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Return of Private Foundation

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Form-990-PF

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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2018

Open to Public Inspection

For calendar year 2018 or tax year beginning

, and ending

Name of foundation The Onion Foundation		A Employer identification number 47-1289795
Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address) 414 Hardscrabble Road	Room/suite	B Telephone number (207) 636-7353
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code Wayne, ME 04284		C If exemption application is pending, check here <input type="checkbox"/>
G Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return of a former public charity <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Name change		D 1. Foreign organizations, check here <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation <input type="checkbox"/>
H Check type of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation <input type="checkbox"/> Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other taxable private foundation		E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here <input type="checkbox"/>
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col. (c), line 16) \$ 5,469,458.	J Accounting method: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____	F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here <input type="checkbox"/>

Analysis of Revenue and Expenses		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received					
2 Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch B					
3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments					
4 Dividends and interest from securities		106,344.	106,344.		Statement 1
5a Gross rents					
b Net rental income or (loss)					
6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10		11,523.			
b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a		1,523,707.			
7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)			11,523.		
8 Net short-term capital gain					
9 Income modifications					
10a Gross sales less returns and allowances					
b Less Cost of goods sold					
c Gross profit or (loss)					
11 Other income		-90,397.	-90,397.		Statement 2
12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11		27,470.	27,470.		
13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc.					
14 Other employee salaries and wages					
15 Pension plans, employee benefits					
16a Legal fees Stmt 3		185.	0.		185.
b Accounting fees					
c Other professional fees Stmt 4		72,197.	71,860.		337.
17 Interest					
18 Taxes Stmt 5		10,803.	2,259.		0.
19 Depreciation and depletion					
20 Occupancy		2,952.	0.		2,952.
21 Travel, conferences, and meetings		3,327.	0.		3,327.
22 Printing and publications					
23 Other expenses Stmt 6		1,073.	0.		776.
24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23		106,489.	74,119.		23,529.
25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid		577,600.			577,600.
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25		684,089.	74,119.		601,129.
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12:					
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements		-656,619.			
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)			0.		
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)				N/A	

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Part II Balance Sheets		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only		
		Beginning of year	End of year	
		(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	120,531.	38,168.	38,168.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments		534,187.	534,187.
	3 Accounts receivable ▶			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	4 Pledges receivable ▶			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	5 Grants receivable			
	6 Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	7 Other notes and loans receivable ▶			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	8 Inventories for sale or use			
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			
	10a Investments - U.S. and state government obligations			
	b Investments - corporate stock Stmt 7	3,314,501.	3,818,777.	3,818,777.
	c Investments - corporate bonds Stmt 8	1,512,429.	663,514.	663,514.
	11 Investments - land, buildings, and equipment: basis ▶			
Less: accumulated depreciation ▶				
12 Investments - mortgage loans				
13 Investments - other Stmt 9	2,019,997.	414,812.	414,812.	
14 Land, buildings, and equipment: basis ▶				
Less: accumulated depreciation ▶				
15 Other assets (describe ▶)				
16 Total assets (to be completed by all filers - see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item I)	6,967,458.	5,469,458.	5,469,458.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses			
	18 Grants payable			
	19 Deferred revenue			
	20 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	21 Mortgages and other notes payable			
	22 Other liabilities (describe ▶ Visa Card)	0.	297.	
23 Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)	0.	297.		
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>			
	24 Unrestricted and complete lines 24 through 26, and lines 30 and 31.			
	25 Temporarily restricted			
	26 Permanently restricted			
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	27 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds	0.	0.	
	28 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg., and equipment fund	0.	0.	
	29 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds	6,967,458.	5,469,161.	
30 Total net assets or fund balances	6,967,458.	5,469,161.		
31 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	6,967,458.	5,469,458.		

Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

1 Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year - Part II, column (a), line 30 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1	6,967,458.
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	-656,619.
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	3	0.
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	6,310,839.
5 Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on Investments	5	841,678.
6 Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) - Part II, column (b), line 30	6	5,469,161.

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (for example, real estate, 2-story brick warehouse; or common stock, 200 shs. MLC Co.)		(b) How acquired P - Purchase D - Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo., day, yr.)	(d) Date sold (mo., day, yr.)
1a Publicly Traded Securities				
b From Passthrough K-1		P		
c Capital Gains Dividends				
d				
e				
(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)	
a 1,390,651.		1,308,145.	82,506.	
b		204,039.	-204,039.	
c 133,056.			133,056.	
d				
e				
Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69.				(l) Gains (Col. (h) gain minus col. (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col. (h))
(i) FMV as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col. (i) over col. (j), if any		
a			82,506.	
b			-204,039.	
c			133,056.	
d				
e				
2 Capital gain net income or (net capital loss) { If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7 }		2	11,523.	
3 Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6): If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c). If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8		3	N/A	

Part V Qualification Under Section 4940(e) for Reduced Tax on Net Investment Income

(For optional use by domestic private foundations subject to the section 4940(a) tax on net investment income.)

If section 4940(d)(2) applies, leave this part blank.

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period?

Yes No

If "Yes," the foundation doesn't qualify under section 4940(e). Do not complete this part.

1 Enter the appropriate amount in each column for each year; see the instructions before making any entries

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col. (b) divided by col. (c))
2017	449,136.	6,136,968.	.073185
2016	554,302.	6,279,381.	.088273
2015	383,195.	7,424,728.	.051611
2014	100,000.	6,801,852.	.014702
2013			
2 Total of line 1, column (d)			.227771
3 Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period - divide the total on line 2 by 5.0, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years			.056943
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2018 from Part X, line 5		5,717,817.	
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3			325,590.
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)			0.
7 Add lines 5 and 6			325,590.
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 If line 8 is equal to or greater than line 7, check the box in Part VI, line 1b, and complete that part using a 1% tax rate. See the Part VI instructions.			601,129.

Part VI Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948 - see instructions)

- 1a Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here [] and enter "N/A" on line 1.
Date of ruling or determination letter: (attach copy of letter if necessary-see instructions)
b Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here [X] and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b
c All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations, enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col. (b).
2 Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only; others, enter -0-)
3 Add lines 1 and 2
4 Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only; others, enter -0-)
5 Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-
6 Credits/Payments:
a 2018 estimated tax payments and 2017 overpayment credited to 2018
b Exempt foreign organizations - tax withheld at source
c Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)
d Backup withholding erroneously withheld
7 Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d
8 Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here [] if Form 2220 is attached
9 Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed
10 Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid
11 Enter the amount of line 10 to be: Credited to 2019 estimated tax 10,000. Refunded

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows: 6a 5,000., 6b 0., 6c 5,000., 6d 0.

