

Financial Statements
September 30, 2018 and 2017
Prairie Public Broadcasting, Inc.



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## **Independent Auditor's Report**

The Board of Directors Prairie Public Broadcasting, Inc. Fargo, North Dakota

## **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Prairie Public Broadcasting, Inc. (Organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of September 30, 2018 and 2017, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

## Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

## **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Prairie Public Broadcasting, Inc. as of September 30, 2018 and 2017, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Other Matters**

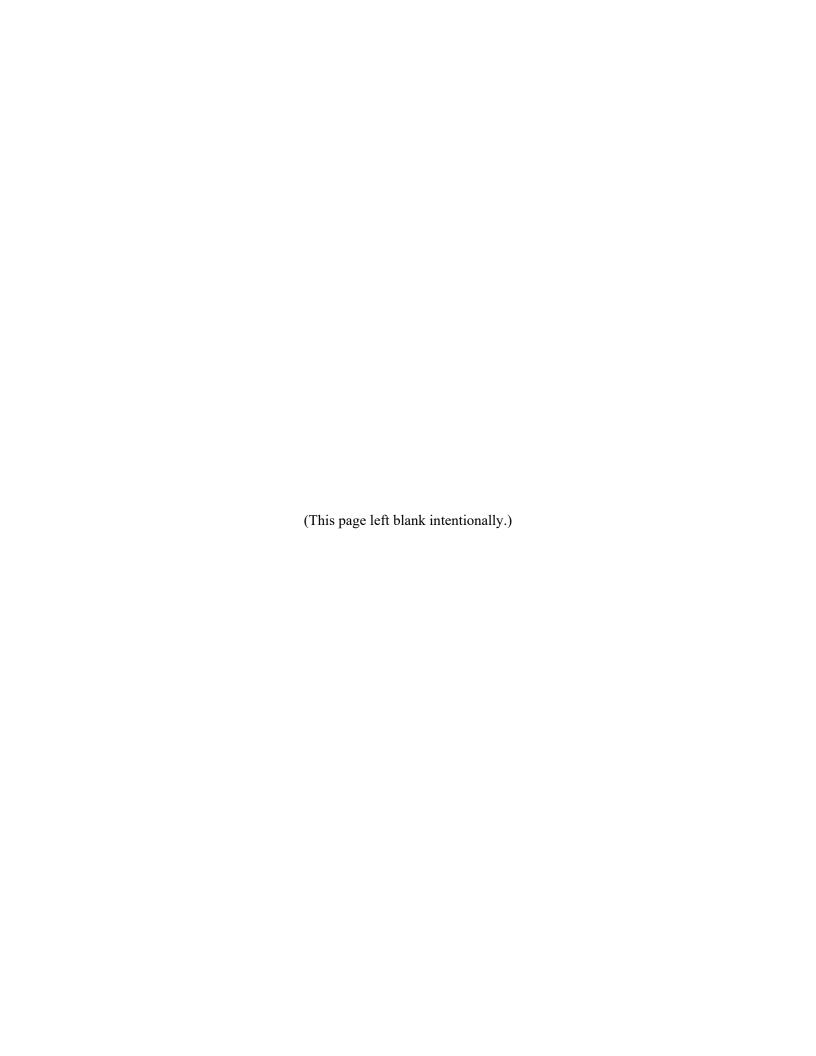
### Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplementary information (actual column) on pages 22 through 32 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary information (actual column) on pages 22 through 32 is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

The supplementary information (budget column) on pages 22 through 32 has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Fargo, North Dakota January 16, 2019

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	2018	2017
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,241,458	\$ 1,769,374
Grants receivable	394,059	329,651
Contributions receivable, net of allowance for uncollectible accounts of \$12,200 in 2018 and \$10,500 in 2017	402,434	348,718
Trade accounts receivable, net of allowance for uncollectible	402,434	340,710
accounts of \$19,500 in 2018 and \$19,800 in 2017	254,574	272,682
Inventory	16,050	25,170
Prepaid expenses	506,379	595,384
Total current assets	3,814,954	3,340,979
Property and Equipment, Net	10,321,590	9,127,767
Other Assets		
Board directed endowment	4,009,843	3,518,405
Investments	3,035,953	3,240,669
Patronage refunds receivable	603,914	581,618
Total other assets	7,649,710	7,340,692
Total assets	\$ 21,786,254	\$ 19,809,438

	2018	2017
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current Liabilities Current portion of deferred contract revenues Accounts payable Accrued liabilities Deferred grants revenues	\$ 6,750 487,204 640,290 630,055	\$ 6,750 156,403 623,593 674,126
Total current liabilities	1,764,299	1,460,872
Deferred Contract Revenues, Net of Current Portion	15,188	21,938
Total liabilities	1,779,487	1,482,810
Net Assets Unrestricted General reserves Board designated Property and equipment	7,971,892 4,009,843 7,750,336	7,813,571 3,518,405 6,765,117
Total unrestricted	19,732,071	18,097,093
Permanently restricted	274,696	229,535
Total net assets	20,006,767	18,326,628
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 21,786,254	\$ 19,809,438

