

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2022</u> and ending <u>12/31/2022</u>	
A This return/report is for:	☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) ____
B This return/report is:	☐ the first return/report ☐ the final return/report ☐ an amended return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here.	☐
D Check box if filing under:	☒ Form 5558 ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program ☐ special extension (enter description)
E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here.	☐

Part II Basic Plan Information —enter all requested information		
1a Name of plan <u>BERKSHIRE BANK 401(K) PLAN</u>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>002</u>
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>BERKSHIRE BANK</u> <u>99 NORTH STREET</u> <u>PITTSFIELD, MA 01201-5106</u>		
1c Effective date of plan <u>04/01/1993</u>		
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>04-3312097</u>		
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>413-443-5601</u>		
2d Business code (see instructions) <u>522120</u>		

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	07/11/2023	LINDA M. HANKEY
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	07/11/2023	LINDA M. HANKEY
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

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3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor		3b Administrator's EIN
		3c Administrator's telephone number
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name		4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year		5 1797
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d).		
a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year		6a(1) 953
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year		6a(2) 956
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits		6b 30
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits.....		6c 750
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c		6d 1736
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.		6e 8
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e		6f 1744
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item).....		6g 1679
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....		6h 0
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)		7
8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions: 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 3D		
b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:		
9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor		9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)		
a Pension Schedules (1) ☒ R (Retirement Plan Information) (2) ☐ MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) ☐ SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary		b General Schedules (1) ☒ H (Financial Information) (2) ☐ I (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) ☐ A (Insurance Information) (4) ☒ C (Service Provider Information) (5) ☐ D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) ☐ G (Financial Transaction Schedules)

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2022 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2022 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2022
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2022 and ending 12/31/2022		
A Name of plan BERKSHIRE BANK 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 BERKSHIRE BANK	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 04-3312097	

Part I	Service Provider Information (see instructions)
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You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

- a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions)..... ☒ Yes ☐ No
- b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
THE VANGUARD GROUP, INC.
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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
15 16 33 37 99	NONE	104659	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

VANGUARD ADVISERS INC.

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
26	NONE	28904	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3. If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received \$1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
THE VANGUARD GROUP, INC.	99	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
THE FRANKLIN TEMPLETON GROUP 94-2990534	15 BPS	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide
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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)
(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

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<b style="font-size: 1.2em;">SCHEDULE H <b style="font-size: 1.1em;">(Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	<b style="font-size: 1.2em;">Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 <b style="font-size: 1.2em;">2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection				
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A Name of plan BERKSHIRE BANK 401(K) PLAN	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%; padding: 5px;"> B Three-digit plan number (PN) ► </td> <td style="width: 20%; padding: 5px; text-align: center; color: blue;">002</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="height: 20px;"></td> </tr> </table>		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	002		
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 BERKSHIRE BANK	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%; padding: 5px;"> D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 04-3312097 </td> <td style="width: 20%;"></td> </tr> </table>		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 04-3312097			
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Part I	Asset and Liability Statement		
1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.			
Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash.....	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions.....	1b(1)		
(2) Participant contributions.....	1b(2)		
(3) Other.....	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit).....	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common.....	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants).....	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans.....	1c(8)	1924023	1719763
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts.....	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts.....	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	1c(13)	169649668	139730654
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)	1564466	1585253

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	6814215	6570247
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	179952372	149605917

Liabilities

g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0

Net Assets

l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	179952372	149605917
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Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

Income

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	2879174	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	6843014	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	1755399	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		11477587
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	86400	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		86400
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	125639	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	4182070	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		4307709
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	1283918	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	1315301	
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		-31383
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	310510	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		310510

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		-32609049
c Other income	2c		-158999
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		-16617225
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	13571353	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)	28164	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		13599517
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)		
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)		
(4) Other	2i(4)	129713	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4)	2i(5)		129713
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		13729230
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		-30346455
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) ☒ Unmodified (2) ☐ Qualified (3) ☐ Disclaimer (4) ☐ Adverse

b Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1) ☐ DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 (2) ☐ DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) (3) ☒ neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: CROWE, LLP

(2) EIN: 35-0921680

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, or MTIA. (2) ☐ It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l.

