

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 07/01/2022 and ending 06/30/2023	
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 CREATIVE ALTERNATIVES, INC EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN	1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
		1c	Effective date of plan 03/01/1989
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) CREATIVE ALTERNATIVES, INC. 2855 GEER ROAD SUITE C TURLOCK, CA 95382	2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 94-2378380
		2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 209-668-9361
		2d	Business code (see instructions) 623000

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.	03/06/2024	JANICE TOVAR
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	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

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	5 306
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 a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits..... d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)..... h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	 6a(1) 177 6a(2) 181 6b 0 6c 112 6d 293 6e 1 6f 294 6g 236 6h 10
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: 2S 2M 2G 2F 2T 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) ☒ 1 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 A (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Insurance 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. ► Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).	OMB No. 1210-0110 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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A Name of plan CREATIVE ALTERNATIVES, INC EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ► 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CREATIVE ALTERNATIVES, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 94-2378380

Part I	Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions	Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.
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1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier THE LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
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(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
35-0472300	65676	CR25985	7	07/01/2022	06/30/2023

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.
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(a) Total amount of commissions paid 512	(b) Total amount of fees paid
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3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid LINCOLN FINANCIAL ADVISORS 1300 S.CLINTON STREET, SUITE 150 FORT WAYNE, IN 46802
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(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
512			4

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
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(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

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	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

4	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end.....	4	73888
5	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶

b	Premiums paid to carrier	6b	
c	Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year	6c	
d	If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount..... Specify nature of costs ▶	6d	

e Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity
(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ ☐**7 Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)**

a Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee
(3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☒ other ▶ GROUP VARIABLE ANNUITY W/ GUAR FUND

b	Balance at the end of the previous year	7b	71500
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c	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)		
	(2) Dividends and credits	7c(2)		
	(3) Interest credited during the year	7c(3)	2502	
	(4) Transferred from separate account	7c(4)		
	(5) Other (specify below)	7c(5)		

(6) Total additions	7c(6)	2502
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d	Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6))	7d	74002
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e Deductions:

(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)		
	7e(2)	114	
	7e(3)		
	7e(4)		

(5) Total deductions	7e(5)	114
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f	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)	7f	73888
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Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a** ☐ Health (other than dental or vision)
 b ☐ Dental
 c ☐ Vision
 d ☐ Life insurance
e ☐ Temporary disability (accident and sickness)
 f ☐ Long-term disability
 g ☐ Supplemental unemployment
 h ☐ Prescription drug
i ☐ Stop loss (large deductible)
 j ☐ HMO contract
 k ☐ PPO contract
 l ☐ Indemnity contract
m ☐ Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:

a Premiums: (1) Amount received	9a(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid	9a(2)		
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	9a(3)		
(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3))		9a(4)	
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid	9b(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	9b(2)		
(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2))		9b(3)	
(4) Claims charged		9b(4)	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
(A) Commissions	9c(1)(A)		
(B) Administrative service or other fees	9c(1)(B)		
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	9c(1)(C)		
(D) Other expenses	9c(1)(D)		
(E) Taxes	9c(1)(E)		
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies	9c(1)(F)		
(G) Other retention charges	9c(1)(G)		
(H) Total retention		9c(1)(H)	
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.)		9c(2)	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement		9d(1)	
(2) Claim reserves		9d(2)	
(3) Other reserves		9d(3)	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).)		9e	

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier	10a	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount. Specify nature of costs.	10b	

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A? ☐ Yes ☒ No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

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
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CREATIVE ALTERNATIVES, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 94-2378380	

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
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(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
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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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35-1140070

(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?
50 99	SERVICE PROVIDER	225	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☐ No ☒

(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?
12 15 28 37 38 50 54 59 61 62 63 64 65	RECORD KEEPER	31007	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☐ No ☒

(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?
51 50	INVESTMENT ADVISOR	15193	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
(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.	
(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:

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

Explanation:

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c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

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

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

Explanation:

