

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

2024

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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A For the 2024 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

B Check if applicable: C Name of organization DETROIT ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY D Employer identification number 38-6027356 E Telephone number 248-541-5717 F Name and address of principal officer: Dr Hayley W Murphy 8450 W 10 Mile Rd, Royal Oak, MI 48067 H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? H(b) Are all subordinates included? H(c) Group exemption number I Tax-exempt status: J Website: http://www.detroitzoo.org/ K Form of organization: L Year of formation: 1924 M State of legal domicile: MI

Part I Summary

Table with 22 rows and 4 columns. Rows include: 1. Mission statement; 2. Discontinued operations; 3-7. Governance and membership; 7a-b. Revenue and expenses; 8-12. Revenue breakdown; 13-19. Expense breakdown; 20-22. Net assets or fund balances.

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 Robert Schumaker, Chief Financial Officer. Date.

Paid Preparer Use Only: Preparer's name, signature, date, check if self-employed, PTIN, firm's name, EIN, address, phone no.

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

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission: The mission of the Detroit Zoological Society (DZS) is to create meaningful connections between people, animals and the natural world so all can thrive. The vision of the DZS is to be a force for positive change in a world where animals and nature are valued, understood and protected by all people. The DZS operates the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Center.

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

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

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

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ 11,922,958 including grants of \$ 638,508) (Revenue \$ 0)
CONSERVATION, ANIMAL CARE, AND WELFARE: The Detroit Zoological Society demonstrates leadership in wildlife conservation, animal care, and animal welfare. The Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Center had 1,909 individual animals representing 212 species in its care as of December 31, 2024. The Detroit Zoological Society is a leader in species conservation through its local, national and international field conservation programs, its support of partners' field conservation work and captive breeding of threatened and endangered species at the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Center. The Detroit Zoological Society's Center for Zoo and Aquarium Animal Welfare and Ethics is a resource center for captive animal welfare knowledge, research and best practices; a convener and forum for exotic animal welfare science, practice and policy discussions; and a center conducting research and training, and recognizing advances in exotic animal welfare.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 4,450,349 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 648,782)
EDUCATION: The Detroit Zoological Society provides a broad audience with outstanding and unique educational opportunities that lead to the appreciation and stewardship of nature. Humane education, environmental literacy, responsible resource management, conservation, science literacy and stewardship are fundamental components of education programming. Programs utilize a variety of instructional strategies - including inquiry-based learning, storytelling, interactive technology and participatory science - to meet the various learning styles of individuals within the community. Regional school district partnerships enhance humane education and life science experiences in the classroom through onsite programs, community-based afterschool programs, internships, teacher training and curriculum support. The DZS education team also creates unique and engaging educational content for a variety of audiences online.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 37,520,076 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 25,951,464)
GUEST ENGAGEMENT: The Detroit Zoological Society continues to inspire the community with engaging, meaningful and memorable experiences at both the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Center. Significant animal habitats/facilities at the Detroit Zoo include the Arctic Ring of Life habitat for polar bears and sea otters, the Devereaux Tiger Forest, the Great Apes of Harambee, the Polk Penguin Conservation Center, the Cotton Family Wolf Wilderness, the Australian Outback Adventure, and the National Amphibian Conservation Center. The Detroit Zoo welcomed more than 1.2 million visitors in 2024. In addition to animal experiences, other attractions at the Zoo include the 4-D Theater, Giraffe Encounter, Tauber Family Railroad, Science On a Sphere, and the Carousel. Visitors can also participate in Zoo-sponsored events including Greenfest, Sunset at the Zoo, Run Wild, Zoo Boo and Wild Lights. Attendance has remained consistent over the past 3 years, and the DZS continued to provide a safe and secure experience to all guests. At the Belle Isle Nature Center, visitors are able to get an insider's view of an active beehive and get an up-close view of Michigan wildlife, including native reptiles and amphibians. Admission and programming at the Belle Isle Nature Center are free of charge.

4d Other program services (Describe on Schedule O.) See Schedule O, Statement 1
(Expenses \$ 3,012,442 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 116,506)

4e Total program service expenses 56,905,825

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

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

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules *(continued)*

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

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

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

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

Yes No

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

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

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

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

		Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
11b	Describe on Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
12b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
12c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe on Schedule O how this was done	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
15a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
15b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process on Schedule O. See instructions.		
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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 MI
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, if applicable), 990, and 990-T (section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
 - Own website Another's website Upon request Other (explain on Schedule O)
- 19** Describe on Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
- 20** State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records.

Robert Schumaker Chief Financial Officer, Detroit Zoological Society, (248)336-5856
 8450 W 10 Mile Road, Royal Oak, MI 48067

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
Hayley Murphy Executive Director/CEO	50.00 0.00			✓			547,018	0	37,744	
Robert Schumaker Chief Financial Officer	50.00 0.00			✓			278,172	0	35,399	
Jane Alessandrini VP of Development	50.00 0.00				✓		245,528	0	33,071	
Randi Hamilton VP of Guest Services, Communications, and Marketing	40.00 0.00				✓		212,531	0	32,896	
Diane Miller VP of Education	50.00 0.00				✓		201,783	0	16,720	
Mike Murray VP of Life Sciences	50.00 0.00				✓		183,394	0	31,832	
Amanda Hanlin Chief of Staff	50.00 0.00					✓	183,245	0	31,602	
Ann Duncan Associate VP of Life Sciences	40.00 0.00					✓	181,515	0	26,956	
Toria Bradley VP of Human Resources - Term Aug 2024	40.00 0.00					✓	177,313	0	12,639	
Richard K Martin Director of Individual Philanthropy	40.00 0.00					✓	152,193	0	25,526	
DeAndrea Matthews VP of Diversity and Community Engagement	40.00 0.00					✓	140,467	0	26,967	
Anthony F Earley Jr Chairman	4.00 0.00	✓		✓			0	0	0	
Stephen R Polk Vice Chair	2.00 0.00	✓		✓			0	0	0	
Robert G Riney Vice Chair	2.00 0.00	✓		✓			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			
John G Szniewajs ----- Treasurer	2.00 0.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				0	0	0
Lloyd A Semple ----- Chair Emeritus	1.00 0.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0	0	0
William Conway ----- Executive Director	1.00 0.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0	0	0
Cynthia Ford ----- Executive Director	1.00 0.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0	0	0
Terry S Harvill ----- Executive Director	1.00 0.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0	0	0
Alan Kalter ----- Executive Director	1.00 0.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0	0	0
Alan Kaufman ----- Executive Director	1.00 0.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0	0	0
Bonnie Larson ----- Executive Director	1.00 0.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0	0	0
Tom Lewand ----- Executive Director	1.00 0.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0	0	0
Denise J Lewis ----- Executive Director	1.00 0.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0	0	0
Shawn Patterson ----- Executive Director	1.00 0.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0	0	0
Ismael Ahmed ----- Director	1.00 0.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0	0	0
N Charles Anderson ----- Director	1.00 0.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0	0	0
Diane Banks ----- Director	1.00 0.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0	0	0

