

***Does my organization “qualify”
to apply for an NRHS Heritage
Grant? (ie: Is my organization
501(3)c Tax Exempt and in Good
Standing with the IRS?)***

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Disclaimer:

- The purpose of these slides is to illustrate how to lookup certain information on the [irs.gov](https://www.irs.gov) website
- This is NOT to be used as "tax advice". Consult with a CPA or other qualified tax professional if you have questions

Data Required:

- You will need your Federal *Employer Identification Number* (EIN) - This is a **9 digit number**, usually written as NN-NNNNNNNN

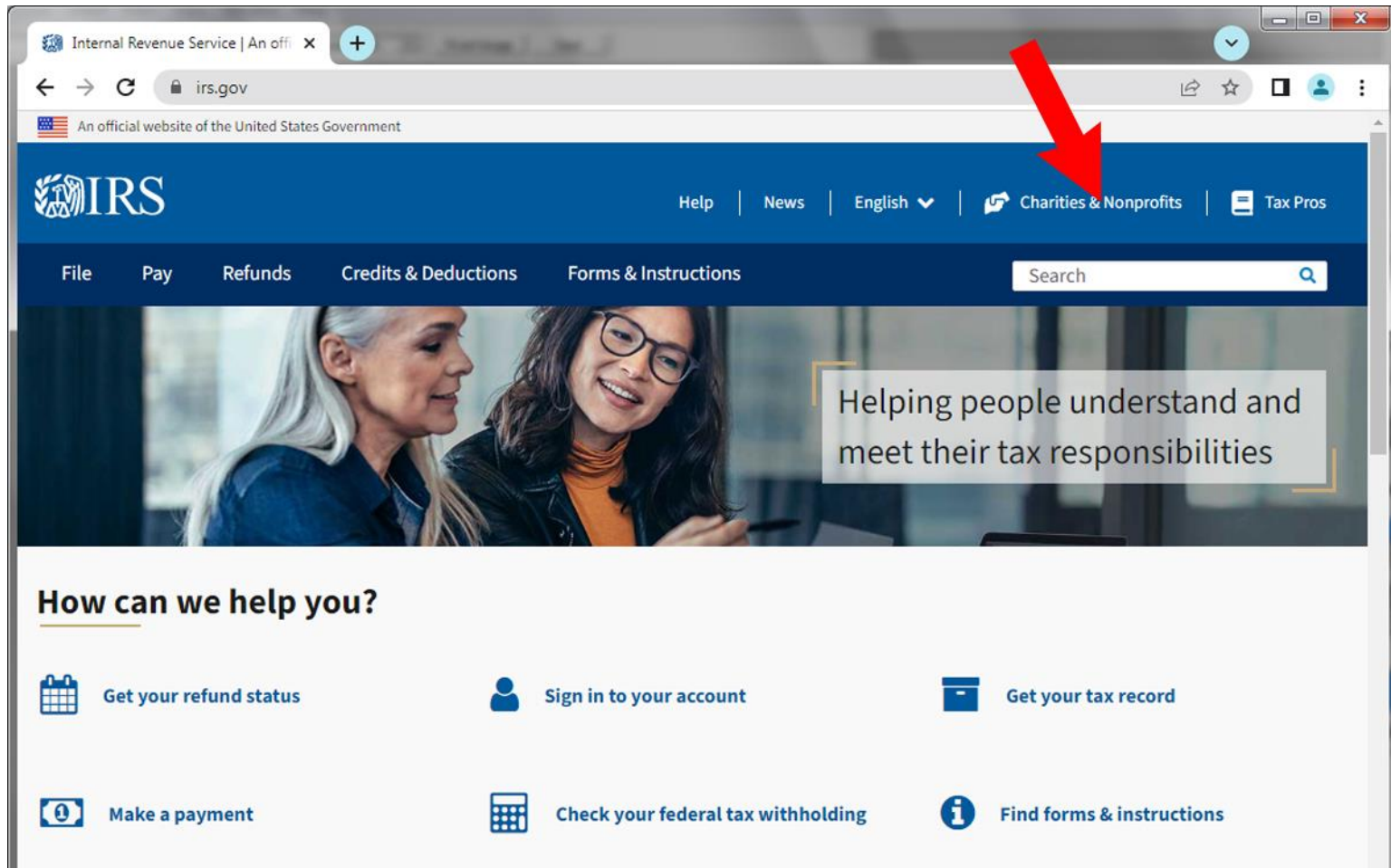
For tax matters: *People* are identified by their *Social Security Number*, *Entities* by their *EIN*.

