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Form 990

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-0047

2018

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

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A For the 2018 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: Consumers' Research Inc. D Employer identification no: 22-1500498. E Telephone number: (202) 898-0542. G Gross receipts: \$ 492,342.

F Name and address of principal officer: Russell Outhuse, Same as C above. H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? No. H(b) Are all subordinates included? No.

I Tax-exempt status: 501(c)(3). J Website: N/A. K Form of organization: Corporation. L Year of formation: 1937. M State of legal domicile: NJ.

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: Consumers' Research is an independent educational organization whose mission is to increase the knowledge and understanding of issues, policies, products, and services of concern to consumers and to promote the freedom to act on that knowledge and understanding.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include: 2 Check this box, 3 Number of voting members, 4 Number of independent voting members, 5 Total number of individuals employed, 6 Total number of volunteers, 7a Total unrelated business revenue, 7b Net unrelated business taxable income.

Table with 3 columns: Description, Prior Year, Current Year. Rows include: 8 Contributions and grants, 9 Program service revenue, 10 Investment income, 11 Other revenue, 12 Total revenue.

Table with 3 columns: Description, Prior Year, Current Year. Rows include: 13 Grants and similar amounts paid, 14 Benefits paid to or for members, 15 Salaries, other compensation, 16a Professional fundraising fees, 16b Total fundraising expenses, 17 Other expenses, 18 Total expenses, 19 Revenue less expenses.

Table with 3 columns: Description, Beginning of Current Year, End of Year. Rows include: 20 Total assets, 21 Total liabilities, 22 Net assets or fund balances.

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here: Russell Outhuse, Signature of officer, Date: 9 Nov 19. Russell Outhuse, President, Type or print name and title.

Paid Preparer Use Only: Preparer's name: John K. Mullins, Preparer's signature: John K Mullins, Date: 11/8/19, PTIN: P01429307, Firm's name: Mullins, PC, Firm's address: 7625 Wisconsin Avenue Bethesda MD 20814, Firm's EIN: , Phone no: 202-770-6371.

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

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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
Consumers' Research is an independent educational organization whose mission is to increase the knowledge and understanding of issues, policies, products, and services of concern to consumers and to promote the freedom to act on that knowledge and understanding.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? No

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? No

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 \$ 364,528 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )
Organization publishes a magazine to increase knowledge and understanding of issues, policies, products, and services of concern to consumers and to promote the freedom to act on that knowledge and understanding.

4b (Code ) (Expenses \$ 170,266 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )
Organization hosts and participates in conferences and meetings bringing together policy and legal experts as well as members of industry on a range of consumer issues from digital economy to financial services with a focus on protecting consumers.

4c (Code ) (Expenses \$ 121,816 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )
Organization performs research, maintains a news website, and speaks in the radio to increase knowledge and understanding of issues, policies, products, and services of concern to consumers and to promote the freedom to act on that knowledge and understanding.

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

4e Total program service expenses 656,610

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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Contains 21 numbered questions regarding organizational requirements and financial reporting.

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules** (continued)

		Yes	No
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III . . . . .		X
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J . . . . .		X
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a . . . . .		X
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? . . . . .		
24b			
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? . . . . .		
24c			
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? . . . . .		
24d			
25a	<b>Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I . . . . .		X
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I . . . . .		X
25b			
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III . . . . .	X	
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III . . . . .		X
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)		
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . . .		X
28a			
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . . .		X
28b			
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . . .		X
28c			
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M . . . . .		X
29			
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M . . . . .		X
30			
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I . . . . .		X
31			
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II . . . . .		X
32			
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I . . . . .		X
33			
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1 . . . . .		X
34			
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? . . . . .		X
35a			
b	If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 . . . . .		
35b			
36	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 . . . . .		X
36			
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI . . . . .		X
37			
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O . . . . .	X	
38			

**Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance**

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

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

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

Table with columns for question number, description, and Yes/No checkboxes. Includes questions 2a through 16 regarding employee reporting, tax returns, 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 4 columns: Question, Line Number, Yes, No. Rows include questions about voting members, family relationships, management delegation, and governance decisions.

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

Table with 4 columns: Question, Line Number, Yes, No. Rows include questions about local chapters, conflict of interest policies, whistleblower policies, and compensation review processes.

