

**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

**2022**

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

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Internal Revenue Service

**A** For the **2022** calendar year, or tax year beginning , **2022**, and ending , **20**

<b>B</b> Check if applicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<b>C</b> Name of organization <b>Montana Renewable Energy Association</b>		<b>D</b> Employer identification number <b>81-0537306</b>
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) <b>PO Box 276</b>	Room/suite	<b>E</b> Telephone number <b>406-214-9405</b>
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code <b>Helena, MT, 59624-0276</b>		<b>F</b> Group Exemption Number

**G** Accounting Method:  Cash  Accrual Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**I** Website: [www.montanarenewables.org](http://www.montanarenewables.org)

**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 . . . . . \$ **83,956**

**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 . . . . .

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>1</b>	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received . . . . .	<b>1</b>		<b>64,180</b>
	<b>2</b>	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts . . . . .	<b>2</b>		<b>19,776</b>
	<b>3</b>	Membership dues and assessments . . . . .	<b>3</b>		<b>0</b>
	<b>4</b>	Investment income . . . . .	<b>4</b>		<b>0</b>
	<b>5a</b>	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory . . . . .	<b>5a</b>	<b>0</b>	
	<b>b</b>	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses . . . . .	<b>5b</b>	<b>0</b>	
	<b>c</b>	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (subtract line 5b from line 5a) . . . . .	<b>5c</b>		<b>0</b>
	<b>6</b>	Gaming and fundraising events:			
	<b>a</b>	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000) . . . . .	<b>6a</b>	<b>0</b>	
	<b>b</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) . . . . .	<b>6b</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>c</b>	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events . . . . .	<b>6c</b>	<b>0</b>		
<b>d</b>	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c) . . . . .	<b>6d</b>		<b>0</b>	
<b>7a</b>	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .	<b>7a</b>	<b>0</b>		
<b>b</b>	Less: cost of goods sold . . . . .	<b>7b</b>	<b>0</b>		
<b>c</b>	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (subtract line 7b from line 7a) . . . . .	<b>7c</b>		<b>0</b>	
<b>8</b>	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .	<b>8</b>		<b>0</b>	
<b>9</b>	<b>Total revenue.</b> Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 . . . . .	<b>9</b>		<b>83,956</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>10</b>	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O) . . . . .	<b>10</b>		<b>0</b>
	<b>11</b>	Benefits paid to or for members . . . . .	<b>11</b>		<b>0</b>
	<b>12</b>	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits . . . . .	<b>12</b>		<b>60,360</b>
	<b>13</b>	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors . . . . .	<b>13</b>		<b>5,500</b>
	<b>14</b>	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance . . . . .	<b>14</b>		<b>3,289</b>
	<b>15</b>	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping . . . . .	<b>15</b>		<b>1,653</b>
	<b>16</b>	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .	<b>16</b>		<b>18,717</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Total expenses.</b> Add lines 10 through 16 . . . . .	<b>17</b>		<b>89,519</b>	
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>18</b>	Excess or (deficit) for the year (subtract line 17 from line 9) . . . . .	<b>18</b>		<b>-5,563</b>
	<b>19</b>	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) . . . . .	<b>19</b>		<b>111,800</b>
	<b>20</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) . . . . .	<b>20</b>		<b>0</b>
	<b>21</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 . . . . .	<b>21</b>		<b>106,237</b>

<b>Part II Balance Sheets</b> (see the instructions for Part II)		Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II <input type="checkbox"/>	
	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year	
<b>22</b> Cash, savings, and investments . . . . .	111,800	<b>22</b> 106,237	
<b>23</b> Land and buildings . . . . .	0	<b>23</b> 0	
<b>24</b> Other assets (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .	0	<b>24</b> 0	
<b>25</b> <b>Total assets</b> . . . . .	111,800	<b>25</b> 106,237	
<b>26</b> <b>Total liabilities</b> (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .	0	<b>26</b> 0	
<b>27</b> <b>Net assets or fund balances</b> (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21) . . . . .	111,800	<b>27</b> 106,237	

<b>Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments</b> (see the instructions for Part III)		Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III <input type="checkbox"/>	
What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? <u>to expand the use of renewable energy in Montana</u>		<b>Expenses</b> (Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others.)	
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.			
<b>28</b> <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, &amp; presentations. MREA continued work on the Montana Rural Solar Access Project.</u> (Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>28a</b>		43,371
<b>29</b> <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, &amp; 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"/>	<b>29a</b>		11,359
<b>30</b> <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"/>	<b>30a</b>		3,969
<b>31</b> Other program services (describe in Schedule O) . . . . . (Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>31a</b>		0
<b>32</b> <b>Total program service expenses</b> (add lines 28a through 31a) . . . . .	<b>32</b>		58,699

**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
1) Brad Van Wert, President & Board Member	6	0		
2) Susan Bilo, Vice President & Board Member	2	0		
3) Brian Solan, Secretary & Board Member	2	0		
4) Patrick Judge, Treasurer & Board Member	4	0		
5) Christopher Borton, Board Member & Fair Coordinator	3	4,000		
6) Caroline Bean, Board Member	2	0		
7) Nicola Laverack, Board Member	3	0		
8) Mark Juedeman, Board Member				
9) Sarah Stands, Board Member (also devoted 2 hr/wk)	2	0		
Andrew Valainis, Executive Director (Jan-Jun)	40	25,860		
Makenna Sellers, Executive Director (Sep-Dec)	40	18,462		
Evora Glenn, Program Coordinator (Jan-Apr)	40	11,142		

