

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

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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For calendar year 2017 or tax year beginning

, 2017, and ending

, 20

Name of foundation National Life Group Charitable Foundation, Inc.		A Employer identification number 20-4818866
Number and street (or P.O. box number if mail is not delivered to street address) 1 National Life Drive	Room/suite	B Telephone number (see instructions) 802-229-3947
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code Montpelier VT 05604		C If exemption application is pending, check here <input type="checkbox"/>
G Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return of a former public charity <input type="checkbox"/> Final return <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change		D 1. Foreign organizations, check here <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation <input type="checkbox"/>
H Check type of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation <input type="checkbox"/> Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other taxable private foundation		E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here <input type="checkbox"/>
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col. (c), line 16) ▶ \$ 47,663	J Accounting method: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> 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 <input type="checkbox"/>		

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) (see instructions).)		(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 (attach schedule)	1,031,282			
	2 Check <input type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch. B				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments				
	4 Dividends and interest from securities				
	5a Gross rents				
	b Net rental income or (loss)				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10				
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a				
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		0		
	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) (attach schedule)		0			
11 Other income (attach schedule)					
12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	1,031,282	0	0		
Operating and Administrative Expenses	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc.				
	14 Other employee salaries and wages				
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits				
	16a Legal fees (attach schedule)				
	b Accounting fees (attach schedule)				
	c Other professional fees (attach schedule)				
	17 Interest				
	18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions)				
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion				
	20 Occupancy				
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings				
	22 Printing and publications				
	23 Other expenses (attach schedule) Bank charges	3,250			
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	3,250			
	25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	1,028,901	0	0	0
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	1,032,151	0	0	1,028,901	
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12:					
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	(869)				
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		0			
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)			0		

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see instructions.

Part II Balance Sheets		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only. (See instructions.)		
		Beginning of year	End of year	
		(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	48,539	47,663	47,663
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments			
	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 (attach schedule) (see instructions)			
	7 Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule) ▶			
	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 (attach schedule)			
	b Investments—corporate stock (attach schedule)			
	c Investments—corporate bonds (attach schedule)			
	11 Investments—land, buildings, and equipment: basis ▶			
Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶				
12 Investments—mortgage loans				
13 Investments—other (attach schedule)				
14 Land, buildings, and equipment: basis ▶				
Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶				
15 Other assets (describe ▶)				
16 Total assets (to be completed by all filers—see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item I)	48,539	47,663	47,663	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	248	241	
	18 Grants payable			
	19 Deferred revenue			
	20 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	21 Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)			
	22 Other liabilities (describe ▶)			
	23 Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)	248	241	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	24 Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here and complete lines 24 through 26, and lines 30 and 31. <input type="checkbox"/>			
	Unrestricted			
	Temporarily restricted			
	Permanently restricted			
	25 Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here and complete lines 27 through 31. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	27 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds	48,291	47,422	
	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 (see instructions)	48,291	47,422		
31 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions)	48,539	47,663		

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	48,291
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	(869)
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	3	
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	47,422
5 Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	5	
6 Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5)—Part II, column (b), line 30	6	47,422

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

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

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

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

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

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period? Yes No
If "Yes," the foundation doesn't qualify under section 4940(e). Do not complete this part.

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

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col. (b) divided by col. (c))
2016	798,504	205,540	3.8849
2015	745,112	584,967	1.2738
2014	487,780	210,126	2.3214
2013	492,025	386,340	1.2736
2012	322,225	860,568	0.3744

2	Total of line 1, column (d)	2	9.1281
3	Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period—divide the total on line 2 by 5.0, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years	3	1.82562
4	Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2017 from Part X, line 5	4	
5	Multiply line 4 by line 3	5	0
6	Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)	6	
7	Add lines 5 and 6	7	0
8	Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 If line 8 is equal to or greater than line 7, check the box in Part VI, line 1b, and complete that part using a 1% tax rate. See the Part VI instructions.	8	

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

1a	Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter "N/A" on line 1. Date of ruling or determination letter: _____ (attach copy of letter if necessary—see instructions)			
b	Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b	1		
c	All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations, enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col. (b).			
2	Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only; others, enter -0-)	2		
3	Add lines 1 and 2	3		0
4	Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only; others, enter -0-)	4		
5	Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-	5		0
6	Credits/Payments:			
a	2017 estimated tax payments and 2016 overpayment credited to 2017	6a	4,205	
b	Exempt foreign organizations—tax withheld at source	6b		
c	Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6c		
d	Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d		
7	Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d	7		4,205
8	Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if Form 2220 is attached	8		
9	Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed	9		0
10	Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid	10		4,205
11	Enter the amount of line 10 to be: Credited to 2018 estimated tax <input type="checkbox"/> 4,205 Refunded <input type="checkbox"/> 0	11		0

