

Form **990**

# Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2022**  
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Internal Revenue Service

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**A For the 2022 calendar year, or tax year beginning** , and ending

<b>B</b> Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<b>C</b> Name of organization <b>MAINE EQUAL JUSTICE PARTNERS</b>		<b>D</b> Employer identification number <b>04-3346273</b>
	Doing business as		<b>E</b> Telephone number <b>207-626-7058</b>
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	<b>G</b> Gross receipts \$ <b>2,555,443</b>
	<b>126 SEWALL STREET</b> City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code <b>AUGUSTA ME 04330-6822</b>		
<b>F</b> Name and address of principal officer: <b>Lauren Wille</b> <b>C/O 126 Sewall Street</b> <b>Augusta ME 04330</b>		<b>H(a)</b> Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <b>H(b)</b> Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. See instructions	
<b>I</b> Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) ( ) (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		<b>H(c)</b> Group exemption number	
<b>J</b> Website: <b>www.maineequaljustice.org</b>		<b>L</b> Year of formation: <b>1996</b>	
<b>K</b> Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other		<b>M</b> State of legal domicile: <b>ME</b>	

## Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	<b>1</b> Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <b>Maine Equal Justice is a nonprofit legal aid and economic justice organization working to increase economic security, opportunity, and equity for people in Maine.</b>		
	<b>2</b> Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	<b>3</b> Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>
	<b>4</b> Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>
	<b>5</b> Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2022 (Part V, line 2a)	<b>5</b>	<b>26</b>
	<b>6</b> Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	<b>6</b>	<b>140</b>
	<b>7a</b> Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	<b>7a</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>b</b> Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11	<b>7b</b>	<b>0</b>	
Revenue	<b>8</b> Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	<b>9</b> Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	<b>5,276,109</b>	<b>2,172,083</b>
	<b>10</b> Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	<b>1,200</b>	<b>450</b>
	<b>11</b> Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	<b>76,248</b>	<b>75,550</b>
	<b>12</b> Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>5,353,557</b>	<b>2,248,083</b>
Expenses	<b>13</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	<b>253,510</b>	<b>68,745</b>
	<b>14</b> Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		<b>0</b>
	<b>15</b> Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	<b>1,167,565</b>	<b>1,693,399</b>
	<b>16a</b> Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		<b>0</b>
	<b>b</b> Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)	<b>84,261</b>	
	<b>17</b> Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	<b>275,993</b>	<b>912,664</b>
<b>18</b> Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>1,697,068</b>	<b>2,674,808</b>	
<b>19</b> Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	<b>3,656,489</b>	<b>-426,725</b>	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	<b>20</b> Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	<b>21</b> Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	<b>6,223,338</b>	<b>5,390,665</b>
	<b>22</b> Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	<b>433,091</b>	<b>472,476</b>
		<b>5,790,247</b>	<b>4,918,189</b>

## 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.

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of officer				Date
	<b>Ben Grant</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>			
Type or print name and title					
<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	<b>Al Aucella</b>	<b>Al Aucella</b> <i>Al Aucella, EA</i>	<b>10/15/23</b>		<b>P00076293</b>
	Firm's name	<b>Al Aucella d/b/a The Bottom Line</b>			Firm's EIN
Firm's address				Phone no.	
<b>69 Field Rd Falmouth, ME 04105-1101</b>				<b>207-781-3853</b>	

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

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

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1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

Maine Equal Justice is a nonprofit legal aid and economic justice organization working to increase economic security, opportunity, and equity for people in Maine.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?

Yes No X

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

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?

Yes No X

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

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

4a (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 471,683 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 450 )

Litigation & Other Advocacy: : Represents clients (individuals below 200% of the federal poverty level) before administrative agencies, the state legislature and state & federal courts primarily to ensure that they can meet basic needs, including food, housing, utilities, health care, and to protect and advance their rights as consumers. MEJ handled 657 individual cases in 2022, as well as 34 systemic cases affecting programs that serve over 345,000 people, and our 37 trainings reached over 700 people. Individual and systemic cases focused on health care (primarily Medicaid related), food assistance and income supports, employment issues, housing and utility matters, consumer protections, and education or family issues.