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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			
Alisha Bell	1.00									
Director	0.00	✓					0	0	0	
Tonya Berry	1.00									
Director	0.00	✓					0	0	0	
Andrew Blake	1.00									
Director	0.00	✓					0	0	0	
Denise Brooks-Williams	1.00									
Director	0.00	✓					0	0	0	
Thomas C Buhl	1.00									
Director	0.00	✓					0	0	0	
Sharima Bulchak	1.00									
Director	0.00	✓					0	0	0	
Beth Chappell	1.00									
Director	0.00	✓					0	0	0	
Betty Chu	1.00									
Director	0.00	✓					0	0	0	
Matthew P Cullen	1.00									
Director - Term June 2024	0.00	✓					0	0	0	
Marvin Daitch	1.00									
Director - Term May 2024	0.00	✓					0	0	0	
Beth Daly	1.00									
Director	0.00	✓					0	0	0	
Mark Douglas	1.00									
Director	0.00	✓					0	0	0	
David E Duprey	1.00									
Director	0.00	✓					0	0	0	
Charles Ellis	1.00									
Director	0.00	✓					0	0	0	

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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			
John Erb	1.00									
Director	0.00	✓					0	0	0	
Kimberly Andrews Espy	1.00									
Director	0.00	✓					0	0	0	
Jennifer Grieco	1.00									
Director	0.00	✓					0	0	0	
Hassan Jaber	1.00									
Director	0.00	✓					0	0	0	
Brandon Kolo	1.00									
Director	0.00	✓					0	0	0	
Isaiah McKinnon	1.00									
Director	0.00	✓					0	0	0	
Mario Marrow Sr	1.00									
Director	0.00	✓					0	0	0	
Stuart Robbins	1.00									
Director	0.00	✓					0	0	0	
Gino Roncelli	1.00									
Director	0.00	✓					0	0	0	
James Rosenthal	1.00									
Director	0.00	✓					0	0	0	
Rick Ruffner	1.00									
Director	0.00	✓					0	0	0	
James Sawyer	1.00									
Director	0.00	✓					0	0	0	
Shirley R Stancato	1.00									
Director	0.00	✓					0	0	0	
James Tate	1.00									
Director	0.00	✓					0	0	0	

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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			
Joel D Tauber	1.00									
Director	0.00	✓					0	0	0	
Manny Torgow	1.00									
Director	0.00	✓					0	0	0	
Marianne Vidershain	1.00									
Director	0.00	✓					0	0	0	
Larry Wolfe	1.00									
Director	0.00	✓					0	0	0	
1b Subtotal							2,503,159	0	311,352	
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)							2,503,159	0	311,352	

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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 37

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

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
The Albert M Higley Co LLC, 719 Griswold Suite 280, Detroit, MI 48226	Construction Management	9,686,423
Midwest Commercial Construction LLC, 115 E Capac Road, Imlay City, MI 48444	Construction Management	2,615,544
Doner Partners LLC, 400 Galleria Office Centre Suite 3, Southfield, MI 48034	Marketing Consultation	711,737
Conti Corporation, 6417 Center Drive, Sterling Heights, MI 48312	Facilities Maintenance	325,690
Motor City Scuba LLC, 40001 Grand River Ave, Novi, MI 48375	Facilities Maintenance	186,445

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 17

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514		
Contributions, Gifts, Grants, and Other Similar Amounts	1a	Federated campaigns	1a 0					
	b	Membership dues	1b 1,323,166					
	c	Fundraising events	1c 587,371					
	d	Related organizations	1d 0					
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e 20,428,853					
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f 10,696,908					
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	1g \$ 1,271,209					
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f		33,036,298				
	Program Service Revenue			Business Code				
2a		<u>Admissions</u>	712130	11,719,907	11,719,907	0		
b		<u>Membership Dues</u>	712130	5,450,045	5,450,045	0		
c		<u>Special Events Admissions</u>	712130	4,879,379	4,879,379	0		
d		<u>Rides & Attractions</u>	712130	2,007,817	2,007,817	0		
e		<u>Concessions</u>	712130	2,531,594	2,531,594	0		
f		All other program service revenue		0	0	0		
g		Total. Add lines 2a-2f		26,588,742				
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		2,408,863	0	0		
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds		0	0	0		
	5	Royalties		0	0	0		
	6a	Gross rents	(i) Real	677,306	0			
			(ii) Personal	0	0			
			6b	Less: rental expenses	0	0		
			6c	Rental income or (loss)	677,306	0		
	d	Net rental income or (loss)		677,306	0	0		
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	33,241,392	0			
			(ii) Other	0	0			
			7b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	31,829,991	0		
			7c	Gain or (loss)	1,411,401	0		
	d	Net gain or (loss)		1,411,401	0	0		
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including 587,371 of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	8a	436,530				
			8b	Less: direct expenses	537,273			
c			Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		-100,743	0	-100,743	
9a	Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	9a	0					
		9b	Less: direct expenses	0				
		c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities		0	0	0	
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a	0					
		10b	Less: cost of goods sold	0				
		c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory		0	0	0	
Miscellaneous Revenue			Business Code					
	11a	<u>Uniform Reimbursement</u>	712130	23,170	23,170	0		
	b	<u>Refunds/Rebates</u>	712130	19,551	19,551	0		
	c	<u>Gift Card Write Off</u>	712130	11,504	11,504	0		
	d	All other revenue		73,785	73,785	0		
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d		128,010					
12	Total revenue. See instructions		64,149,877	26,716,752	0	4,396,827		