Table with 2 columns: Line Number, Amount. Rows: 1 0., 2 0., 3 0., 4 0., 5 0., 7 10,000., 8 0., 9, 10 10,000., 11 0.

Part VII Statements Regarding Activities

- 1a During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?
b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes? See the instructions for the definition. If the answer is "Yes" to 1a or 1b, attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities.
c Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?
d Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year: (1) On the foundation. \$ 0. (2) On foundation managers. \$ 0.
e Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers. \$ 0.
2 Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities.
3 Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes
4a Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?
5 Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T
6 Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either:
By language in the governing instrument, or
By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?
7 Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? If "Yes," complete Part II, col. (c), and Part XV
8a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered. See instructions. ME
b If the answer is "Yes" to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designate) of each state as required by General Instruction G? If "No," attach explanation
9 Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2018 or the tax year beginning in 2018? See the instructions for Part XIV. If "Yes," complete Part XIV
10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses

Table with 3 columns: Question Number, Yes, No. Rows: 1a X, 1b X, 1c X, 2 X, 3 X, 4a X, 4b N/A, 5 X, 6 X, 7 X, 8b X, 9 X, 10 X

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

- 11 At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule. See instructions
- 12 Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If "Yes," attach statement. See instructions
- 13 Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application?
Website address **www.onionfoundation.org**
- 14 The books are in care of **Frederick Onion** Telephone no. **(207) 636-7353**
Located at **414 Hardscrabble Road, Wayne, ME** ZIP+4 **04284**

	Yes	No
11		X
12		X
13	X	

15 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041 - check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year **15** N/A

- 16 At any time during calendar year 2018, did the foundation have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a bank, securities, or other financial account in a foreign country?
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114. If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country

	Yes	No
16		X

Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required

File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the "Yes" column, unless an exception applies.

- 1a During the year, did the foundation (either directly or indirectly):
 - (1) Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person? Yes No
 - (2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person? Yes No
 - (3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person? Yes No
 - (4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person? Yes No
 - (5) Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)? Yes No
 - (6) Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (Exception. Check "No" if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days.) Yes No
- b If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)-(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance? See instructions Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance, check here **N/A**
- c Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2018? **1c** X
- 2 Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5)):
 - a At the end of tax year 2018, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2018? Yes No
If "Yes," list the years
 - b Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer "No" and attach statement - see instructions.) **N/A** **2b**
 - c If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here.
- 3a Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year? Yes No
- b If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2018 as a result of (1) any purchase by the foundation or disqualified persons after May 26, 1969; (2) the lapse of the 5-year period (or longer period approved by the Commissioner under section 4943(c)(7)) to dispose of holdings acquired by gift or bequest; or (3) the lapse of the 10-, 15-, or 20-year first phase holding period? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2018.) **N/A** **3b**
- 4a Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes? **4a** X
- b Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2018? **4b** X

	Yes	No
1b		
1c		X
2b		
3b		
4a		X
4b		X

Part VII B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required (continued)

- 5a During the year, did the foundation pay or incur any amount to:
- (1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))? Yes No
 - (2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955); or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive? Yes No
 - (3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes? Yes No
 - (4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 4945(d)(4)(A)? See instructions Yes No
 - (5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals? Yes No
- b If any answer is "Yes" to 5a(1)-(5), did any of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance? See instructions Yes No
 Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance, check here N/A
- c If the answer is "Yes" to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant? Yes No
 If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945-5(d). N/A
- 6a Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? Yes No
- b Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? Yes No
 If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870. N/A
- 7a At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? Yes No
- b If "Yes," did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction? Yes No
 N/A
- 8 Is the foundation subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year? Yes No

	Yes	No
5b		
6b		X
7b		

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors

1 List all officers, directors, trustees, and foundation managers and their compensation.

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
Frederick Onion 414 Hardscrabble Road Wayne, ME 04284	Co-Director 1.00	0.	0.	0.
Susan Onion 414 Hardscrabble Road Wayne, ME 04284	Co-Director 1.00	0.	0.	0.

2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1). If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
NONE				

Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000 0

Part VIII

Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors (continued)

3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services. If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
Crewe Advisors - 136 E South Temple, Suite 2400, Salt Lake City, UT 84111-11	Investment Advisory	71,522.

Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services ▶ 0

Part IX-A

Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc.	Expenses
1 N/A	
2	
3	
4	

Part IX-B

Summary of Program-Related Investments

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2.	Amount
1 N/A	
2	
All other program-related investments. See instructions.	
3	

Total. Add lines 1 through 3 ▶ 0.

Part X Minimum Investment Return (All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see instructions.)

1 Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes:			
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities	1a	4,689,402.
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	700,676.
c	Fair market value of all other assets	1c	414,812.
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	5,804,890.
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	1e	0.
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	0.
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	5,804,890.
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	87,073.
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	5,717,817.
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6	285,891.

Part XI Distributable Amount (see instructions) (Section 4942(j)(3) and (j)(5) private operating foundations and certain foreign organizations, check here and do not complete this part.)

1	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6	1	285,891.
2a	Tax on investment income for 2018 from Part VI, line 5	2a	
b	Income tax for 2018. (This does not include the tax from Part VI.)	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	0.
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	285,891.
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	0.
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	285,891.
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	6	0.
7	Distributable amount as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	7	285,891.

Part XII Qualifying Distributions (see instructions)

1 Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc., purposes:			
a	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc. - total from Part I, column (d), line 26	1a	601,129.
b	Program-related investments - total from Part IX-B	1b	0.
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	2	
3 Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the:			
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	3a	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	3b	
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8; and Part XIII, line 4	4	601,129.
5	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income. Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b	5	0.
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	601,129.

Note: The amount on line 6 will be used in Part V, column (b), in subsequent years when calculating whether the foundation qualifies for the section 4940(e) reduction of tax in those years.