4b (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 395,939 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

Hope Program: Maine Equal Justice designed and advanced the Higher Opportunity for Pathways to Employment (HOPE) program, enacted by the Maine legislature in 2018. The HOPE program makes higher education and training possible for low-income parents with children. HOPE provides critical support that can enable low-income parents to go back to school and succeed. MEJ's Build HOPE project, launched in 2022, fills in gaps in student needs by providing additional income support for HOPE participants for childcare, books, transportation, utilities, internet service or other expenses. Build HOPE includes research that will result in a report and recommendations for policymakers to inform policy changes.

4c (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 312,589 including grants of \$ 57,081 ) (Revenue \$ )

Increasing Opportunity/Income Support: In conjunction with the representation noted in 4a, performs legal research and public policy analysis, and develops strategies to improve Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and other anti-poverty programs that provide income support to low-income families. Activities include improving administrative processes, increasing access to economic support programs and making payments of direct support to qualifying households through our Build HOPE program and Next Step Fund. MEJ is also a partner in the Peer Workforce Navigator pilot program.

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

(Expenses \$ 1,104,139 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4e Total program service expenses 2,284,350

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Yes, No. Rows include questions 1 through 21 regarding organizational requirements and reporting.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows 22-38 covering various IRS requirements.

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

Input box for Part V check

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows 1a-1c regarding Form 1096 and backup withholding.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance (continued)		Yes	No		
<b>2a</b>	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	<b>2a</b>	<b>26</b>		
<b>b</b>	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?	<b>2b</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>3a</b>	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	<b>3a</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation on Schedule O	<b>3b</b>			
<b>4a</b>	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	<b>4a</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).				
<b>5a</b>	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	<b>5a</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>b</b>	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	<b>5b</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>c</b>	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	<b>5c</b>			
<b>6a</b>	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	<b>6a</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	<b>6b</b>			
<b>7</b>	<b>Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>				
<b>a</b>	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	<b>7a</b>			
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	<b>7b</b>			
<b>c</b>	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	<b>7c</b>			
<b>d</b>	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	<b>7d</b>			
<b>e</b>	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	<b>7e</b>			
<b>f</b>	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	<b>7f</b>			
<b>g</b>	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	<b>7g</b>			
<b>h</b>	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	<b>7h</b>			
<b>8</b>	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b> Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	<b>8</b>			
<b>9</b>	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b>				
<b>a</b>	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	<b>9a</b>			
<b>b</b>	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	<b>9b</b>			
<b>10</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</b> Enter:				
<b>a</b>	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	<b>10a</b>			
<b>b</b>	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	<b>10b</b>			
<b>11</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</b> Enter:				
<b>a</b>	Gross income from members or shareholders	<b>11a</b>			
<b>b</b>	Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	<b>11b</b>			
<b>12a</b>	<b>Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</b> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	<b>12a</b>			
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	<b>12b</b>			
<b>13</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.</b>				
<b>a</b>	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? <b>Note:</b> See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.	<b>13a</b>			
<b>b</b>	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	<b>13b</b>			
<b>c</b>	Enter the amount of reserves on hand	<b>13c</b>			
<b>14a</b>	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	<b>14a</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation on Schedule O	<b>14b</b>			
<b>15</b>	Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year? If "Yes," see instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N.	<b>15</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>16</b>	Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income? If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O.	<b>16</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(21) organizations.</b> Did the trust, any disqualified or other person engage in any activities that would result in the imposition of an excise tax under section 4951, 4952 or 4953? If "Yes," complete Form 6069.	<b>17</b>			

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 5 columns: Question, 1a, 12, Yes, No. Rows include questions about voting members, family relationships, management delegation, and document retention.

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

Table with 5 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include questions about local chapters, conflict of interest policies, whistleblower policies, and joint ventures.

Section C. Disclosure

Table with 2 columns: Question, Answer. Rows include questions about state filing requirements, public inspection of forms, and availability of governing documents.