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	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 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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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)		72
(2) Participant contributions.....	1b(2)		536
(3) Other.....	1b(3)	69	111
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)	139778	184666
(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)	7378519	7515518
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)	71500	73888
(15) Other	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(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	7589866	7774791

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		

Net Assets

l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	7589866	7774791
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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)	56066	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	237760	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	-69	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		293757
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)	7059	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	2501	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		9560
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	177447	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		177447
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(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)		583021
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		1063785
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	825488	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		825488
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		7057
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)	15083	
(4) Other	2i(4)	31232	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4)	2i(5)		46315
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		878860
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		184925
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: **ATHERTON & ASSOCIATES, LLP**

(2) EIN: **94-1239084**

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?		X	
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?		X	
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.)		X	
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?		X	
4k		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
4l		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		X	
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.		X	
4n		X	

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 07/01/2022 and ending 06/30/2023		
A Name of plan CREATIVE ALTERNATIVES, INC EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ► 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CREATIVE ALTERNATIVES, INC.		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 94-2378380
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 0
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): 13-3689044 35-1140070		
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 41
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

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

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

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

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

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): _____

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
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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 _____

CREATIVE ALTERNATIVES, INC.
EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

February 9, 2024

Board of Trustees
Creative Alternatives, Inc.
Employee Savings Plan
Turlock, California

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit

We were engaged to perform the audits of the financial statements of Creative Alternatives, Inc. Employee Savings Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from qualified institutions, State Street Bank and Trust Company, Transamerica Financial Life Insurance Company Inc., and Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, and for the year ended June 30, 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Disclaimer of Opinion

We do not express an opinion on the accompanying financial statements of the Plan. Because of the significance of the matters described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion section of our report, we have not been able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion on the financial statements.

Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion

The Plan has not maintained sufficient accounting records and supporting documents relating to certain annuity contracts and custodial accounts issued to current and former employees prior to January 1, 2009.

Scott Kerr | Loren Kuntz | Rebecca Terpstra | Craig Schaurer | Marissa Williams | Jackie Howell | Natalya Mann



Accordingly, we were unable to apply auditing procedures sufficient to determine the extent to which the accompanying financial statements may have been affected by these conditions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, 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. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

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 within one year after the date that the financial statements are issued or 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.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our responsibility is to conduct an audit of the Plan's financial statements in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and to issue an auditor's report. However, because of the matters described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion section of our report, we were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion on these financial statements.

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.

Other Matter - Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets Held at End of Year as of June 30, 2023, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the DOL'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. Because of the significance of the matters described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion section of our report, it is inappropriate to and we do not express an opinion on the supplemental schedule referred to above.

Atherton & Associates, LLP

CREATIVE ALTERNATIVES, INC. EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
ASSETS		
Investments, at fair value		
Mutual funds	\$ 7,469,335	\$ 7,292,829
Pooled separate accounts	<u>46,183</u>	<u>85,691</u>
Total investments, at fair value	<u>7,515,518</u>	<u>7,378,520</u>
Investments at contract value, stable value fund	<u>73,888</u>	<u>71,500</u>
Receivables		
Participant contributions	536	-
Employer contributions	72	-
Other	111	69
Notes from participants	<u>184,666</u>	<u>139,778</u>
Total receivables	<u>185,385</u>	<u>139,847</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>7,774,791</u>	<u>7,589,867</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u><u>\$ 7,774,791</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 7,589,867</u></u>

CREATIVE ALTERNATIVES, INC. EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:

Investment income:

Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 548,086
Interest	2,501
Dividends	<u>212,382</u>
Total investment income	<u>762,969</u>

Interest income on notes receivable from participants	<u>6,858</u>
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Contributions:

Participant	237,760
Employer	<u>56,065</u>
Total contributions	<u>293,825</u>
Total additions	<u>1,063,652</u>

DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:

Benefits paid to participants	832,302
Administrative expenses	<u>46,426</u>
Total deductions	<u>878,728</u>
Net increase in net assets	184,924

NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS:

Beginning of year	<u>7,589,867</u>
End of year	<u><u>\$ 7,774,791</u></u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CREATIVE ALTERNATIVES, INC. EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022

Note 1 Description of the Plan

The following description of the Creative Alternatives, Inc. Employee Savings Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General The Plan is a participant directed 403(b) defined contribution plan covering all full-time employees of Creative Alternatives, Inc. (the Agency). All employees are eligible on the first day of employment. Employees are allowed to make pre-tax and post-tax (Roth) contributions. A participant is eligible to receive employer contributions at the beginning of the following quarter once they have attained one year of service during which they complete at least 1,000 hours of services and are age twenty-one or older. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and was amended effective May 1, 2022, to remove automatic enrollment. The plan was amended effective July 1, 2022, to decrease employer contributions from 3.5% to 1% of compensation. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Contributions Eligible employees of the Agency may elect to contribute up to the applicable limits allowed under the Internal Revenue Code. Participants are allowed to make additional catch-up contributions to the Plan if they are 50 years of age or older as of the end of the plan year. The Agency matches eligible 403(b) contributions at 100% up to 1% of an employee's compensation, which is at the discretion of the Board of Trustees. Additionally, participants are permitted to make rollover contributions to the Plan from sources specified in the Plan agreement.

Participant Accounts Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and an allocation of (a) the Agency's contribution, (b) plan earnings, charged with an allocation of administrative expenses, and (c) any forfeitures of terminated participants' nonvested accounts. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Notes Receivable from Participants Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. The loans are secured by the vested balance in the participant's account and bear interest at rates that range from 3.25% to 8.25%. Loan terms, unless for the purchase of a principal residence, are not to exceed five years. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions. Delinquent loans are treated as distributions based upon the terms of the plan document.

Payment of Benefits A participant may elect to receive all or a portion of their vested account balance upon termination of service, normal retirement date, or disability. Benefits may be paid in the form of a single lump sum or a partial payment or rolled over into another qualified plan. A participant may elect a hardship distribution prior to his or her separation from service in accordance with the hardship distribution policy.

Investment Options Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant may direct contributions into numerous investment choices offered by State Street Bank and Trust Company. Participants may change their investment options via the internet.

Administrative Expenses Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Plan, unless otherwise paid by the Agency. Expenses that are paid by the Agency are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants are charged directly to the participant's. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation of investments.

CREATIVE ALTERNATIVES, INC. EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022

Note 1 Description of the Plan (Continued)

Vesting Participants are immediately 100% vested in their elective deferrals and rollover contributions. Participants' vesting in employer matching contributions is based on years of continuous service. A participant receives 20% vesting after two years of credited service and is 100% vested after five years. A vesting year of service is any plan year during which a participant completes 1,000 hours of service. A participant is 100% vested after reaching normal retirement age, or upon death or disability.

Forfeitures Forfeitures are created when participants terminate employment before becoming entitled to their full benefits under the Plan. Forfeitures will be used to reduce employer matching contributions. At June 30, 2023 and 2022, forfeited non-fully vested accounts totaled \$35,523 and \$25,225, respectively.

Secure 2.0 Act On December 29, 2022, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 was signed into law, which includes the package of retirement provisions referred to as Secure 2.0. These provisions continue the themes and reforms that began with the 2019 Secure Act, focusing on getting more participants into the retirement system and finding ways for them to accumulate more assets. These changes have various effective dates starting in 2023 and forward. Since the provisions include both required and optional elements, the Plan Administrator will determine the optional provisions to elect.

Note 2 Summary of Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting The financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Investment Valuations and Income Recognition Investments in State Street Bank and Trust Company include mutual funds and investments made in accordance with a group annuity contract, which represent participation units in the insurance company pooled separate accounts. Lincoln National Life Insurance Company and Transamerica Financial Life Insurance Company Inc. include investments made in accordance with a group annuity contract, which represent participation units in the insurance company's pooled separate accounts and stable value funds.