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
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

The Organization (202) 898-0542, 1801 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20006

**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.

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) Russell Outhuse President	1.00	X		X			13,000	0	0	
(2) Kyle Burgess Executive Director	40.00			X			130,806	0	4,982	
(3) Beau Brunson Senior Policy Advisor	40.00				X		118,545	0	3,300	
(4) John Meyer Senior Researcher	40.00				X		133,000	0	0	
(5) -----										
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(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 (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) -----										
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(20) -----										
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(25) -----										
<b>1b Sub-total</b> .....										
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b> .....										
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b> .....							<b>395,351</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,282</b>	

**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 **3**

	Yes	No
<b>3</b> Did the organization list any former officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual .....		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual .....		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person .....		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
<b>CREATIVE RESPONSE CONCEPTS PUBLIC R, 2760 EISENHOWER AVE, 22314</b>	<b>Public Relations</b>	<b>120,631</b>

**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 **1**



**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	475,000			
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$					
	h <b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f . . . . . ▶		475,000			
Program Service Revenue	2a <u>Bretton Woods Summit</u>	Business Code				
		900099	15,368	15,368		
	b					
	c					
	d					
	e					
	f All other program service revenue . . . . .					
g <b>Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f . . . . . ▶		15,368				
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) . . . . . ▶		592		592	
	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 <u>Other</u>	900099	1,382	1,382			
b						
c						
d All other revenue . . . . .						
e <b>Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d . . . . . ▶		1,382				
12 <b>Total revenue.</b> See instructions . . . . . ▶		492,342	16,750	0	592	

**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 . . . .				
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 . . . . .	395,351	304,900	90,451	
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 . . . . .	127,340	98,206	29,134	
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions) . .	9,932	7,660	2,272	
9	Other employee benefits . . . . .	42,588	32,844	9,744	
10	Payroll taxes . . . . .	40,229	31,025	9,204	
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management . . . . .				
b	Legal . . . . .	14,883	112	14,771	
c	Accounting . . . . .	22,715		22,715	
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) . .	7,854	7,841	13	
12	Advertising and promotion . . . . .	119,800	119,800		
13	Office expenses . . . . .	6,175	5,102	1,073	
14	Information technology . . . . .				
15	Royalties . . . . .				
16	Occupancy . . . . .	37,521		37,521	
17	Travel . . . . .	7,639	7,639		
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials . . . . .				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings . . . . .	41,481	41,481		
20	Interest . . . . .				
21	Payments to affiliates . . . . .				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization . . . . .				
23	Insurance . . . . .	1,831		1,831	
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					
b					
c					
d					
e	All other expenses				
25	<b>Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24e .	875,339	656,610	218,729	0
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)		(B)	
		Beginning of year		End of year	
Assets	1	Cash - non-interest-bearing	33,771	1	18,234
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	551,868	2	230,026
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net	1,269	4	278
	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	350,000	6	350,000
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	80,576	9	33,017
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D		10a	
	b	Less accumulated depreciation		10b	
	11	Investments - publicly traded securities		11	
	12	Investments - other securities See Part IV, line 11	144,374	12	
	13	Investments - program-related See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14	Intangible assets		14	
	15	Other assets See Part IV, line 11	1,313	15	1,313
16	<b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	<b>1,163,171</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>632,868</b>	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	34,341	17	31,409
	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	<b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25	<b>34,341</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>31,409</b>
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.				
	27	Unrestricted net assets	1,128,830	27	601,459
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets		28	
	29	Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.				
	30	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	<b>Total net assets or fund balances</b>	<b>1,128,830</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>601,459</b>	
34	<b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b>	<b>1,163,171</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>632,868</b>	

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**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	492,342
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	875,339
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	(382,997)
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	1,128,830
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	(144,374)
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	601,459

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

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

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		X
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	X	
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	X	
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?		X
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		

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

OMB No 1545-0047

**2018**

**Open to Public Inspection**

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.

Name of the organization: **Consumers' Research Inc** Employer identification number: **22-1500498**

**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)

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(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: Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in), (a) 2014, (b) 2015, (c) 2016, (d) 2017, (e) 2018, (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: Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in), (a) 2014, (b) 2015, (c) 2016, (d) 2017, (e) 2018, (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 2018 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)); 15 Public support percentage from 2017 Schedule A, Part II, line 14; 16a 33 1/3% support test - 2018. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization; b 33 1/3% support test - 2017. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization; 17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test - 2018. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization; b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test - 2017. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization; 18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions.