During the plan year:

a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)

	Yes	No	Amount
4a		X	

	Yes	No	Amount
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)			
4b		X	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)			
4c		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)			
4d		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		500000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
4f		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?			
4g		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?			
4h		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
4i	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)			
4j		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?			
4k		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?			
4l		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)			
4m		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			
4n			

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	5b(2) EIN(s)	5b(3) PN(s)

5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined
If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2022 and ending 12/31/2022		
A Name of plan BERKSHIRE BANK 401(K) PLAN		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ► 002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 BERKSHIRE BANK		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 04-3312097
Part I Distributions		
All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.		
1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....		1
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 23-2186884		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.		
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year.....		3
Part II Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)		
4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.		
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.		
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived).....		6a
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year.....		6b
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount).....		6c
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.		
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
Part III Amendments		
9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box..... ☐ Increase ☐ Decrease ☐ Both ☐ No		
Part IV ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.		
10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No		
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No		
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.)..... ☐ Yes ☐ No		
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No		
For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.		
Schedule R (Form 5500) 2022 v. 220413		

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that (1) contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year or (2) was one of the top-ten highest contributors (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

14	Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:	
a	The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment).....	14a
b	The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14b
c	The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14c
15	Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:	
a	The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year.....	15a
b	The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year.....	15b
16	Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:	
a	Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	16a
b	If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers.....	16b
17	If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment ☐	

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment ☐

19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) through (c)

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
 Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt:
☐ 0-3 years ☐ 3-6 years ☐ 6-9 years ☐ 9-12 years ☐ 12-15 years ☐ 15-18 years ☐ 18-21 years ☐ 21 years or more

c What duration measure was used to calculate line 19(b)?
☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify): _____

20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements. If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.

a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:

☐ Yes.

☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. Other. Provide explanation _____

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Plan Participants and Plan Administrator of the Berkshire Bank 401(k) Plan
Pittsfield, Massachusetts

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Berkshire Bank 401(k) Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year from the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments, administering the plan, and determining that the plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if, there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedule of Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2022 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. 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 audits 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 GAAS.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion, the information in the accompanying schedule is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole, and the form and content are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

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Crowe LLP

New York, New York
June 29, 2023

BERKSHIRE BANK 401(K) PLAN
SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i – SCHEDULE OF ASSETS
(HELD AT END OF YEAR)
EIN #: 04-3312097
THREE-DIGIT PLAN NUMBER: 002
DECEMBER 31, 2022

(a)	(b) (c)	(d)	(e)
	Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party and Description of Investment	Cost	Current Value (1)
	Mutual funds:		
*	Vanguard Dividend Growth Fund	**	\$ 3,810,505
*	Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index Fund Admiral Shr	**	1,736,764
*	Vanguard Federal Money Market Fund	**	8,254,971
*	Vanguard Institutional Index Fund Inst'l Shares	**	15,677,221
*	Vanguard Intermediate-Term Treasury Fund: Adm Shr	**	3,157,073
*	Vanguard International Growth Fund Admiral Shares	**	5,754,111
*	Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Fund Institutional Shares	**	4,756,738
*	Vanguard Selected Value Fund	**	2,313,505
*	Vanguard Short-Term Bond Index Fund Admiral Shares	**	1,583,277
*	Vanguard Short-Term Federal Fund Admiral Shares	**	719,160
*	Vanguard Small-Cap Growth Index Fund: Inst'l Shr	**	4,756,518
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Fund	**	5,812,189
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Fund	**	12,056,395
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Fund	**	7,726,667
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Fund	**	11,991,174
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Fund	**	8,827,865
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Fund	**	6,793,170
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Fund	**	5,944,201
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Fund	**	3,468,283
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2060 Fund	**	1,329,621
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2065 Fund	**	424,186
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2070 Fund	**	179
*	Vanguard Target Retirement Income	**	3,928,362
*	Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund: Inst'l Shr	**	5,434,658
*	Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Fund: Inst'l Shr	**	6,972,567
*	Vanguard U.S. Growth Fund Admiral Shares	**	2,776,187
*	Vanguard Windsor II Fund Admiral Shares	**	3,725,106
	Common Stock:		
*	Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. Common Stock	**	6,570,248
	Brokerage account:		
*	VGI Brokerage Option	**	1,585,253
	Notes receivable from participants:		
*	Participant loans: 4.25% to 8.00%, Maturing 1/16/2023 through 12/8/2027		1,719,763
			\$ 149,605,917

* Represents a party-in-interest as defined by ERISA.