For purposes of illustration, I will be using the EIN for the *NRHS Pacific Northwest Chapter: 93-0567861*

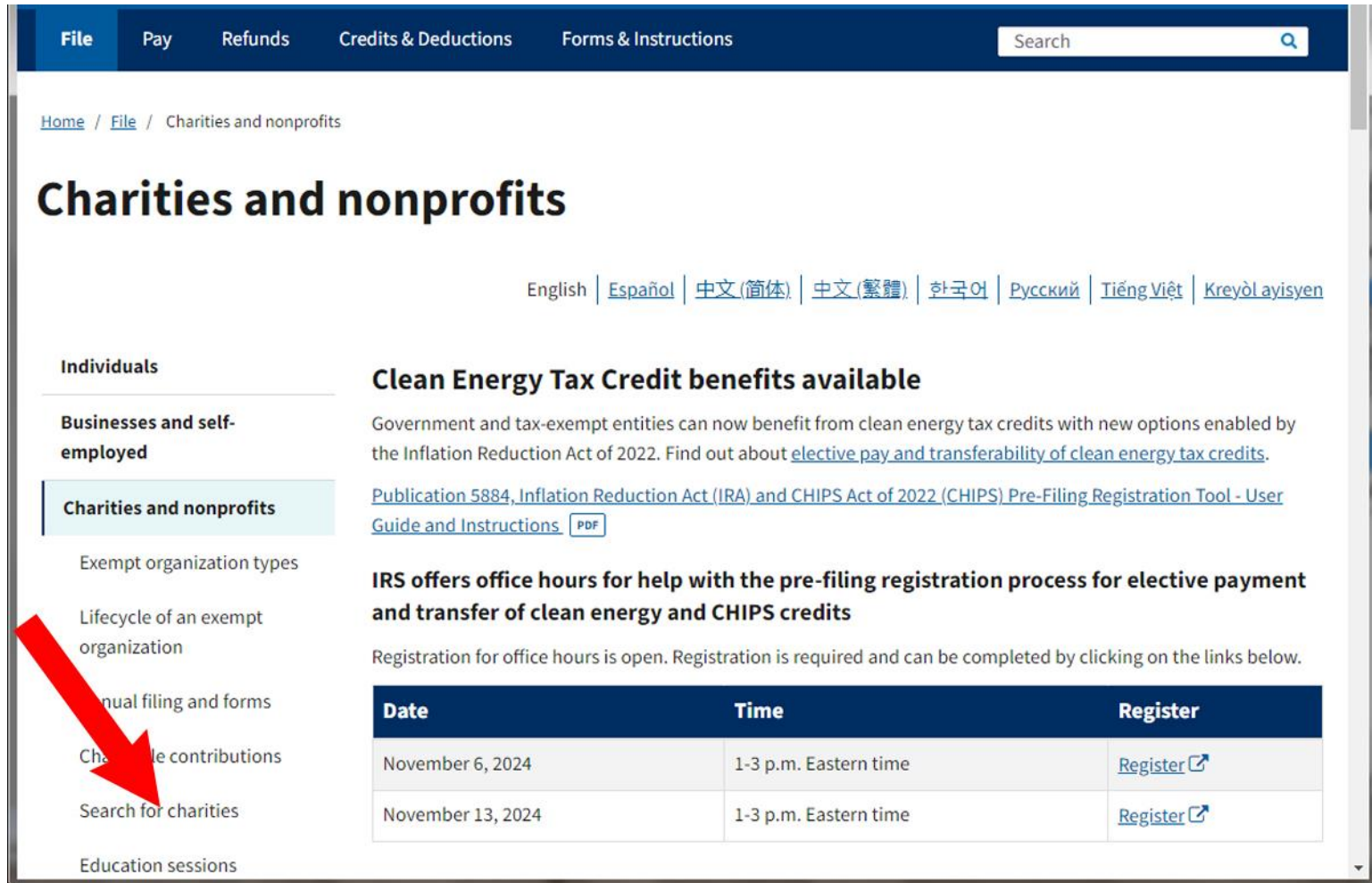
Regarding the screen shots that follow...

