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Form 990-PF Return of Private Foundation

or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation

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For calendar year 2017 or tax year beginning NOV 1, 2017 , and ending OCT 31, 2018

Name of foundation	A Employer identification number
Sierra Foundation Inc.	22-3331554
Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address) / Room/suite: 20807 Biscayne Blvd, Ste 100, Box 142	B Telephone number: 609-921-9071
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code: Aventura, FL 33180	C If exemption application is pending, check here ▶ ☐

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G Check all that apply: ☐ Initial return ☐ Initial return of a former public charity ☐ Final return ☐ Amended return ☒ Address change ☐ Name change

D 1. Foreign organizations, check here ▶ ☐

2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation ▶ ☐

H Check type of organization: ☒ Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation ☐ Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust ☐ Other taxable private foundation 04

E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here ▶ ☐

I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col. (c), line 16) ▶$ 7,172,509.

J Accounting method: ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual ☐ Other (specify) (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis.)

F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here ▶ ☐

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a))

		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received			N/A	
	2 Check ▶ ☒ if the foundation is not required to attach Sch B				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	804.	804.		See Statement 1
	4 Dividends and interest from securities	183,271.	183,271.		See Statement 2
	5a Gross rents				
	b Net rental income or (loss)				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	4,408.			
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a 4,408.				
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		4,408.		
	8 Net short-term capital gain				
	9 Income modifications				
	10a Gross sales less returns and allowances				
	b Less Cost of goods sold				
	c Gross profit or (loss)				
	11 Other income				
	12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	188,483.	188,483.		
Operating and Administrative Expenses	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc	0.	0.		0.
	14 Other employee salaries and wages				
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits				
	16a Legal fees				
	b Accounting fees				
	c Other professional fees				
	17 Interest				
	18 Taxes				
	19 Depreciation and depletion				
	20 Occupancy				
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings				
	22 Printing and publications				
	23 Other expenses Stmt 3	55.	0.		0.
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	55.	0.		0.
	25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	8,500,000.			8,500,000.
	26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	8,500,055.	0.		8,500,000.
	27 Subtract line 26 from line 12:				
	a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	<8,311,572.>			
	b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		188,483.		
	c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)			N/A	

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Part II Balance Sheets Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only

		Beginning of year	End of year	
		(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing			
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	15,484,081.	7,172,509.	7,172,509.
	3 Accounts receivable ▶			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	4 Pledges receivable ▶			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	5 Grants receivable			
	6 Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	7 Other notes and loans receivable ▶			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	8 Inventories for sale or use			
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			
	10a Investments - U.S. and state government obligations			
	b Investments - corporate stock			
	c Investments - corporate bonds			
	11 Investments - land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶			
	Less accumulated depreciation ▶			
	12 Investments - mortgage loans			
	13 Investments - other			
	14 Land, buildings, and equipment: basis ▶			
	Less accumulated depreciation ▶			
	15 Other assets (describe ▶)			
	16 **Total assets** (to be completed by all filers - see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item I)	15,484,081.	7,172,509.	7,172,509.
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses			
	18 Grants payable			
	19 Deferred revenue			
	20 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	21 Mortgages and other notes payable			
	22 Other liabilities (describe ▶)			
	23 **Total liabilities** (add lines 17 through 22)	0.	0.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	**Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ [X] and complete lines 24 through 26, and lines 30 and 31.**			
	24 Unrestricted	15,484,081.	7,172,509.	
	25 Temporarily restricted			
	26 Permanently restricted			
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ [ ] and complete lines 27 through 31.			
	27 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds			
	28 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg., and equipment fund			
	29 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds			
	30 **Total net assets or fund balances**	15,484,081.	7,172,509.	
	31 **Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances**	15,484,081.	7,172,509.	

Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

1	Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year - Part II, column (a), line 30 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1	15,484,081.
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	<8,311,572.>
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	3	0.
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	7,172,509.
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	5	0.
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) - Part II, column (b), line 30	6	7,172,509.

