

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

(Rev. January 2020)

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

2019

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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Header section A-M containing organization details: Name (Vermont Independent Media Inc.), EIN (20-2140604), Address (139 Main Street, Brattleboro, VT 05301), and Principal Officer (Barry Aleshnick).

Part I Summary

Summary table with columns for Activities & Governance, Revenue, Expenses, and Net Assets or Fund Balances. Rows include mission statement, member counts, revenue breakdown, and expense details for 2019.

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.

Signature area for Lynn Barrett, President, including signature and printed name.

Preparer information section for Menda Waters, including name, address, and contact details.

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) [X] Yes [ ] No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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:

Promotion of public media literacy and local, citizen-driven media.

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 \$ 266,597 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 312,911 )

Weekly publication of The Commons, a free locally-produced newspaper. The Commons encourages local participation in reporting and debating local news, providing a venue for dialog for the citizens of Windham County.

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

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

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

(Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4e Total program service expenses 266,597

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

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

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows 22-38 detailing various organizational requirements and compliance checks.

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, Yes, No. Rows 1a-1c detailing IRS filings and backup withholding rules.

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

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No response boxes. Includes questions 2a through 16 regarding employee reporting, tax shelter transactions, foreign accounts, 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 in Schedule O. See instructions.

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 5 columns: Question, Line Number, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members... 1b Enter the number of voting members included... 2 Did any officer, director, trustee... 3 Did the organization delegate control... 4 Did the organization make any significant changes... 5 Did the organization become aware... 6 Did the organization have members... 7a Did the organization have members... 7b Are any governance decisions... 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document... 8a The governing body... 8b Each committee... 9 Is there any officer, director, trustee...

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

Table with 5 columns: Question, Line Number, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Did the organization have local chapters... 10b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies... 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy... 11b Describe in Schedule O the process... 12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy... 12b Were officers, directors, or trustees... 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor... 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy... 14 Did the organization have a written document retention... 15 Did the process for determining compensation... 15a The organization's CEO... 15b Other officers or key employees... 16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to... 16b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy...

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 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.
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

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

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

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

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

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 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, 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 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)	(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) MacLean Gander Trustee	4.00	X						0	0	0
(2) Lynn Barrett Trustee	4.00	X						0	0	0
(3) Peter Gould Trustee	4.00	X						0	0	0
(4) Michael Bosworth Trustee	4.00	X						0	0	0
(5) Barry Aleshnick President	4.00			X				0	0	0
(6)										
(7)										
(8)										
(9)										
(10)										
(11)										
(12)										
(13)										
(14)										

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week 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			
(15) -----										
(16) -----										
(17) -----										
(18) -----										
(19) -----										
(20) -----										
(21) -----										
(22) -----										
(23) -----										
(24) -----										
(25) -----										
<b>1b Subtotal</b> .....										
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b> .....										
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b> .....							0	0	0	

**2** Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization **0**

	Yes	No
<b>3</b> Did the organization list any <b>former</b> officer, director, trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i> .....		X
<b>4</b> 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> .....		X
<b>5</b> 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> .....		X