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

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

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

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

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See 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) <b>Lauren Wille</b> ..... <b>President</b>	1.00 0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(2) <b>Lisa Black</b> ..... <b>Vice President</b>	1.00 0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(3) <b>Ben Grant</b> ..... <b>Treasurer</b>	1.00 0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(4) <b>Charles Dingman</b> ..... <b>Secretary</b>	1.00 0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(5) <b>Robyn Merrill</b> ..... <b>Executive Director</b>	40.00 0.00			X				95,823	0	17,924
(6) <b>Judith Chamberlain</b> ..... <b>Member</b>	0.50 0.00	X						0	0	0
(7) <b>Shanna Cox</b> ..... <b>Member</b>	0.50 0.00	X						0	0	0
(8) <b>Bruce King</b> ..... <b>Member</b>	0.50 0.00	X						0	0	0
(9) <b>Jennifer Richardson</b> ..... <b>Member</b>	0.50 0.00	X						0	0	0
(10) <b>Brendan Rielly</b> ..... <b>Member</b>	0.50 0.00	X						0	0	0
(11) <b>Erica Schair-Cardona</b> ..... <b>Member</b>	0.50 0.00	X						0	0	0

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/ 1099-MISC/ 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			
(12) Michael Tarpinian	0.50									
Member	0.00	X						0	0	0
(13) Rachel Wertheimer	0.50									
Member	0.00	X						0	0	0
(14) Lucky Hollander	0.50									
Member (Left in 2022)	0.00	X						0	0	0
<b>1b Subtotal</b>								<b>95,823</b>		<b>17,924</b>
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b>										
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b>								<b>95,823</b>		<b>17,924</b>

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 <b>former</b> officer, director, trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	3	X
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	4	X
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>	5	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	
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts</b>	<b>1a</b> Federated campaigns	<b>1a</b>	<b>9,567</b>				
	<b>b</b> Membership dues	<b>1b</b>					
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events	<b>1c</b>					
	<b>d</b> Related organizations	<b>1d</b>					
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions)	<b>1e</b>					
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	<b>1f</b>	<b>2,162,516</b>				
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	<b>1g</b>	<b>\$ 15,526</b>				
	<b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f			<b>2,172,083</b>			
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	<b>2a</b> Educational Services	Business Code <b>611430</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>450</b>			
	<b>b</b>						
	<b>c</b>						
	<b>d</b>						
	<b>e</b>						
	<b>f</b> All other program service revenue						
	<b>g Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f			<b>450</b>			
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		<b>58,249</b>			<b>58,249</b>	
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	<b>5</b> Royalties						
	<b>6a</b> Gross rents	(i) Real					
		(ii) Personal					
		<b>6a</b>					
	<b>b</b> Less: rental expenses	<b>6b</b>					
	<b>c</b> Rental inc. or (loss)	<b>6c</b>					
	<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss)						
	<b>7a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities		<b>324,661</b>			
		(ii) Other					
		<b>7a</b>					
	<b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis and sales exps.	<b>7b</b>	<b>307,360</b>				
<b>c</b> Gain or (loss)	<b>7c</b>	<b>17,301</b>					
<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss)			<b>17,301</b>	<b>17,301</b>			
<b>8a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	<b>8a</b>						
	<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses	<b>8b</b>					
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events							
<b>9a</b> Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	<b>9a</b>						
	<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses	<b>9b</b>					
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities							
<b>10a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	<b>10a</b>						
	<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold	<b>10b</b>					
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory							
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>	<b>11a</b>	Business Code					
	<b>b</b>						
	<b>c</b>						
	<b>d</b> All other revenue						
	<b>e Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d						
<b>12 Total revenue.</b> See instructions			<b>2,248,083</b>	<b>17,751</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>58,249</b>	

**Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses**

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

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

<b>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</b>	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21	68,745	68,745		
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	115,847	52,131	40,546	23,170
6 Compensation not included above to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	1,277,857	1,083,770	155,947	38,140
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	20,384	17,326	2,457	601
9 Other employee benefits	166,014	141,112	20,005	4,897
10 Payroll taxes	113,297	91,680	16,598	5,019
11 Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	13,881		13,881	
d Lobbying	1,517	1,517		
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees	15,347		15,347	
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)	87,689	84,124	2,806	759
12 Advertising and promotion	12,613	10,206	1,848	559
13 Office expenses	42,198	34,147	6,182	1,869
14 Information technology	84,955	68,745	12,446	3,764
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	33,261	26,915	4,873	1,473
17 Travel	6,824	5,523	999	302
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	54,677	44,245	8,010	2,422
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	15,842	12,819	2,321	702
23 Insurance	13,179	10,664	1,931	584
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 <b>Beneficiaries-Educ'l Supp</b>	500,788	500,788		
b <b>Dues, Library, Subscripts</b>	17,655	17,655		
c <b>Continuing Education</b>	10,265	10,265		
d <b>Bar &amp; Lobby Fees</b>	1,973	1,973		
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	2,674,808	2,284,350	306,197	84,261
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		
<b>Assets</b>	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing		1	70,713	
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	2,236,850	2	1,312,482	
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net		3		
	4	Accounts receivable, net	525	4	169,485	
	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	7,712	9		
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	366,695		
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	223,527	10c	143,168
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities	3,824,421	11	3,692,334	
	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	2,476	15	2,483	
16	<b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	6,223,338	16	5,390,665		
<b>Liabilities</b>	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	21,461	17	110,610	
	18	Grants payable		18		
	19	Deferred revenue	411,630	19	361,866	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20		
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21		
	22	Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		22		
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23		
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24		
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		25		
	26	<b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25	433,091	26	472,476	
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
	<b>and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.</b>					
	27	Net assets without donor restrictions	1,899,263	27	735,867	
	28	Net assets with donor restrictions	3,890,984	28	4,182,322	
	<b>Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here</b> <input type="checkbox"/>					
	<b>and complete lines 29 through 33.</b>					
	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	<b>Total net assets or fund balances</b>	5,790,247	32	4,918,189		
33	<b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b>	6,223,338	33	5,390,665		

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

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

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>1</b>	<b>2,248,083</b>
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2</b>	<b>2,674,808</b>
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	<b>3</b>	<b>-426,725</b>
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	<b>4</b>	<b>5,790,247</b>
<b>5</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	<b>5</b>	<b>-445,333</b>
<b>6</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Investment expenses	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	Prior period adjustments	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O)	<b>9</b>	
<b>10</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	<b>10</b>	<b>4,918,189</b>

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

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

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

**SCHEDULE A**  
**(Form 990)**

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

OMB No. 1545-0047

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

**2022**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**

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Name of the organization

**MAINE EQUAL JUSTICE PARTNERS**

Employer identification number

**04-3346273**

**Part I Reason for Public Charity Status.** (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

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

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

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

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2018, (b) 2019, (c) 2020, (d) 2021, (e) 2022, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received; 2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit; 4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3; 5 The portion of total contributions by each person; 6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.

Section B. Total Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2018, (b) 2019, (c) 2020, (d) 2021, (e) 2022, (f) Total. Rows include: 7 Amounts from line 4; 8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources; 9 Net income from unrelated business activities; 10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets; 11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10.

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) 12 3,952
13 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

Table with 2 columns: Line number, Percentage. Rows include: 14 Public support percentage for 2022 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) 14 94.00%; 15 Public support percentage from 2021 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 15 94.20%; 16a 33 1/3% support test—2022. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization [X]; b 33 1/3% support test—2021. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization; 17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2022. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization; b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2021. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization; 18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions

SCHEDULE C (Form 990)

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

OMB No. 1545-0047

2022

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For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

Complete if the organization is described below. Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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

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

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

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

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

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

Name of organization

MAINE EQUAL JUSTICE PARTNERS

Employer identification number

04-3346273

Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

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

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

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

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

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

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name, (b) Address, (c) EIN, (d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds, (e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. Rows 1-6 are empty.

