0.00	860.26	0.00	860.26
On-scene Support	221.89	0.00	0.00	221.89	919.27	0.00	0.00	919.27
Postage and stamps	0.00	122.00	0.00	122.00	0.00	169.00	0.00	169.00
Professional fees	0.00	7,590.00	0.00	7,590.00	0.00	6,370.00	0.00	6,370.00
Public relations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	458.11	0.00	0.00	458.11
Rescue/EMT equipment and supplies	21,807.36	0.00	0.00	21,804.36	8,541.23	0.00	0.00	8,541.23
Uniforms	635.10	0.00	0.00	635.10	259.94	0.00	0.00	259.94
Training and education	443.30	0.00	0.00	443.30	150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
Utilities								
Electricity	3,805.16	422.80	0.00	4,227.96	2,943.57	327.07	0.00	3,270.64
Heating fuel	4,264.96	473.89	0.00	4,738.85	4,796.71	532.97	0.00	5,329.68
Telephone and internet	3,296.70	366.30	0.00	3,663.00	1,855.69	206.19	0.00	2,061.88
Television	0.00	973.92	0.00	973.92	0.00	1,162.00	0.00	1,162.00
Vehicles								
Fuel	5,037.49	0.00	0.00	5,037.49	4,384.39	0.00	0.00	4,384.39
Maintenance	8,815.36	0.00	0.00	8,815.36	13,803.70	0.00	0.00	13,803.70
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 257,210.41</u>	<u>\$ 11,524.21</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 268,734.62</u>	<u>\$ 245,472.80</u>	<u>\$ 10,742.04</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 256,214.84</u>

See accompanying notes.

GERTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE, INC.
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
For the Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

	6-30-2023	6-30-2022
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash received from governments	\$ 208,774.66	\$ 198,862.32
Cash received from contributors	14,112.59	1,055.60
Interest received	2.22	2.22
Cash received from other revenue sources	61,575.01	61,567.10
Cash paid to employees and suppliers	(218,465.19)	(148,478.69)
Interest paid	(15,144.73)	(16,008.45)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$ 50,854.56	\$ 97,000.10
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Payments for property and equipment	\$(39,517.89)	\$(90,560.95)
NET CASH USED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	\$(39,517.89)	\$(90,560.95)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Payments to Community National Bank	\$(4,875.20)	\$(4,596.74)
Payments to First Bank	(19,845.50)	(19,260.24)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES	\$(24,720.70)	\$(23,856.98)
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$(13,384.03)	\$(17,417.83)
BEGINNING CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	127,954.86	145,372.69
ENDING CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$ 114,570.83	\$ 127,954.86
Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities		
Change in net assets	\$ 19,767.22	\$ 2,047.07
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash used by operating activities		
Noncash revenues and expenses		
Depreciation	32,694.99	91,482.48
Changes in current assets and liabilities		
(Increase) Decrease in taxes receivable	(4,037.36)	3,225.33
Increase (Decrease) in accrued expenses payable	2,429.71	245.22
Net cash provided by operations	\$ 50,854.56	\$ 97,000.10

See accompanying notes.

GERTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE, INC.
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
June 30, 2023 and 2022

NOTE A-NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization and Nature of Activities

Gerton Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue, Inc. was founded in 1974 out of a need for fire protection for the Gerton community. This need was recognized after a member of the community lost his home to a devastating fire. Fire departments from Buncombe and Rutherford counties responded and stopped at the county lines and watch the house burn. Eventually fire departments from within Henderson County did arrive to extinguish the remains of the home. The residents of the Gerton community met and with creativeness and donations from many, the Gerton Fire Department was born. We built a homemade brush truck from a 1972 Ford truck. We then were able to get a 1941 Seagraves pumper donated from Orangeburg, SC. With the donation of turnout gear from some fire departments, we were able to achieve our status as a recognized fire department. The Upper Hickory Nut Gorge Community Center donated space to house our trucks. At that time, we were able to start receiving tax funds to operate.

Gerton fire department has struggled since its very inception. We have always had the lowest revenues within Henderson County, with the highest tax millage. This is largely in part to our small fire district. We only cover an area of 9.78 square miles. Our area is vastly rural with sparse residential structures and a few commercial buildings. Most of our land is wooded area. The fact that many of these wooded areas have been designated conservatoriums or have been "placed" in a timber status, they pay little to no taxes on their property. While we understand their desire to avoid paying taxes on this land, we are still required to respond into it for brush fires, search, and rescues. Most of the lands have trails through them that are frequented with hikers who can become lost and/or injured. This coupled with the smallest fire district in Henderson County leads us to have the smallest amount of revenue. While we have always run close on our funding, we have always been able to pay our debts on time and we have grown to meet the needs of our community.