Part XIII Undistributed Income (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2017	(c) 2017	(d) 2018
1 Distributable amount for 2018 from Part XI, line 7				285,891.
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2018				
a Enter amount for 2017 only			0.	
b Total for prior years:		0.		
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2018:				
a From 2013				
b From 2014				
c From 2015				
d From 2016	198,731.			
e From 2017	145,777.			
f Total of lines 3a through e	344,508.			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2018 from Part XII, line 4: ▶ \$	601,129.			
a Applied to 2017, but not more than line 2a			0.	
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required - see instructions)		0.		
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required - see instructions)	0.			
d Applied to 2018 distributable amount				285,891.
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	315,238.			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2018 (if an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (e))	0.			0.
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:	659,746.			
a Corpus. Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e. Subtract line 5				
b Prior years' undistributed income. Subtract line 4b from line 2b		0.		
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed		0.		
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b. Taxable amount - see instructions		0.		
e Undistributed income for 2017. Subtract line 4a from line 2a. Taxable amount - see instr.			0.	
f Undistributed income for 2018. Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1. This amount must be distributed in 2019				0.
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 1711(h)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (Election may be required - see instructions)	0.			
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2013 not applied on line 5 or line 7	0.			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2019. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	659,746.			
10 Analysis of line 9:				
a Excess from 2014				
b Excess from 2015				
c Excess from 2016	198,731.			
d Excess from 2017	145,777.			
e Excess from 2018	315,238.			

Part XIV Private Operating Foundations (see instructions and Part VII-A, question 9) N/A

1 a If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2018, enter the date of the ruling ▶
 b Check box to indicate whether the foundation is a private operating foundation described in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5)

	Tax year				(e) Total
	(a) 2018	(b) 2017	Prior 3 years		
			(c) 2016	(d) 2015	
2 a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed					
b 85% of line 2a					
c Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed					
d Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities					
e Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities. Subtract line 2d from line 2c					
3 Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon:					
a "Assets" alternative test - enter:					
(1) Value of all assets					
(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)					
b "Endowment" alternative test - enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed					
c "Support" alternative test - enter:					
(1) Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties)					
(2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii)					
(3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization					
(4) Gross investment income					

Part XV Supplementary Information (Complete this part only if the foundation had \$5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year-see instructions.)

1 **Information Regarding Foundation Managers:**
 a List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than \$5,000). (See section 507(d)(2))

See Statement 10

b List any managers of the foundation who own 10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the ownership of a partnership or other entity) of which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest.

None

2 **Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc., Programs:**
 Check here if the foundation only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds. If the foundation makes gifts, grants, etc., to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d.

a The name, address, and telephone number or email address of the person to whom applications should be addressed:
Statement 12

b The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include:
Statement 12

c Any submission deadlines:
Statement 12

d Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors:
Statement 12

Part XV Supplementary Information (continued)

3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
a Paid during the year				
30 Mile River Watershed Association P.O. Box 132 Mount Vernon, ME 04352	N/A	PC	General Purpose	10,000.
317 Main Community Music Center 317 Main Street Yarmouth, ME 04096	N/A	PC	General Purpose	15,000.
Albiston Foundation 6027 Village on the Green, #130 Carrabassett Valley, ME 04947	N/A	PC	General Purpose	5,000.
Appalachian Mountain Club 10 City Square Boston, MA 02129	N/A	PC	General Purpose	13,000.
ArtVan 14 Maine St., Box 77 Brunswick, ME 04011	N/A	PC	General Purpose	10,000.
Total See continuation sheet(s) ▶ 3a				577,600.
b Approved for future payment				
None				
Total ▶ 3b				0.

Part XV Supplementary Information**3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year (Continuation)**

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Bangor School Department 73 Harlow Street Bangor, ME 04401	N/A	GOV	General Purpose	700.
Bangor Symphony Orchestra P.O. Box 1441 Bangor, ME 04402	N/A	PC	General Purpose	10,000.
Bates Dance Festival 305 College Street Lewiston, ME 04240	N/A	PC	General Purpose	10,000.
Bay Chamber Concerts, Inc. 18 Central Street Rockport, ME 04856	N/A	PC	General Purpose	10,000.
Bicycle Coalition of Maine P.O. Box 15272 Portland, ME 04112	N/A	PC	General Purpose	15,000.
Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences 60 Bigelow Drive East Boothbay, ME 04544	N/A	PC	General Purpose	7,500.
Boys & Girls Clubs of Southern Maine P.O. Box 7830 Portland, ME 04112	N/A	PC	General Purpose	10,000.
Canal Elementary School 102 Glenwood Avenue Westbrook, ME 04092	N/A	PC	General Purpose	700.
Center for Maine Contemporary Art 21 Winter Street Rockland, ME 04841	N/A	PC	General Purpose	5,000.
Central Maine NEMBA 95 Jackman Mills Road Fayette, ME 04349	N/A	PC	General Purpose	5,000.
Total from continuation sheets				524,600.

Part XV Supplementary Information

3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year (Continuation)				
Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
China Middle School 773 Lakeview Drive South China, ME 04358	N/A	GOV	General Purpose	700.
China Primary School 763 Lakeview Drive South China, ME 04358	N/A	GOV	General Purpose	700.
Coastal Mountains Land Trust 101 Mount Battie Street Camden, ME 04843	N/A	PC	General Purpose	10,000.
Cobbosee Watershed District 167 Main Street Winthrop, ME 04364	N/A	PC	General Purpose	12,000.
Continuum Arts Collective 76 Lower Main Street North Berwick, ME 03906	N/A	PC	General Purpose	8,000.
Downeast Lakes Land Trust 4 Water Street Grand Lake Stream, ME 04668	N/A	PC	General Purpose	7,500.
Eastport Arts Center 36 Washington Street Eastport, ME 04631	N/A	PC	General Purpose	10,000.
Friends of Baxter State Park P.O. Box 322 Belfast, ME 04915	N/A	PC	General Purpose	7,500.
Friends of the Cobbosee Watershed P.O. Box 5003 Augusta, ME 04332	N/A	PC	General Purpose	10,000.
From the Top 140 Clarendon Street, Suite 301 Boston, MA 02116	N/A	PC	General Purpose	10,000.
Total from continuation sheets				

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3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year (Continuation)

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Gardiner Regional Middle School 161 Cobbossee Avenue Gardiner, ME 04345	N/A	GOV	General Purpose	700.
Georges River Land Trust 8 N Main St Suite 200 Rockland, ME 04841	N/A	PC	General Purpose	5,000.
Great Works Regional Land Trust P.O. Box 151 South Berwick, ME 03908	N/A	PC	General Purpose	10,000.
Gulf of Maine Research Institute 350 Commercial Street Portland, ME 04101	N/A	PC	General Purpose	10,000.
Hall-Dale Elementary School Parent Teacher Org 26 Garden Lane Hallowell, ME 04347	N/A	PC	General Purpose	700.
Herring Gut Learning Center P.O. Box 286 Port Clyde, ME 04855	N/A	PC	General Purpose	10,000.
Island Institute 386 Main Street Rockland, ME 04841	N/A	PC	General Purpose	10,000.
Johnson Hall, Inc. 280 Water Street Gardiner, ME 04345	N/A	PC	General Purpose	7,000.
Lakes Environmental Association 230 Main Street Bridgton, ME 04009	N/A	PC	General Purpose	10,000.
Mahoosuc Land Trust P.O. Box 981 Bethel, ME 04217	N/A	PC	General Purpose	8,000.
Total from continuation sheets				