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

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

**Limits on Lobbying Expenditures**  
(The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)

	(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
<b>1a</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grassroots lobbying) .....	<b>4,829</b>													
<b>b</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying) .....	<b>9,903</b>													
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b) .....	<b>14,732</b>													
<b>d</b> Other exempt purpose expenditures .....	<b>2,660,076</b>													
<b>e</b> Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d) .....	<b>2,674,808</b>													
<b>f</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.	<b>283,740</b>													
<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 30%;">If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:													
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.													
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.													
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.													
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.													
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.													
<b>g</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f) .....	<b>70,935</b>													
<b>h</b> Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0- .....	<b>0</b>													
<b>i</b> Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0- .....	<b>0</b>													
<b>j</b> If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year? .....		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No												

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

**Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) Total
<b>2a</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount	205,652	221,881	234,853	283,740	946,126
<b>b</b> Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column (e))					1,419,189
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures	51,659	2,807	43,124	14,732	112,322
<b>d</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount	51,413	55,470	58,713	70,935	236,531
<b>e</b> Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					354,797
<b>f</b> Grassroots lobbying expenditures	1,273		13,878	4,829	19,980



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

For each "Yes," response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.

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

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

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

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

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

Part IV Supplemental Information

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

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SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

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

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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.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include: 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... Yes No, 6 Did the organization inform all grantees... Yes No.

Part II Conservation Easements.

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

Table with 2 columns: Held at the End of the Tax Year. Rows include: 1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements, 2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution, 3 Number of conservation easements modified, 4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located, 5 Does the organization have a written policy..., 6 Staff and volunteer hours..., 7 Amount of expenses..., 8 Does each conservation easement..., 9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports...

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.

Table with 2 columns: Revenue and Assets. Rows include: 1a If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, not to report..., 1b If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, to report..., 2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain...

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

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

**Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.**

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

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

- 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 .....
- b** If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?
- |               | Yes | No |
|---------------|-----|----|
| <b>3a(i)</b>  |     |    |
| <b>3a(ii)</b> |     |    |
| <b>3b</b>     |     |    |
- 4** Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

**Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.**

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

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
<b>1a</b> Land .....				
<b>b</b> Buildings .....		<b>331,590</b>	<b>199,213</b>	<b>132,377</b>
<b>c</b> Leasehold improvements .....				
<b>d</b> Equipment .....		<b>29,428</b>	<b>21,730</b>	<b>7,698</b>
<b>e</b> Other .....		<b>5,677</b>	<b>2,584</b>	<b>3,093</b>
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.) .....				<b>143,168</b>

Part VII Investments – Other Securities.

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

Table with 3 columns: (a) Description of security or category, (b) Book value, (c) Method of valuation. Rows include (1) Financial derivatives, (2) Closely held equity interests, (3) Other (A-H), and Total.

Part VIII Investments – Program Related.

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

Table with 3 columns: (a) Description of investment, (b) Book value, (c) Method of valuation. Rows (1) through (9) and Total.

Part IX Other Assets.

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

Table with 2 columns: (a) Description, (b) Book value. Rows (1) through (9) and Total.

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.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Description of liability, (b) Book value. Row 1 includes (1) Federal income taxes, and rows (2) through (9) and Total.

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

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

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

Table with 5 main rows and sub-rows (a-e) for adjustments. Columns include descriptions, sub-rows (2a-2d, 4a-4b), and totals (1, 2e, 3, 4c, 5).

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

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

Table with 5 main rows and sub-rows (a-e) for adjustments. Columns include descriptions, sub-rows (2a-2d, 4a-4b), and totals (1, 2e, 3, 4c, 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.

Series of horizontal dotted lines for providing supplemental information.