We now have a station with decent equipment. All of our members have their own individual turnout gear. Our oldest truck is a 1999 New Lexington 1500 GPM Pumper and our newest is a 2019 Ford service truck. We have a 4-wheel drive certified ambulance. We have a 1999 New Lexington 1500 GPM pumper as our first out engine along with a 2001 Pierce pumper-tanker as a second out engine. We also replaced our old tanker with a 2001 KME pumper tanker. It has a 1250 GPM pump with a 3000-gallon tank. We also have a 1998 E-one mini-pumper for the tight narrow driveways and rough road conditions we may encounter. We have some specialized rescue equipment, such as the Amkus rescue tools and High Angle rescue equipment. This equipment is on our service truck. We are actively pursuing our Technical Rescue rating for all of firefighters along with their FF status. We are having new members join randomly and some are retiring, so our numbers are remaining steady.

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Goals and Accomplishments

Gerton developed a five, ten, and twenty-year plan in May of 1999. At that time, the department determined that we would, by 2004, purchase a four-wheel ambulance, increase our membership, purchase a new pumper-tanker and replace the heating and A/C system. In that same period, we were able to accomplish all of those goals. We replaced our building in 2003 that eliminated the need to replace the heating and A/C goal. By 2009, our goal was to purchase another pumper-tanker, add on to the station and build a sub-station. With the new station, we did not have to add on to our old station. We also found that we did not need another sub-station through our DOI rating. We did replace our two oldest trucks this year with two used engines from the Brindlelee Apparatus. By 2019, our goal was to be able to have at least part-time personnel at our station. We accomplished that goal in 2012. We are currently working to revisit and create another plan. As you can tell, we have been conscious of what our community needs and have been planning for many years.

In September of 2016, we were inspected for our insurance rating. We are currently a certified class 4 fire department. During the inspection it became obvious that we need to replace some of our aging equipment. With the purchase of these two used trucks we have addressed that need.

Manpower

Our work force issues could become a problem as many of our members are retiring and we are not seeing as many coming in to join, as we would like. We have few calls and our members are always willing to give of themselves and respond to any calls. We average 10 - 12 firefighters on any structural response. We always seem to respond 8 to 10 members on any call whether it is medical or fire related. Our volunteers are always willing to respond and help their neighbors without compensation. They do not do it for the glory or credit. Gerton Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue, Inc. stands for what volunteers really are. We started with having a paid firefighter on duty Monday through Friday from 8-5 and Saturdays for 12 hours. Starting April 2019, we will be trying to start covering 24-hour shifts. We feel this is the best use of the extra funding we are beginning to see. We have also covered some special events; weekends or evenings when we felt the possibility for demand for service would increase. We have covered a few days with multiple firefighters when the possibility for our work force being overwhelmed exists. With this addition of daytime firefighters, we have seen many of our volunteers hanging out with them. This is helping with our shortages in volunteers. We are actively recruiting members throughout our community.

Salaries

We have put on four firefighters to fill one daytime slot. We anticipate that we estimate around \$5,200 a month to fill these slots. We do understand that in the next several years we will be absorbing the cost of maintain our worker's compensation cost. We have decided that with the growth we are seeing we will be able to meet that cost.

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Substations

We are looking into a satellite station in Grand Highlands, even though during our DOI rating we found that we could actually cover our district with one station as determined by distribution. We feel a second station could aid in our response into this area. Grand Highlands is working on a plan to build us a station in their area to aid in our response to them.

Summary

We will take in enough revenue to come close to what we spend. It has been difficult to survive the last several years. We are presenting the county a balanced budget. We feel like we will have enough money to make ends to meet. We have had several major truck repairs that have added to our expenses. However, this year we feel that we are finally at a point where we will make it. As always when funding gets short or an unexpected expense arises, we will make a determination what is the best way to address that situation. Failure is not an option. Our success affects our community.

The Fire Department is a North Carolina chartered not-for-profit organization incorporated as of 1974. There is no capital stock and all funds received are devoted exclusively to the purpose designated in the charter which primarily is fire protection for the community of Gerton, North Carolina. The Fire Department has amended the charter to also cover Emergency Medical Services.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Department considers all unrestricted highly liquid investments available for current use with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Promises to Give

Contributions are recognized when the donor makes a promise to give to the Department that is, in substance, unconditional. Contributions that are restricted by the donor are reported as increases in net assets without donor restrictions if the restrictions expire in the fiscal year in which the contributions are recognized. All other donor-restricted contributions are reported as increases in net assets with donor restrictions depending on the nature of the restrictions. When a restriction expires, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions.

The Department uses the allowance method to determine uncollectible unconditional promises receivable. The allowance is based on prior years' experience and management's analysis of specific promises made.

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Property and Equipment

It is the Department's policy to capitalize property and equipment over \$500.00. Lesser amounts are expensed. Purchased property and equipment is capitalized at cost. Donations of property and equipment are recorded as contributions at their estimated fair value. Such donations are reported as contributions without donor restrictions unless the donor has restricted the donated asset for a specific purpose. Assets donated with explicit restrictions regarding their use and contributions of cash that must be used to acquire property and equipment are reported as contributions with donor restrictions. Absent donor stipulations regarding how long those assets must be maintained, the Department reports expiration of donor restrictions when the donated or acquired assets are placed in service as instructed by the donor. The Department reclassifies net assets with donor restrictions to net assets without donor restrictions at that time. Property and equipment are depreciated using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives.