		Unrestricted		emporarily Restricted		rmanently estricted		Total
Public Support and Revenue								
Members	\$	2,049,227	\$	_	\$	_	\$	2,049,227
Corporation for Public	Ψ	2,0 12,227	Ψ		Ψ		Ψ	2,0 .5,227
Broadcasting		1,503,264		-		-		1,503,264
Grants		314,912		2,290,745		-		2,605,657
State support		858,333		293,290		-		1,151,623
Underwriting		294,837		101,181		-		396,018
Fees		7,387		-		-		7,387
Gaming (net of prize payouts								
and cost of sales)		2,356,105		-		-		2,356,105
Other		400,351		-		45,161		445,512
Rents		679,652		-		-		679,652
Realized and unrealized gains and		254.102		0.014				262.007
(losses) on investments		254,183		8,814		-		262,997
Interest		104,411		3,763		-		108,174
Net assets released from restrictions		2 607 702		(2 (07 702)				
restrictions		2,697,793	-	(2,697,793)		<u>-</u>		
Total public support								
and revenue		11,520,455		_		45,161		11,565,616
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Expenses								
Program services								
Television		4,766,312		-		-		4,766,312
Radio		1,549,982				_		1,549,982
Total program services		6,316,294						6,316,294
Supporting services								
Development		433,112				_		433,112
General administration		1,446,720		_		_		1,446,720
General administration		1,440,720						1,440,720
Total support services		1,879,832		_		-		1,879,832
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Gaming and concessions		1,689,351		-				1,689,351
Total expenses		9,885,477						9,885,477
Revenues in Excess of Expenses								
Expenses and Increase in Net								
Assets		1,634,978		-		45,161		1,680,139
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Net Assets, Beginning of the Year		18,097,093		<u>-</u>		229,535		18,326,628
Net Assets, End of Year	\$	19,732,071	\$		\$	274,696	\$	20,006,767

		Jnrestricted		emporarily Restricted		rmanently Restricted		Total
Public Support and Revenue	<b>A</b>	4.004.000	•				Φ.	1 00 1 200
Members	\$	1,994,390	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,994,390
Corporation for Public		1 524 027						1 524 027
Broadcasting		1,524,927		-		-		1,524,927
Grants		428,058		202.005		-		428,058
State support		970,825		302,895		-		1,273,720
Underwriting		184,923		259,212		-		444,135
Fees		32,312		-		-		32,312
Gaming (net of prize payouts		2 265 500						2 265 500
and cost of sales)		2,365,508		-		20.000		2,365,508
Other		527,541		-		30,000		557,541
Rents		666,863		-		-		666,863
Realized and unrealized gains and		4-0.46-		4.4.004				467.000
(losses) on investments		450,167		14,921		-		465,088
Interest		75,583		2,564		-		78,147
Net assets released from				/				
restrictions		579,592		(579,592)				
Total public support								
and revenue		9,800,689		-		30,000		9,830,689
Expenses								
Program services								
Television		5,068,814		_		_		5,068,814
Radio		1,669,248						1,669,248
Total program services		6,738,062						6,738,062
Supporting services								
Development		468,193		_		_		468,193
General administration		1,463,016		_		_		1,463,016
Concrar administration		1,105,010						1,103,010
Total support services		1,931,209		-				1,931,209
Gaming and concessions		1,720,793						1,720,793
Total expenses		10,390,064			,			10,390,064
Revenues in Excess of (Less Than)								
Expenses and Increase (Decrease)								
in Net Assets		(589,375)		-		30,000		(559,375)
Net Assets, Beginning of the Year		18,686,468				199,535		18,886,003
Net Assets, End of Year	\$	18,097,093	\$		\$	229,535	\$	18,326,628

		2018		2017
Operating Activities				
Change in net assets	\$	1,680,139	\$	(559,375)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash				, ,
from operating activities				
Depreciation		1,365,520		1,418,457
Net change in unrealized gain and losses on investments		124,919		(273,537)
Net realized gains and losses on investments		(387,916)		(191,551)
Changes in assets and liabilities				
Grants receivable		(64,408)		32,802
Contributions receivable		(53,716)		(45,457)
Accounts receivable		18,108		61,002
Inventory		9,120		(5,730)
Prepaid expenses		89,005		(41,674)
Patronage refunds receivable		(22,296)		(27,831)
Accounts payable		330,801		19,802
Accrued liabilities		16,697		25,502
Deferred revenue	•	(50,821)	•	(136,703)
Net Cash from Operating Activities		3,055,152		275,707
Investing Activities				
Purchases and construction of property and equipment		(2,559,343)		(204,815)
Proceeds from sale of investments		4,522,637		3,198,422
Purchases of investments		(4,546,362)		(3,668,839)
Net Cash used for Investing Activities		(2,583,068)		(675,232)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents		472,084		(399,525)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year		1,769,374		2,168,899
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	\$	2,241,458	\$	1,769,374

# Note 1 - Principal Activity and Significant Accounting Policies

### **Organization and Nature of Operations**

Prairie Public Broadcasting, Inc. (Organization) is a trusted public service dedicated to building an exciting and productive future for the prairie and its people. The Organization offers a window on the world through national and regional television and radio programming; creates a forum for the most important issues facing our region with locally produced, topical documentaries; partners with others to foster education for all ages; and utilizes digital technology and web services to expand those valued services. Beginning with a single television transmitter in Fargo, the Organization has grown to become the premier broadcaster of public television and radio services throughout the prairie region.

The Organization operates nine non-commercial television stations, (KBME-DT – Bismarck, ND; KCGE-DT – Crookston, MN; KMDE-DT – Devils Lake, ND; KDSE-TV – Dickinson, ND; KJRE-DT – Ellendale, ND; KFME-TV – Fargo, ND; KFGE-TV – Grand Forks, ND; KSRE-DT – Minot, ND; and KWSE—DT – Williston, ND), and ten non-commercial public FM radio stations (KCND-FM – Bismarck, ND; KPPD-FM – Devils Lake, ND; KDPR-FM – Dickinson, ND; KDSU-FM – Fargo, ND; KFJM-FM – Grand Forks, ND; KUND-FM – Grand Forks, ND; KPRJ-FM – Jamestown, ND; KMPR-FM – Minot, ND; KPPW-FM – Williston, ND; and KPPR-FM – Williston, ND). The financial statements include the accounts of all affiliated stations operated by the Organization. The Organization raises funds through pledges, donations, and charitable gaming activities at several locations.