- Created from Chrome on an (older) Windows system
- Display should look similar on your computer
- Move your mouse to the item indicated by the Tip of the Arrow, follow directions
- Some views cropped for clarity

Open a web browser. Navigate to IRS website (irs.gov). In the ribbon at the top, click on **“Charities & Nonprofits”**...



On the Left Side: Click on “Search for Charities”...



The screenshot shows the IRS website's "Charities and nonprofits" section. The top navigation bar includes "File", "Pay", "Refunds", "Credits & Deductions", and "Forms & Instructions", along with a search bar. The breadcrumb trail is "Home / File / Charities and nonprofits". The main heading is "Charities and nonprofits". Below this, there are language links: English, Español, 中文(简体), 中文(繁體), 한국어, Русский, Tiếng Việt, and Kreyòl ayisyen.

The left sidebar contains a list of topics under the heading "Charities and nonprofits":



- Exempt organization types
- Lifecycle of an exempt organization
- Annual filing and forms
- Charitable contributions
- Search for charities** (indicated by a red arrow)
- Education sessions

The main content area features the heading "Clean Energy Tax Credit benefits available". Below this, it states: "Government and tax-exempt entities can now benefit from clean energy tax credits with new options enabled by the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022. Find out about [elective pay and transferability of clean energy tax credits](#)."

Below this text is a link: "[Publication 5884, Inflation Reduction Act \(IRA\) and CHIPS Act of 2022 \(CHIPS\) Pre-Filing Registration Tool - User Guide and Instructions](#)" with a PDF icon.

Another heading is "IRS offers office hours for help with the pre-filing registration process for elective payment and transfer of clean energy and CHIPS credits". Below this, it says: "Registration for office hours is open. Registration is required and can be completed by clicking on the links below."

A table provides the registration schedule:

Date	Time	Register
November 6, 2024	1-3 p.m. Eastern time	Register 
November 13, 2024	1-3 p.m. Eastern time	Register 

In the middle of the page: Click on “**Tax Exempt Organization Search Tool**”...

The screenshot shows the IRS website's "Tax Exempt Organization Search" page. The browser's address bar displays "irs.gov/charities-non-profits/tax-exempt-organization-search". The page features a blue header with the IRS logo and navigation links for "Help", "News", "English", "Charities & Nonprofits", and "Tax Pros". Below the header is a dark blue navigation bar with links for "File", "Pay", "Refunds", "Credits & Deductions", "Forms & Instructions", and a search bar. The main content area has a breadcrumb trail: "Home / File / Charities and nonprofits / Tax Exempt Organization Search". The title "Tax Exempt Organization Search" is prominently displayed. On the left, a sidebar lists categories: "Individuals", "Businesses and self-employed", and "Charities and nonprofits", with the latter being selected. The main text area provides instructions on how to use the search tool and lists the types of information available: Form 990 Series Returns, Form 990-N (e-Postcard), and Pub 78 Data. A large red arrow points from the text above to the underlined link "Tax Exempt Organization Search Tool".

IRS

Help | News | English | Charities & Nonprofits | Tax Pros

File | Pay | Refunds | Credits & Deductions | Forms & Instructions | Search

Home / File / Charities and nonprofits / Tax Exempt Organization Search

Tax Exempt Organization Search

Individuals

Businesses and self-employed

Charities and nonprofits

Exempt organization types

Lifecycle of an exempt organization

Find information about an organization's tax-exempt status and filings. You can use the online search tool or download specific data sets.

Find more information on [TEOS Implementation](#).

Tax Exempt Organization Search Tool

You can check an organization's eligibility to receive tax-deductible charitable contributions (Pub 78 Data). You can also search for information about an organization's tax-exempt status and filings:

- Form 990 Series Returns
- Form 990-N (e-Postcard)
- Pub 78 Data

In the middle of the page: Click on “**Search for Tax Exempt Organizations**”...