** As allowed by ERISA, cost information may be omitted with respect to participant or beneficiary directed investments under an individual account plan.

BERKSHIRE BANK 401(k) PLAN

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND
SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

Years Ended December 31, 2022 and 2021

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* Other schedules required by Section 2520.103-10 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 have been omitted because they are not applicable.

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Crowe LLP

New York, New York
June 29, 2023

BERKSHIRE BANK 401(k) PLAN

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

December 31, 2022 and 2021

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
ASSETS		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 147,886,154	\$ 178,028,348
Receivables:		
Notes receivable from participants	<u>1,720,665</u>	<u>1,926,836</u>
Total receivables	<u>1,720,665</u>	<u>1,926,836</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u><u>\$ 149,606,819</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 179,955,184</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

BERKSHIRE BANK 401(k) PLAN

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

For the Years Ended December 31, 2022 and 2021

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Additions to net assets attributed to:		
Investment income:		
Dividends and interest	\$ 4,307,708	\$ 14,866,667
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	-	8,455,020
Total investment income	<u>4,307,708</u>	<u>23,321,687</u>
Other income:		
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	<u>86,400</u>	<u>100,566</u>
Total other income	<u>86,400</u>	<u>100,566</u>
 Total income	 4,394,108	 23,422,253
Contributions:		
Employer	2,879,174	2,919,122
Participants	6,843,015	6,923,545
Rollover	1,755,399	977,908
Total contributions	<u>11,477,588</u>	<u>10,820,575</u>
 Total additions	 <u>15,871,696</u>	 <u>34,242,828</u>
Deductions from net assets attributed to:		
Net depreciation in fair value of investments	32,488,921	-
Withdrawals and benefits paid to participants	13,573,262	24,447,222
Administrative fees	157,878	75,325
Total deductions	<u>46,220,061</u>	<u>24,522,547</u>
 Net (decrease)/increase in net assets available for benefits	 (30,348,365)	 9,720,281
 Net assets available for benefits at beginning of year	 <u>179,955,184</u>	 <u>170,234,903</u>
 Net assets available for benefits at end of year	 <u>\$ 149,606,819</u>	 <u>\$ 179,955,184</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

BERKSHIRE BANK 401(k) PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2022 and 2021

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The Berkshire Bank 401(k) Plan (the “Plan”) was established on April 1, 1993.

The following brief description of the Plan is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan’s provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all eligible employees of Berkshire Bank and subsidiaries (the “Bank” or the “Plan Sponsor”). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”), as amended. Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company serves as the Trustee of the Plan. The Vanguard Group (“Vanguard” or the “Custodian”) is the financial advisor, record keeper, and custodian of the Plan.

Contributions

Each year, participants may contribute a percent of pretax annual compensation, excluding certain types of restricted compensation, subject to certain limitations as defined by the Plan and the Internal Revenue Code (“IRC”). The maximum participant deferral was \$20,500 and \$19,500 for the Plan years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. In addition, all employees who are eligible to make salary reductions under the Plan and who have attained age 50 before the close of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions, as defined by the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001. Participants may also contribute rollover amounts representing distributions from other qualified retirement plans and individual retirement accounts. Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. Participants may change their rate of contribution each pay period. Participants are eligible to contribute a flat dollar amount or a percentage of their pretax annual compensation. Berkshire Bank’s 401(k) Plan offers an after-tax Roth option as an additional deferral selection.

The Bank matches a portion of eligible employee contributions. During 2022 and 2021, the Bank matched 100% of eligible employee contributions up to 4% of the participant’s pretax annual compensation.

BERKSHIRE BANK 401(k) PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (continued)

Plan Eligibility

Employees of the Bank are eligible to participate in the Plan after attaining eighteen years of age and completing ninety days of service.

A break in eligibility service occurs if an employee is not employed for a twelve consecutive month period. If the eligibility requirements had not yet been satisfied and there is a break in eligibility service, periods before the break in service will not be taken into account and the employee will have to satisfy the eligibility requirements following the break in service.