## **Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements of the Organization have been prepared on the accrual basis. The significant accounting policies followed are described below to enhance the usefulness of the financial statements to the reader.

## Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Organization considers all cash and highly liquid financial instruments with original maturities of three months or less, and which are neither held for nor restricted by donors for long-term purposes, to be cash and cash equivalents. Cash and highly liquid financial instruments restricted to capital expenditures, permanent endowment, or other long-term purposes of the Organization are excluded from this definition.

### **Grants Receivable**

The Organization receives grants from federal and private agencies for various programs. Grants receivable represents amounts requested from granting agencies for services performed. Grants receivable is reduced once the cash has been received from the granting agencies.

#### **Contributions Receivable**

Contributions receivable expected to be collected within one year are recorded at net realizable value. Contributions receivable expected to be collected in future years are initially recorded at fair value using present value techniques incorporating risk-adjusted discount rates designed to reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset. In subsequent years, amortization of the discounts is included in contribution revenue in the statement of activities. Management determines the allowance for uncollectable contributions receivable based on historical experience, an assessment of economic conditions, and a review of subsequent collections. Contributions receivable are written off when deemed uncollectable.

#### **Receivables and Credit Policies**

Trade receivables are uncollateralized customer obligations due under normal trade terms requiring payment within 30 days from the invoice date. The receivables are non-interest bearing. Payments of trade receivables are applied to the earliest unpaid invoices. The carrying amount of trade receivables is reduced by an amount that reflects management's best estimate of the amounts that will not be collected.

## **Inventory**

As of October 1, 2017, the Organization adopted Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2015-11, *Inventory:* Simplifying the Measurement of Inventory. This update requires inventory to be measured at the lower of cost or net realizable value. Net realizable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less reasonably predictable costs of completion, disposal and transportation. Adoption of this accounting standard is on a prospective basis.

Inventory includes gaming jar tickets, bingo paper, concession supplies and resale promotional items, and is stated at the lower of cost, determined on a first-in, first-out basis, or net realizable value.

## **Prepaid Expenses**

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items

## **Property and Equipment**

Property and equipment acquisitions in excess of \$1,000 for equipment and \$5,000 for buildings and land are recorded at cost, or if donated, at fair value on the date of donation. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets ranging from three to forty years, or in the case of leasehold improvements, the lesser of the useful life of the asset or the lease term. When assets are sold or otherwise disposed of, the cost and related depreciation is removed from the accounts, and any remaining gain or loss is included in the statements of activities. Costs of maintenance and repairs that do not improve or extend the useful lives of the respective assets are expensed currently.

Gifts of long-lived assets such as land, buildings, or equipment are reported as additions to unrestricted net assets, unless explicit donor stipulations specify how the donated assets must be used. Gifts of long-lived assets with explicit restrictions that specify how the assets are to be used and gifts of cash or other assets that must be used to acquire long-lived assets are reported as restricted net assets. Absent explicit donor stipulations about how long those long-lived assets must be maintained, expirations of donor restrictions are reported when donated or when acquired long-lived assets are placed in service.

The Organization reviews the carrying values of property and equipment for impairment whenever events or circumstances indicate that the carrying value of an asset may not be recoverable from the estimated future cash flows expected to result from its use and eventual disposition. When considered impaired, an impairment loss is recognized to the extent carrying value exceeds the fair value of the asset. There were no indicators of asset impairment during the years ended September 30, 2018 and 2017.

#### **Board Directed Endowment**

The Board Directed Endowment includes investments set aside by the Board of Directors. The earnings on these investments are available to support operations. The Board Directed Endowment is reflected as a noncurrent asset and a board designated investment in the accompanying financial statements.

### **Investments**

Investment purchases are recorded at cost, or if donated, at fair value on the date of donation. Thereafter, investments are reported at their fair values in the statement of financial position. Net investment gain/(loss) is reported in the statement of activities and consists of interest and dividend income, realized and unrealized gains and losses, less investment management and custodial fees.

## **Patronage Refund Receivable**

Patronage refund receivable represents undistributed balances held by utility cooperative organizations for the account of the Organization. These patronage refunds are distributed at the discretion of the cooperatives' management and/or boards of directors.

#### **Net Assets**

Net assets, revenues, gains, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

*Unrestricted Net Assets* – Net assets available for use in general operations. Unrestricted board-designated net assets consist of net assets designated by the Board of Directors for operating reserve and held in a quasi-endowment. Unrestricted net assets reserved for property and equipment represents property and equipment for engineering, radio and television broadcasting. The property and equipment are included in unrestricted net assets along with gaming and other equipment.

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets – Net assets subject to donor restrictions that may or will be met by expenditures or actions of the Organization and/or the passage of time, and certain income earned on permanently restricted net assets that has not yet been appropriated for expenditure by the Organization's Board of Directors.

The Organization reports contributions as temporarily restricted support if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets. When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Permanently Restricted Net Assets – Net assets whose use is limited by donor-imposed restrictions that neither expire by the passage of time nor can be fulfilled or otherwise removed by action of the Organization. The restrictions stipulate that resources be maintained permanently but permit the Organization to expend the income generated in accordance with the provisions of the agreements.

## **Revenue Recognition**

Revenue is recognized when earned. Program service fees and payments under cost-reimbursable contracts received in advance are deferred to the applicable period in which the related services are performed or expenditures are incurred. Contributions are recognized when cash, securities or other assets, an unconditional promise to give, or notification of a beneficial interest is received. Conditional promises to give are not recognized until the conditions on which they depend have been substantially met.

