

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

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
 Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)
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OMB No 1545-0047
2018
 Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2019 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2018, and ending 12-31-2018

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

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

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

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

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

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

J Website: ▶

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

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities THE CORPORATION IS ORGANIZED TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT WITHIN OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF BRINGING ABOUT CIVIC BETTERMENTS AND SOCIAL IMPROVEMENTS. IT WILL ENCOURAGE JOB GROWTH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE COMMUNITY BY (1) PROMOTING THE ADVANTAGES OF OHIO'S FAVORABLE BUSINESS CLIMATE TO PROSPECTIVE BUSINESSES, MANUFACTURERS AND EMPLOYERS, INCLUDING THE BENEFITS OF ITS ABUNDANT AND AFFORDABLE ENERGY, (2) PROMOTING OHIO AS WELL-SUITED TO HOST AND SUPPORT MAJOR CONVENTIONS OR SIMILAR EVENTS AND AS AN ATTRACTIVE DESTINATION FOR TRAVEL, BUSINESS MEETINGS AND VACATIONS, AND (3) LESSENING THE BURDENS ON STATE, COUNTY, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES BY ASSISTING THEM IN THE PROMOTION OF THE COMMUNITY TO A NATIONWIDE AUDIENCE		
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	5
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	5
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2018 (Part V, line 2a)	5	0
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b		
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		0
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)		0
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)		0
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)		0
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	975,000	1,485,000
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)		0
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶		
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	153,586	81,993	
18 Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	1,128,586	1,566,993	
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	-1,128,586	-1,566,993	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	5,427,839	3,860,846
	22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20		0

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: MICHAEL W BLANKENBECLER DIRECTOR
 Date: 2019-11-12

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name: PW PARTNERS LLC
 Preparer's signature: [Signature]
 Date: 2019-11-13
 Check if self-employed
 PTIN: P00520726
 Firm's name: PW PARTNERS LLC
 Firm's EIN: 83-3323563
 Firm's address: 501 MORRISON RD STE 201
 GAHANNA, OH 432303314
 Phone no: (614) 475-7560

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

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

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

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

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

4a (Code) (Expenses \$ 1,552,500 including grants of \$ 1,485,000) (Revenue \$)
See Additional Data

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

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

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

4e Total program service expenses ▶ 1,552,500

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

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include questions 23 through 38 regarding compensation, bond issues, escrow accounts, 501(c)(3) organizations, and controlled entities.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include questions 1a, 1b, and 1c regarding Form 1096, Forms W-2G, and backup withholding rules.

2a Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a <input type="text" value="0"/>		
b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)			2b
3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?			3a No
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? <i>If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O</i>			3b
4a At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?			4a No
b If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country <input type="text"/> See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)			
5a Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?			5a No
b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?			5b No
c If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?			5c
6a Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?			6a Yes
b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?			6b Yes
7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).			
a Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?			7a
b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?			7b
c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?			7c
d If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d <input type="text"/>		
e Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?			7e
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?			7f
g If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?			7g
h If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?			7h
8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.			
Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?			
9a Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?			9a
b Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?			9b
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter			
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a <input type="text"/>		
b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b <input type="text"/>		
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter			
a Gross income from members or shareholders	11a <input type="text"/>		
b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)	11b <input type="text"/>		
12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?			
b If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b <input type="text"/>		
13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.			
a Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O			13a
b Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	13b <input type="text"/>		
c Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c <input type="text"/>		
14a Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?			14a No
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? <i>If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O</i>			14b
15 Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year? If "Yes," see instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N			15 No
16 Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income? If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O			16 No

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

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	5	
	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 in Schedule O		
1b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	5	
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?		No
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		No
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?		No
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?		No
7b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		No
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
8a	a The governing body?	Yes	
8b	b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	Yes	
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 in Schedule O		No

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?		No
10b	b 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?	Yes	
11b	b Describe in 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	Yes	
12b	b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	Yes	
12c	c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	Yes	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	Yes	
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	Yes	
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	a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official		No
15b	b Other officers or key employees of the organization		No
	If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in 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?		No
16b	b 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	
18	Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024-A if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply. <input type="checkbox"/> Own website <input type="checkbox"/> Another's website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upon request <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain in Schedule O)	
19	Describe in 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 BLANKENBECLER ADVISORS INC 501 MORRISON RD SUITE 201 GAHANNA, OH 43230 (614) 475-7560	

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

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

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

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

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
 - List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
 - List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
 - List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
 - List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section B. Independent Contractors

