

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2021

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

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▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990EZ for instructions and the latest information.

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2021 calendar year, or tax year beginning _____, 2021, and ending _____, 20

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization Montana Renewable Energy Association		D Employer identification number 81-0537306
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite P.O. Box 673		E Telephone number (406) 214-9405
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code Missoula, MT 59806-0673		F Group Exemption Number ▶

G Accounting Method: Cash Accrual Other (specify) ▶ _____

I Website: ▶ www.montanarenewables.org

H Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990).

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) – 501(c)(3) 501(c) () ◀ (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other _____

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B)) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ▶ \$ 105,345

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1				88,435
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2				16,910
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3				0
	4	Investment income	4				0
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a		0		
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b		0		
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c				0
	6	Gaming and fundraising events:					
	a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a		0		
	b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b		0		
	c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c		0		
	d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d				0
	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a		0		
	b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b		0		
	c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c				0
	8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8				0
	9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9				105,345
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10				0
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11				0
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12				73,578
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13				4,873
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14				5,293
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15				1,240
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16				33,897
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17				118,881	
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (subtract line 17 from line 9)	18				-13,536
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19				125,336
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20				0
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21				111,800

Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	125,336	22 111,800
23 Land and buildings	0	23 0
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	0	24 0
25 Total assets	125,336	25 111,800
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	0	26 0
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	125,336	27 111,800

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? to increase renewable energy production in Montana

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

Expenses
(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others.)

28 <u>Education. MREA educated Montanans about renewable energy by a variety of means including a monthly electronic newsletter (~1,300 recipients), email action alerts, media campaigns, social media, & presentations. MREA continued work on the Montana Rural Solar Access Project, as well as solar-powered transportation.</u> (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	58,512
29 <u>Policy. MREA monitors and influences the decisions of government bodies with respect to renewable energy. Activities include communications with government officials, spoken and written testimony, & communications with the public and media on policy issues. MREA also engages with energy utilities on policy matters.</u> (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a	17,897
30 <u>Industry Engagement. MREA works with its installer members on a variety of topics such as safety, technology, trends and issues of concern to the industry. Montana now has several dozen businesses specializing in the installation of distributed renewable energy systems. Most are members of MREA.</u> (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a	1,966
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O) (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a	0
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	78,375

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated—see the instructions for Part IV)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
Henry Dykema, President & Board Member	2			
Brad Van Wert, Vice President & Board Member	3			
Sarah Stands, Secretary & Board Member	4			
Patrick Judge, Treasurer & Board Member	4			
Susan Bilo, Board Member	2			
Christopher Borton, Board Member & Fair Coordinator (compensated \$ 4,000)	3	4,000		
Jackson Isbell, Board Member	2			
Nicola Laverack, Board Member	2			
Barb Oldershaw, Board Member	2			
Andrew Valainis, Executive Director	40	48,300		
Evora Glenn, Program Coordinator	25	19,593		