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	338,056	338,056		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	0	0		
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	300,452	300,452		
4 Benefits paid to or for members	0	0		
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	2,542,273	1,365,338	898,334	278,601
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	19,938,059	16,908,991	1,935,648	1,093,420
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	632,871	523,098	70,745	39,028
9 Other employee benefits	2,387,206	2,037,980	234,998	114,228
10 Payroll taxes	1,910,675	1,644,868	172,299	93,508
11 Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a Management	0	0	0	0
b Legal	132,694	0	132,694	0
c Accounting	169,411	0	169,411	0
d Lobbying	87,000	87,000	0	0
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	0			0
f Investment management fees	0	0	0	0
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)	25,056,803	22,755,162	2,204,595	97,046
12 Advertising and promotion	2,527,671	2,487,102	38,096	2,473
13 Office expenses	417,881	227,519	171,260	19,102
14 Information technology	766,708	93,504	624,137	49,067
15 Royalties	0	0	0	0
16 Occupancy	5,557,778	5,208,562	332,115	17,101
17 Travel	65,480	57,538	6,966	976
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	0	0	0	0
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	1,107,793	507,887	569,193	30,713
20 Interest	11,901	0	11,901	0
21 Payments to affiliates	0	0	0	0
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	705,425	705,425	0	0
23 Insurance	704,067	0	704,067	0
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 <u>Animal Care</u>	1,282,924	1,282,924	0	0
b <u>Wildlife Conservation</u>	126,176	126,176	0	0
c <u>Exhibits</u>	76,270	76,270	0	0
d <u>Special Events</u>	271,751	171,973	28,672	71,106
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	67,117,325	56,905,825	8,305,131	1,906,369
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	78,304	1	65,993
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	14,376,606	2	8,199,502
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	1,899,951	3	1,699,755
	4 Accounts receivable, net	4,018,971	4	3,908,112
	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	0	5	0
	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)	0	6	0
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net	0	7	0
	8 Inventories for sale or use	0	8	0
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	835,409	9	916,801
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 9,228,873		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 6,286,642		
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	17,582,388	11	52,714,582
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11	0	12	0
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11	0	13	0
	14 Intangible assets	0	14	0
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	0	15	0
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	70,751,151	16	70,446,976	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	6,131,635	17	6,890,660
	18 Grants payable	0	18	0
	19 Deferred revenue	2,994,939	19	3,237,770
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities	0	20	0
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D	252,708	21	271,055
	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	0	22	0
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	0	23	0
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties	0	24	91,680
	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	0	25	0
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	9,379,282	26	10,491,165
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.			
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions	43,225,955	27	42,541,752
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions	18,145,914	28	17,414,059
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.			
	29 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		29	
	30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		30	
	31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		31	
32 Total net assets or fund balances	61,371,869	32	59,955,811	
33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	70,751,151	33	70,446,976	

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	64,149,877
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	67,117,325
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-2,967,448
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	61,371,869
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	1,551,390
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	0
7	Investment expenses	7	0
8	Prior period adjustments	8	0
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O)	9	0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	59,955,811

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

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

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**SCHEDULE A
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

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

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

OMB No. 1545-0047

2024

**Open to Public
Inspection**

Name of the organization DETROIT ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY	Employer identification number 38-6027356
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Part I Reason for Public Charity Status. (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

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

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E (Form 990).)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state:
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vii)**. (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 33¹/₃% 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 33¹/₃% 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)						
Total						

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

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

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2020	(b) 2021	(c) 2022	(d) 2023	(e) 2024	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2020	(b) 2021	(c) 2022	(d) 2023	(e) 2024	(f) Total
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, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
13 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						<input type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2024 (line 6, column (f), divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2023 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	%
16a 33 1/3% support test—2024. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
b 33 1/3% support test—2023. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2024. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here . Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2023. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here . Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions		<input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2020	(b) 2021	(c) 2022	(d) 2023	(e) 2024	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	9,095,325	19,413,924	16,247,142	15,853,117	18,131,457	78,740,965
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose	6,588,433	19,201,001	22,415,652	20,484,155	22,329,045	91,018,286
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf	13,259,906	13,786,317	14,420,306	15,028,726	15,992,853	72,488,108
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5	28,943,664	52,401,242	53,083,100	51,365,998	56,453,355	242,247,359
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons	357,916	1,281,023	401,582	423,250	247,963	2,711,734
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year	0	0	0	0	0	0
c Add lines 7a and 7b	357,916	1,281,023	401,582	423,250	247,963	2,711,734
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						239,535,625

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2020	(b) 2021	(c) 2022	(d) 2023	(e) 2024	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	28,943,664	52,401,242	53,083,100	51,365,998	56,453,355	242,247,359
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources	1,245,847	2,078,811	1,744,172	2,193,357	2,155,942	9,418,129
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975	0	0	0	0	0	0
c Add lines 10a and 10b	1,245,847	2,078,811	1,744,172	2,193,357	2,155,942	9,418,129
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included on line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on	0	0	0	0	0	0
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)	570,000	570,000	570,000	1,570,000	4,436,000	7,716,000
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	30,759,511	55,050,053	55,397,272	55,129,355	63,045,297	259,381,488
14 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2024 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	15	92.35 %
16 Public support percentage from 2023 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	92.82 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2024 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	17	3.63 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2023 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	3.39 %
19a 33 1/3% support tests—2024. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b 33 1/3% support tests—2023. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	
20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Part IV Supporting Organizations

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

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

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

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

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

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

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

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

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

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

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

Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations

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

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

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

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

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

Section C—Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, column A)	1	
2	Enter 0.85 of line 1.	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3.	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions).	6	

7 Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).