**Section B. Independent Contractors**

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

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

**2** Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization **0**



**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

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

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	<b>1a</b> Federated campaigns . . . . .	<b>1a</b>					
	<b>b</b> Membership dues . . . . .	<b>1b</b>	19,709				
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events . . . . .	<b>1c</b>	6,120				
	<b>d</b> Related organizations . . . . .	<b>1d</b>					
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions) . .	<b>1e</b>					
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	<b>1f</b>	91,050				
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f . . . . .	<b>1g</b>	\$				
	<b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f . . . . . ▶			116,879			
Program Service Revenue			Business Code				
	<b>2a Advertising Sales</b>	511110	310,521	310,521			
	<b>b Custom Publishing</b>	511110	2,390	2,390			
	<b>c</b>						
	<b>d</b>						
	<b>e</b>						
	<b>f</b> All other program service revenue . . . . .						
<b>g Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f . . . . . ▶			312,911				
Other Revenue	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) . . . . . ▶						
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . . ▶						
	<b>5</b> Royalties . . . . . ▶						
	<b>6a</b> Gross rents . . . . .	<b>6a</b>	(i) Real				
			(ii) Personal				
	<b>b</b> Less: rental expenses . . . . .	<b>6b</b>					
	<b>c</b> Rental income or (loss)	<b>6c</b>					
	<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss) . . . . . ▶						
	<b>7a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	<b>7a</b>	(i) Securities				
			(ii) Other				
				9,877			
	<b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses . . . . .	<b>7b</b>	9,931				
<b>c</b> Gain or (loss) . . . . .	<b>7c</b>	(54)					
<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss) . . . . . ▶			(54)		(54)		
<b>8a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 6,120 of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 . . . . .	<b>8a</b>						
<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses . . . . .	<b>8b</b>						
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . . . ▶							
<b>9a</b> Gross income from gaming activities, See Part IV, line 19 . . . . .	<b>9a</b>						
<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses . . . . .	<b>9b</b>						
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . . . ▶							
<b>10a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .	<b>10a</b>						
<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold . . . . .	<b>10b</b>						
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . . . ▶							
Miscellaneous Revenue			Business Code				
	<b>11a Interest</b>	511110	7			7	
	<b>b Uncleared checks</b>	511110	788			788	
	<b>c</b>						
	<b>d</b> All other revenue . . . . .						
<b>e Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d . . . . . ▶			795				
<b>12 Total revenue.</b> See instructions . . . . . ▶			430,531	312,911	0	741	

**Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses**

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

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

<b>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</b>		(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21 . . .				
2	Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22 . . . . .				
3	Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16 . . . . .				
4	Benefits paid to or for members . . . . .				
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees . . . . .				
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 . . . . .	225,717	137,255	12,580	75,882
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions) . . .				
9	Other employee benefits . . . . .				
10	Payroll taxes . . . . .	19,988	12,154	1,114	6,720
11	Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a	Management . . . . .				
b	Legal . . . . .				
c	Accounting . . . . .	3,556		3,556	
d	Lobbying . . . . .				
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.) . . .	14,860	10,265		4,595
12	Advertising and promotion . . . . .	2,336		2,336	
13	Office expenses . . . . .	3,294		3,294	
14	Information technology . . . . .				
15	Royalties . . . . .				
16	Occupancy . . . . .	14,853		14,853	
17	Travel . . . . .				
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials . . . . .				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings . . . . .				
20	Interest . . . . .	24,765		24,765	
21	Payments to affiliates . . . . .				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization . . . . .				
23	Insurance . . . . .	5,277	2,468	1,593	1,216
24	Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a	<b>Printing</b>	69,540	69,540		
b	<b>Dues and subscriptions</b>	721		685	36
c	<b>Allowances</b>	1,761		1,761	
d	<b>Distribution</b>	24,682	24,682		
e	All other expenses _____	16,186	10,233	5,953	
25	<b>Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24e. .	427,536	266,597	72,490	88,449
26	<b>Joint costs.</b> 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			1	5,107	
	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 any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons			5		
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)			6		
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net			7		
	8	Inventories for sale or use			8		
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			9		
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	20,250			
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	20,250	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	<b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)			0	16	5,107	
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 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		35,232	22	38,334	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties			23		
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		3,700	24	3,700	
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		60,962	25	58,889		
26	<b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25		99,894	26	100,923		
Net Assets or Fund Balances	<b>Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here</b> <input type="checkbox"/>						
	<b>and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.</b>						
	27	Net assets without donor restrictions			27		
	28	Net assets with donor restrictions			28		
	<b>Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
	<b>and complete lines 29 through 33.</b>						
	29	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds			29		
30	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund			30			
31	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		(99,894)	31	(95,816)		
32	<b>Total net assets or fund balances</b>		(99,894)	32	(95,816)		
33	<b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b>			0	33	5,107	

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

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

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>1</b>	430,531
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2</b>	427,536
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	<b>3</b>	2,995
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	<b>4</b>	(99,894)
<b>5</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Investment expenses	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	Prior period adjustments	<b>8</b>	1,083
<b>9</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O)	<b>9</b>	0
<b>10</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	<b>10</b>	(95,816)

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

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

		Yes	No
<b>1</b>	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
<b>2a</b>	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? . . . . . If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		X
<b>b</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		X
<b>c</b>	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? . . . . . If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain on Schedule O.		
<b>3a</b>	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133? . . . . .		X
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits . . . . .		