Part XV Supplementary Information**3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year (Continuation)**

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Mahoosuc Pathways P.O. Box 572 Bethel, ME 04217	N/A	PC	General Purpose	10,000.
Maine Academy of Modern Music 125 Presumpscot Street Portland, ME 04103	N/A	PC	General Purpose	7,500.
Maine Appalachian Trail Club, Inc. P.O. Box 7564 Portland, ME 04112	N/A	PC	General Purpose	10,000.
Maine Appalachian Trail Land Trust P.O. Box 761 Portland, ME 04104	N/A	PC	General Purpose	5,000.
Maine Audubon Society 20 Gilsland Farm Road Falmouth, ME 04105	N/A	PC	General Purpose	15,000.
Maine Conservation Alliance 295 Water Street, Suite 9 Augusta, ME 04330	N/A	PC	General Purpose	7,500.
Maine Discovery Museum 74 Main Street Bangor, ME 04401	N/A	PC	General Purpose	8,000.
Maine Environmental Education Association 31 Woodside Road Brunswick, ME 04011	N/A	PC	General Purpose	13,000.
Maine Film Center 10 Water Street, Suite 106 Waterville, ME 04901	N/A	PC	General Purpose	10,000.
Maine Public Broadcasting Network 1450 Lisbon Street Lewiston, ME 04240	N/A	PC	General Purpose	15,000.
Total from continuation sheets				

Part XV Supplementary Information

3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year (Continuation)				
Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
Maine School Administrative District 1 79 Blake Street, Suite #1 Presque Isle, ME 04769	N/A	GOV	General Purpose	700.
Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program 24 Maple Hill Road Auburn, ME 04210	N/A	PC	General Purpose	15,000.
Mast Landing School Library 116 Mollymauk Lane Freeport, ME 04032	N/A	PC	General Purpose	700.
Messalonskee High School 131 Messalonskee High Drive Oakland, ME 04963	N/A	GOV	General Purpose	500.
Midcoast Conservancy P.O. Box 439 Edgecomb, ME 04556	N/A	PC	General Purpose	10,000.
Midcoast Symphony Orchestra P.O. Box 86 Brunswick, ME 04011	N/A	PC	General Purpose	3,000.
MSAD 33 443 US Route 1 Frenchville, ME 04745	N/A	GOV	General Purpose	700.
MSAD 42 26 Pleasant Street Mars Hill, ME 04758	N/A	GOV	General Purpose	700.
MSAD 53 167 School Street Pittsfield, ME 04967	N/A	GOV	General Purpose	700.
Natural Resources Council of Maine 3 Wade Street Augusta, ME 04330	N/A	PC	General Purpose	7,500.
Total from continuation sheets				

Part XV Supplementary Information**3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year (Continuation)**

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
New England Forestry Foundation, Inc. P.O. Box 1346 Littleton, ME 01460	N/A	PC	General Purpose	8,000.
New England Grassroots Environment Fund P.O. Box 611 New Market, NH 03857	N/A	PC	General Purpose	15,000.
Palaver Strings 539 Tremont Street, Studio 417 Boston, MA 02116	N/A	PC	General Purpose	7,500.
Pemetic Elementary School 327 Main Street Southwest Harbor, ME 04679	N/A	GOV	General Purpose	700.
Portland Museum of Art 7 Congress Square Portland, ME 04101	N/A	PC	General Purpose	7,500.
Portland Ovations 50 Monument Square, 2nd Floor Portland, ME 04101	N/A	PC	General Purpose	15,000.
Portland Stage Company, Inc. P.O. Box 1458 Portland, ME 04104	N/A	PC	General Purpose	12,000.
Portland Symphony Orchestra 50 Monument Sq., 2nd floor Portland, ME 04101	N/A	PC	General Purpose	20,000.
RSU 18 41 Heath Street Oakland, ME 04963	N/A	GOV	General Purpose	700.
Sanford Schools 708 Main Street Sanford, ME 04073	N/A	GOV	General Purpose	700.
Total from continuation sheets				

Part XV Supplementary Information

3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year (Continuation)				
Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
Schoodic Arts for All 427 Main Street Winter Harbor, ME 04693	N/A	PC	General Purpose	7,500.
Southern Aroostook Community School 922 Dyer Brook Road Dyer Brook, ME 04747	N/A	GOV	General Purpose	700.
Speaking Up for Us 225 Western Avenue, Suite 4 Augusta, ME 04330	N/A	PC	General Purpose	5,000.
Teens to Trails 98 Maine Street Brunswick, ME 04011	N/A	PC	General Purpose	10,000.
The Ecology School 8 Morris Avenue Saco, ME 04072	N/A	PC	General Purpose	10,000.
The Public Theater 31 Maple Street Lewiston, ME 04240	N/A	PC	General Purpose	10,000.
The Theater Project 14 School Street Brunswick, ME 04011	N/A	PC	General Purpose	10,000.
Tree Street Youth 144 Howe Street Lewiston, ME 04240	N/A	PC	General Purpose	10,000.
Waldo Skillin Elementary School 180 Wescott Road South Portland, ME 04106	N/A	PC	General Purpose	700.
Warren Community School 117 Eastern Road Warren, ME 04864	N/A	PC	General Purpose	700.
Total from continuation sheets				

Part XV Supplementary Information

3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year (Continuation)				
Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
Waterfall Arts 256 High Street Belfast, ME 04915	N/A	PC	General Purpose	10,000.
Yarmouth High School 286 W Elm Street Yarmouth, ME 04096	N/A	GOV	General Purpose	700.
Total from continuation sheets				

Part XVI-A Analysis of Income-Producing Activities

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated	Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(e) Related or exempt function income
	(a) Business code	(b) Amount	(c) Exclu- sion code	(d) Amount	
1 Program service revenue:					
a _____					
b _____					
c _____					
d _____					
e _____					
f _____					
g Fees and contracts from government agencies					
2 Membership dues and assessments					
3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments					
4 Dividends and interest from securities			14	106,344.	
5 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate:					
a Debt-financed property					
b Not debt-financed property					
6 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property					
7 Other investment income					
8 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory			18	11,523.	
9 Net income or (loss) from special events					
10 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory					
11 Other revenue:					
a <u>From Passthrough K-1</u>			14	-90,397.	
b _____					
c _____					
d _____					
e _____					
12 Subtotal. Add columns (b), (d), and (e)			0.	27,470.	0.
13 Total. Add line 12, columns (b), (d), and (e)					
(See worksheet in line 13 instructions to verify calculations.)				13	27,470.