Periods during which an employee has a break in eligibility service will not count against the employee if the employee was absent because the employee was pregnant, had a child or adopted a child, was serving in the military, or provided service during a national emergency and re-employment is protected under federal or state law, and the employee returns to employment within the time required by law. Service credit is given to employees of certain predecessor employers as described in the Plan document for participation and vesting purposes. Employees may join the Plan on the first of the month following the month in which eligibility requirements are satisfied. Rehires may rejoin the Plan on the first day of the month following the month of rehire if they were previous participants of the Plan.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and allocations of (a) the Bank's contributions, (b) the Plan's investment earnings, (c) administrative expenses and (d) participant withdrawals. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined by the Plan. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Investments

Participants direct the investment of their contributions into investment options offered by the Plan which include selected mutual funds of Vanguard and other financial advisors, and common shares of Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc., the parent company of the Bank. Participants electing the Vanguard Brokerage Option can transfer vested assets to their brokerage account and invest in additional options beyond the Plan's core lineup. Employer contributions are invested in each participant's account according to the participant's selected allocation. Participants may change or transfer their investment options at any time via an automated telephone system or the Custodian's website.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (continued)

Vesting

Participants are 100% vested in all contributions plus actual earnings thereon.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 per loan up to a maximum amount, which is equal to \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance, whichever is less. In addition, the \$50,000 limit is reduced by the highest outstanding loan balance (of any previous loans made) in the previous twelve months. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's accounts and bear interest at The Wall Street Journal prime rate plus one percentage point as of the loan application review date. Interest rates ranged from 4.25% to 8.00% as of December 31, 2022. Interest rates ranged from 4.25% to 6.50% as of December 31, 2021. In general, principal and interest are paid ratably over a period not to exceed five years through regular payroll deductions. Loans used to finance the participant's principal residence are repaid over a period of time, up to 20 years.

If a participant fails to make a loan repayment by its due date, the total outstanding amount of the loan including any interest that has accrued will be defaulted and deemed a distribution to the participant on the date of default; however, the balance continues to be included in notes receivable from participants until the account balances of the defaulted borrower(s) are distributed from the Plan. There were no deemed loans for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021. There were no loan defaults for terminated participants for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021.

Payment of Benefits

On termination of service due to death, disability, normal retirement, or attaining age 59½ a participant may elect to receive either a lump sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in their account, annual installments, or defer distribution until a later date. If the vested portion of a participant's account balance is \$1,000 or less, and the participant does not provide alternative instructions to the Plan sponsor, this amount is paid as a lump sum distribution as soon as possible following termination, retirement, disability, or to the beneficiary following death.

Participants may request a benefit payment in the case of financial hardship, subject to certain limitations as defined by the Plan.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (continued)

Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Bank has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan, subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, the net assets of the Plan would be allocated as prescribed by ERISA and its related regulations.

Forfeited Accounts

At December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021, forfeited non-vested accounts totaled \$33,588 and \$18,145, respectively. A portion of these accounts may be used to reduce future employer contributions.

2. SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A summary of significant accounting policies consistently applied in the preparation of the accompanying financial statements follows.

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared using the accrual method of accounting.

Use of Estimates

In preparing financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent 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.

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SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. Shares of registered investment companies are valued at quoted market prices which represent the net asset value reported by the fund at year-end. Investments in Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. common stock and other equities are valued at the closing market price as of the last trade date of the year.

Purchases and sales of investments are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Capital gain distributions are included in dividend income. Net (depreciation)/appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

The Plan groups assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value in three levels, based on the markets in which the assets and liabilities are traded and the reliability of the assumptions used to determine fair value.

Level 1 – Valuation is based on quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. Valuations are obtained from readily available pricing sources for market transactions involving identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 – Valuation is based on observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.

Level 3 – Valuation is based on unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities. Level 3 assets and liabilities include financial instruments whose value is determined using unobservable techniques, as well as instruments for which the determination of fair value requires significant management judgment or estimation.

In certain cases, inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, an investment's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The Plan's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment and considers factors specific to the investment.