# **Fund Raising Costs**

The costs of fund raising are presented as development expenses included in support services on the statements of activities. There were no joint costs allocated to fund raising costs in either year presented. Fund raising expenses were approximately \$458,000 and \$492,000 for the years ended September 30, 2018 and 2017.

## Advertising

The Organization uses advertising to promote its programs. The costs of advertising and promotion are expensed as incurred. During 2018 and 2017, advertising and promotion costs totaled \$99,234 and \$111,888.

### **Income Taxes**

The Organization is organized as a North Dakota nonprofit corporation and has been recognized by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Organization is annually required to file a Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax (Form 990) with the IRS. In addition, the Organization is subject to income tax on net income that is derived from business activities that are unrelated to their exempt purposes. The Organization files an Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return (Form 990-T) with the IRS to report its unrelated business taxable income.

The Organization believes that it has appropriate support for any tax positions taken affecting its annual filing requirements, and as such, does not have any uncertain tax positions that are material to the financial statements. The Organization would recognize future accrued interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits and liabilities in income tax expense if such interest and penalties are incurred.

## **Gaming Taxes**

The state of North Dakota assesses a tax on gaming gross proceeds.

#### **Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates and those differences could be material.

#### **Financial Instruments and Credit Risk**

The Organization manages deposit concentration risk by placing cash, money market accounts, and certificates of deposit with financial institutions believed by management to be creditworthy. At times, amounts on deposit may exceed insured limits or include uninsured investments in money market mutual funds. To date, the Organization has not experienced losses in any of these accounts. Credit risk associated with accounts receivable and contributions receivable is considered to be limited due to high historical collection rates. Investments are made by diversified investment managers whose performance is monitored by management and the Board of Directors. Although the fair values of investments are subject to fluctuation on a year-to-year basis, management and the Board of Directors believe that the investment policies and guidelines are prudent for the long-term welfare of the Organization.

# Note 2 - Property and Equipment

Property and equipment consists of the following at September 30, 2018 and 2017:

	2018	2017
Land	\$ 680,971	\$ 680,971
Buildings and improvements	4,969,466	4,671,554
Vehicles and equipment	37,754,896	37,755,579
Construction in process	2,277,195	61,452
	45,682,528	43,169,556
Less accumulated depreciation	(35,360,938)	(34,041,789)
Net property and equipment	\$ 10,321,590	\$ 9,127,767

A significant portion of the Organization's equipment for producing and transmitting programs has been purchased with federal grant funds. Federal regulations require that the federal government be given a lien on such property. The lien is for a ten-year period beginning when the asset is placed in service. Depreciation expense on property and equipment totaled \$1,365,520 and \$1,418,457 for the years ended September 30, 2018 and 2017. Construction in progress at September 30, 2018 represents costs incurred for a new tower and antenna in Minot that is still in progress. The estimated cost to complete these projects are \$950,000, which will be funded through the Federal Communications Commission.

## Note 3 - Investments and Investment Income

#### **Board Directed Endowment**

The Board Directed Endowment investments at September 30, 2018 and 2017 are shown in the following table. Investments in fixed income mutual funds, equity securities, stock mutual funds, and alternative investments are stated at fair value. Investments in cash and cash equivalents are stated at cost plus accrued interest, if applicable.

	 2018	2017
Board Directed Endowment		
Fixed income mutual funds	\$ 1,046,557	\$ 843,362
Equity securities	975,327	779,657
Stock mutual funds	1,644,375	1,599,243
Cash and cash equivalents	28,419	20,803
Alternative investments	 315,165	275,340
	\$ 4,009,843	\$ 3,518,405

## **Investments**

Investments in corporate debt obligations, stock mutual funds, alternative investments, and other investments are stated at fair value. Investments in cash and cash equivalents and certificates of deposit are stated at cost plus accrued interest, if applicable. Investments include the following at September 30, 2018 and 2017:

	2018	2017
Investments		
Fixed income mutual funds	\$ 2,752,951	\$ 3,016,042
Endowment		
Fixed income mutual funds	101,962	73,013
Stock mutual funds	144,106	115,203
Cash and cash equivalents	1,607	2,025
Other	35,327	34,386
	\$ 3,035,953	\$ 3,240,669

## **Investment Income**

Investment income on investments, cash equivalents, and board directed investments consist of the following for the years ended September 30, 2018 and 2017:

	 2018	2017
Investment income	\$ 108,174	\$ 78,147
Realized gains Change in unrealized gains and losses	\$ 387,916 (124,919)	\$ 191,551 273,537
	\$ 262,997	\$ 465,088

# **Note 4 - Permanently Restricted Net Assets**

Permanently restricted funds consist of the following at September 30, 2018 and 2017:

	 2018	 2017
Investments to be held in perpetuity, the income from which is to be used to support operations	\$ 274,696	\$ 229,535

### Note 5 - Endowments

The Organization's endowment (Endowment) consists of funds established by donors to provide annual funding for specific activities and general operations. The Endowment also includes certain unrestricted net assets designated for endowment by the Board of Directors. Net assets associated with endowment funds are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

The Organization's Board of Directors has interpreted the North Dakota Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA) as requiring the preservation of the fair value of the original gift as of the gift date of the donor-restricted endowment funds, unless there are explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. At September 30, 2018 and 2017, there were no such donor stipulations. As a result of this interpretation, the Organization classifies as permanently restricted net assets (a) the original value of gifts donated to the Endowment, (b) the original value of subsequent gifts donated to the Endowment (including promises to give net of discount and allowance for doubtful accounts), and (c) accumulations to the endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument at the time the accumulation is added. The remaining portion of the donor restricted endowment is classified as temporarily restricted net assets until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the Organization in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence prescribed by UPMIFA.