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

			Yes	No
11	At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule. See instructions	11		X
12	Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If "Yes," attach statement. See instructions	12		X
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application?	13	X	

Website address ▶ N/A

14 The books are in care of ▶ Timothy Hentzel Telephone no. ▶ 646-677-4750

Located at ▶ 1350 Broadway Ste 2101, New York, NY ZIP+4 ▶ 10018

15 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of **Form 1041** - check here ▶ ☐

and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year ▶ 15 N/A

			Yes	No
16	At any time during calendar year 2017, did the foundation have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a bank, securities, or other financial account in a foreign country? See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114. If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶	16		X

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

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

			Yes	No
1a	During the year, did the foundation (either directly or indirectly):			
	(1) Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
	(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
	(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
	(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
	(5) Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
	(6) Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (**Exception.** Check "No" if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days.) ☐ Yes ☒ No			
b	If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)-(6), did **any** of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance? See instructions N/A	1b		
	Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance, check here ▶ ☐			
c	Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2017?	1c		X
2	Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5)):			
a	At the end of tax year 2017, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2017? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
	If "Yes," list the years ▶ _____, _____, _____, _____			
b	Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is **not** applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to **all** years listed, answer "No" and attach statement - see instructions.) N/A	2b		
c	If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to **any** of the years listed in 2a, list the years here. ▶ _____, _____, _____, _____			
3a	Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
b	If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2017 as a result of (1) any purchase by the foundation or disqualified persons after May 26, 1969; (2) the lapse of the 5-year period (or longer period approved by the Commissioner under section 4943(c)(7)) to dispose of holdings acquired by gift or bequest; or (3) the lapse of the 10-, 15-, or 20-year first phase holding period? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2017.) N/A	3b		
4a	Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4a		X
b	Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2017?	4b		X

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

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

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

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

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
Andrew J. Shechtel PO Box 546437 Surfside, FL 33154	Trustee 0.10	0.	0.	0.
Martin J. Deitchman 426 Mariner Drive Jupiter, FL 33477	Trustee 0.10	0.	0.	0.
Raquel Shechtel PO Box 546437 Surfside, FL 33154	Trustee 0.10	0.	0.	0.
SASTTUFF Holdings LLC 33 Witherspoon Street Princeton, NJ 08542	Member 0.20	0.	0.	0.

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

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

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

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

1 a If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2017, enter the date of the ruling ▶

b Check box to indicate whether the foundation is a private operating foundation described in section ☐ 4942(j)(3) or ☐ 4942(j)(5)

	Tax year	Prior 3 years			
	(a) 2017	(b) 2016	(c) 2015	(d) 2014	(e) Total
2 a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed					
b 85% of line 2a					
c Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed					
d Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities					
e Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities. Subtract line 2d from line 2c					
3 Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon: a "Assets" alternative test - enter: (1) Value of all assets					
(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)					
b "Endowment" alternative test - enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed					
c "Support" alternative test - enter: (1) Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties)					
(2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii)					
(3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization					
(4) Gross investment income					

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

1 **Information Regarding Foundation Managers:**

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

None

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

None

2 **Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc., Programs:**

Check here ▶ [X] if the foundation only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds. If the foundation makes gifts, grants, etc., to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d.

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

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

c Any submission deadlines:

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

Part XV Supplementary Information *(continued)*

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

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
a *Paid during the year*				
Jewish Funders Network 150 West 30th Street New York, NY 10001		PC	For the general fund of the charity	8,500,000.
Total			▶ 3a	8,500,000.
b *Approved for future payment*				
None				
Total			▶ 3b	0.

Form 990-PF Interest on Savings and Temporary Cash Investments Statement 1

Source	(a) Revenue Per Books	(b) Net Investment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income
Broker Interest	804.	804.	
Total to Part I, line 3	804.	804.	

Form 990-PF Dividends and Interest from Securities Statement 2

Source	Gross Amount	Capital Gains Dividends	(a) Revenue Per Books	(b) Net Investment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income
Divd Inc - Mny Fds	183,271.	0.	183,271.	183,271.	
To Part I, line 4	183,271.	0.	183,271.	183,271.	

Form 990-PF Other Expenses Statement 3

Description	(a) Expenses Per Books	(b) Net Investment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income	(d) Charitable Purposes
Administrative Fees	55.	0.		0.
To Form 990-PF, Pg 1, ln 23	55.	0.		0.