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

Section D—Distributions		Current Year
1	Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	1
2	Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	2
3	Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	3
4	Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	4
5	Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required—provide details in Part VI)	5
6	Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions.	6
7	Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.	7
8	Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions.	8
9	Distributable amount for 2024 from Section C, line 6	9
10	Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount	10

Section E—Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2024	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2024
1 Distributable amount for 2024 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2024 (reasonable cause required—explain in Part VI). See instructions.			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2024			
a From 2019			
b From 2020			
c From 2021			
d From 2022			
e From 2023			
f Total of lines 3a through 3e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2024 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2019 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2024 from Section D, line 7:			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2024 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2024, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI . See instructions.			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2024. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI . See instructions.			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2025. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a Excess from 2020 . . .			
b Excess from 2021 . . .			
c Excess from 2022 . . .			
d Excess from 2023 . . .			
e Excess from 2024 . . .			

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

Schedule A, Part III, Line 12 - Schedule A, Part III, Line 12 - Revenue from the City of Detroit.

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**SCHEDULE C
(Form 990)**

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

OMB No. 1545-0047

2024

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

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

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

Open to Public Inspection

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

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and I-B. Do not complete Part I-C.
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and I-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 DETROIT ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY	Employer identification number (EIN) 38-6027356
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Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV. 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 EINs of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV.

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. If none, enter -0-.
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				

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

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

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1a	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grassroots lobbying)	0													
b	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	87,000													
c	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)	87,000													
d	Other exempt purpose expenditures	67,029,478													
e	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)	67,116,478													
f	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.	1,000,000													
<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">IF the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b), is:</th> <th style="text-align: left;">THEN 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:	THEN 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:	THEN 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.														
g	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)	250,000													
h	Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-	0													
i	Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-	0													
j	If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No												

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

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2021	(b) 2022	(c) 2023	(d) 2024	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	4,000,000
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column (e))					6,000,000
c Total lobbying expenditures	71,000	84,000	84,000	87,000	326,000
d Grassroots nontaxable amount	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	1,000,000
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					1,500,000
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures	0	0	0	0	0

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 not be described in section 501(c)(3)?; b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912; c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912; d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?

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

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 2 main columns: Question, Amount. 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.

Series of horizontal dashed lines for providing supplemental information.

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

(Rev. December 2024)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

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

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OMB No. 1545-0047

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization: DETROIT ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY; Employer identification number: 38-6027356

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

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows 1-4 for values, 5-6 for Yes/No questions.

Part II Conservation Easements

Table with 2 columns: Description, Held at the End of the Tax Year. Rows 1-9 for various questions and values.

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

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows 1a, 1b, 2 for various questions and values.

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 |
|---|--------|
| 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 in Part XIII

Part V Endowment Funds

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

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	32,540,839	27,695,891	32,158,608	27,964,283	23,736,628
b Contributions	179,598	237,676	1,623,492	1,387,683	334,796
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	3,579,518	5,062,962	-5,635,562	3,200,927	4,251,339
d Grants or scholarships	0	0	0	0	0
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	415,800	415,400	412,700	354,200	327,200
f Administrative expenses	10,451	40,291	37,947	40,085	31,280
g End of year balance	35,843,704	32,540,838	27,695,891	32,158,608	27,964,283

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

- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment 70 %
- b** Permanent endowment 30 %
- c** Term endowment 0 %

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)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3a(ii)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

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

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment

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

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land	0	0	0	0
b Buildings	0	404,586	162,708	241,878
c Leasehold improvements	0	0	0	0
d Equipment	0	8,824,287	6,123,934	2,700,353
e Other	0	0	0	0
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 10c, column (B))				2,942,231

Part VII Investments—Other Securities

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

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

Part VIII Investments—Program Related

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

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

Part IX Other Assets

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

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

Part X Other Liabilities

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

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	0
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 25, col. (B))	0

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

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

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

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	66,008,088
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	1,551,390
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	0
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	0
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	306,821
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	1,858,211
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	64,149,877
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	0
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	0
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	64,149,877

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

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	67,424,147
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	0
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	0
c	Other losses	2c	0
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	306,822
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	306,822
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	67,117,325
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	0
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	0
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	67,117,325

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 D, Part III, Line 1 - The Society owns numerous works of art accumulated over the years. Consistent with financial statement presentations followed by other institutions, primarily museums, the Society excludes the value of its works of art from the statements of financial position. The works of art are held for educational and exhibition purposes.

Schedule D, Part III, Line 4 - Schedule D, Part III, Line 4 - The Detroit Zoo has a permanent art collection from artists in multiple mediums acquired for the purpose of interpreting the relationship of humans with animals through various cultures and times. The collection was begun with the understanding that art is a visual communication that records feelings, beliefs, and ideas which reflect the cultural context in which it was made, hence artist interpretations were chosen over literal depictions. In the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery, one contemporary piece is a transfer image of cave paintings done by the earliest known artists some 40,000 years ago. Michigan artists in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery collection are: Rich Branstrom, Susie Colquitt, Laura Ford, Peter Hackett, Cathy Peet, and Ia Moua Yang. Other recognized artists include Larry Rivers and Alexis Rockman. In addition, works by artists including Marshall Fredericks, Tom Tischler and William Allen are displayed throughout the zoo.