The screenshot shows the IRS website's 'Search for tax exempt organizations' page. The browser address bar displays 'irs.gov/charities-non-profits/search-for-tax-exempt-organizations'. The page features a blue header with the IRS logo and navigation links for 'Help', 'News', 'English', 'Charities & Nonprofits', and 'Tax Pros'. Below the header is a dark blue navigation bar with links for 'File', 'Pay', 'Refunds', 'Credits & Deductions', 'Forms & Instructions', and a search bar. The main content area has a breadcrumb trail: 'Home / File / Charities and nonprofits / Search for charities / Search for tax exempt organizations'. The title 'Search for tax exempt organizations' is prominently displayed. On the left, a sidebar lists categories: 'Individuals', 'Businesses and self-employed', and 'Charities and nonprofits' (which is selected). Under 'Charities and nonprofits', there are links for 'Exempt organization types', 'Lifecycle of an exempt organization', and 'Annual filing and forms'. The main content area is titled 'The Tax Exempt Organization Search Tool' and includes the text: 'You can check an organization's:'. Below this, a list of bullet points describes the tool's capabilities: 'Eligibility to receive tax-deductible charitable contributions' and 'Review information about the organization's tax-exempt status and filings.' A large blue button labeled 'Search for Tax Exempt Organizations' is positioned below the list, with a red arrow pointing to it. Further down, the section 'About the Tax Exempt Organization Search Tool' explains that the 'online search tool' allows users to search for an organization's tax-exempt status and filings in specific data bases, including 'Form 990 series returns'.

Search for tax exempt organizations

irs.gov/charities-non-profits/search-for-tax-exempt-organizations

An official website of the United States Government

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The Tax Exempt Organization Search Tool

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- Eligibility to receive tax-deductible charitable contributions
- Review information about the organization's tax-exempt status and filings.

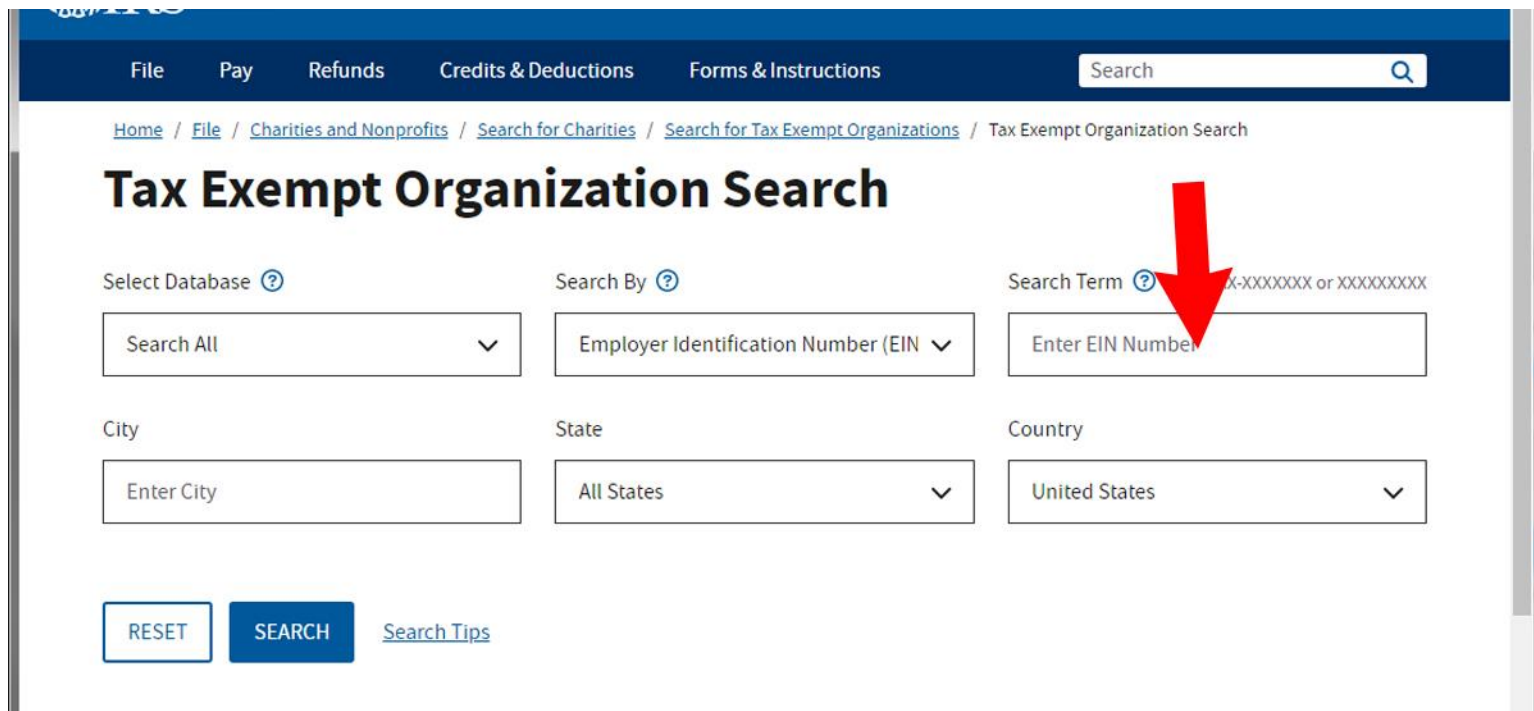
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About the Tax Exempt Organization Search Tool