The Organization considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds:

- The duration and preservation of the fund
- The purposes of the organization and the donor-restricted endowment fund
- General economic conditions
- The possible effect of inflation and deflation
- The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments
- Other resources of the organization
- The investment policies of the organization

At September 30, 2018 and 2017, the Organization had the following endowment net asset composition by type of fund:

0 4 1 20 2010	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
September 30, 2018 Board-designated endowment Donor-designated	\$ 4,009,843	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,009,843
endowment			274,696	274,696
	\$ 4,009,843	\$ -	\$ 274,696	\$ 4,284,539
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
September 30, 2017 Board-designated endowment Donor-designated	Unrestricted \$ 3,518,405		Restricted -	\$ 3,518,405
Board-designated endowment		Restricted	Restricted	

The following were the changes in the endowment net assets for the years ended September 30, 2018 and 2017:

	Unrestricted		Unrestricted Temporarily Restricted		Permanently Restricted		Total	
Balance as of September 30, 2016	\$	2,642,424	\$	_	\$	199,535	\$	2,841,959
September 30, 2010	Ψ	2,042,424	Ψ	_	Ψ	177,333	Ψ	2,041,737
Contributions		389,782		-		30,000		419,782
Investment gain		486,199		17,486		-		503,685
Amounts appropriated		-		(17,486)				(17,486)
Balance as of								
September 30, 2017		3,518,405		-		229,535		3,747,940
Contributions		190,999		-		45,161		236,160
Investment gain		300,439		13,672		-		314,111
Amounts appropriated		<u> </u>		(13,672)				(13,672)
Balance as of								
September 30, 2018	\$	4,009,843	\$	-	\$	274,696	\$	4,284,539

### **Board Designated Endowment Performance since Creation**

The performance of the board designated endowment since it was created by the Board of Directors is as follows:

Amount initially established in board designated endowment	\$ 250,000
Board designated contributions since creation Investment income, net, since creation	 2,601,621 1,158,222
Balance as of September 30, 2018	\$ 4,009,843

The board designated endowment is recorded at fair value. The investment income (losses) noted above include interest income, realized and unrealized gains and losses, and fees.

The Organization has a budget which provides for an improvement in working capital position. The improvement goal was set at 1% of revenues from ongoing operating revenues, which excludes revenues for land, building and equipment. For 2018, any actual improvement from operations of the working capital position above the budgeted goal is to be invested in the Organization's Board Directed Endowment Fund in the following fiscal year.

For fiscal year 2018, the improvement goal was set at \$75,238. As of September 30, 2018 and 2017, the working capital position was \$2,050,656 and \$1,880,106, which is an increase of \$170,550. However, as the increase includes a certificate of deposit of \$250,000 that was liquidated, it is not anticipated that a transfer will be made for the fiscal year 2018 amount of above goal.

## **Return Objectives and Risk Parameters**

The Organization has adopted investment and spending policies for endowment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to support the operations while seeking to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets. The long-term objective for the Endowment is to earn a total rate of return from investment assets which shall exceed demands placed on the portfolio to support the Organization's spending policy plus the rate of inflation, as measured by the national Consumer Price Index. Actual returns in any given year may vary from this amount. To satisfy this long-term rate-of-return objective, the investment portfolio is structured on a total-return approach through which investment returns are achieved through both capital appreciation (realized and unrealized) and current yield (interest and dividends). A significant portion of the funds are invested to seek growth of principal over time. Endowment assets include permanently restricted and unrestricted board designated funds. Only a majority vote of the Board of Directors would change the designation of these funds to be recorded in operating unrestricted net assets. The endowment assets are invested in a manner that is intended to produce results that exceed the price and yield positive results while assuming a low level of investment risk.

## **Strategies Employed for Achieving Objectives**

To satisfy its long-term rate-of-return objectives, the Organization relies on an investment allocation with investments in mutual funds and cash equivalents.

#### **Funds with Deficiencies**

From time to time, the fair value of assets associated with individual donor-restricted endowment funds may fall below the level that the donor or UPMIFA requires the Organization to retain as a fund of perpetual duration. There were no such deficiencies as of September 30, 2018 and 2017.

## Spending Policy and How the Investment Objectives Relate to Spending Policy

The Organization's policy is to maintain sufficient financial stability for the operations of the Organization. Interest and dividends net of investment expense are currently included in the endowments and until a decision is made regarding the use of those funds.

### **Note 6 - Retirement Plan**

Substantially all employees of the Organization participate in a defined contribution retirement plan. Employer contributions to the plan are based on a percentage of employee compensation and are paid as accrued. Retirement expense was \$168,034 and \$182,397 for the years ended September 30, 2018 and 2017.

## **Note 7 - Funds Held by Foundations**

There were funds totaling approximately \$270,000 and \$247,000 held by various foundations at September 30, 2018 and 2017. These amounts are not included in the assets reported in the statement of financial position. These funds are managed by the foundations. The Organization receives the interest income from these funds on an annual basis.

## Note 8 - Leases

The Organization leases office and tower space to various lessees under long term leases. Rental income totaled \$864,534 and \$838,645 for the years ended September 30, 2018 and 2017.

Future minimum lease payments receivable on these leases are as follows:

Years Endin	g September 30,	 Amount
2019 2020		\$ 706,460 556,270
2020 2021 2022		468,299 415,670
2023 Thereafter		289,471 24,584
	Total minimum payments receivable	\$ 2,460,754

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### **Note 9 - Fair Value of Assets**

Certain assets are reported at fair value in the financial statements. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction in the principal, or most advantageous, market at the measurement date under current market conditions regardless of whether that price is directly observable or estimated using another valuation technique. Inputs used to determine fair value refer broadly to the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, including assumptions about risk. Inputs may be observable or unobservable. Observable inputs are inputs that reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable inputs are inputs that reflect the Organization's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on the best information available. A three-tier hierarchy categorizes the inputs as follows:

Level 1 – Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Organization can access at the measurement date.

