

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This settlement agreement is entered into by Jeffrey A. Mangan, in his official capacity as the current Montana Commissioner of Political Practices (hereinafter “the Commissioner”) and the following party: The Montana Growth Network (hereinafter “the Respondent”).

Montana law authorizes the Commissioner to file an action in district court in order to seek a civil penalty for violation of Montana’s campaign finance and practices laws and rules, §§ 13-37-124 and 13-37-128 Mont. Code Ann. In order to avoid a trial of this matter, the Commissioner and the Respondent enter into this agreement to resolve this matter.

1. The Commissioner acknowledges that three separate campaign finance and practices complaints were received by the Office of the Commissioner of Political Practices in this matter: the first from Mr. Brad Hamlett on January 11, 2013, the second from Mr. Dyrck Van Hyning on January 30, 2013, and the third from Ms. Robyn Driscoll on March 12, 2013 against the Respondent.
2. On December 17, 2015, the Commissioner issued a Summary of Facts and Finding of Sufficient Evidence to Show a Violation of Montana’s Campaign Practices Act, the Commissioner’s cause numbers COPP-2012-CFP-0053, COPP-2013-CFP-005 and COPP-2013-CFP-011 (hereinafter “Decision”). The Decision determined that the Respondent violated certain campaign finance and practices laws and administrative regulations.
3. On May 12, 2016, the Commissioner filed an enforcement civil action in the First Judicial District Court for the State of Montana, Lewis and Clark County, Cause No. CDV-2016-395 (hereinafter “Enforcement Action”).
4. The Respondent acknowledges that it has read and understands the above-noted Decision. The Respondent further acknowledges that it has read and understands the Commissioner’s District Court Complaint filed in the above-noted Enforcement Action.
5. The Respondent acknowledges that it has read and understands the following findings of fact contained in the Decision and District Court Complaint:
 - a. On May 15, 2012 the Office of the Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP) contacted Jason Priest of Montana Growth Network (MGN)

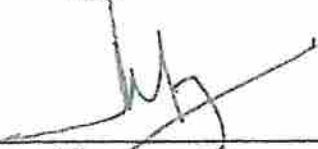
informing him of an informal complaint received by the COPP, and that MGN should register as a political committee as soon as possible.

- b. On May 17, 2012, MGN filed a Statement of Organization, establishing an incidental political committee with the Office of the Commissioner of Political Practices.
 - c. In the Sufficiency Decision the Commissioner considered the facts of the matter, and found sufficient facts to support adjudication of the separate findings against the Montana Growth Network campaign practice violations by:
 - i. failure to timely register as a political committee, Mont. Code Ann. §§ 13-37-201 and 225, and all associated administrative rules;
 - ii. failure to properly attribute communications, Mont. Code Ann. § 13-35-225;
 - iii. failure to timely and properly file campaign finance reporting and disclosure reports with the COPP, Mont. Code Ann. §§ 13-37-225, 226, 229, 230, and all associated administrative rules;
 - iv. allowing an uncertified individual file campaign finance reports on behalf of the committee, Mont. Code Ann. §§ 13-37-201 and 202, and all associated administrative rules;
 - v. failure to fully report and disclose independent expenditures in the 2012 election cycle, Mont. Code Ann. §§ 13-1-101(7)(a)(iii), 13-37-201, et seq. and all associated administrative rules; and
 - d. The Commissioner determines the Respondent should have registered, reported and disclosed their contributors and expenditures as an independent political committee, rather than as an incidental committee in violation of Mont. Code Ann. §§ 13-37-225, 228, 229, 230, 231 and Mont. Admin R. 44.10.327, 329.
6. The campaign finance reports filed by the Respondent in 2012 disclosed the following expenditures totaling \$47,102.88:
- a. \$41,865.28 in the Supreme Court primary.
 - b. \$5,237.60 in support of Jennifer Fielder, Wendy McKamey, Don Richmond, Roger Webb, and Malcom "Mack" Long.