Schedule D, Part IV, Line 2b - Schedule D, Part IV, Line 2b - The Detroit Zoological Society collects donations for the Amazon Rainforest Adopt-A-School program on behalf of CONAPAC, a Peruvian NGO. The Detroit Zoo holds funds for the Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake Species Survival Plan organization and the Society staff are active members in this organization.

Schedule D, Part V, Line 4 - Schedule D, Part V, Line 4 - The Detroit Zoological Society (DZS) endowments were established to provide a stable source of funding to help underwrite the programs and facilities of the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Center. Monies placed in endowments are invested, with interest, and only distributed as dictated by the Society's endowment governing policy. Funds may be established by donors within each endowment. A named fund requires a minimum investment of \$100,000 and the revenue may be restricted by the donors. The endowments (minimum of \$1 million) of the Detroit Zoological Society include the following: The Berman Academy for Humane Education Endowment: the Berman Academy for Humane Education Endowment was established September 13, 2001 by Madeleine and Mandell L. Berman. The purpose of the endowment is to support operational costs associated with humane education programs at the Detroit Zoo. The John S. and James L. Knight Fund: the Knight fund was established December 13, 1999 by the

Part XIII - Supplemental Information (Continued)

John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. The purpose of the fund is to support research and education programs of the Detroit Zoological Society. The Society determined that it would be most beneficial as a component of the Humane Education Endowment. The Adelyn B. Devereaux Fund: The Devereaux fund was established December 28, 2001 through Mrs. Adelyn B. Devereaux's trust agreement. The purpose of the fund is to benefit the Detroit Zoological Society's endowment fund. The Society determined that it would be most beneficial as a component of the Humane Education Endowment. The Richard and Jane Manoogian Endowment for Wildlife Art and Interpretation: the Richard and Jane Manoogian Endowment for Wildlife Art and Interpretation was established May 6, 2002 by Richard A. Manoogian. The purpose of the endowment is to purchase and maintain works of art, including sculpture, at the Detroit Zoological Park. In addition, earnings will support educational programs and projects focusing on the interpretation of art that explores the relationship between humans and animals.

Schedule D, Part X, Line 2 - Schedule D, Part X, Line 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Federal Income Taxes - The Society has been recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as an organization exempt from federal taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). The Society is a public charity by reason of being described in the Code Section 509(a)(2). The Society is exempt from federal income taxes except to the extent of income derived from unrelated business activities. Unrelated business income is not material to the financial statements. The Society completed an analysis of its tax positions, in accordance with ASC 740, Income Taxes, and determined that no amounts were required to be recognized in the financial statements at December 31, 2024 or 2023.

Schedule D, Part XI, Line 2d - Schedule D, Part XI, Line 2d - Other adjustments to audited financial statements include: donations to CONAPAC of \$230,452 and direct fundraising expenses of \$537,273, for a total of \$306,821.

Schedule D, Part XII, Line 2d - Schedule D, Part XII, Line 2d - Other adjustments to audited financial statements include: donations to CONAPAC of \$230,452, direct fundraising expenses of \$537,273, and rounding of \$1, for total of \$306,822.

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**SCHEDULE F
(Form 990)**

(Rev. December 2024)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Statement of Activities Outside the United States

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

Attach to Form 990.

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OMB No. 1545-0047

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Name of the organization

DETROIT ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Employer identification number

38-6027356

Part I General Information on Activities Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 14b.

1 For grantmakers. Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of its grants and other assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? **Yes** **No**

2 For grantmakers. Describe in Part V the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of its grants and other assistance outside the United States.

3 Activities per Region. (The following Part I, line 3 table can be duplicated if additional space is needed.)

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees, agents, and independent contractors in the region	(d) Activities conducted in the region (by type) (such as, fundraising, program services, investments, grants to recipients located in the region)	(e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in the region	(f) Total expenditures for and investments in the region
(1) South America	0	0	Grantmaking	Education Support	250,452
(2) South America	0	0	Grantmaking	Conservation Support	25,000
(3) Sub-Saharan Africa	0	0	Grantmaking	Conservation Support	10,000
(4) Europe (including Iceland and C	0	0	Grantmaking	Conservation Support	10,000
(5) East Asia and the Pacific	0	0	Grantmaking	Conservation Support	5,000
(6) North America (including Cana	0	0	Grantmaking	Conservation Support	2,500
(7)					
(8)					
(9)					
(10)					
(11)					
(12)					
(13)					
(14)					
(15)					
(16)					
(17)					
3a Subtotal					
b Total from continuation sheets to Part I					
c Totals (add lines 3a and 3b)	0	0			302,952

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

1	(a) Name of organization	(b) IRS code section and EIN (if applicable)	(c) Region	(d) Purpose of grant	(e) Amount of cash grant	(f) Manner of cash disbursement	(g) Amount of noncash assistance	(h) Description of noncash assistance	(i) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1)			South America	Education Support	250,452	Wire Transfer	0		
(2)			South America	Conservation Support	25,000	Wire Transfer	0		
(3)			Sub-Saharan Africa	Conservation Support	10,000	Wire Transfer	0		
(4)			Europe (including Iceland)	Conservation Support	10,000	Wire Transfer	0		
(5)									
(6)									
(7)									
(8)									
(9)									
(10)									
(11)									
(12)									
(13)									
(14)									
(15)									
(16)									

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2 Enter total number of recipient organizations listed above that are recognized as charities by the foreign country, recognized as a tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization by the IRS, or for which the grantee or counsel has provided a section 501(c)(3) equivalency letter 4

3 Enter total number of other organizations or entities 0

Part III **Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 16.
Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Region	(c) Number of recipients	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Manner of cash disbursement	(f) Amount of noncash assistance	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1)							
(2)							
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							
(6)							
(7)							
(8)							
(9)							
(10)							
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(13)							
(14)							
(15)							
(16)							
(17)							
(18)							

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Part IV Foreign Forms

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Part V Supplemental Information

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

Schedule F, Part I, Line 2 - Schedule F, Part I, Line 2 - The Adopt-A-School program receives international support. The Detroit Zoological Society accepts donations from supporters worldwide and transfers the funds in their entirety down to our partners in Peru. A representative from the Detroit Zoological Society participates in the delivery of school supplies annually, providing a first-hand account of the purchased supplies and their distribution. This representative also stays in contact with leaders of the organizations to ensure their activities continue to support their mission.