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SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (concluded)

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on an accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses have been recorded at December 31, 2022 and 2021.

Benefits Paid

Benefits are recorded upon distribution.

Administrative Expenses

The Plan's administrative expenses are paid by either the Plan or the Plan Sponsor as provided by the Plan document. Administrative fees charged to the Plan as shown on the Statements of Changes in Net Assets relate to fees charged to the participants for recordkeeping and information management or participant loan processing that are deducted from their asset balances. Investment related expenses are included in net (depreciation)/appreciation in fair value of investments on the Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits.

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3. INVESTMENTS, AT FAIR VALUE

The following table summarizes the valuation of the Plan's investments by the fair value hierarchy levels as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively:

December 31 ,2022	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 139,731,233	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 139,731,233
Common stock*	7,698,209	-	-	7,698,209
Certificate of deposits*	-	368,381	-	368,381
Money markets*	88,331	-	-	88,331
Total investments	<u>\$ 147,517,773</u>	<u>\$ 368,381</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 147,886,154</u>

December 31 ,2021	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Fair Value
Mutual funds	\$ 169,649,667	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 169,649,667
Common stock**	8,116,685	-	-	8,116,685
Money markets**	261,996	-	-	261,996
Total investments	<u>\$ 178,028,348</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 178,028,348</u>

* As of December 31, 2022, the VGI Brokerage Option totaled \$1,585,253, of which 71% was comprised of common stock, 23% was comprised of certificate of deposits, and 6% was comprised of money markets.

** As of December 31, 2021, the VGI Brokerage Option totaled \$1,564,466, of which 83% was comprised of common stock and 17% was comprised of money markets.

There were no assets measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis at December 31, 2022 or 2021. There were no transfers between categories during 2022 or 2021.

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4. TAX STATUS

The Bank adopted a prototype plan whose most recent opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service, dated May 28, 2014, stated that the Plan was designed in accordance with applicable sections of the IRC. The Plan has been amended from the original prototype document; however, the Plan Administrator believes the Plan is currently operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Plan is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2019.

The United States Generally Accepted Accounting Principles requires plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan. The financial statement effects of a tax position are recognized when the position is more likely than not, based on the technical merits, to be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service. Plan management has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan and has concluded that there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken as of December 31, 2022. The Plan did not have any uncertain positions at December 31, 2021 which required disclosure or accrual. The Plan has recognized no interest or penalties related to uncertain tax positions.

5. ADMINISTRATION OF PLAN ASSETS

The Plan assets are held by The Vanguard Group, the Custodian of the Plan.

Bank contributions, participant elective deferrals, and participant accounts are held and administered by Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company, who invests cash received, interest, and dividend income in accordance with participants' instructions and makes distributions to participants. The Trustee also administers the payment of interest and principal on participants' loans.

Certain administrative functions are performed by officers or employees of the Bank. No such officers or employees receive compensation for such functions from the Plan.

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6. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan invests in a variety of investment vehicles. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, liquidity, and credit. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

7. RELATED PARTY AND PARTIES IN INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

The Plan's record keeper, Trustee, and Custodian, as well as the Company and Plan participants, and Crowe LLP, the auditor of the Plan's financial statements, are each a "party-in-interest" to the Plan as defined by ERISA. Certain administrative functions are performed by employees and officers of the Bank for which no compensation was paid from the Plan. For the year ended December 31, 2022, the Bank contributed \$2,879,174 to the Plan, of which none was owed to the Plan at December 31, 2022. For the year ended December 31, 2021, the Bank contributed \$2,919,122 to the Plan, of which none was owed to the Plan at December 31, 2021. In addition, the Bank paid expenses in connection with the administration of the Plan, totaling \$37,846 and \$29,109 for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. Expenses paid by the Plan to the Plan's record keeper, trustee, and custodian represent party-in-interest transactions.

The Plan has investments in common stock of Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc., the parent company of the Bank. At December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Plan held 219,741 shares and 239,684 shares, respectively. At December 31, 2022 and 2021, the stock value was \$6,570,248 and \$6,814,215, respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, the purchases of stocks amounted to \$635,186 and \$726,340, respectively, and sales amounted to \$1,283,918 and \$1,330,292, respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, dividends earned were \$125,639 and \$117,745, respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, realized gains were \$159,485 and realized losses were \$29,160, respectively. In addition, certain of the investment options are managed by Vanguard. Transactions in such investments qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Notes receivable from participants also qualify as parties-in-interest transactions.