7. Following discovery in the enforcement matter, the Commissioner found the Respondent expended at least the additional following unreported and disclosed amounts to influence the 2012 elections, totaling \$144,059.61:
 - a. \$79,200 in the Supreme Court race supporting Laurie McKinnon and opposing Ed Sheehy.
 - b. \$12,116.80 in the Senate District 2 race, supporting Dee Brown and opposing David Fern.
 - c. \$3,494 in the Senate District 6 race, supporting Janna Taylor and opposing Nancy Lindsey.
 - d. \$15,869.80 in the Senate District 7 race, supporting Jennifer Fielder and opposing Mark Sheets and John Marshall.
 - e. \$9,918.15 in the Senate District 10 race, supporting Wendy McKamey and opposing Brad Hamlett.
 - f. \$6,265.80 in the Senate District 17 race, supporting Don Richman and opposing Greg Jergeson.
 - g. \$3,079.50 in the Senate District 18 race, supporting John Brenden and opposing Julie French.
 - h. \$11,517.30 in the Senate District 24 race, supporting Roger Webb and opposing Wanda Grinde.
 - i. \$11,339.56 in the Senate District 26 race, supporting Malcom "Mack" Long and opposing Robyn Driscoll.
 - j. \$3,375.50 in the Senate District 27 race supporting Elsie Arntzen and opposing Gary Branae.
8. Montana Growth Network's 2012, Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax disclosed expenditures of at least \$495,301 in payments to SCRP Media, Persuasion Innovation from Florence, MT, and 47 North Communications of Helena, MT in 2012 for "Media Consulting". (The Form 990 is attached hereto.)
9. Respondent admits it violated certain campaign finance and practice laws and associated administrative rules.

10. Solely for the purpose of settling this matter and to avoid the expense of litigation, the Respondent agrees not to further contest this matter and pay a civil fine.
11. Simultaneously with the return of the executed settlement agreement, the Respondent will remit to the Commissioner \$30,000.00, on a check made out to: "Commissioner of Political Practices" and mailed to the Office of the Commissioner of Political Practices, 1209 8th Avenue, P.O. Box 202401, Helena, Montana, 59620.
12. In consideration of payment of the civil fine referenced above, the Commissioner agrees not to pursue any further administrative or court proceedings against the Respondent or other persons that may be named or unnamed in the Decision, based on the matters raised in the Decision and Enforcement Action.
13. The Respondent enters into this agreement to avoid further litigation and to fully resolve and settle the Decision and the Enforcement Action with the Commissioner. It is understood and agreed that the payment of the civil fine referenced above, and execution of this settlement agreement by the Respondent is accepted as the sole consideration for full satisfaction and compromise of the Decision and Enforcement Action.
14. The Commissioner and the Respondent fully and forever release and discharge each other and their respective officials, officers, members, employees, successors, assigns, agents, ostensible agents, attorneys, and representatives from any and all actions, claims, causes of action, demands, expenses, damages or injuries, whether asserted or unasserted, known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, arising out of the matters investigated by the Commissioner and summarized in *COPP v. Montana Growth Network*, First Judicial District Court, Lewis and Clark County, Cause No. CDV-2016-395 enforcement matter.
15. The Commissioner and the Respondent agree that the executed Settlement Agreement is a public document and will be made available to members of the public.
16. This settlement agreement, consisting of 5 pages, sets forth the entire agreement that has been reached between the Commissioner and the Respondent. No modification or amendment of this agreement will be effective unless both parties complete a subsequent written statement that is signed by both parties.

17. The parties agree to file a Stipulation for Dismissal with Prejudice requesting the Court to dismiss this matter with prejudice, each party to bear its own attorney fees and costs.



Jeffery A. Mangan
Commissioner of Political Practices

4-6-2018

Dated



Jason Priest
for the Montana Growth Network

4-11-18

Dated

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2012

Open to Public Inspection

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2012 calendar year, or tax year beginning 2012 , and ending 20	
B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization Montana Growth Network
	D Employer identification number 26-4448503
	E Telephone number 406-446-1787
	G Gross receipts \$ 906,723
F Name and address of principal officer: Jason Priest (address same as above)	
H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
H(b) Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)	
H(c) Group exemption number ▶	
I Tax-exempt status: <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) (4) ◀ (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527	
J Website: ▶ http://www.montanagrowthnetwork.org/	
K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶	
L Year of formation: 2009 M State of legal domicile: MT	