**SCHEDULE A**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

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](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2019**

**Open to Public Inspection**

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

Vermont Independent Media Inc.

20-2140604

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

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

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

Section A. Public Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2015, (b) 2016, (c) 2017, (d) 2018, (e) 2019, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received; 2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit; 4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3; 5 The portion of total contributions by each person (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

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2015, (b) 2016, (c) 2017, (d) 2018, (e) 2019, (f) Total. Rows include: 7 Amounts from line 4; 8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources; 9 Net income from unrelated business activities, 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); 13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here.

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

Table with 3 columns: Line number, Description, and Percentage. Rows include: 14 Public support percentage for 2019 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)); 15 Public support percentage from 2018 Schedule A, Part II, line 14; 16a 33 1/3% support test - 2019; b 33 1/3% support test - 2018; 17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test - 2019; b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test - 2018; 18 Private foundation.

**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) 2015	(b) 2016	(c) 2017	(d) 2018	(e) 2019	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	105,212	164,598	128,371	81,839	97,177	577,197
<b>2</b> 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 . . . . .	323,442	336,846	349,204	363,562	332,620	1,705,674
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513.						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf . . . . .						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge . . . . .						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5 . . . . .	428,654	501,444	477,575	445,401	429,797	2,282,871
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons . . .						
<b>b</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						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b . . . . .						
<b>8 Public support.</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.) . . . . .						2,282,871

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2015	(b) 2016	(c) 2017	(d) 2018	(e) 2019	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6 . . . . .	428,654	501,444	477,575	445,401	429,797	2,282,871
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources . .	39	11	10	12	7	79
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975 . . . . .						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b . . . . .	39	11	10	12	7	79
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) . . . . .						
<b>13 Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.) . . . . .	428,693	501,455	477,585	445,413	429,804	2,282,950
<b>14 First five years.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> . . . . . ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2019 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) . . . . .	<b>15</b>	100.00 %
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2018 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 . . . . .	<b>16</b>	99.99 %

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for <b>2019</b> (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)). . . . .	<b>17</b>	0.00 %
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from <b>2018</b> Schedule A, Part III, line 17. . . . .	<b>18</b>	0.00 %

**19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2019.** 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 . . ▶

**b 33 1/3% support tests - 2018.** 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 ▶

**20 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions. . . . ▶

**Part IV Supporting Organizations**

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

**Section A. All Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> 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>		
<b>2</b> 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>		
<b>3a</b> Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
<b>b</b> 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>		
<b>c</b> 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>		
<b>4a</b> Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes," and if you checked 12a or 12b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
<b>b</b> 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>		
<b>c</b> 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>		
<b>5a</b> Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) 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>		
<b>b Type I or Type II only.</b> Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
<b>c Substitutions only.</b> Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
<b>6</b> 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>		
<b>7</b> 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 or 990-EZ).</i>		
<b>8</b> Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>		
<b>9a</b> 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>		
<b>b</b> Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in 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>		
<b>c</b> Did a disqualified person (as defined in 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>		
<b>10a</b> 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 10b below.</i>		
<b>b</b> 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
<b>11</b> Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
<b>a</b> A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
<b>b</b> A family member of a person described in (a) above?		
<b>c</b> A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .		

**Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? If "No," describe in <b>Part VI</b> 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 directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.		
<b>2</b> 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 <b>Part VI</b> how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization.		

**Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> 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 <b>Part VI</b> how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).		

**Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> 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?		
<b>2</b> 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 <b>Part VI</b> how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).		
<b>3</b> By reason of the relationship described in (2), 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 <b>Part VI</b> the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.		

**Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations**

<b>1</b> Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).		
<b>a</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete <b>line 2</b> below.		
<b>b</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete <b>line 3</b> below.		
<b>c</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in <b>Part VI</b> how you supported a government entity (see instructions).		
<b>2</b> Activities Test. <b>Answer (a) and (b) below.</b>	Yes	No
<b>a</b> 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 <b>Part VI</b> 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.		
<b>b</b> Did the activities described in (a) 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 <b>Part VI</b> the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.		
<b>3</b> Parent of Supported Organizations. <b>Answer (a) and (b) below.</b>		
<b>a</b> 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? Provide details in <b>Part VI</b> .		
<b>b</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 <b>Part VI</b> the role played by the organization in this regard.		