Investments are reported at fair value, except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, which are reported at contract value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Agency determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisers, custodians, or trustees.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments purchased and sold as well as held during the year.

Notes Receivable from Participants Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses have been recorded as of June 30, 2023 or 2022.

Payment of Benefits The Plan records benefits when paid. Total vested benefits due to terminated participants but not paid was \$2,093,363 as of June 30, 2023.

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Note 2 Summary of Accounting Policies (Continued)

Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination. Plan management has determined as of June 30, 2023, there are no uncertain tax positions taken or expected to be taken that would require disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

Use of Estimates The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets available for benefits and changes therein. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Subsequent Events In preparing these financial statements, the Plan has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through February 9, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 3 Information Prepared and Certified by the Trustees

The following is a summary of the Plan's asset information as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, and for the year ended June 30, 2023, included throughout the Plan's financial statements and supplemental schedule, that was prepared by or derived from information provided by the trustees and furnished to the Plan Administrator. The Plan Administrator has obtained certifications from the trustees that information provided to the Plan Administrator by the trustees related to the following assets are complete and accurate. Accordingly, as permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the Plan Administrator instructed the Plan's independent auditors not to perform any auditing procedures with respect to information which appears throughout the financial statements and supplemental schedule related to the following assets:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Mutual funds	\$7,469,335	\$7,292,829
Pooled separate accounts	46,183	85,691
Stable value fund	73,888	71,500
Notes receivable from participants	184,666	139,778

The trustees also certified to the completeness and accuracy of \$548,086 of net appreciation, \$2,501 of interest income, \$212,382 of dividend income associated with the investments, and \$6,858 of interest income associated with notes receivable from participants for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Note 4 Transactions with Parties-in-Interest

State Street Bank and Trust Company, Transamerica Financial Life Insurance Company Inc., and Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, the Plan's trustees, Merrill Lynch, the Plan's financial advisor, and Atherton & Associates, LLP, independent auditor, qualify as parties-in-interest according to Section 3(14) of ERISA.

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Note 5 Income Tax Status

The Plan adopted a pre-approved volume submitter 403(b) plan and has received an opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service dated March 31, 2017, as to the Plan's qualified status. The pre-approved volume submitter opinion letter has been relied upon by this Plan. The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter. However, the Plan Administrator believes the Plan is designed and is being operated in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.

Note 6 Plan Termination

Although they have not expressed any intent to do so, the Agency has the right under the Plan to discontinue their contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of plan termination, participants will become 100% vested in their accounts.

Note 7 Risk and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. 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 and balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

Note 8 Fair Value Measurements

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

- Level 1 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Plan can access at the measurement date.
- Level 2 Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, such as:
- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
 - Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
 - Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
 - Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

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Note 8 Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 Inputs that are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

There have been no changes in the methodologies used at June 30, 2023 and 2022. Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value.

Mutual funds: Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value (NAV) and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Pooled separate accounts: Primarily valued daily at NAV per share. The NAV, as provided by the trustees, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The NAV is based on the fair value of the total value of all the securities in each fund's portfolio less any liabilities.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of:

	June 30, 2023			
	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mutual funds	<u>\$7,469,335</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$7,469,335</u>
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	<u>7,469,335</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,469,335</u>
Investments measured at net asset value (a)				<u>46,183</u>
Investments at fair value				<u>\$7,515,518</u>
	June 30, 2022			
	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mutual funds	<u>\$7,292,829</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$7,292,829</u>
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	<u>7,292,829</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,292,829</u>
Investments measured at net asset value (a)				<u>85,691</u>
Investments at fair value				<u>\$7,378,520</u>

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Note 8 Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

- (a) In accordance with Subtopic 820-10, certain investments that were measured at net asset value per share (or its equivalent) have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line items presented in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

The following table summarizes investments for which fair value is measured using the net asset value per share practical expedient as of June 30, 2023 and 2022. There are no participant redemption restrictions for these investments; the redemption notice period is applicable only to the Plan.