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <u>To further the common good and general welfare of the citizens of Montana by educating the public about policy issues, to facilitate community education and public awareness of the impact of government policy, and to promote legal and political means to encourage citizen participation in good government and free society.</u>
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) 3 4
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) 4 4
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2012 (Part V, line 2a) 5 1
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) 6 0
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 7a 0
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 7b 0	
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) 223 906,723
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) 223 906,723
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3) 50,000
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) 0
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e) 12,976
	18 Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) 12,976 829,010
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12 -12,753 77,713	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16) 0 77,713
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) 0 0
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20 0 77,713

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	Signature of officer	Date
	Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name Howard Skolnik	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P01064967
	Firm's name ▶ Howard Skolnik, CPA	Firm's EIN ▶		Phone no. 602-524-0974	
	Firm's address ▶ 11646 N. 129th Way, Scottsdale, AZ 85259				

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

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

To further the common good and general welfare of the citizens of Montana by educating the public about policy issues to facilitate community education and public awareness of the impact of government policy, and to promote legal and political means to encourage citizen participation in good government and free society.

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

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

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

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ 687,720 including grants of \$ 50,000) (Revenue \$)

The organization used mailings and advertising to educate the public about and advocate for public policy issues relevant to Montanans, including judicial fairness, energy and the environment, taxes and the economy, and healthcare.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 47,103 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

Advocate for candidates in local elections that shared the policy goals of the organization.

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

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

4e Total program service expenses 734,823

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>		✓
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)?	✓	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>	✓	
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>		
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>		✓
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i>		✓
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>		✓
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>		✓
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i>		✓
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>		✓
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i>		✓
b Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i>		✓
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i>		✓
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i>		✓
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>		✓
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>		✓
12 a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i>		✓
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i>		✓
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		✓
14 a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		✓
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV.</i>		✓
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>		✓
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i>		✓
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)</i>		✓
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>		✓
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>		✓
20 a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		✓
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No	
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to any government or organization in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	21	✓	
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III	22		✓
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	23		✓
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 25	24a		✓
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 Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25a		✓
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	25b		✓
26 Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highest compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II	26		✓
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	27		✓
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	28a		✓
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	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	28c		✓
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	29		✓
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	30		✓
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I	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	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	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	34		✓
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	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 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	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	37		✓
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	✓	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable		
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
1c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	✓	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return		
2b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)	✓	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		✓
3b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		✓
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ _____ See instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		✓
5b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		✓
5c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	✓	
6b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	✓	
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?		
7a			
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
7b			
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		
7c			
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
7d			
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		
7e			
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		
7f			
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
7g			
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		
7h			
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
8			
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
9a			
b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
9b			
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12		
10a			
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities		
10b			
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:		
a	Gross income from members or shareholders		
11a			
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)		
11b			
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year		
12b			
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.		
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.		
13a			
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans		
13b			
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand		
13c			
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		✓
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
14b			

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 to any question in this Part VI

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year		
	If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.		
b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent		
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a	The governing body?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

		Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?		
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).		
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► None
- 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
 Own website Another's website Upon request Other (explain in Schedule O)
- 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, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: ► JASON S PRIEST PO BOX 62 RED LODGE MT 59068 406-446-1787

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

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question 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) JASON S. PRIEST EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR- PRESIDENT/TREASURER	5	✓		✓				0	0	0
(2) JESS PETERSON DIRECTOR	0.5	✓						0	0	0
(3) JIM MCCRAY DIRECTOR	0.5	✓						0	0	0
(4) ED WALKER, DIRECTOR	5	✓						0	0	0
(5)										
(6)										
(7)										
(8)										
(9)										
(10)										
(11)										
(12)										
(13)										
(14)										

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(15)										
(16)										
(17)										
(18)										
(19)										
(20)										
(21)										
(22)										
(23)										
(24)										
(25)										
1b Sub-total										
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)							0	0	0	

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization None

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	3	✓
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	4	✓
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>	5	✓

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
SRCP Media 201 North Union Street, Suite 200 Alexandria, VA 22314	Media consulting	206,758
Persuasion Innovation 5472 Klements Ln Florence, MT 59833-6608	Media consulting	160,777
47N Communications 1820 N. Last Chance Gulch Helena, MT 59601	Media consulting	127,766