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

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events (add col. (a) through col. (c))
		Sunset at the Zoo (event type)	Run Wild (event type)	0 (total number)	
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	890,038	133,863		1,023,901
	2 Less: Contributions	534,371	53,000		587,371
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	355,667	80,863		436,530
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes	0	0		0
	5 Noncash prizes	0	0		0
	6 Rent/facility costs	174,577	5,073		179,650
	7 Food and beverages	103,470	0		103,470
	8 Entertainment	113,108	28,793		141,901
	9 Other direct expenses	92,769	19,483		112,252
	10 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				537,273
11 Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d)				-100,743	

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

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

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities: _____

a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states? Yes No

b If "No," explain: _____

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended, or terminated during the tax year? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain: _____

**SCHEDULE I
(Form 990)**

(Rev. December 2024)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

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

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Name of the organization

DETROIT ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Employer identification number

38-6027356

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) Sch I, Stmt 1							
(2)							
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							
(6)							
(7)							
(8)							
(9)							
(10)							
(11)							
(12)							

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table 16

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

Description of Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States

		Recipient EIN	Amt. of cash grant	Amt. of non- cash asst.
Name and address	Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund International Inc 800 Cherokee Ave SE Atlanta, GA 30315	52-1118866	70,000	0
IRC code section	501(c)(3)			
Method of valuation				
Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.				
Purpose of grant	Conservation Support			
Name and address	Gorilla Rehabilitation and Conservation Education Center Inc P O Box 334 Cumberland Center, ME 04021	46-2308758	40,000	
IRC code section	501(c)(3)			
Method of valuation				
Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.				
Purpose of grant	Conservation Support			
Name and address	Wildlife Conservation Network 209 Mississippi St San Francisco, CA 94107	61-4855869	25,000	
IRC code section	501(c)(3)			
Method of valuation				
Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.				
Purpose of grant	Conservation Support			
Name and address	OnePlanet Inc 2444 Navarre Way Virginia Beach, VA 23456	47-4202052	20,000	
IRC code section	501(c)(3)			
Method of valuation				
Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.				
Purpose of grant	Conservation Support			
Name and address	American Forests 1220 L Street NW Suite 750 Washington, DC 20005	53-0196544	18,020	
IRC code section	501(c)(3)			
Method of valuation				
Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.				
Purpose of grant	Conservation Support			
Name and address	Ngogo Chimpanzee Project Inc 1120 E Almeria Rd Phoenix, AZ 85006	45-3861462	10,000	
IRC code section	501(c)(3)			
Method of valuation				
Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.				
Purpose of grant	Conservation Support			
Name and address	Amphibian Survival Alliance PO Box 129 Austin, TX 78767-0129	26-2887967	10,000	
IRC code section	501(c)(3)			
Method of valuation				

Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.

Purpose of grant Conservation Support

Name and address	Oklahoma City Zoological Trust dba Oklahoma City Zoo and Botanical Garden 2101 NE 50th Street Oklahoma City, OK 73111	73-0982355	10,000
IRC code section	Trust/Estate		

Method of valuation

Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.

Purpose of grant Conservation Support

Name and address	Re wild PO Box 129 Austin, TX 78767	26-2887967	10,000
IRC code section	501(c)(3)		

Method of valuation

Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.

Purpose of grant Conservation Support

Name and address	Polar Bears International Inc 810 N Wallace Ste E Bozeman, MT 59715	77-0322706	10,000
IRC code section	501(c)(6)		

Method of valuation

Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.

Purpose of grant Conservation Support

Name and address	Red Panda Network 1859 Powell St Suite 100 San Francisco, CA 94133	26-1103671	10,000
IRC code section	501(c)(3)		

Method of valuation

Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.

Purpose of grant Conservation Support

Name and address	Global Conservation Network 12101 Johnny Cake Ridge Road Apple Valley, MN 55124	41-1719362	10,000
IRC code section	501(c)(3)		

Method of valuation

Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.

Purpose of grant Conservation Support

Name and address	Turtle Survival Alliance 1989 Colonial Parkway Fort Worth, TX 76110	20-0785702	10,000
IRC code section	501(c)(3)		

Method of valuation

Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.

Purpose of grant Conservation Support

Name and address	Lincoln Park Zoological Society 2001 N Clark St Chicago, IL 60614	36-2512404	10,000
IRC code section	501(c)(3)		

Method of valuation

Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.

Purpose of grant Conservation Support

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Name and address	Minnesota Zoo Foundation 13000 Zoo Blvd Apple Valley, MN 55124	51-0147653	10,000
IRC code section	501(c)(3)		
Method of valuation			
Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.			
Purpose of grant	Conservation Support		
Name and address	Association of Zoos and Aquariums 8403 Colesville Rd Silver Spring, MD 20910	55-0526930	8,000
IRC code section	C Corp		
Method of valuation			
Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.			
Purpose of grant	Conservation Support		

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**SCHEDULE J
(Form 990)**

(Rev. December 2024)

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Compensation Information

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

DETROIT ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Employer identification number

38-6027356

Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- | | | | |
|--|-----------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment? | 4a | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b Participate in or receive payment from a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan? | 4b | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c Participate in or receive payment from an equity-based compensation arrangement? | 4c | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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

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

- | | | | |
|--|-----------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| a The organization? | 5a | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b Any related organization? | 5b | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

If "Yes" on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.

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

- | | | | |
|--|-----------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| a The organization? | 6a | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b Any related organization? | 6b | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

If "Yes" on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.