<u>June 30, 2023</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Unfunded Commitments</u>	<u>Redemption Frequency (if Currently Eligible)</u>	<u>Redemption Notice Period</u>
Pooled separate accounts	\$46,183	N/A	Daily	Daily

<u>June 30, 2022</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Unfunded Commitments</u>	<u>Redemption Frequency (if Currently Eligible)</u>	<u>Redemption Notice Period</u>
Pooled separate accounts	\$85,691	N/A	Daily	Daily

Note 9 Fully Benefit-Responsive Investment Contracts

The Plan invests in a fully benefit-responsive investment contract with Lincoln National Life Insurance Company. The trustees credit the account with participant contributions and earnings and charge the account for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The value of the stable value fund at contract value was \$73,888 and \$71,500 at June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

The stable value fund is reported at contract value because it meets the criteria of a fully benefit-responsive contract. Contract value is the relevant measure for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because this is the amount participants would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. Transfers from the stable value fund elected by the Plan are subject to a market value adjustment.

The Plan's ability to receive amounts due in accordance with fully benefit-responsive investment contracts is dependent on the third-party issuer's ability to meet its financial obligations. The issuer's ability to meet its contractual obligations may be affected by future economic and regulatory developments. Certain events might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuer. These events may be different under each contract. Examples of such events include the following:

- (a) The Plan's failure to qualify under Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code or the failure of the trust to be tax-exempt under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- (b) Premature termination of the contracts.
- (c) Plan termination or merger.
- (d) Changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options.

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Note 9 Fully Benefit-Responsive Investment Contracts (Continued)

- (e) Bankruptcy of the plan sponsor or other plan sponsor events (for example, divestitures or spinoffs of a subsidiary) that significantly affect the Plan's normal operations.

No events are probable of occurring that might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuers and that also would limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the participants.

In addition, certain events allow the issuer to terminate the contracts with the Plan and settle at an amount different from contract value. Those events may be different under each contract. Examples of such events include the following:

- (a) An incurred violation of the Plan's investment guidelines.
- (b) A breach of material obligation under the contract.
- (c) A material misrepresentation.
- (d) A material amendment to the agreements without the consent of the issuer.

Note 10 Subsequent Events

Subsequent to year end, but prior to issuance of the financial statements, the plan was amended to make the percentage amount contributed for the employer contribution discretionary. This change was effective July 1, 2023.

**SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE -
FORM 5500 PURPOSES**

CREATIVE ALTERNATIVES, INC. EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN
EIN 94-2378380
PLAN NUMBER 001
SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD AT END OF YEAR
JUNE 30, 2023