Level 2 – Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. These include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, and market-corroborated inputs.

Level 3 – Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability. In these situations, the Organization develops inputs using the best information available in the circumstances.

In some cases, the inputs used to measure the fair value of an asset or a liability might be categorized within different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In those cases, the fair value measurement is categorized in its entirety in the same level of the fair value hierarchy as the lowest level input that is significant to the entire measurement. Assessing the significance of a particular input to entire measurement requires judgment, taking into account factors specific to the asset or liability. The categorization of an asset within the hierarchy is based upon the pricing transparency of the asset and does not necessarily correspond to the Organization's assessment of the quality, risk or liquidity profile of the asset or liability.

A significant portion of the Organization's investment assets are classified within Level 1 because they include equity securities, alternative investments, and open-end mutual funds with readily determinable fair values based on daily redemption values. The Level 2 investments include corporate debt obligations in which the fair values are based on similar assets in active markets. The other assets are classified as Level 3 because the Organization values them based on unobservable (non-market) information received.

Assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis at September 30, 2018 and 2017 are as follows:

	2018	2017
Fixed income mutual funds	\$ 1,148,519	\$ 916,375
Equity securities	975,327	779,657
Stock mutual funds	1,788,481	1,714,446
Alternative investments	315,165	275,340
Other investments	35,327	34,386
	\$ 4,262,819	\$ 3,720,204

The related fair values of these assets are determined as follows:

	Total	noted Prices In Active Markets (Level 1)	Obser Inp	her evable outs rel 2)	]	bservable Inputs Level 3)
September 30, 2018						
Fixed income mutual funds						
Corporate	\$ 1,024,742	\$ 1,024,742	\$	_	\$	_
Foreign	119,259	119,259		_		_
World	4,518	4,518		_		_
Equity securities	,	,				
Consumer discretionary	121,183	121,183		_		_
Consumer staple	95,829	95,829		_		_
Energy	62,456	62,456		_		_
Financial	158,102	158,102		_		_
Health care	162,122	162,122		-		_
Industrial	78,506	78,506		_		_
Information technology	165,720	165,720		-		_
Materials	13,388	13,388		-		-
Telecommunication	112,260	112,260		-		-
Utilities	5,761	5,761		-		_
Stock mutual funds	ŕ	ŕ				
Mid-cap growth	141,911	141,911		-		_
Mid-cap blend	153,533	153,533		-		-
Foreign large growth	458,461	458,461		-		_
Foreign large blend	268,698	268,698		-		-
Diversified emerging						
market	214,697	214,697		-		-
Small growth	78,847	78,847		-		-
Small blend	86,237	86,237		-		-
Large blend	386,097	386,097		-		-
Alternative investments	315,165	315,165		-		-
Other investments	35,327			_		35,327
	\$ 4,262,819	\$ 4,227,492	\$	-	\$	35,327

	Total	I I	oted Prices n Active Markets Level 1)	Obser Inp	her rvable outs rel 2)	bservable Inputs Level 3)
September 30, 2017						
Fixed income mutual funds						
Corporate	\$ 738,449	\$	738,449	\$	-	\$ -
Foreign	174,246		174,246		-	-
World	3,680		3,680		-	-
Equity securities						
Consumer discretionary	122,477		122,477		-	-
Consumer staple	19,341		19,341		-	-
Energy	30,886		30,886		-	-
Financial	171,559		171,559		-	-
Health care	108,332		108,332		-	-
Industrial	113,853		113,853		-	-
Information technology	175,147		175,147		-	-
Materials	20,152		20,152		-	-
Telecommunication	9,955		9,955		-	-
Utilities	7,955		7,955		-	-
Stock mutual funds						
Mid-cap growth	319,305		319,305		-	-
Mid-cap blend	15,564		15,564		-	-
Foreign large growth	406,458		406,458		-	-
Foreign large blend	228,456		228,456		-	-
Diversified emerging						
market	180,124		180,124		-	-
Large growth	107,630		107,630		-	-
Small blend	147,420		147,420		-	-
Large blend	309,489		309,489		-	-
Alternative investments	275,340		275,340		-	-
Other investments	34,386		<u>-</u>			34,386
	\$ 3,720,204	\$	3,685,818	\$		\$ 34,386

Following is a reconciliation of activity for the assets measured at fair value based upon significant unobservable (non-market) information:

	Inv	Other vestments
Balance, September 30, 2016	\$	31,795
Investment income (loss), net of expenses Withdrawals		3,235 (644)
Balance, September 30, 2017		34,386
Investment income (loss), net of expenses Withdrawals		2,336 (1,395)
Balance, September 30, 2018	\$	35,327

Assets measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis include the following at September 30, 2018 and 2017:

	2018	2017
Contributions received	\$ 1,591,681	\$ 1,549,605

Contributions receivable are reported at fair value at the date the promise is received, which is then treated as cost.

# **Note 10 - Commitments and Contingencies**

## **Operating Leases**

The Organization leases a portion of its equipment under operating leases expiring during the next five years. The Organization also leases land on which to place its broadcast towers. These leases are also operating leases and expire over the next twenty years. Lastly, the Organization holds gaming leases which are short-term leases as they are renewed annually. The total rental expense for all operating leases was \$227,871 and \$230,014 for the years ended September 30, 2018 and 2017.