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

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

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

	Yes	No
1a		
1b		
2		
3		
4a		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4b		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4c		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5a		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5b		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6a		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6b		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9		

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

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

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

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC and/or 1099-NEC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)–(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1 Hayley Murphy, Executive Director/CEO	(i)	473,368	68,250	5,400	13,800	23,944	584,762	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 Robert Schumaker, Chief Financial Officer	(i)	250,532	22,240	5,400	11,356	24,044	313,572	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 Jane Alessandrini, VP of Development	(i)	222,314	17,815	5,400	9,903	23,169	278,601	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Randi Hamilton, VP of Guest Services, Communications, and Marketing	(i)	190,945	16,186	5,400	8,853	24,044	245,428	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 Diane Miller, VP of Education	(i)	181,859	14,613	5,400	8,120	8,600	218,592	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 Mike Murray, VP of Life Sciences	(i)	164,395	13,600	5,400	7,789	24,044	215,228	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7 Amanda Hanlin, Chief of Staff	(i)	164,795	13,050	5,400	7,559	24,044	214,848	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8 Ann Duncan, Associate VP of Life Sciences	(i)	162,622	13,492	5,400	7,521	19,435	208,470	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9 Toria Bradley, VP of Human Resources - Term Aug 2024	(i)	170,712	3,002	3,600	5,297	7,342	189,953	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10 Richard K Martin, Director of Individual Philanthropy	(i)	149,228	2,965	0	6,365	19,162	177,720	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11 DeAndrea Matthews, VP of Diversity and Community Engagement	(i)	125,132	9,936	5,400	2,924	24,044	167,436	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	(i)							
	(ii)							
13	(i)							
	(ii)							
14	(i)							
	(ii)							
15	(i)							
	(ii)							
16	(i)							
	(ii)							

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**SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)**

Noncash Contributions

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

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Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

DETROIT ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Employer identification number

38-6027356

Part I Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art—Works of art				
2 Art—Historical treasures				
3 Art—Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities—Publicly traded	✓	10	188,677	Market Value
10 Securities—Closely held stock				
11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities—Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution—Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution—Other				
15 Real estate—Residential				
16 Real estate—Commercial				
17 Real estate—Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other (<u>Supplies and Auction</u>)	✓	199	1,082,532	Market Value
26 Other (_____)				
27 Other (_____)				
28 Other (_____)				

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29	Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part V, Donee Acknowledgement	29	0
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	Yes	No
30a		✓
31	✓	
32a		✓
33		

**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
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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Form 990, Part VI, Section A, Line 6 - Form 990, Part VI, Section A, Line 6 - Paying Detroit Zoological Society members receive benefits including free admission to the Detroit Zoo, discounted admission to participating zoos and aquariums across the country, discounts for certain after hours events, and 10% discount in the gift shop. Primary classes of membership include the following: Individual, Family, Supporter, and Renaissance Circle. In addition to the benefits received by the paying members, the members also have certain voting rights. This includes the ability to attend the annual meeting and call special meetings. The annual meeting of the members is held on a date set by the Board of Directors in the second quarter of each year. Special meetings of the members may also be called by the Chairman of the Board, President, a majority of the Board of Directors or of the Executive Committee, or by not less than one-tenth of the members. At each meeting of the members of the Society, each member shall be entitled to cast one vote on each matter submitted for membership action; this vote may be by proxy executed in writing by the member or by his duly authorized attorney-in-fact. No proxy shall be valid after eleven (11) months from the date of its execution unless otherwise provided in the proxy. No person may act as a proxy unless such person is a member of the Society. All privileges of membership (other than voting) are subject to such rules and regulations that may be adopted by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Form 990, Part VI, Section A, Line 7a - Form 990, Part VI, Section A, Line 7a - The Detroit Zoological Society Board governs, develops policies and strategy and oversees all Society operations and activities. The Governance and Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board Chairperson and ratified by the Board of Trustees. The Committee shall include the Board Chairperson, the Director/Chief Executive Officer and at least two other board members. The chairperson of the committee shall be a member of the Board of Trustees. The Governance and Nominating Committee will be responsible for 1. The recruitment, selection, nominating, orientation and evaluation of board members of the Detroit Zoological Society. 2. Maintaining an awareness of the needs of the board and/or its affiliate organizations for executive and board talents. 3. Plan board members' development, including recruitment, orientation, education, and evaluation of their effectiveness. 4. Identify and select candidates for committees of the board using criteria for board service as a guide. 5. Provide an orientation program conducted by management for new board members. 6. Periodically conduct an assessment to determine board educational needs. The Director/Chief Executive Officer will be responsible for researching and updating the committee on educational opportunities. 7. Conduct board self-evaluations. 8. Review the performance of board members prior to re-appointment. 9. Confirm compliance with the DZS conflict of interest policy. 10. Meet as needed.

Form 990, Part VI, Section A, Line 7b - Form 990, Part VI, Section A, Line 7b - See explanation for Form 990, Part VI, Line 7a.

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 11b - Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 11b - A draft of the IRS Form 990 is prepared by the Detroit Zoological Society's finance department under the direction of the Chief Financial Officer. This draft is sent to an external audit firm where a review is performed by the tax team to ensure accuracy and completeness. After this review a draft is provided to the CEO and Audit Committee for review. The Audit Committee chair then informs the CEO and CFO that the Form can be made available to all board members (via the Executive Committee) and can be filed with the IRS on behalf of the organization. A board resolution is not required in order for the Form 990 to be filed. This final draft is filed with the IRS and state government agencies.

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 12c - Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 12c - The Conflict of Interest Policy is distributed annually to key employees and board members. Key employees are required to read the policy and complete a questionnaire annually, which is maintained by the Human Resources department. Board members are given a copy at the annual board retreat, where they are asked to read the policy and complete the questionnaire and return it to the CEO's executive assistant. If a questionnaire is returned with a potential conflict, it is brought to the Board Chair and/or the CEO of the Society, who shall determine whether a conflict exists and is material. If the matters are material, the potential conflict would be brought to the attention of the Board. The Board Chair and/or the CEO, with the Board, will determine whether a contemplated transaction may be authorized as just, fair and reasonable to the Society. The decision of the Board Chair and/or the CEO of the Society on these matters will rest in their sole discretion, and their concern must be the welfare of the Society and the advancement of its purpose.