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

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

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

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

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

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

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

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments See Part IV, line 21	1,485,000	1,485,000		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals See Part IV, line 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees				
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages				
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401 (k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes				
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal	2,110		2,110	
c Accounting	9,563		9,563	
d Lobbying	67,500	67,500		
e Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)				
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	25		25	
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy				
17 Travel				
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest	6		6	
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance	2,589		2,589	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a FINES & PENALTIES	200		200	
b				
c				
d				
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	1,566,993	1,552,500	14,493	0
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X Balance Sheet

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash-non-interest-bearing	5,427,839	1	3,860,846
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments		2	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment - cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a		
	b Less accumulated depreciation	10b		10c
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities		11	
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		15		
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)		5,427,839	16	3,860,846
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses		17	
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17 - 24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25		0	26
Net Assets or Fund Balances	27 Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34. Unrestricted net assets	5,427,839	27	3,860,846
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets		28	
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	30 Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34. Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	5,427,839	33	3,860,846
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	5,427,839	34	3,860,846

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)		0
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)		1,566,993
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1		-1,566,993
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))		5,427,839
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments		
6	Donated services and use of facilities		
7	Investment expenses		
8	Prior period adjustments		
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)		
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))		3,860,846

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 If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
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		No
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		No
c If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O		
3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		No
b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

Additional Data

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Name: EMPOWERING OHIO'S ECONOMY INC

Form 990 (2018)

Form 990, Part III, Line 4a:

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

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Schedule I (Form 990)

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

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22. Attach to Form 990.
 ▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

Department of the Treasury
 Internal Revenue Service
 Name of the organization
 EMPOWERING OHIO'S ECONOMY INC

Employer identification number
 47-2628428

Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

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

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

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

- 2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table 6
- 3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table 11

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

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

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

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

Additional Data

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Name: EMPOWERING OHIO'S ECONOMY INC

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

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OHIO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RESEARCH F 230 E TOWN ST COLUMBUS, OH 43215	47-5568413	501C3	20,000				ANNUAL GIVING
CAPITOL SQUARE FOUNDATION 1 CAPITOL SQ OH STATEHOUSE RM 16 COLUMBUS, OH 43215	31-1222851	501C3	200,000				ANNUAL GIVING

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

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GENERATION NOW 250 W MAIN ST STE 1400 LEXINGTON, KY 40507	81-5237089	501C4	50,000				ADVOCACY
OHIO WORKS 2931 DUBLIN-GRANVILLE RD STE 190 COLUMBUS, OH 43231	82-0990131	501C4	300,000				PUBLIC EDUCATION

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COLUMBUS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA 55 E STATE ST COLUMBUS, OH 43215	31-6402408	501C3	20,000				ANNUAL GIVING
OHIO CITIZEN ADVOCATE FOR ADDICTION 85 E GAY ST 604 COLUMBUS, OH 43215	31-1102079	501C3	60,000				ANNUAL GIVING

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RESTORING OHIO INC 501 MORRISON RD STE 201 GAHANNA, OH 43230	45-1484687	501C4	10,000				PUBLIC EDUCATION
MAIN ST ADVOCACY FUND 325 SEVENTH ST NW STE 610 WASHINGTON, DC 20004	27-0273223	501C4	45,000				ADVOCACY

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

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STATE SOLUTIONS INC 1747 PENNSYLVANIA AVE NW 800 WASHINGTON, DC 20006	45-3092150	501C4	525,000				PUBLIC EDUCATION
RULE OF LAW DEFENSE FUND 1747 PENNSYLVANIA AVE NW 800 WASHINGTON, DC 20006	46-5130903	501C4	50,000				PUBLIC EDUCATION

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AMERICAN ACTION NETWORK 1747 PENNSYLVANIA AVE NW STE 5 WASHINGTON, DC 20006	27-0730508	501C4	25,000				ADVOCACY
OHIO PROGRESSIVE COLLABORATIVE 5 E LONG ST STE 800 COLUMBUS, OH 43215	82-2146860	501C4	100,000				PUBLIC EDUCATION

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OHIOANS FOR A HEALTH ECONOMY, INC 34 S THIRD ST STE 100 COLUMBUS, OH 43215	82-2814507	501C4	25,000				PUBLIC EDUCATION
OHIO LAW & LIBERTY FOUNDATION INC 996 POPPY HILLS DR BLACKLICK, OH 43004	82-5238174	501C4	25,000				PUBLIC EDUCATION

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

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GREATER COLUMBUS SPORTS COMMISSION 227 NATIONWIDE BLVD STE 125 COLUMBUS, OH 43215	31-4153118	501C4	20,000				PUBLIC EDUCATION

SCHEDULE O
 (Form 990 or 990-EZ)
Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ
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 EMPOWERING OHIO'S ECONOMY INC
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990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

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

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

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

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

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

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

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