The following is a schedule of future minimum rental payments required under all long-term operating leases as of September 30, 2018.

Years Ending September 30,		Amount	
2019	\$	50,156	
2020		38,489	
2021		24,563	
2022		20,804	
2023		18,273	
Thereafter		18,352	
Total	\$	170,637	

## **Self-Insurance**

The Organization is self-insured with respect to certain employee medical costs. Terms of the plan include a stoploss provision which limits the Organization's liability to \$35,000 per individual or approximately \$600,000 in aggregate annually.

	В	eginning						Ending
	E	Balance	]	Expense	Cl	laims Paid	I	Balance
2018	\$	27,000	\$	589,196	\$	(589,196)	\$	27,000
2017		27,000		509,462		(509,462)		27,000

# **Note 11 - Subsequent Events**

On November 8, 2018, the Organization purchased the licenses for noncommercial educational radio broadcast stations KUND-FM, KFJM and FM Translator Station K202BK from the University of North Dakota in the amount of \$220,000.



Supplementary Information
September 30, 2018
Prairie Public Broadcasting, Inc.

	Budget (unaudited)	Actual
Television	(unuuntea)	
Support and Revenue	\$ 4,383,810	\$ 6,741,064
Expenses Programming and production Engineering Development	2,538,023 2,218,657 381,710	2,452,836 2,313,476 347,372
Total expenses	5,138,390	5,113,684
Excess of Support and Revenue over Expenses	\$ (754,580)	\$ 1,627,380
Radio		
Support and Revenue	\$ 1,188,814	\$ 1,103,296
Expenses Programming and production Engineering Development  Total expenses	1,104,445 492,900 89,350 1,686,695	1,064,208 485,774 85,740 1,635,722
Excess of Expenses over Support and Revenue	\$ (497,881)	\$ (532,426)
Corporate		
Support and Revenue	\$ 1,721,511	\$ 2,031,905
Expenses General and administrative	1,475,575	1,446,720
Excess of Support and Revenue over Expenses	\$ 245,936	\$ 585,185
Total		
Support and Revenue	\$ 7,294,135	\$ 9,876,265
Expenses	8,300,660	8,196,126
Excess of Support and Revenue over Expenses	\$ (1,006,525)	\$ 1,680,139

	Budget	Actual
	(unaudited)	
Television	<b>.</b>	<b>A. 4. 704.</b> 604
Membership (1)	\$ 1,546,000	\$ 1,591,681
CPB income (2)	1,312,986	1,308,338
ND state support (4)	426,000	426,000
MN state support (4)	551,829	540,751
Underwriting (5)	273,000	237,087
NCCEMS (3)	119,000	119,004
Educational fees (6)	33,000	7,387
MN capital grant (4)	10,871	10,872
Program products (8)	20,000	10,395
Foundation income (3)	18,000	21,873
CPB interconnection grant (2)	18,000	17,896
Broadcast income (8)	10,000	2,061
Grant income (3)	154,824	150,583
FCC Repack KSRE (3)	-	2,290,745
Special gifts (8)	3,500	110,155
Memorials (8)	1,000	-
Special events (8)	-	5,628
Canadian exchange (1)	(114,200)	(109,392)
Total television	4,383,810	6,741,064
Radio		
Membership (1)	505,000	566,938
Underwriting (5)	242,000	158,931
CPB income (2)	183,314	177,030
ND state support (4)	174,000	174,000
Grant income (3)	84,500	23,452
Miscellaneous (8)	-	1,005
Special events (8)		1,940
Total radio	1,188,814	1,103,296

	Budget (unaudited)	Actual	
Corporate Gaming net income (7) Tower rent (9) Contracted services (8) Building rent (9) Capital patronage (8) Oil well royalties (8) Interest income (11) Other revenues (8) Realized and unrealized gains and losses (10) Endowment contribution (8) Gain on sale of equipment (8)	\$ 809,116 613,413 182,582 42,000 25,000 8,000 37,000 6,400	\$ 666,754 627,652 200,684 52,000 48,230 8,150 108,174 9,747 262,997 45,161 5,200	
Vending loss (8)  Total corporate	(2,000) 1,721,511	2,031,905	
Total Support and Revenue	\$ 7,294,135	\$ 9,876,265	
Reconciliation to Statement of Activities:			
Total gaming and concession expenses (7)	\$ (1,689,875)	\$ (1,689,351)	
Public Support and Revenue Breakdown at Gross Membership (1) CPB income (2) Grants (3) State Support (4) Underwriting (5) Fees (6) Gaming (net of prize payouts and cost of sales) (7) Other (8) Rents (9) Realized and unrealized gains and losses (10) Interest (11)	\$ 1,936,800 1,514,300 376,324 1,162,700 515,000 33,000 2,498,991 254,482 655,413	\$ 2,049,227 1,503,264 2,605,657 1,151,623 396,018 7,387 2,356,105 445,512 679,652 262,997 108,174	
Total Public Support and Revenue	\$ 8,984,010	\$ 11,565,616	

	Budget (unaudited)		Actual	
Salary - Full-time	\$	1,089,743	\$	1,054,451
Program rights		561,645		544,764
Benefits		313,400		367,325
Production		47,300		78,512
Contracted services		133,400		96,787
Miscellaneous		118,334		85,384
FICA tax		79,877		76,434
Program information		42,324		30,848
Postage		46,350		35,371
Travel		48,100		33,358
Supplies		9,500		9,583
Dues and subscriptions		15,400		13,888
Training		11,350		2,773
Equipment repair		10,600		11,528
Telephone		2,800		3,652
Printing		4,400		3,088
Equipment		500		-
Set material		500		88
Salary - Part-time		2,000		4,578
Video tape		500		424
Total programming and production expenses - television	\$	2,538,023	\$	2,452,836