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

	Yes	No
1a		X
1b		X
1c		X
2		X
3		X
4a		X
4b		X
5		X
6	X	
7	X	
8a		
8b	X	
9		X
10		X

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		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		X
13 Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address ▶ <u>https://www.nationallife.com/OurStory-OurFoundation</u>	X	
14 The books are in care of ▶ <u>Beth Rusnock</u> Telephone no. ▶ <u>802-229-7214</u> Located at ▶ <u>1 National Life Drive, Montpelier, VT</u> ZIP+4 ▶ <u>05604</u>		
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 ▶ <u>15</u>		<input type="checkbox"/>
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 ▶		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? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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.) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
b If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)–(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance? See instructions Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
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?		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? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes," list the years ▶ 20____, 20____, 20____, 20____ 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.) c If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here. ▶ 20____, 20____, 20____, 20____		
3a Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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.)		
4a Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes? 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?		X

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

5a During the year, did the foundation pay or incur any amount to:			Yes	No
(1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955); or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 4945(d)(4)(A)? See instructions	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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		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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
b If "Yes," did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction?		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. See instructions.

(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
See Statement #1				

2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1—see instructions). 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

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

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

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
None		
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Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services		▶

Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

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

	Expenses
1 None	
.....	
2	
.....	
3	
.....	
4	
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Part IX-B Summary of Program-Related Investments (see instructions)

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2.

	Amount	
1 None		
.....		
2		
.....		
All other program-related investments. See instructions.		
3		
.....		
Total. Add lines 1 through 3		▶ 0

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

1	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes:		
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities	1a	0
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	189,185
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions)	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	189,185
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation).	1e	
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	189,185
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1½% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	2,838
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	186,347
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6	9,317

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

1	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6	1	9,317
2a	Tax on investment income for 2017 from Part VI, line 5	2a	0
b	Income tax for 2017. (This does not include the tax from Part VI.)	2b	0
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	0
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	9,317
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	9,317
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	6	
7	Distributable amount as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	7	9,317

Part XII Qualifying Distributions (see instructions)

1	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc., purposes:		
a	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc.—total from Part I, column (d), line 26	1a	1,028,901
b	Program-related investments—total from Part IX-B	1b	
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	2	
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the:		
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	3a	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	3b	
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8; and Part XIII, line 4	4	1,028,901
5	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income. Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b. See instructions	5	
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	1,028,901

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

Part XIII Undistributed Income (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2016	(c) 2018	(d) 2017
1 Distributable amount for 2017 from Part XI, line 7				9,317
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2017:				
a Enter amount for 2016 only			0	
b Total for prior years: 20__20__20__		0		
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2017:				
a From 2012	279,197			
b From 2013	472,708			
c From 2014	477,274			
d From 2015	715,894			
e From 2016	788,227			
f Total of lines 3a through e	2,733,300			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2017 from Part XII, line 4: ▶ \$ 1,028,901				
a Applied to 2016, but not more than line 2a			0	
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required—see instructions)		0		
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required—see instructions)	0			
d Applied to 2017 distributable amount				9,317
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	1,019,584			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2017 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a).)	0			
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus. Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e. Subtract line 5	3,752,884			
b Prior years' undistributed income. Subtract line 4b from line 2b		0		
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed		0		
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b. Taxable amount—see instructions		0		
e Undistributed income for 2016. Subtract line 4a from line 2a. Taxable amount—see instructions			0	
f Undistributed income for 2017. Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1. This amount must be distributed in 2018				0
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (Election may be required—see instructions)	0			
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2012 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions)	279,197			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2018. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	3,473,687			
10 Analysis of line 9:				
a Excess from 2013	472,708			
b Excess from 2014	477,274			
c Excess from 2015	715,864			
d Excess from 2016	788,227			
e Excess from 2017	1,019,584			

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

- 1a** 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				(e) Total
	(a) 2017	(b) 2016	(c) 2015	(d) 2014	
2a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed					0
b 85% of line 2a	0	0	0	0	0
c Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed					0
d Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities					0
e Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities. Subtract line 2d from line 2c	0	0	0	0	0
3 Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon:					
a "Assets" alternative test—enter:					
(1) Value of all assets					0
(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)					0
b "Endowment" alternative test—enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed					0
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)					0
(2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii)					0
(3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization					0
(4) Gross investment income					0

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 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. See instructions.
- a** The name, address, and telephone number or email address of the person to whom applications should be addressed:
- Application must be submitted online. See attached paperwork - Statement #2
- b** The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include:
- Application must be submitted online. See attached paperwork - Statement #2
- c** Any submission deadlines:
- Application must be submitted online. See attached paperwork - Statement #2
- d** Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors:
- Application must be submitted online. See attached paperwork - Statement #2

Part XV Supplementary Information *(continued)*

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

Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
<p>a <i>Paid during the year</i></p> <p>See attached list Statement #3</p>				1,028,901
<p>Total</p>				<p>3a 1,028,901</p>
<p>b <i>Approved for future payment</i></p>				
<p>Total</p>				<p>3b 0</p>

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

1 Did the organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with any other organization described in section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3) organizations) or in section 527, relating to political organizations?