**SCHEDULE I  
(Form 990)**

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**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,  
Governments, and Individuals in the United States**  
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.  
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**Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance**

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

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

1	(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section (if applicable)	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of noncash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1)	<b>Gateway Community Services</b> 501 Forest Ave Portland ME 04101	81-3604505	501c3	34,000				Tax Assistance site
(2)	<b>Maine AFL-CIO</b> 21 Gabriel Drive Augusta ME 04330	01-0113840	501c5	11,557				Workplace Navigator
(3)								
(4)								
(5)								
(6)								
(7)								
(8)								
(9)								

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

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

Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

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

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

**Part I, Line 2 - Procedures for Monitoring the Use of Grant Funds**

MEJP monitors the use of grant funds through periodic meetings with its grantees and review of required deliverables, as spelled out in the Memoranda of Understanding signed by both parties.

**SCHEDULE L**

(Form 990)

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**Transactions With Interested Persons**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or 40b.

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**Part I Excess Benefit Transactions** (section 501(c)(3), section 501(c)(4), and section 501(c)(29) organizations only).

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b.

1	(a) Name of disqualified person	(b) Relationship between disqualified person and organization	(c) Description of transaction	(d) Corrected?	
				Yes	No
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					

- 2 Enter the amount of tax incurred by the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or Form 990, Part IV, line 26; or if the organization reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 5, 6, or 22.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship with organization	(c) Purpose of loan	(d) Loan to or from the org.?		(e) Original principal amount	(f) Balance due	(g) In default?		(h) Approved by board or committee?		(i) Written agreement?	
			To	From			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
			(1)									
(2)												
(3)												
(4)												
(5)												
(6)												
(7)												
(8)												
(9)												
(10)												

**Total** ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Part III Grants or Assistance Benefiting Interested Persons.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of assistance	(d) Type of assistance	(e) Purpose of assistance
(1) Jennifer Richardson	Board Member	2,141	Cash	low income-see note
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				
(7)				
(8)				
(9)				
(10)				



**Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of org. revenues?	
				Yes	No
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					
(7)					
(8)					
(9)					
(10)					

**Part V Supplemental Information.**

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule L (see instructions).

**Schedule L, Part V - Additional Information**

**Part III - Long time client and current board member listed, was in need of utility assistance, paid for by funding via the Next Step Fund.**

**SCHEDULE O  
(Form 990)**

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

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on  
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**Form 990, Part III, Line 4d - All Other Accomplishments**

**PEER WORKFORCE Program Service Expense: \$265,350, incl \$11,557 Grants**

**HEALTH CARE Program Service Expense: \$210,922, incl \$0 Grants**

**ORGANIZING Program Service Expense: \$205,778, incl \$0 Grants**

**HOUSING Program Service Expense: \$183,485 incl \$ 0 Grants**

**NEXT STEP Beneficiary Expense: \$104,849, incl \$0 Grants**

**FOOD/HUNGER Program Service Expense: \$72,022, incl \$0 Grants**

**CONSUMER PROTECTION Program Service Expense: \$61,733, incl \$ 0 Grants**

**Form 990, Part VI, Line 4 - Significant Changes to Organizational Documents**

Various committee and administrative adjustments were noted, including that terms of new Board members may be staggered so that approx. 1/3 of members complete a 3 year term each year; that the Executive Committee nominates the slate of officers for Board consideration; and that the ED shall be a non-voting member of the Board. A Conflict of Interest policy was added.

**Form 990, Part VI, Line 11b - Organization's Process to Review Form 990**

The management and entire Board will receive a draft copy of this form.

Questions will be answered and updates made before filing.

**Form 990, Part VI, Line 12c - Enforcement of Conflicts Policy**

The Conflict of Interest policy is in the Bylaws. On an annual basis, each Board member, the Executive Director, and Key Employees fill out a Conflict of Interest and Disclosure form.

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**Form 990, Part VI, Line 15a - Compensation Process for Top Official**

**The Board approves the Executive Director salary after consulting the Maine Association of Nonprofit annual salary survey and other factors.**

**Form 990, Part VI, Line 15b - Compensation Process for Officers**

**There are no paid Other Officers and Key Employees per the IRS definition.**

**Form 990, Part VI, Line 19 - Governing Documents Disclosure Explanation**

**Upon request.**