Contributed Services

No amounts have been reflected in the financial statements for donated services. The Department generally pays for services requiring specific expertise. However, many individuals volunteer their time and perform a variety of tasks that assist the Department, but these services do not meet the criteria for recognition as contributed services.

Contributions

Contributions received are recorded as net assets with donor restrictions or net assets without donor restrictions depending on the existence or nature of any donor restrictions.

Income Tax Status

The Department is a not-for-profit organization that is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and classified by the Internal Revenue Service as other than a private foundation.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

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NOTE B-RESTRICTIONS ON NET ASSETS

Net assets with donor restrictions

All of the restrictions on net assets at June 30, 2023 and 2022 are related to the Firemen's Local Relief Fund. The North Carolina Law requires the Relief Fund Monies may be used ONLY for the purpose of caring for firemen who are hurt in the line of duty or their dependents. These monies may be spent for no other purpose unless approval is received for the North Carolina Firemen's Association, Secretary's Office, or the North Carolina Legislature. Net assets with donor restrictions on net assets for the Firemen's Local Relief Fund as of June 30, 2023 and 2022 amounts to \$12,694.59 and \$11,626.03, respectively.

NOTE C-LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF FINANCIAL ASSETS

The following reflects the Department's financial assets as of the balance sheet date, reduced by amounts not available for general use because of contractual or donor-imposed restrictions within one year of the balance sheet date.

	6-30-2023	6-30-2022
Financial assets at year-end	\$ 120,507.72	\$ 129,854.39
Less those unavailable for general expenditures within one year, due to:		
Donor-restricted for relief fund	12,694.59	11,626.03
Financial assets available to meet cash needs for general expenditure within one year	\$ 107,813.13	\$ 118,228.36

NOTE D-TAXES RECEIVABLE

Taxes receivable represents amounts collected on behalf of the Gerton Fire District by Henderson County but not remitted to the Fire Department as of June 30, 2023. The dollars shown represent amounts which could be quantified by the Henderson County Tax Offices. It is recognized that uncollected fire district taxes exist in Henderson County, but none could be quantified by the County's tax office. As of June 30, 2023 and 2022, there are property taxes receivable from Henderson County of \$2,410.77 and \$1,899.53, respectively.

The Department also has sales tax refunds due them from the North Carolina Department of Revenue in the amount of \$3,536.12 as of June 30, 2023 and \$0.00 as of June 30, 2022.

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NOTE E-PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment consist of the following:

	Beginning	Additions	Disposals	Ending
Land and buildings	\$ 521,623.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 521,623.00
Furniture and fixtures	10,860.00	11,457.41	0.00	22,317.41
Firefighting and rescue equipment	606,216.76	28,060.48	0.00	634,277.24
Vehicles	575,000.00	0.00	0.00	575,000.00
Total property and equipment	\$ 1,713,699.76	\$ 39,517.89	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,753,217.65
Accumulated depreciation	(1,326,714.52)	(32,694.99)	0.00	(1,418,197.00)
Net property and equipment	<u>\$ 386,985.24</u>	<u>\$ 6,822.90</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 393,808.14</u>

NOTE F-LONG TERM NOTES

Mortgage Payable

On May 26, 2021 the Fire Department obtained a loan from First Bank in the amount of \$517,000.00. The loan is to be repaid in two hundred forty monthly principal and interest payments. The first payment of \$2,865.14 was due on June 26, 2021 and the remaining two hundred thirty-nine of \$2,865.14 each subsequent month. The interest rate on the principal outstanding is 2.95%. The loan proceeds were used for capitalized repairs to the station which also serves as security on the loan. The loan balance as of June 30, 2023 is \$476,427.17.

Long-term debt is scheduled to mature over the next five years as follows:

6-30-2024	\$ 20,618.54
6-30-2025	\$ 21,235.06
6-30-2026	\$ 21,870.05
6-30-2027	\$ 23,197.53
6-30-2028	\$ 23,891.19
Thereafter	\$ 385,297.80

Notes Payable

On October 10, 2019 the Fire Department obtained a loan from Community National Bank in the amount of \$24,000.00. The loan is to be repaid in five annual principal and interest payments. The first payment of \$5,483.75 was due on February 1, 2020 and the remaining four of \$5,483.75 each subsequent year. The interest rate on the principal outstanding is 6.058%. The loan proceeds were used to purchase an Amkus Rescue Tool System which also serves as security on the loan. The loan balance as of June 30, 2023 is \$5,170.52.

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Long-term debt is scheduled to mature over the next five years as follows:

6-30-2024	\$	5,170.52
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NOTE G-RISK MANAGEMENT

The Department is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to volunteers; and natural disasters.

The Department carries commercial coverage for all risks of loss, including property and general liability insurance, and worker's compensation coverage up to statutory limits. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage in the prior year, and settled claims have not exceeded coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

NOTE H-ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE

Approximately 73% of total revenues of the general fund for the year ended June 30, 2023 came from special fire district ad valorem taxes levied by Henderson County.

NOTE I-EVALUATION OF SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Department has evaluated subsequent events through November 27, 2023, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.