Part XVI-B Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes

Line No. ▼	Explain below how each activity for which income is reported in column (e) of Part XVI-A contributed importantly to the accomplishment of the foundation's exempt purposes (other than by providing funds for such purposes).

Part XVII Information Regarding Transfers to and Transactions and Relationships With Noncharitable Exempt Organizations

1 Did the organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with any other organization described in section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3) organizations) or in section 527, relating to political organizations?
a Transfers from the reporting foundation to a noncharitable exempt organization of:
(1) Cash
(2) Other assets
b Other transactions:
(1) Sales of assets to a noncharitable exempt organization
(2) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization
(3) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets
(4) Reimbursement arrangements
(5) Loans or loan guarantees
(6) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations
c Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees
d If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," complete the following schedule. Column (b) should always show the fair market value of the goods, other assets, or services given by the reporting foundation.

Table with 4 columns: (a) Line no, (b) Amount involved, (c) Name of noncharitable exempt organization, (d) Description of transfers, transactions, and sharing arrangements. Row 1 contains 'N/A'.

2a Is the foundation directly or indirectly affiliated with, or related to, one or more tax-exempt organizations described in section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) or in section 527?
b If "Yes," complete the following schedule.

Table with 3 columns: (a) Name of organization, (b) Type of organization, (c) Description of relationship. Row 1 contains 'N/A'.

Sign Here 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 taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge
Signature of officer or trustee: Frederick A. Onion
Date: 11/06/2019
Title: Co-Director

Paid Preparer Use Only Print/Type preparer's name: Courtney Francis
Preparer's signature: [Signature]
Date: 11/01/19
Check if self-employed:
PTIN: P02032546
Firm's name: Baker Newman & Noyes
Firm's EIN: 01-0494526
Firm's address: P.O. Box 507, Portland, ME 04112
Phone no.: (207) 879-2100

Form 990-PF Dividends and Interest from Securities Statement 1

Source	Gross Amount	Capital Gains Dividends	(a) Revenue Per Books	(b) Net Investment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income
Investment Interest & Dividends	239,400.	133,056.	106,344.	106,344.	
To Part I, line 4	239,400.	133,056.	106,344.	106,344.	

Form 990-PF Other Income Statement 2

Description	(a) Revenue Per Books	(b) Net Investment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income
From Passthrough K-1	-90,397.	-90,397.	
Total to Form 990-PF, Part I, line 11	-90,397.	-90,397.	

Form 990-PF Legal Fees Statement 3

Description	(a) Expenses Per Books	(b) Net Investment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income	(d) Charitable Purposes
Legal Fees	185.	0.		185.
To Form 990-PF, Pg 1, ln 16a	185.	0.		185.

Form 990-PF Other Professional Fees Statement 4

Description	(a) Expenses Per Books	(b) Net Investment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income	(d) Charitable Purposes
Investment Advisory Fees	71,522.	71,522.		0.
Bookkeeping Fees	675.	338.		337.
To Form 990-PF, Pg 1, ln 16c	72,197.	71,860.		337.

Form 990-PF	Taxes			Statement	5
Description	(a) Expenses Per Books	(b) Net Invest- ment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income	(d) Charitable Purposes	
Excise Tax	8,544.	0.		0.	
Foreign Tax	2,259.	2,259.		0.	
To Form 990-PF, Pg 1, ln 18	10,803.	2,259.		0.	

Form 990-PF	Other Expenses			Statement	6
Description	(a) Expenses Per Books	(b) Net Invest- ment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income	(d) Charitable Purposes	
Office Expenses	1,073.	0.		1,073.	
Accrual to Cash Conversion	0.	0.		-297.	
To Form 990-PF, Pg 1, ln 23	1,073.	0.		776.	

Form 990-PF	Corporate Stock		Statement	7
Description	Book Value	Fair Market Value		
Charles Schwab #8458 - See Statement 11	2,544,204.	2,544,204.		
Charles Schwab #3086 - See Statement 11	1,274,573.	1,274,573.		
Total to Form 990-PF, Part II, line 10b	3,818,777.	3,818,777.		

Form 990-PF	Corporate Bonds		Statement	8
Description	Book Value	Fair Market Value		
Charles Schwab #8458 - See Statement 11	663,514.	663,514.		
Total to Form 990-PF, Part II, line 10c	663,514.	663,514.		

Form 990-PF Other Investments Statement 9

Description	Valuation Method	Book Value	Fair Market Value
Venture 51 Capital Partners	FMV	99,209.	99,209.
Keystone Private Income Fund, LP	FMV	315,603.	315,603.
Total to Form 990-PF, Part II, line 13		414,812.	414,812.

Form 990-PF Part XV - Line 1a Statement 10
List of Foundation Managers

Name of Manager

Frederick Onion
Susan Onion

☰ Spring & Fall Cycle Grants

Onion Foundation Spring/Fall Cycle Grants are intended to support organizations or projects that align with our mission priority areas: Conservation and Stewardship of the Natural Environment or the Promotion of Music and the Arts in the state of Maine.

- Spring & Fall Cycle Grants generally range between \$5,000 and \$20,000.
- Only one Spring/Fall grant from an organization will be awarded in any calendar year. Organizations become eligible again in January of each year.
- View previous grantees on our [grants awarded page](#).
- **Updated!** View and/or download the 2019 Application Questions:

[2019 Fall Onion Foundation Application Questions - PDF](#)

Steps To

Apply:

MISSION

Visit our Mission page to learn whether your organization or project aligns with the priorities of the Onion Foundation.

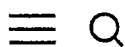
ELIGIBILITY QUIZ

Take our short Eligibility Quiz to determine if your organization is a good match to apply for a grant.