(a)	(b) Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
*	State Street Bank and Trust Company - AB Discovery Growth	Mutual Fund	N/A	\$ 37,651
*	State Street Bank and Trust Company - AB Large Cap Growth	Mutual Fund	N/A	632,454
*	State Street Bank and Trust Company - Allspring Special Small Cap Value	Mutual Fund	N/A	34,808
*	State Street Bank and Trust Company - American Funds Capital Income Bldr	Mutual Fund	N/A	915,544
*	State Street Bank and Trust Company - American Funds Europacific Growth	Mutual Fund	N/A	149,939
*	State Street Bank and Trust Company - American Funds Fundamental Invs	Mutual Fund	N/A	60,676
*	State Street Bank and Trust Company - American Funds New World	Mutual Fund	N/A	15,545
*	State Street Bank and Trust Company - American Funds ST Bd Fd of Amer	Mutual Fund	N/A	15,573
*	State Street Bank and Trust Company - American Funds Washington Mutual	Mutual Fund	N/A	511,833
*	State Street Bank and Trust Company - BlackRock Advantage Small Cap Gr Instl	Mutual Fund	N/A	35,621
*	State Street Bank and Trust Company - BlackRock FedFund Class Instl	Mutual Fund	N/A	229,905
*	State Street Bank and Trust Company - BlackRock GNMA Instl	Mutual Fund	N/A	55,855
*	State Street Bank and Trust Company - BlackRock Inflation Protected Bond	Mutual Fund	N/A	12,735
*	State Street Bank and Trust Company - BlackRock LifePath Index 2025	Mutual Fund	N/A	839,586
*	State Street Bank and Trust Company - BlackRock LifePath Index 2030	Mutual Fund	N/A	581,574
*	State Street Bank and Trust Company - BlackRock LifePath Index 2035	Mutual Fund	N/A	662,099
*	State Street Bank and Trust Company - BlackRock LifePath Index 2040	Mutual Fund	N/A	747,413
*	State Street Bank and Trust Company - BlackRock LifePath Index 2045	Mutual Fund	N/A	413,610
*	State Street Bank and Trust Company - BlackRock LifePath Index 2050	Mutual Fund	N/A	561,049
*	State Street Bank and Trust Company - BlackRock LifePath Index 2055	Mutual Fund	N/A	85,166
*	State Street Bank and Trust Company - BlackRock LifePath Index 2060	Mutual Fund	N/A	58,682
*	State Street Bank and Trust Company - BlackRock LifePath Index Retire	Mutual Fund	N/A	115,942
*	State Street Bank and Trust Company - iShares Russell 2000 Small Cap Index	Mutual Fund	N/A	17,427
*	State Street Bank and Trust Company - iShares Russell Mid-Cap Index	Mutual Fund	N/A	23,435

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SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD AT END OF YEAR (CONTINUED)

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(a)	(b) Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor, or <u>Similar Party</u>	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, <u>or Maturity Value</u>	(d) <u>Cost</u>	(e) Current <u>Value</u>
* State Street Bank and Trust Company - iShares S&P 500 Index		Mutual Fund	N/A	\$183,266
* State Street Bank and Trust Company - Morgan Stanley Inst Growth		Mutual Fund	N/A	19,044
* State Street Bank and Trust Company - Neuberger Berman Real Estate		Mutual Fund	N/A	8,221
* State Street Bank and Trust Company - Prudential Total Return Bond		Mutual Fund	N/A	340,171
* State Street Bank and Trust Company - Transamerica International Equity		Mutual Fund	N/A	32,910
* State Street Bank and Trust Company - Virtus Ceredex Mid Cap Value Equity		Mutual Fund	N/A	38,287
* State Street Bank and Trust Company - Janus Henderson Strategic Income Fund Class		Mutual Fund	N/A	33,314
* Lincoln National Life Insurance Company - JP Morgan Retirement Income Fund		Pooled Separate Account	N/A	608
* Lincoln National Life Insurance Company - LVIP Delaware Social Awareness		Pooled Separate Account	N/A	21,494
* Lincoln National Life Insurance Company - LVIP T. Rowe Price Structured Mid-Cap Growth		Pooled Separate Account	N/A	10,219
* Lincoln National Life Insurance Company - Blended Large Cap Growth		Pooled Separate Account	N/A	13,862
* Lincoln National Life Insurance Company - Fixed Account		Stable Value Fund	N/A	73,888
* State Street Bank and Trust Company - Notes receivable from participants		Interest rates at 3.25% - 8.25%	N/A	184,666
* Represents a party-in-interest.				<u><u>\$ 7,774,072</u></u>

The above information has been certified by State Street Bank and Trust Company and Lincoln National Life Insurance Company.

ATTACHMENT TO THE 2022 SCHEDULE H OF FORM 5500
LINE 4i – SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

Plan Sponsor: Creative Alternatives, Inc.

Plan Name: Creative Alternatives, Inc. Employee Savings Plan

Plan Year: July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

EIN: 94-2378380

Plan No.: 001

Item 4i- Schedule of Assets Held at End of Year

Page 16-17 of the attached auditor's report of the Plan for the plan year ending June 30, 2023 provides the schedule of assets information.