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 3

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question 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, 513, or 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	906,723			
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$					
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f ▶		906,723			
Program Service Revenue		Business Code				
	2a -----					
	b -----					
	c -----					
	d -----					
	e -----					
	f All other program service revenue .					
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f ▶						
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) ▶					
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds ▶					
	5 Royalties ▶					
		(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
	6a Gross rents					
	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 -----						
b -----						
c -----						
d All other revenue						
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶						
12 Total revenue. See instructions. ▶			906,723			

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 to any question 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 governments and organizations in the United States. See Part IV, line 21	50,000	50,000		
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States. See Part IV, line 22	0			
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	0			
4 Benefits paid to or for members	0			
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees				
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0			
7 Other salaries and wages	32,750	16,375	16,375	
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	0			
9 Other employee benefits	2,249	1,125	1,124	
10 Payroll taxes	3,191	1,595	1,596	
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	71,112		71,112	
c Accounting	368		368	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	0			
f Investment management fees	0			
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)	262,101	262,101		
12 Advertising and promotion	206,757	206,757		
13 Office expenses	1,408		1,408	
14 Information technology	2,991	2,991		
15 Royalties	0			
16 Occupancy	994		994	
17 Travel	16,746	16,746		
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	0			
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest	0			
21 Payments to affiliates	0			
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	0			
23 Insurance	1,211		1,211	
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 Issue education mailing	177,131	177,131		
b				
c				
d				
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	829,010	734,823	94,187	
26 Joint costs. 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 to any question in this Part X

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	0	1	77,713	
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments		2		
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3		
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4		
	5 Loans and other receivables from 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		6		
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7		
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8		
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9		
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a			
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b		10c	
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities		11		
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12		
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13		
	14 Intangible assets		14		
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		15		
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)		0	16	77,713	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	0	17		
	18 Grants payable		18		
	19 Deferred revenue		19		
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20		
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21		
	22 Loans and other payables to 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 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25		0	26	0
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.				
	27 Unrestricted net assets		27		
	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	0	32	77,713	
33 Total net assets or fund balances	0	33	77,713		
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	0	34	77,713		

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	906,723
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	829,010
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	77,713
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	0
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	0
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	0
7	Investment expenses	7	0
8	Prior period adjustments	8	0
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	77,713

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII

- 1** Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: Cash Accrual 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:
 Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis
- 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:
 Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis
- 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.
- 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? . . .
- 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

	Yes	No
2a		✓
2b		✓
2c		
3a		
3b		

Schedule B

(Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

▶ Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.

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2012

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

Montana Growth Network

26-4448503

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

501(c)(4) (enter number) organization

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust not treated as a private foundation

527 political organization

Form 990-PF

501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

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

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

General Rule

For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II.

Special Rules

For a section 501(c)(3) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3 % support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) and received from any one contributor, during the year, a contribution of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.

For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but these contributions did not total to more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$5,000 or more during the year ▶ \$

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

Name of organization Montana Growth Network	Employer identification number 26-4448503
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Part I **Contributors** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	PUBLIC INSPECTION COPY	\$ 150,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
2		\$ 50,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
3		\$ 10,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
4		\$ 25,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
5		\$ 25,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
6		\$ 20,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)

Name of organization

Employer identification number

Montana Growth Network

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Part I Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
7	\$ 8,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
8	\$ 100,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
9	\$ 100,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
10	\$ 90,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
11	\$ 25,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
12	\$ 200,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)

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Part I **Contributors** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
13	PUBLIC	\$ 25,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
(a) No.	INSPECTION	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
-----	COPY	\$ -----	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
(a) No.		(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
-----		\$ -----	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
(a) No.		(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
-----		\$ -----	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
-----	-----	\$ -----	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
-----	-----	\$ -----	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

OMB No. 1545-0047

2012

Open to Public Inspection

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

▶ **Complete if the organization is described below.** ▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**
▶ **See separate instructions.**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and B. Do not complete Part I-C.
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and C below. Do not complete Part I-B.
- Section 527 organizations: Complete Part I-A only.

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-A. Do not complete Part II-B.
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-B. Do not complete Part II-A.

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations: Complete Part III.

Name of organization	Employer identification number
Montana Growth Network	26-4448503

Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV.
- 2 Political expenditures ▶ \$ 47,103
- 3 Volunteer hours 0

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 ▶ \$
- 2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ▶ \$
- 3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? Yes No
- 4a Was a correction made? Yes No
- b If "Yes," describe in Part IV.