SCHEDULE A CALL

The Onion Foundation

EIN: 47-1289795



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Application Questions -
Microsoft Word

- Visit our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page for more info.



Optional: If your organization is a good match, consider scheduling a call with Tyler Kidder, Program Officer, to discuss your application and proposal. New applicants are strongly encouraged to discuss their application and ideas with foundation staff before applying.

LOGIN AND APPLY

Hover over the Grants tab above for types of grants and cycle dates. Apply for a grant using our online portal



**SUBMISSION DATES:
2019 SPRING CYCLE**

Application process opens: 2/1/2019

Applications due: 3/1/2019

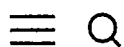
Notification of award & funds dispersed: April 2019



**SUBMISSION DATES:
2019 FALL CYCLE**

Application process opens: 9/3/2019

Applications due: 10/1/2019



Notification of award & funds



dispersed: November 2019



**SUBMISSION DATES:
2020 SPRING CYCLE**



**SUBMISSION DATES:
2020 FALL CYCLE**

Application
process opens: 2/3/2020

Applications due: 3/4/2020

Notification of award &
funds dispersed:
April 2020

Application process
opens: 9/1/2020

Applications due: 9/30/2020

Notification of award &
funds dispersed:
November 2020

Ready To Apply?

To submit an application, go to our [grant application site](#) to set up an account. If you already have an account, you can simply login with your current credentials. If you have any questions about setting up an account, you can view [this video tutorial](#).



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This document is intended to provide a preview of questions on the online grant application. When you are ready to submit an application during an open grant cycle, please do so by clicking 'Apply' on our website: www.onionfoundation.org

Application Onion Foundation

Onion Foundation: Fall Grant Cycle (2019)

Proposal Details

Proposals are due October 1, 2019

The Onion Foundation accepts applications across all mission areas (Music, Arts, Environment, Healthy Living) during Spring/Fall granting cycles.

Project Title*

A concise phrase or statement between 5 and 40 words (80 characters). This will be used to identify the project in communications and reporting. No punctuation necessary.

For Example:

Instead of:

We will encourage youth to ski through free access to local ski areas.

Try:

Free Youth Ski Program

Character Limit: 80

Project Description

Describe or summarize your project in one or two concise sentences.

(If general operating support for your program, please indicate) [200 characters]

Character Limit: 200

Project Focus Area(s)*

Please select the focus area(s) the project addresses.

Choices

- Arts
- Music

- Environment
- Climate Change
- Healthy Living
- Food Systems

Is this a new project?*

Choices

yes no

Proposal Summary*

Please describe your project. If funds are intended for operational support, describe your general programming.

*3,400 characters is approximately 550 words or about one page, single spaced with 12 point font.

Character Limit: 3400

Online Resources

If applicable, you may provide link(s) to online resources that will help us better understand your project.

Character Limit: 250

Project Start Date* *Character Limit: 10*

Project End Date* *Character Limit: 10*

Will your project support or serve any of Maine's underserved communities or groups?*

Choices

- People living in remote, rural areas
- People living in poverty
- Racial minority groups
- Aging population: 65+ yrs
- Youth
- Immigrants, Refugees and Asylees
- LGBTQ
- Other
- No specific population

Population Impacted and/or Served*

Tell us more: describe the community or people who will be most impacted by your project or organization.

Character Limit: 750

How is the population you are impacting involved in and included in the work?*

What leadership roles are held by members of the population or group served?

Choices

- Board Member
- Paid Staff
- Volunteer
- Advisory (Please explain in field below)
- None
- Other (Please explain in field below)

If you clicked 'Other' or 'Advisory' above, explain roles held by members of the population impacted

[125 characters]

Character Limit: 125

Geographic Area Served

Please select the Maine county or counties impacted by the project.

Choices

Androscoggin County Aroostook County Cumberland County Franklin County Hancock County Kennebec County Knox County Lincoln County Oxford County Penobscot County Piscataquis County Sagadahoc County Somerset County Waldo County Washington County York County Entire State

Number of people served by this project.* *Character Limit: 50*

Project Goals & Anticipated Outcomes*

Please outline your project goals and anticipated outcomes. *2000 characters is approximately 300 words.

Character Limit: 2000

Goal Measurement*

Please explain how the project goals will be measured. *2000 characters is approximately 300 words

Character Limit: 2000

Partnerships and Collaborations: Who is involved in the work?*

We are interested in the perspectives and skillsets represented in your effort as well as your commitment to collaboration and learning from others. Provide a short list of stakeholders and/or partners such as organizations, agencies, businesses, individuals, and communities. [250 characters]

Character Limit: 250

Organization Details

Organization's annual operating budget

Character Limit: 20

Organization Mission Statement* *Character Limit: 500*

Board Roster*

Please provide a board roster, including board members' professional affiliations. You may present this in any format that you have available.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Financial Details

Amount Requested for this Project from the Onion Foundation* *Character Limit: 20*

Total Project Budget

Leave blank if applying for general operational support.

Character Limit: 20

Project Budget Summary*

Please describe or summarize the budget for this proposal. You may also upload a project budget file below to supplement the description.

If you are requesting funds for general operational support, include a list of some of the ways the funds may be used such as rent, salary, printing costs, programming, or instructional

materials. Including a general list helps clarify your organization's greatest needs. It is not necessary to upload your organization's complete annual budget.

Character Limit: 750

Optional: Upload your project budget

File Size Limit: 3 MB

Please list any other sources of funding (existing or anticipated) for this project.[250 characters]

List may include grants or other financial or in-kind support from foundations, donors, fee-for-service, or other contributions. [250 characters]

Character Limit: 250

Date of last funding from the Onion Foundation.

Character Limit: 100

Tax Status

Is your organization a 501(c)3 as designated by the IRS?*

Grants are only made to nonprofit charitable organizations that are tax exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or are fiscally sponsored by a 501(c)(3).

Choices

Yes

No

No, we operate under a fiscal agent

Fiscal Agent

If you organization operates under a fiscal agent, please provide the sponsor's name, contact information and upload a copy of your fiscal sponsorship agreement.

Character Limit: 250

Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement Upload

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Application Process

OPTIONAL: About how many hours did it take you to complete this application?

Character Limit: 100

OPTIONAL: Who worked on your application?

Please list anyone (names and/or organizational roles) who contributed to the completion of this application.

Character Limit: 250

OPTIONAL: Share feedback on the application process:

If you have any additional comments or feedback about the application process, please share them with us here to help us learn from your experience and improve our process.