	Budget (unaudited)	Actual	
	(31131313131)		
Depreciation	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,076,683	
Salary - Full-time	552,700	560,088	
Power costs	237,100	233,407	
Benefits	158,900	178,244	
Transmitter repairs and maintenance	72,422	79,723	
Contracted facilities and services	46,685	47,204	
Video equipment repairs and maintenance	41,000	39,020	
FICA tax	42,400	41,667	
Travel	25,400	21,385	
Salary - Part-time	30,000	26,468	
Vehicle repair	5,200	2,517	
Training	2,000	1,830	
Telephone	3,600	4,127	
Equipment	750	<u>-</u>	
Miscellaneous	500	1,113	
Total engineering expenses - television	\$ 2,218,657	\$ 2,313,476	

	Budget (unaudited)		Actual	
Salary - Full-time	\$	590,500	\$	518,066
Program acquisition		215,232		225,209
Benefits		149,300		165,786
Salary - Part-time		37,000		60,270
FICA tax		46,100		41,215
Program production		14,223		164
Contracted services		12,800		13,688
Travel		7,800		8,950
Training		4,150		1,431
Satellite interconnection fees		10,450		10,501
Miscellaneous		9,740		13,580
Postage		3,750		3,026
Telephone		2,200		1,980
Supplies		700		342
Repairs and maintenance equipment		500		
Total programming and production expenses - radio	\$	1,104,445	\$	1,064,208

	Budget (unaudited)		Actual	
Power cost	\$	178,600	\$	172,075
Depreciation		165,000		166,035
Salary - Full-time		111,200		109,178
Benefits		13,400		15,360
Repairs and maintenance		8,000		2,218
FICA tax		8,600		8,303
Audio repairs and maintenance		4,600		4,118
Equipment		3,500		8,487
Total engineering expenses - radio	\$	492,900	\$	485,774

	Budget		Actual	
	(u	naudited)		
Salary - Full-time	\$	570,800	\$	574,403
Insurance	Ψ	172,000	Ψ	171,741
Utilities		97,000		97,877
Depreciation		72,000		78,780
Bank charges		72,000		69,555
Benefits		74,763		65,515
Professional fees		71,400		61,579
Board of Directors		34,000		41,459
FICA tax		40,600		34,993
Travel		28,000		22,353
Interest		100		-
Dues and subscriptions		38,100		35,239
Repairs and maintenance - building		55,500		50,786
Computer		32,500		33,902
Cost of contracted services		21,662		21,256
Office supplies		16,750		14,671
Cleaning and custodial		17,600		16,920
Telephone		16,500		17,047
Postage and freight		8,400		7,218
Miscellaneous		8,600		2,285
Unemployment tax		11,500		14,756
Real estate tax		7,000		10,577
Promotion		2,500		1,934
Worker's compensation		8,300		5,322
Training		1,700		1,025
Hiring		8,000		5,747
Equipment		500		-
Interest		100		-
Rent and lease		400		368
Finance charges		-		45
Repairs and maintenance - vehicles and equipment		(12,700)		(10,633)
Total general and administrative expenses - corporate	\$	1,475,575	\$	1,446,720

	Budget (unaudited)		Actual	
New member acquisition	\$	201,200	\$	179,517
Premiums		67,000		54,598
Membership		42,500		34,036
Bad debts		40,000		52,538
Postage		21,800		18,486
Promotion		6,100		4,444
Travel		2,000		1,884
Customer service		360		1,120
Training		750		749
Total development expenses - television	\$	381,710	\$	347,372

	Budget (unaudited)		Actual		
New member acquisition Membership Bad debt expense	\$	49,900 29,950 9,500	\$	51,153 24,178 10,409	
Total development expenses - radio	\$	89,350	\$	85,740	

	Budget	Actual
Gaming Income Pull tabs	(unaudited) \$ 5,684,760	\$ 5,881,213
Bingo	4,215,900	4,413,106
Blackjack	489,396	411,434
Paddlewheel	23,100	34,592
Raffle	-	2,405
Promotional items	135,000	139,897
Vending	28,000	21,970
Total gaming income	10,576,156	10,904,617
Cost of Gaming Income		
Pull tab prizes	4,545,076	4,739,593
Bingo prizes	3,532,089	3,808,919
Total cost of gaming income	8,077,165	8,548,512
Adjusted Gross Proceeds	2,498,991	2,356,105
Direct Expenses	1,689,875	1,689,351
Net Gaming Income	\$ 809,116	\$ 666,754
Direct Expenses		
Salaries	\$ 692,520	\$ 707,030
State gaming tax	258,560	218,939
Benefits	113,560	129,074
Rent and leases	166,080	173,682
FICA	113,780	114,837
Gaming supplies	98,856	101,242
Depreciation	39,684	44,022
Promotion	28,380	29,241
Utilities	30,000	27,471
Real estate taxes	28,272	30,349
Vending	14,500	10,848
Contracted services Supplies	25,200 15,900	26,981 15,425
ND employment taxes	13,900	15,425 1,635
Insurance	14,736	14,635
Miscellaneous	9,565	7,750
Resale supplies	5,400	5,250
Travel	10,160	8,512
Repair and maintenance - equipment	5,460	5,452
Bad debt	2,400	1,777
Repair and maintenance - building	4,800	5,342
Postage	3,612	3,013
Small equipment	3,120	2,234
Telephone	2,650	2,397
Accounting, audit, legal, and bank fees	1,680	1,351
Workers' compensation	1,000	762
Training		100
Total direct expenses	\$ 1,689,875	\$ 1,689,351