The [online search tool](#) allows you to search for an organization's tax exempt status and filings in the following data bases:

- Form 990 series returns

On the Right of the page, click inside the “**Search Term**” box. Then type the **EIN** (Note: The number can be entered with or without the “-”)...



The screenshot shows the 'Tax Exempt Organization Search' page. At the top is a navigation bar with links: File, Pay, Refunds, Credits & Deductions, and Forms & Instructions. A search bar is located in the top right corner. Below the navigation bar is a breadcrumb trail: Home / File / Charities and Nonprofits / Search for Charities / Search for Tax Exempt Organizations / Tax Exempt Organization Search. The main heading is 'Tax Exempt Organization Search'. Below this, there are three columns of search criteria. The first column is 'Select Database' with a dropdown menu showing 'Search All'. The second column is 'Search By' with a dropdown menu showing 'Employer Identification Number (EIN)'. The third column is 'Search Term' with a text input box containing 'Enter EIN Number'. A large red arrow points to this input box. Below these columns are three more input fields: 'City' (text input), 'State' (dropdown menu showing 'All States'), and 'Country' (dropdown menu showing 'United States'). At the bottom left are two buttons: 'RESET' and 'SEARCH'. To the right of the 'SEARCH' button is a link for 'Search Tips'.

File Pay Refunds Credits & Deductions Forms & Instructions Search

Home / File / Charities and Nonprofits / Search for Charities / Search for Tax Exempt Organizations / Tax Exempt Organization Search

Tax Exempt Organization Search

Select Database ? Search All

Search By ? Employer Identification Number (EIN)

Search Term ? Enter EIN Number

City Enter City

State All States

Country United States

RESET SEARCH Search Tips

After typing in the EIN, the Enter key will start the search... (Or click on the “**SEARCH**” button)

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Home / File / Charities and Nonprofits / Search for Charities / Search for Tax Exempt Organizations / Tax Exempt Organization Search

Tax Exempt Organization Search

Select Database [?] Search All [▼]

Search By [?] Employer Identification Number (EIN [▼])

Search Term [?] XX-XXXXXXX or XXXXXXXXXX

93-0567861 [×]

City: Enter City

State: All States [▼]

Country: United States [▼]

RESET SEARCH [Search Tips](#)

Enter EIN Here...

Search Results: If the EIN is found in the database, some basic information is returned...

We will drill down further in the following slides

The screenshot shows the IRS website's search results for a tax-exempt organization. The header includes the IRS logo and navigation links: File, Pay, Refunds, Credits & Deductions, and Forms & Instructions. A search bar is located on the right. Below the header, it says "Showing 1-1 results of 1".

The search results are displayed in a table-like format with the following columns: EIN, Organization Name, City, State, and Country. The data row shows:

EIN	Organization Name	City	State	Country
93-0567861	National Railway Historical Society Pacific Northwest Chapter	Portland	Oregon	United States

Below the table, there are buttons for "Pub 78 Data" and "Copies of Returns".

Below the table, there is a section titled "Additional information" which contains a link to "Exempt Organizations Business Master File Extract (EO BMF)" and a bullet point linking to "Tax Exempt Organization Search: Bulk Data Downloads".

Red arrows and boxes highlight the key information returned:

- A red box around the EIN "93-0567861" with a red arrow pointing to the label "EIN" in a red box below.
- A red box around the organization name "National Railway Historical Society Pacific Northwest Chapter" with a red arrow pointing to the label "NAME" in a red box below.
- A red box around the location "Portland Oregon United States" with a red arrow pointing to the label "LOCATION" in a red box below.