**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.

<b>Section A - Adjusted Net Income</b>		(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	<b>Adjusted Net Income</b> (subtract lines 5, 6, and 7 from line 4)	8	

<b>Section B - Minimum Asset Amount</b>		(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	<b>Total</b> (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e <b>Discount</b> claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in <b>Part VI</b> ):			
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 1-1/2% 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 .035.	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	<b>Minimum Asset Amount</b> (add line 7 to line 6)	8	

<b>Section C - Distributable Amount</b>			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2	Enter 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	<b>Distributable Amount.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions).	6	
7	<input type="checkbox"/> 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
<b>1</b> Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
<b>2</b> Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
<b>3</b> Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
<b>4</b> Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
<b>5</b> Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
<b>6</b> Other distributions (describe in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions.	
<b>7 Total annual distributions.</b> Add lines 1 through 6.	
<b>8</b> Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions.	
<b>9</b> Distributable amount for 2019 from Section C, line 6	
<b>10</b> Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2019	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2019
<b>1</b> Distributable amount for 2019 from Section C, line 6			
<b>2</b> Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2019 (reasonable cause required - explain in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions.			
<b>3</b> Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2019			
<b>a</b> From 2014 . . . . .			
<b>b</b> From 2015 . . . . .			
<b>c</b> From 2016 . . . . .			
<b>d</b> From 2017 . . . . .			
<b>e</b> From 2018 . . . . .			
<b>f Total</b> of lines 3a through e			
<b>g</b> Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
<b>h</b> Applied to 2019 distributable amount			
<b>i</b> Carryover from 2014 not applied (see instructions)			
<b>j</b> Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f.			
<b>4</b> Distributions for 2019 from Section D, line 7: \$			
<b>a</b> Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
<b>b</b> Applied to 2019 distributable amount			
<b>c</b> Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4.			
<b>5</b> Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2019, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, explain in <b>Part VI</b> . See instructions.			
<b>6</b> Remaining underdistributions for 2019. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in <b>Part VI</b> . See instructions.			
<b>7 Excess distributions carryover to 2020.</b> Add lines 3j and 4c.			
<b>8</b> Breakdown of line 7:			
<b>a</b> Excess from 2015 . . . .			
<b>b</b> Excess from 2016 . . . .			
<b>c</b> Excess from 2017 . . . .			
<b>d</b> Excess from 2018 . . . .			
<b>e</b> Excess from 2019 . . . .			



**Schedule B**  
**(Form 990, 990-EZ,**  
**or 990-PF)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Schedule of Contributors**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2019**

- ▶ **Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.**
- ▶ **Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for the latest information.**

Name of the organization <b>Vermont Independent Media Inc.</b>	Employer identification number <b>20-2140604</b>
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**Organization type** (check one):

**Filers of:**

**Section:**

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|--------------------|--|
| Form 990 or 990-EZ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)( <b>3</b> ) (enter number) organization<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust <b>not</b> treated as a private foundation<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> 527 political organization |
| Form 990-PF        | <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation                        |

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

**Note:** Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

**General Rule**

- For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

**Special Rules**

- For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of **(1)** \$5,000; or **(2)** 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h; or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.
- For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.
- For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year . . . . . ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Caution:** An organization that isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

Name of organization <b>Vermont Independent Media Inc.</b>	Employer identification number <b>20-2140604</b>
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**Part I** **Contributors** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	ECMC Foundation  1 Imation Place Bldg 2  Saint Paul, MN 55128	\$ 5,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2	Fonda Family Foundation Inc  1718 Peachtree St NW  Atlanta, GA 30309	\$ 6,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
3	Katherine and Bill Schubart  Edward Jones  Brattleboro, VT 05301	\$ 9,931	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
4	Vermont Community Foundation  3 Court St  Middlebury, VT 05753	\$ 5,350	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
5	Stewart & Dorothy Read  1 Hapgood St  Bellows Falls, VT 05101	\$ 16,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
—	_____  _____  _____	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

Name of organization <b>Vermont Independent Media Inc.</b>	Employer identification number <b>20-2140604</b>
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**Part II** **Noncash Property** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) <small>(See instructions)</small>	(d) Date received
3	124 shares Dominion Energy Inc	\$ 9,931	12-20-2019
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

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

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

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include total number at end of year, aggregate value of contributions, grants, and end of year, and two Yes/No questions regarding donor advisement.