Character Limit: 500

IMPORTANT:

Emails from the Onion Foundation grant portal come from this address: adminstrator@grantinterface.com. Please add this address to your email contacts to ensure emails (including confirmations and notices of award) from the Foundation appear in your inbox.

Thank you for your submission. We look forward to reading your proposal! All applicants will be notified of award status by mid November 2019.

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≡ Author Visit Grants



Author School Visit Mini Grants are intended to help k-12 schools fund authors who will share their writing processes, story development and research experiences, while inspiring students to read, write and/or illustrate. Although many authors are amazing inspirational speakers and have great messages to share, we are interested in highlighting the writing connection for students

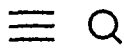
- Author Visit Grant award asks can range from \$300 to \$800.
- To be eligible for an Author Visit Grant from the Onion Foundation, the application must be initiated by someone affiliated with the school and the school must be in the state of Maine
- A portion of the author visit must happen during the school day. Eliminating transportation and location barriers assures access for children who otherwise might not be able to attend an author event.
- The event may occur in a public library or other local venue if students

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are transported to the event space during the school day.



- A school may apply for one author visit grant annually.
- View and/or Download the Author Visit Grant Application Questions:

[Author Visit Grant Application Questions - PDF](#)

[Author Visit Grant Application Questions - Microsoft Word](#)

2019 SUBMISSION DATES:

Application opens: 5/15/2019

Application due: 6/26/2019

Notification of awards: July 2019

Funds dispersed. September 2019

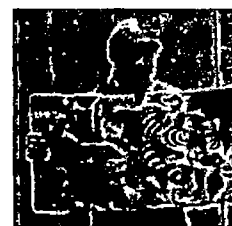
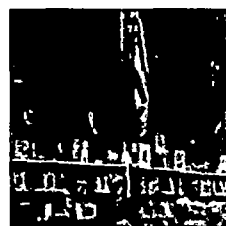
2020 SUBMISSION DATES:

Application opens: 5/11/2020

Application due: 6/25/2020

Notification of awards. July 2020

Funds dispersed September 2020





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CYNTHIA LORD

LYNN PLOURDE

CHRIS VAN DUSE



Ready To Apply?

To submit an application, go to our [grant application site](#) to set up an account. If you already have an account, you can simply login with your current credentials. If you have any questions about setting up an account, you can view [this video tutorial](#).

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Author Visit Grant (2019)

Onion Foundation

Proposal Details

Author visit grants will only be awarded to school hosted programs in the state of Maine.

Grant proposals are due June 26th, 2019.

Author you are proposing to host*

If you do not have a single author confirmed, list perspective authors you are considering.

Character Limit 250

When do you plan to host your author?*

If you do not have a confirmed date, make a general guess as to when you hope to have your author visit.

Character Limit: 10

Student Population*

What grade level(s) and how many students will be included in this visit?

Character Limit: 1000

Purpose and Outcomes*

Author visits serve many purposes. What is the primary purpose for this author visit and what outcomes do you hope to achieve?

Character Limit: 1250

Planning*

What activities do you have planned to promote, complement or follow-up your author visit?

Character Limit: 1250

Collaboration

Will you be collaborating with any other staff or programs in your school or in your community? If yes, who and how?

Character Limit: 750

What county(ies) does your school serve?*

Choices

Androscoggin

Aroostook
Cumberland
Franklin
Hancock
Kennebec
Knox
Lincoln
Oxford
Penobscot
Piscataquis
Sagadahoc
Somerset
Waldo
Washington
York

Have you previously hosted an author at your school?*

Choices

yes

no

If yes, who? When did this author visit?

Character Limit: 250

Financial Details

Amount Requested*

(Grant awards range between \$300 and \$800)

Character Limit: 20

What is the total cost for your author visit?*

Categorize your request into author fee and travel expenses.

Character Limit: 250

What other sources of funding do you have for this visit?*

Character Limit: 250

501c3 Designation Letter*

Please provide a copy of your school or organization's 501(c)(3) designation letter, a tax exemption certificate from the Maine Revenue Service, or written proof of your school's status as a tax exempt government entity.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

**Date of last funding from the Onion Foundation
(If previously funded)**

Character Limit: 250

Application Process

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE OPTIONAL

Please consider offering your feedback to help us improve our process. Thanks!

How many hours did it take to complete this application form?

Please enter the total number of hours needed to complete this application.

Character Limit: 30

Who worked on this proposal?

Character Limit: 250

How did you find out about the Onion Foundation Author Visit Grant?

Character Limit: 250

Feedback on Application

If you have any additional comments or feedback about the application process, please share them with us here.

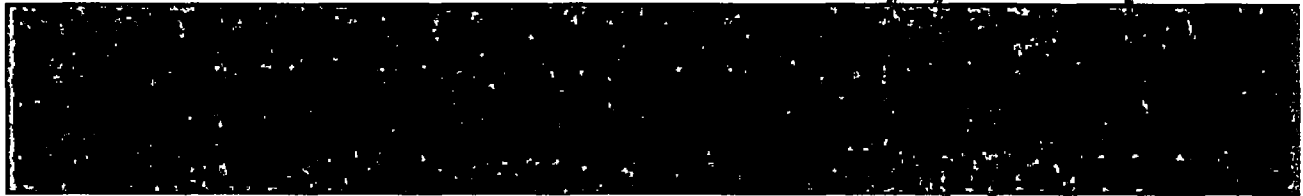
Character Limit: 500

Thank you for submitting a grant proposal for an author visit to your school. Grant award recipients will be notified by the end of July and award funds will be dispersed in early September.

≡ Discovery Grants



The Onion Foundation's Discovery



independent from the day-to-day functions of an organization, and to give leaders a chance to try out an idea

- Discovery Grant asks can range from \$500 to \$2,500
- Discovery Grants are one-time investments and are not designed to be re-granted for the same project in future years.
- Decisions will be announced to applicants within three weeks of application. If awarded, grant funds will be sent within two weeks of approval.
- Discovery Grant Projects must
 - be a new project, not yet started AND/OR

MISSION

Visit our Mission page to learn whether your organization or project aligns with the priorities of the Onion Foundation.