**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) 2014	(b) 2015	(c) 2016	(d) 2017	(e) 2018	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	995,000	1,885,000	1,355,005	720,402	475,000	5,430,407
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose		978	27,650	27,250	15,368	71,246
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5	995,000	1,885,978	1,382,655	747,652	490,368	5,501,653
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
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						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						5,501,653

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2014	(b) 2015	(c) 2016	(d) 2017	(e) 2018	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	995,000	1,885,978	1,382,655	747,652	490,368	5,501,653
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources	383	837	1,230	124,222	592	127,264
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b	383	837	1,230	124,222	592	127,264
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI)					454	454
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12)	995,383	1,886,815	1,383,885	871,874	491,414	5,629,371
14 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 ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						

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

15 Public support percentage for 2018 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	15	97.73	%
16 Public support percentage from 2017 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	97.72	%

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

17 Investment income percentage for 2018 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	17	2.00	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2017 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	2.00	%

19a **33 1/3% support tests - 2018.** 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 - 2017.** 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
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," describe in <b>Part VI</b> how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain		
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2)		
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.		
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)? If "Yes," describe in <b>Part VI</b> when and how the organization made the determination		
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use		
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes," and if you checked 12a or 12b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below		
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If "Yes," describe in <b>Part VI</b> how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations		
c 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)? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> 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		
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> , 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)		
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?		
c <b>Substitutions only.</b> Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .		
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (as defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ)		
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ)		
9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</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? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b>		
c 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? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b>		
10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer 10b below		
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings)		



**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. Answer (a) and (b) below.	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. Answer (a) and (b) below.		
<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

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

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year)		
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	<b>Total</b> (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	<b>Discount</b> claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI)		
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 0.35	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	<b>Minimum Asset Amount</b> (add line 7 to line 6)	8	

Section C - Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2	Enter 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  Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions)

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

Section D - Distributions	Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI) See instructions	
7 <b>Total annual distributions.</b> Add lines 1 through 6	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI) See instructions	
9 Distributable amount for 2018 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2018	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2018
1 Distributable amount for 2018 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2018 (reasonable cause required - explain in Part VI) See instructions.			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2018			
a From 2013 . . . . .			
b From 2014 . . . . .			
c From 2015 . . . . .			
d From 2016 . . . . .			
e From 2017 . . . . .			
f <b>Total</b> of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2018 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2013 not applied (see instructions)			
j <b>Remainder</b> Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f			
4 Distributions for 2018 from Section D, line 7 \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2018 distributable amount			
c <b>Remainder</b> Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2018, if any Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI See instructions			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2018 Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI See instructions.			
7 <b>Excess distributions carryover to 2019</b> Add lines 3j and 4c			
8 Breakdown of line 7			
a Excess from 2014 . . . .			
b Excess from 2015 . . . .			
c Excess from 2016 . . . .			
d Excess from 2017 . . . .			
e Excess from 2018 . . . .			



SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Supplemental Financial Statements

OMB No 1545-0047

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.

2018

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Attach to Form 990.

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

Name of the organization: Consumers' Research Inc; Employer identification number: 22-1500498

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 1-6 for various metrics and questions.

Part II Conservation Easements.

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

Form with multiple sections for conservation easements, including checkboxes for purposes, a table for held easements, and questions about monitoring and expenses.

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 with questions 1a, 1b, 2, and 2a, 2b regarding reporting requirements for art and historical treasures.

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990.

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 are a 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?

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?
b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table
c Beginning balance
d Additions during the year
e Distributions during the year
f Ending balance
2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability?
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.

Table with 5 columns: (a) Current year, (b) Prior year, (c) Two years back, (d) Three years back, (e) Four years back. Rows include: 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 Temporarily restricted 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.

- (i) unrelated organizations
(ii) related organizations

Table with 2 columns: Yes, No. Rows: 3a(i), 3a(ii), 3b

b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?
4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

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

Table with 4 columns: (a) Cost or other basis (investment), (b) Cost or other basis (other), (c) Accumulated depreciation, (d) Book value. Rows: 1a Land, b Buildings, c Leasehold improvements, d Equipment, 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) _____	
(3) _____	
(4) _____	
(5) _____	
(6) _____	
(7) _____	
(8) _____	
(9) _____	
<b>Total</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25) ▶	

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 FIN 48 (ASC 740) Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII.

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

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

Table with 5 main rows and sub-rows (a-e) for adjustments. Total revenue reported as 492,342.

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

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

Table with 5 main rows and sub-rows (a-e) for adjustments. Total expenses reported as 875,339.

Part XIII Supplemental Information.