Part II Conservation Easements.

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

Form for Part II with multiple questions (1-9) regarding conservation easements, including checkboxes for various purposes and a table for held easements at the end of the tax year.

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

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

Form for Part III with questions (1a, 1b, 2) regarding collections of art and historical treasures, including dollar amounts for revenue and assets.



**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 programs
  - 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 |
|---|--------|
| c Beginning balance . . . . .             | 1c     |
| d Additions during the year . . . . .     | 1d     |
| e Distributions during the year . . . . . | 1e     |
| f Ending balance . . . . .                | 1f     |
- 2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? . . . . .  Yes  No
- b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided on Part XIII . . . . .

**Part V Endowment Funds.**

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

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance . . . . .					
b Contributions . . . . .					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses . . . . .					
d Grants or scholarships . . . . .					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs . . . . .					
f Administrative expenses . . . . .					
g End of year balance . . . . .					

- 2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:
- a Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ %
  - b Permanent endowment ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ %
  - c Term endowment ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ %
- The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.
- 3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:
- |  | Yes    | No |
|--|--------|----|
| (i) Unrelated organizations . . . . .  | 3a(i)  |    |
| (ii) Related organizations . . . . .   | 3a(ii) |    |
| b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? . . . . . | 3b     |    |
- 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 . . . . .				
b Buildings . . . . .				
c Leasehold improvements . . . . .				
d Equipment . . . . .	20,250		20,250	
e Other . . . . .				

**Total.** Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.) . . . . . ▶

**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) _____		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.). . . . . ▶		

**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) _____		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.). . . . . ▶		

**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) _____	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.). . . . . ▶	

**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		
(2) Payroll taxes	31,344	
(3) Credit line	21,545	
(4) Loan from major donor	6,000	
(5) _____		
(6) _____		
(7) _____		
(8) _____		
(9) _____		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.). . . . . ▶	<b>58,889</b>	

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. . . . .



**SCHEDULE L**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

**Transactions With Interested Persons**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship with organization	(c) Purpose of loan	(d) Loan to or from the organization?		(e) Original principal amount	(f) Balance due	(g) In default?		(h) Approved by board or committee?		(i) Written agreement?	
			To	From			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
(1) Jane Noyes	Secretary - former	operations	X		6,500	6,500		X		X		X
(2) Barry Aleshnick	President	operations	X		4,000	8,260		X		X		X
(3) Carolyn Taylor-Olsen	Former board	operations	X		7,000	20,317		X		X		X
(4) Richard Witty	former Treasurer	operations	X		20,500	1,257		X		X		X
(5) Jeff Potter	Key Employee	operations	X		2,000	2,000		X		X		X
<b>Total</b>						\$ 38,334						

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

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

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of assistance	(d) Type of assistance	(e) Purpose of assistance
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				

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**SCHEDULE O**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

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

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on  
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**01. Form 990 governing body review (Part VI, line 11)**

Financial data is reviewed by the board in the form of annual financial statements, with supplemental information supplied by the office manager. The 990 is distributed to the board at a meeting after it's completion.

**02. Governing documents, etc, available to public (Part VI, line 19)**

Governing documents and form 990 are available to the public upon request.

**03. List of other fees for services expenses (Part IX, line 11g)**

Subcontractors and freelancers - \$37350

Name(s) as shown on return

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Description	Amount
Donations	\$ 80,700
Grants	10,350
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 91,050</b>

Description	Amount
Freelancers	\$ 10,265
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 10,265</b>

Description	Amount
Commissions and fees	\$ 4,595
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 4,595</b>

## Occupancy

Description	Amount
Rent	\$ 11,120
Telephone & internet	3,733
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 14,853</b>

## Program Services Insurance

Description	Amount
Worker Comp	\$ 2,200
Key Man Insurance	268
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 2,468</b>

## Insurance

Description	Amount
Liability	\$ 1,391
Worker comp	202
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,593</b>

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## Other Expenses

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Postage & delivery	\$ 10,233
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 10,233</b>

## Other Expenses

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Payroll processing fees	\$ 3,923
Supplies	1,320
Bank & PayPal charges	213
Miscellaneous	97
Application fees	400
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 5,953</b>