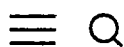
ELIGIBILITY QUIZ

Take our short Eligibility Quiz to determine if your organization is a good match to apply for a grant

SCHEDULE A CALL

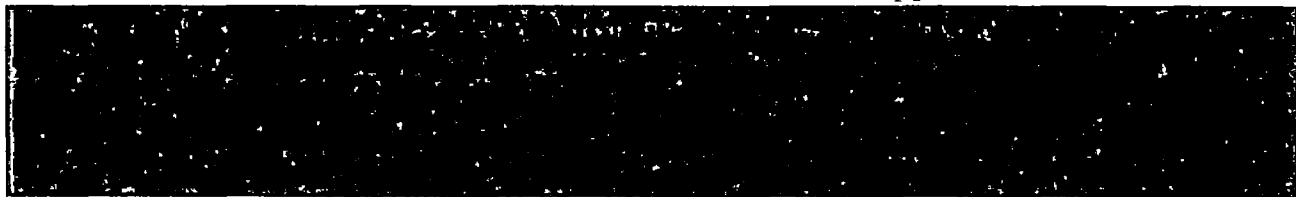
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- respond to an unforeseen challenge or opportunity AND/OR
- respond to a professional development opportunity or need

Optional: If your organization is a good match, consider scheduling a call with Tyler Kidder, Program Officer, to discuss your application and



- be small in scale
- take place within the next 12 months
- address a specific need
- benefit community members

ideas with foundation staff before applying

LOGIN AND APPLY

Hover over the Grants tab above for types of grants and cycle dates Apply for a grant using our online portal.

- [View previous grantees on our grants-awarded page](#)
- [View and/or Download the Discovery Grant Application Questions.](#)

[Discovery Grant Application Question List - PDF](#)

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- [Visit our Frequently Asked Questions page for more info.](#)

☰ SUBMISSION DATES:



Discovery grants are always open and may be applied for at any time during the year. Decisions are made on a rolling basis



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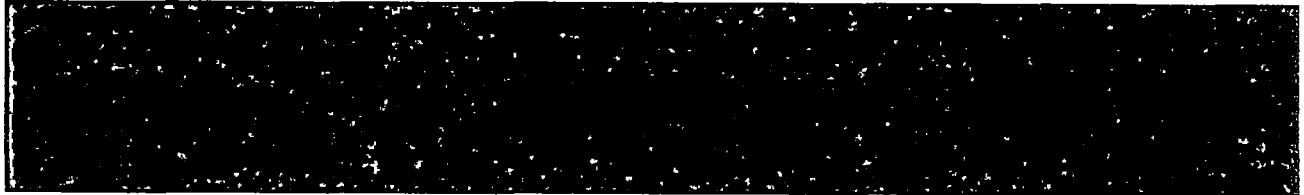
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This document is intended to provide a preview of questions on the online grant application. When you are ready to submit an application during an open grant cycle, please do so on the online grants portal: <https://www.onionfoundation.org/>

Onion Foundation: 2019 Discovery Grants

Proposal Details

Decisions will be announced within 3 weeks of application submission.

The Onion Foundation accepts applications across all mission areas (Arts, Music, Environment, Climate Change, Healthy Living, Food Systems) for Discovery Grants.

Character counts are designed to reduce time for applicants and to speed evaluations and decisions. Character counts include spaces.

Project Name*

Describe your project in one concise phrase or sentence. This will be used to summarize your project on our website and in future communications with you and your organization.
[100 characters]

Character Limit: 100

Project Focus Area(s)*

Please select the focus area(s) the project addresses.

Choices

Arts
Music
Environment
Climate Change
Healthy Living
Food Systems

SHORT Project Summary*

Please concisely describe the details of your project. [700 characters / 4-5 sentences]

Character Limit: 700

What challenge(s) or question(s) are being addressed by your project?* Why is your project important and innovative to your community?

[700 characters / 4-5 sentences]

Character Limit: 700

How is this project new and/or how does it respond to an unforeseen challenge or opportunity?

Discovery Grants are designed to help organizations spark something fresh and independent from their day-to-day operations or to solve a new problem, not to fill in funding for an existing project or budget item.

[500 characters / 3-4 sentences]

Character Limit: 500

Who is involved in the work?*

We are interested in the perspectives and skill sets represented. Provide a short list of stakeholders and/or partners.

[250 characters]

Character Limit: 250

Population Impacted and/or Served:

Describe the community or people who will be most impacted by your project or organization.

[500 characters / 3-4 sentences]

Character Limit: 500

OPTIONAL: Online Resources

If applicable, you may provide link(s) to online resources that will help us better understand your project.

Character Limit: 200

Project Start Date* *Character Limit: 10*

Project End Date* *Character Limit: 10*

Geographic Area Served*

Please select the Maine county or counties your project will impact

Choices

- Androscoggin
- Aroostook
- Cumberland
- Franklin
- Hancock
- Kennebec
- Knox
- Lincoln
- Oxford
- Penobscot
- Piscataquis
- Sagadahoc
- Somerset
- Waldo
- Washington
- York
- Entire State

OPTIONAL: Physical Location of the Project

In addition to the county information above, provide us with any additional helpful location details such as town, address, etc., if applicable.

[150 characters]

Character Limit: 150

Organization Details

Organization Mission Statement* *Character Limit: 500*

Financial Details

Amount Requested for this Project from the Onion Foundation* *Discovery Grants range from \$500-\$2,500*
Character Limit: 20

How will the money be used?*

Provide overall summary and details about total project budget and allocation of Onion Foundation funds. Below, you can also attach a budget if you wish (not required).
[300 Characters / 2-3 sentences]

Character Limit: 300

OPTIONAL: Upload your project budget

File Size Limit: 3 MB

Date of last funding from the Onion Foundation.

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Tax Status

Is your organization a 501(c)3 as designated by the IRS?*

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Choices

- Yes
- No
- No, we operate under a fiscal agent

If your organization operates under a fiscal agent, please provide the sponsor's name, contact information and upload a copy of your fiscal sponsorship agreement.

Character Limit: 250 File Size Limit: 2 MB

Reporting & Application Process

Reporting*

We'd like to hear how your project is progressing in about 6 months (if there is a better time for you, please let us know this if you are awarded!). Would you prefer to have a phone call or submit a simple written report?

Choices

- 20-Minute Phone or Video Call
3,000 character/One Page Written Report
- No Preference

OPTIONAL: How many hours did it take to complete this application?

Please enter a number of hours total needed to complete this application.

Character Limit: 6

OPTIONAL: Feedback on Application

If you have any additional comments or feedback about the application process, please share them with us here.

Character Limit: 500

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Thank you for your submission. We look forward to reading your proposal! We will respond with our decision within three weeks of application submission.

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