8. ROLLOVER CONTRIBUTIONS

For the year ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, the rollover contributions are made up of contributions from current employees rolling their assets over into the Plan. Current employees have the option to transfer their funds from a previous employer's retirement plan into the Plan.

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9. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Plan management has evaluated subsequent events for recognition and disclosure through June 29, 2023 and has concluded that there are no events that require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

10. RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements at December 31, 2022 and 2021 to Form 5500:

	December 31,	
	2022	2021
Net assets available for benefits per financial statements	\$ 149,606,819	\$ 179,955,184
Less: deemed distributed loans (1)	902	2,812
Net assets available for benefits per Form 5500	<u>\$ 149,605,917</u>	<u>\$ 179,952,372</u>

The following is a reconciliation of the net increase / decrease in net assets available for benefits as presented in the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits to Form 5500 for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021:

	December 31,	
	2022	2021
Net (decrease)/increase in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ (30,348,365)	\$ 9,720,281
Less: deemed distributed loans (1)	902	2,812
Plus: prior year distributions (1)	2,812	2,812
Net (decrease)/increase in net assets available for benefits per Form 5500	<u>\$ (30,346,455)</u>	<u>\$ 9,720,281</u>

- (1) In the financial statements of the Plan, delinquent loans remain as assets of the Plan. However, for the Form 5500 reporting purposes delinquent loans are removed from plan assets and reported as a benefit paid to a participant. Any loans held by participants that were deemed in previous years where the participant distributes or terminates from the plan in the current year, the balances are applied against the current year's distribution balance.

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SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i – SCHEDULE OF ASSETS
(HELD AT END OF YEAR)
EIN #: 04-3312097
THREE-DIGIT PLAN NUMBER: 002
DECEMBER 31, 2022

(a)	(b) (c)	(d)	(e)
	Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party and Description of Investment	Cost	Current Value (1)
	Mutual funds:		
*	Vanguard Dividend Growth Fund	**	\$ 3,810,505
*	Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index Fund Admiral Shr	**	1,736,764
*	Vanguard Federal Money Market Fund	**	8,254,971
*	Vanguard Institutional Index Fund Inst'l Shares	**	15,677,221
*	Vanguard Intermediate-Term Treasury Fund: Adm Shr	**	3,157,073
*	Vanguard International Growth Fund Admiral Shares	**	5,754,111
*	Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Fund Institutional Shares	**	4,756,738
*	Vanguard Selected Value Fund	**	2,313,505
*	Vanguard Short-Term Bond Index Fund Admiral Shares	**	1,583,277
*	Vanguard Short-Term Federal Fund Admiral Shares	**	719,160
*	Vanguard Small-Cap Growth Index Fund: Inst'l Shr	**	4,756,518
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Fund	**	5,812,189
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Fund	**	12,056,395
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Fund	**	7,726,667
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Fund	**	11,991,174
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Fund	**	8,827,865
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Fund	**	6,793,170
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Fund	**	5,944,201
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Fund	**	3,468,283
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2060 Fund	**	1,329,621
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2065 Fund	**	424,186
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2070 Fund	**	179
*	Vanguard Target Retirement Income	**	3,928,362
*	Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund: Inst'l Shr	**	5,434,658
*	Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Fund: Inst'l Shr	**	6,972,567
*	Vanguard U.S. Growth Fund Admiral Shares	**	2,776,187
*	Vanguard Windsor II Fund Admiral Shares	**	3,725,106
	Common Stock:		
*	Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. Common Stock	**	6,570,248
	Brokerage account:		
*	VGI Brokerage Option	**	1,585,253
	Notes receivable from participants:		
*	Participant loans: 4.25% to 8.00%, Maturing 1/16/2023 through 12/8/2027		1,719,763
			\$ 149,605,917

* Represents a party-in-interest as defined by ERISA.

** As allowed by ERISA, cost information may be omitted with respect to participant or beneficiary directed investments under an individual account plan.