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 15 - Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 15 - The Detroit Zoological Society uses the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) salary survey and engages an independent consultant to prepare a competitive salary analysis of non-union, salaried positions and develop salary structures and ranges for these positions. Job grades and salary ranges, including minimum, midpoint, and maximum, were established for each position. Upon determining a wage for a new hire, an individual's salary is set within the range considering the market value of the position (based on the role's primary responsibilities), individual characteristics (experience, performance, etc.) and internal value. Salary is not to be lower than the minimum established wage of the pay grade and range. If a new hire is to be brought in higher than the established midpoint wage of the pay grade and range, it must be approved by the head of Human

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Resources and another member of the Executive Leadership Team. A salary is not to exceed the established maximum wage of the pay grade and range. Salary guidelines and wages are reviewed by the CEO, CFO and VP of Human Resources. Executive compensation is reviewed and approved by the board Compensation Committee.

Form 990, Part VI, Section C, Line 19 - Form 990, Part VI, Section C, Line 19 - The financial statements, governing documents, and conflict of interest policy are available to the public upon written request.

Form 990, Part IX, Line 11g - Form 990, Part IX, Line 11g - Contracted/Construction Services = \$15,620,600. General Labor = \$3,272,877. Skilled Labor = \$777,513. Professional Services = \$3,571,147. Janitorial Services = \$1,072,287. Service Fees = \$596,855. Event Entertainment = \$145,523.

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Other Program Services Accomplishments

Activity Code	Description	Expense	Grants	Revenue
	The Detroit Zoological Society continues to demonstrate organizational excellence consistent with a commitment to outstanding environmental leadership. The Detroit Zoological Society maintains grounds at the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Center totaling 130 acres and 80 buildings where staff members and volunteers are committed to lessening their environmental impact on the Earth. The Detroit Zoological Society has developed a unique, green roadmap called the Greenprint. This comprehensive strategic plan guides our operations and is the plan by which we refine and improve our facilities and daily practices, develop new policies and programs and improve green literacy in our community.	3,012,442	0	116,506
Total:		3,012,442	0	116,506

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Tax Exempt Entity Declaration and Signature for E-file

For calendar year 2024, or tax year beginning _____, 2024, and ending _____, 20_____

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For use with Forms 990, 990-EZ, 990-PF, 990-T, 1120-POL, 4720, 8868, 5227, 5330, and 8038-CP
Go to www.irs.gov/Form8453TE for the latest information.

Name of filer

EIN or SSN

Detroit Zoological Society

38-6027356

Part I Type of Return and Return Information

Check the box for the type of return being filed with Form 8453-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 of 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-). 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.

1a	Form 990 check here	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b	Total revenue, if any (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1b	64,149,877
2a	Form 990-EZ check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b	Total revenue, if any (Form 990-EZ, line 9)	2b	
3a	Form 1120-POL check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b	Total tax (Form 1120-POL, line 22)	3b	
4a	Form 990-PF check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b	Tax based on investment income (Form 990-PF, Part V, line 5)	4b	
5a	Form 8868 check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b	Balance due (Form 8868, line 3c)	5b	
6a	Form 990-T check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b	Total tax (Form 990-T, Part III, line 4)	6b	
7a	Form 4720 check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b	Total tax (Form 4720, Part III, line 1)	7b	
8a	Form 5227 check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b	FMV of assets at end of tax year (Form 5227, item D)	8b	
9a	Form 5330 check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b	Tax due (Form 5330, Part II, line 19)	9b	
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 of Officer or Person Subject to Tax

- 11a I authorize the U.S. Treasury and its designated Financial Agent to initiate an Automated Clearing House (ACH) 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.
- b If a copy of this return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I certify that I executed the electronic disclosure consent contained within this return allowing disclosure by the IRS of this Form 990/990-EZ/990-PF (as specifically identified in Part I above) to the selected state agency(ies).

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I am an officer of the above named entity or I am the person subject to tax with respect to (name of entity) **Detroit Zoological Society**, (EIN) **38-6027356**

and that I have examined a copy of the 2024 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.

Sign Here *M. Webb* 11/13/2025 Chief Financial Officer
 Signature of officer or person subject to tax Date Title, if applicable

Part III Declaration of Electronic Return Originator (ERO) and Paid Preparer (see instructions)

I declare that I have reviewed the above return and that the entries on Form 8453-TE are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. If I am only a collector, I am not responsible for reviewing the return and only declare that this form accurately reflects the data on the return. The entity officer or person subject to tax will have signed this form before I submit the return. I will give a copy of all forms and information to be filed with the IRS to the officer or person subject to tax, and have followed all other requirements in Pub. 4163, Modernized e-File (MeF) Information for Authorized IRS e-file Providers for Business Returns. If I am also the Paid Preparer, under penalties of perjury I declare that I have examined the above return and accompanying schedules and statements, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. This Paid Preparer declaration is based on all information of which I have any knowledge.

ERO's Use Only	ERO's signature	Date	Check if also paid preparer <input type="checkbox"/>	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	ERO's SSN or PTIN
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP code				EIN Phone no.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the above return and accompanying schedules and statements, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer is based on all information of which the preparer has any knowledge.

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	PTIN
	<u>Eileen M. Webb</u>	<u>Eileen M. Webb</u>	<u>11/13/2025</u>		<u>P01641852</u>
	Firm's name <u>Ernst & Young, LLP</u>	Firm's EIN <u>34-6565596</u>	Firm's address <u>2100 One PPG Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15222</u>	Phone no. <u>412-644-7800</u>	