	Yes	No
a Transfers from the reporting foundation to a noncharitable exempt organization of:		
(1) Cash		X
(2) Other assets		X
b Other transactions:		
(1) Sales of assets to a noncharitable exempt organization		X
(2) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization		X
(3) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets		X
(4) Reimbursement arrangements		X
(5) Loans or loan guarantees		X
(6) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations		X
c Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees		X
d If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," complete the following schedule. Column (b) should always show the fair market value of the goods, other assets, or services given by the reporting foundation. If the foundation received less than fair market value in any transaction or sharing arrangement, show in column (d) the value of the goods, other assets, or services received.		X

(a) Line no.	(b) Amount involved	(c) Name of noncharitable exempt organization	(d) Description of transfers, transactions, and sharing arrangements

2a Is the foundation directly or indirectly affiliated with, or related to, one or more tax-exempt organizations described in section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) or in section 527? Yes No

b If "Yes," complete the following schedule.

(a) Name of organization	(b) Type of organization	(c) Description of relationship

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

Signature of officer or trustee: *[Signature]* Date: 1/5/18 Title: Vice President Corporate Tax

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below? See instructions. Yes No

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
Firm's name				
Firm's address			Firm's EIN	Phone no.

Part VIII

(a) Name and Address (b) Title and avg hrs per week (c) Comp (d) Benefits (e) Expense

OFFICERS

Beth Rusnock National Life Group	President & CEO Varies	0	0	0
Ross Sneyd National Life Group	Vice President Varies	0	0	0
Robert Cotton National Life Group	Treasurer Varies	0	0	0
Kerry A. Jung National Life Group	Secretary Varies	0	0	0
Catherine C. Fisk National Life Group	Assist Sec Varies	0	0	0
David B. Soccodato National Life Group	Tax Officer Varies	0	0	0
Jeffrey M. Kemp National Life Group	Tax Officer Varies	0	0	0

CORPORATE DIRECTORS

Thomas H. MacLeay National Life Group	Chairman Varies	0	0	0
Mehran Assadi National Life Group	Director Varies	0	0	0
Christopher Graff National Life Group	Director Varies	0	0	0
Beth Rusnock National Life Group	Director Varies	0	0	0
David B. Soccodato National Life Group	Director Varies	0	0	0

National Life Group Foundation

Since its inception in 2006, the goal of the National Life Group Foundation is to do good in the communities in which we live and work by supporting nonprofit and educational organizations. We do this in a number of ways, including providing grants through our Foundation, giving our employees 40 hours of paid volunteer time annually, sponsoring events, and offering in-kind donations.

What We Fund

The Foundation's annual budget is \$2,000,000; while this is substantial, there is a lot of need in our communities so our giving is focused. Our grants vary in size and we rarely fund an entire program.

We look for proposals that have:

- A well-planned approach to underlying issues or needs
- A base of support
- A committed and skilled leadership team

We don't fund new programs. We focus on proven programs with metrics to support success. We also favor programs that focus on children and families but we also consider those in health and human services, the environment, education and the arts and recreation. The vast majority of our funding is centered on central and northern Vermont and the Dallas, Texas, area, where our employees live and work.

What We Don't Fund

We don't make grants for endowments, scholarships, higher educational institutions (with the exception of our employee matching program), religious organizations, labor and fraternal groups, debt reduction or work that has already been completed. Additionally, we don't make grants to individuals, daycare facilities, or school trips. Finally we don't make grants to organizations that discriminate in any way on the basis of race, religion, gender, age, national origin, disability, or sexual orientation.

Who is Eligible?

To be considered for a grant, an organization must be a public charity which is exempt from income taxes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

When and How Often to Apply

Our grant enrollment period is from January 1st to March 31st. Your application and supporting documentation must be submitted within that time frame for us to consider your request. Decisions will be communicated by May 31st. If your grant is approved, checks will be sent by June 30th.

If you have any questions, please contact us at giving@nationallife.com.