“PUB 78 DATA”

The data returned by this button is used by the Committee to answer **two important questions**:

- Has the organization been granted ***501(3)c Tax Exempt Status*** by the IRS?
- Is the organization in ***Good Standing*** with the IRS?

An organization that fails to file their tax return (Form 990, 990-EZ or 990-N) for three years in a row will automatically loose their 501(3)c Tax Exempt Status! (NO LONGER in Good Standing!!!)

Click the “PUB 78 DATA” button...

 [File](#) [Pay](#) [Refunds](#) [Credits & Deductions](#) [Forms & Instructions](#)

Showing **1-1** results of **1**

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Additional information

- [Frequently asked questions](#) - Exempt Organizations Select Check
- [Revocations of 501\(c\)\(3\) Determinations](#)
- [Suspensions Pursuant to Code Section 501\(p\)](#)
- [Exempt Organizations Business Master File Extract \(EO BMF\)](#): a list of organizations recognized as exempt by the IRS
- [Tax Exempt Organization Search: Bulk Data Downloads](#)

“Publication 78 Data” returned..

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National Railway Historical Society Pacific Northwest Chapter

EIN: 93-0567861 | Portland, Oregon, United States

Publication 78 Data

Organizations eligible to receive tax-deductible charitable contributions. Users may rely on this list in determining deductibility of their contributions.

On Publication 78 Data List: Yes
Deductibility Code: PC ?

[< BACK](#) [PRINT](#)

For purposes of the NRHS Heritage Grants Program, if the answers returned are "Yes" and "PC", the organization has met our requirement to be a 501(3)c Organization in Good Standing


Click on the “< **BACK**” button to return to Results

“COPIES OF RETURNS”

- The site includes information on the Tax Returns the organization has filed
- Individual 990 or 990-EZ returns can be viewed or downloaded

This is why we do not need a copy of your tax return included with your grant application!

Click “COPIES OF RETURNS”...

 [File](#) [Pay](#) [Refunds](#) [Credits & Deductions](#) [Forms & Instructions](#)

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National Railway Historical Society Pacific Northwest Chapter

EIN: 93-0567861 | Portland, Oregon, United States

Other Names

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHAPTER NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Copies of Returns (990, 990-EZ, 990-PF, 990-T)

Electronic copies (images) of Forms 990, 990-EZ, 990-PF or 990-T returns filed with the IRS by charities and non-profits.

✓ Tax Year 2022 Form 990EZ
✓ Tax Year 2021 Form 990EZ
✓ Tax Year 2020 Form 990EZ



Click on a Tax Year for details...

“Tax Year Detail” returned...

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^ Tax Year 2022 Form 990EZ

Organization Name: NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHAPTER	Return ID: 4589949	Copy of Return: 2022 Form 990EZ Filing
EIN: 93-0567861	Filing Type: E	
Tax Period: 202212	Return Type: 990EZ	



“Copy of Return”

You can View, Print, or Download the return...

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efile GRAPHIC print - DO NOT PROCESS As Filed Data - DLN: 93492316008653

Form **990EZ** Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

OMB No. 1545-0047
2022
Open to Public Inspection

Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.
Go to www.irs.gov/Form990EZ for instructions and the latest information.

A For the 2022 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2022, and ending 12-31-2022

B Check if applicable:
☐ Address change
☐ Name change
☐ Initial return
☐ Final return/terminated
☐ Amended return
☐ Application pending

C Name of organization
NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHAPTER
Number and street (or P. O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
800 NW 6 Ave Rm 1
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
Portland, OR 972093794

D Employer identification number
93-0567861
E Telephone number
(503) 226-6747
F Group Exemption Number

G Accounting Method: ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual Other (specify) _____

H Check ☐ if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

I Website: www.pnw-nrhs.org
J Tax-exempt status (check only one) - ☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c)() (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

K Form of organization: ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other _____

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ▶ \$ 15,478

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I. ☒

1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	13,340
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	0
3	Membership dues and assessments	3	1,202
4	Investment income	4	559
5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	0
5b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	0
5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	0
6	Gaming and fundraising events		
a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	0
b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 0 of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b	0
c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c	0
d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	0
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	0
b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b	0
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	0
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8	377

I hope this was helpful...

Thank you for your interest in the NRHS Heritage Grants program. If you are applying, I wish you the very best of luck with your application

(And if you want to say Thanks for the effort to create this presentation, consider a donation to the National Railway Historical Society. Thank you!)