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part IV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, line 2, Part XI, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b Also complete this part to provide any additional information

01. Footnote for uncertain tax position under FIN 48 (Part X)

The accounting standard on accounting for uncertainty in income taxes addresses the determination of whether tax benefits claimed or expected to be claimed on a tax return should be recorded in the financial statements. Under that guidance, the Organization may recognize the tax benefit from an uncertain tax position only if it is more likely than not that the tax position will be sustained on examination by taxing authorities based on the technical merits of the position. Examples of tax positions include the tax-exempt status of the Center and various positions related to the potential sources of unrelated business income tax (UBIT).

The tax benefits recognized in the financial statements from such a position are measured based on



**Part XIII** Supplemental Information (continued)

**01. Footnote for uncertain tax position under FIN 48 (Part X)**

the largest benefit that has a greater than 50% likelihood of being realized upon ultimate settlement. There were no unrecognized tax benefits related to uncertain tax positions identified or recorded as liabilities for the current year.

The policy would be to recognize interest and penalties, if any, on tax positions related to its unrecognized tax benefits in income tax expense in the financial statements. No interest and penalties were assessed or recorded during the year.

**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.

▶ 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.

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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

1	(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) Joseph Colangelo	Former Board			Secure R		X	350,000	350,000	
(2)													
(3)													
(4)													
(5)													
<b>Total</b> . . . . . ▶							\$ 350,000						

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

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

1	(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  
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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**01. Form 990 governing body review (Part VI, line 11)**

1. The Organization's Executive director is responsible for the timely preparation of the Form 990. The Organization's Executive Director met with accountants and legal counsel of the organization with respect to drafts of the Form 990.

2. Copies of the completed draft Form 990 (including required schedules) will be distributed to the audit committee in either electronic or paper form for review and approval. Any questions or concerns will be noted and addressed, and management staff will ensure that changes are incorporated into the Form 990 as appropriate.

3. Copies of the Draft Form 990 will then be distributed to the Board of Directors in either electronic or paper form for review and a approval. Any questions or concerns will be noted and addressed, and management staff will ensure that changes are incorporated into the Form 990 as appropriate.

4. After all input has been appropriately addressed, the final version of the Form 990 (with required schedules) will be distributed to every voting member of the Organization's Board of Directors prior to filing with the IRS. The final form may be distributed either in paper or electric form in any manner deemed appropriate by the Organization's Executive Director.

**02. Conflict of interest policy compliance (Part VI, line 12c)**

Whenever a Director or Officer has a financial or personal interest in any matter coming before the Board of Directors, the Board shall ensure that:

1. The interest of such Officer or Director is fully disclosed to the Board of Directors.

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2. No interest of such Officer or Director may vote or lobby on the matter or be counted in determining the existence of a quorum at the meeting of the Board of Directors at which such matter is voted upon

3. Any transaction in which a Director or Officer has a financial or personal interest shall be duly approved by members of the Board of Directors not so interested or connected as being in the best interest of the Organization.

4. Payments to the interested officer or Director shall be reasonable and shall not exceed fair market value.

5. The minutes of meetings at which such votes are taken shall record such disclosure, abstention, and rationale for approval.

Consumers Research ensures compliance with its conflict of interest policy through periodic internal monitoring of adherence to its policies and procedures and by having employees acknowledge and sign the conflict of interest policy upon hiring. Violation of conflict of interest policy may result in discipline, up to and including termination of employment.

**03. CEO, executive director, top management comp (Part VI, line 15a)**

Process for determining compensation (namely the executive director and key employees):

Review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision market survey (geography) and salary history within that region.

(1) An executive committee (comprised of members of the Board of directors not employed by the non-profit) recommend the proposed salary of the Executive Director (or key employee) and the full board of directors independently reviews and approved the salary.

(2) The executive committee uses comparability data, such as salary surveys from similar nonprofits (I.E. Similar mission focus, budget size and geographic region).

(3) The Board of Directors documents its consideration and approval of the compensation in

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the minutes of the board meeting.

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

Availability of Governing and Financial Documents to Public:

Consumers research makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public upon request. Interested parties may submit a request through out online contact form located on the 'contact us" page of our website (www.consumersresaerch.com) or they may submit a request to Consumers' Research via email at info@consumersresearch.org.

**05. General explanation attachment**

During 2018, after a review of the public filings of its equity holding and a review of trading activity, it was determined that the stock had no value and was written off. This amount was reflected as an unrealized loss.