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$
- 2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$
- 3 Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ▶ \$
- 4 Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? Yes No
- 5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV.

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. If none, enter -0-.
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Part II-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

- A Check if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures).
- B Check if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1a	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)														
b	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)														
c	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)														
d	Other exempt purpose expenditures														
e	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)														
f	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.														
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g	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)														
h	Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-														
i	Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-														
j	If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No												

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)
(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the instructions for lines 2a through 2f on page 4.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) Total
2a	Lobbying nontaxable amount				
b	Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column (e))				
c	Total lobbying expenditures				
d	Grassroots nontaxable amount				
e	Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))				
f	Grassroots lobbying expenditures				

Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:			
a Volunteers?			
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
c Media advertisements?			
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
i Other activities?			
j Total. Add lines 1c through 1i			
2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

	Yes	No
1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3 Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No," OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."

1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	
2 Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
a Current year	2a	
b Carryover from last year	2b	
c Total	2c	
3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	
4 If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	
5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	

Part IV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1; Part I-B, line 4; Part I-C, line 5; Part II-A (affiliated group list); Part II-A, line 2; and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

Advocate for candidates in local elections that shared the policy goals of the organization.

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Part IV Supplemental Information *(continued)*

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**SCHEDULE I
(Form 990)**

**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments, and Individuals in the United States**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.
▶ Attach to Form 990.

OMB No. 1545-0047

2012

**Open to Public
Inspection**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

Montana Growth Network

Employer identification number

26-4448503

Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1** Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? Yes No
- 2** Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States.

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1) American Tradition Partnership 3 Bethesda Metro Center Ste 700 (2) Bethesda, MD 20814	26-2289809	501C-4	50,000	0	0		General support grant
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2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table 0

3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table 1

Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 22. Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

	(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance
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Part IV Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, Part III, column (b), and any other additional information.

Montana Growth Network maintains records in its corporate and accounting records regarding the amounts of grants made to organizations, the status of those organizations, and the approval of grants by the board of directors. Montana Growth Network receives year-end report on use of funds.

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

OMB No. 1545-0047

2012

**Open to Public
Inspection**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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.

Name of the organization

Montana Growth Network

Employer identification number

26-4448503

Part VI #11 - Electronic copies of this tax return have been circulated to members of its governing board.

Part VI #19 - Upon written request the Organization's governing documents, conflict of interest policy and financial statements will

be made available.

Part III - The organization changed its filing status from a 501 (c)(3) to 501(c) (4).

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By FARRAH LOONEY Deputy

**MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT,
LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY**

**The COMMISSIONER OF POLITICAL
PRACTICES OF THE STATE OF
MONTANA, by and through JEFF
MANGAN, in his official capacity as the
Commissioner of Political Practices,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**MONTANA GROWTH NETWORK,
INC.,**

Defendant.

Cause No. CDV 2016-395

Judge Kathy Seeley

**ORDER OF DISMISSAL WITH
PREJUDICE**

Based upon Stipulation and good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above-captioned cause is DISMISSED, and the same is hereby **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE**, as having been fully settled on the merits, each party to pay their own attorney's fees and costs.

DATED this 13 day of April, 2018.

KATHY SEELEY

The Honorable Kathy Seeley
District Court Judge

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STIPULATION FOR DISMISSAL
WITH PREJUDICE

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23 COME NOW, the Plaintiff, the Commissioner of Political Practices for the State of
24 Montana, and Defendant, Montana Growth Network, by and through their counsel of
25 record, pursuant to Rule 41(a)(1), M.R.Civ.P., and stipulate to the dismissal of the
26 above-referenced cause with prejudice as having been fully settled upon the merits. each
party to pay their own attorney's fees and costs.

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Stipulation for Dismissal with Prejudice

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DATED this 12 day of April, 2018.

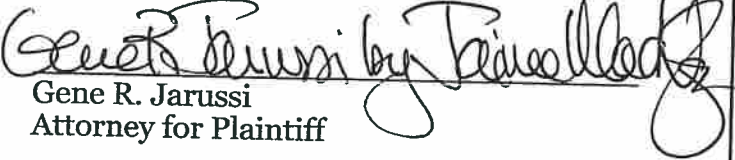
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