

American Forests

Financial Statements
and Independent Auditor's Report

September 30, 2022 and 2021

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors of
American Forests

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of American Forests (AF), which comprise the statements of financial position as of September 30, 2022 and 2021; the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended; and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of AF as of September 30, 2022 and 2021, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows 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. 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 AF 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.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements (continued)

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 AF's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

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 generally accepted auditing standards 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, including omissions, 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 generally accepted auditing standards, 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 AF'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 AF's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (continued)

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.

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Vienna, Virginia
January 31, 2023

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Statements of Financial Position September 30, 2022 and 2021

	2022	2021
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,209,752	\$ 3,784,018
Certificates of deposit	1,472,479	1,446,751
Investments	3,260,391	3,985,453
Government grants receivable	1,340,170	508,289
Contributions receivable, net	8,162,622	5,285,638
Prepaid expenses and other	304,261	271,996
Deposits	57,375	57,375
Property and equipment, net	215,303	160,123
Total assets	\$ 19,022,353	\$ 15,499,643
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 2,019,880	\$ 1,240,477
Grants payable	2,471,582	2,245,460
Deferred revenue	123,273	-
Deferred rent	172,354	248,026
Total liabilities	4,787,089	3,733,963
Net Assets		
Without donor restrictions	1,879,134	3,778,588
With donor restrictions	12,356,130	7,987,092
Total net assets	14,235,264	11,765,680
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 19,022,353	\$ 15,499,643

See accompanying notes.

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Statement of Activities For the Year Ended September 30, 2022

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Revenue and Support			
Contributions	\$ 2,913,605	\$ 13,782,845	\$ 16,696,450
Grants and contracts	1,955,142	3,298,745	5,253,887
Investment return	(824,404)	-	(824,404)
Miscellaneous income	70,217	-	70,217
Released from restrictions	12,712,552	(12,712,552)	-
Total revenue and support	16,827,112	4,369,038	21,196,150
Expenses			
Program services:			
Programs	14,128,767	-	14,128,767
Communications	1,976,930	-	1,976,930
Total program services	16,105,697	-	16,105,697
Supporting services:			
Development	2,162,898	-	2,162,898
Finance and administration	457,971	-	457,971
Total supporting services	2,620,869	-	2,620,869
Total expenses	18,726,566	-	18,726,566
Change in Net Assets	(1,899,454)	4,369,038	2,469,584
Net Assets, beginning of year	3,778,588	7,987,092	11,765,680
Net Assets, end of year	\$ 1,879,134	\$ 12,356,130	\$ 14,235,264

See accompanying notes.

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Statement of Activities For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Revenue and Support			
Contributions	\$ 1,930,089	\$ 8,368,604	\$ 10,298,693
Grants and contracts	1,048,578	4,086,177	5,134,755
Investment return	611,106	-	611,106
Miscellaneous income	505,317	-	505,317
Released from restrictions	9,039,409	(9,039,409)	-
Total revenue and support	13,134,499	3,415,372	16,549,871
Expenses			
Program services:			
Programs	9,037,115	-	9,037,115
Communications	1,739,944	-	1,739,944
Total program services	10,777,059	-	10,777,059
Supporting services:			
Development	1,654,728	-	1,654,728
Finance and administration	710,048	-	710,048
Total supporting services	2,364,776	-	2,364,776
Total expenses	13,141,835	-	13,141,835
Change in Net Assets	(7,336)	3,415,372	3,408,036
Net Assets, beginning of year	3,785,924	4,571,720	8,357,644
Net Assets, end of year	\$ 3,778,588	\$ 7,987,092	\$ 11,765,680

See accompanying notes.

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Statement of Functional Expenses For the Year Ended September 30, 2022

	Program Services			Supporting Services			Total Expenses
	Programs	Communications	Total Program Services	Development	Finance and Administration	Total Supporting Services	
Salaries and benefits	\$ 4,417,203	\$ 704,316	\$ 5,121,519	\$ 852,922	\$ 1,616,004	\$ 2,468,926	\$ 7,590,445
Grants	5,553,765	-	5,553,765	-	-	-	5,553,765
Consulting	1,642,487	528,044	2,170,531	777,300	834,631	1,611,931	3,782,462
Travel and events	283,337	44,993	328,330	137,972	153,136	291,108	619,438
Advertising	23,053	185,413	208,466	-	53,220	53,220	261,686
Memberships and subscriptions	76,240	49,765	126,005	11,024	66,883	77,907	203,912
Supplies and materials	11,070	6,654	17,724	451	159,820	160,271	177,995
Mailing and production	1,846	53,519	55,365	13,005	11,384	24,389	79,754
Depreciation and amortization	-	-	-	-	102,693	102,693	102,693
Occupancy	2,628	-	2,628	-	216,924	216,924	219,552
Other	16,342	2,139	18,481	33,607	82,776	116,383	134,864
Total direct expenses	12,027,971	1,574,843	13,602,814	1,826,281	3,297,471	5,123,752	18,726,566
Indirect cost allocation	2,100,796	402,087	2,502,883	336,617	(2,839,500)	(2,502,883)	-
Total Expenses	\$ 14,128,767	\$ 1,976,930	\$ 16,105,697	\$ 2,162,898	\$ 457,971	\$ 2,620,869	\$ 18,726,566

See accompanying notes.

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Statement of Functional Expenses For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

	Program Services			Supporting Services			Total Expenses
	Programs	Communications	Total Program Services	Development	Finance and Administration	Total Supporting Services	
Salaries and benefits	\$ 3,502,373	\$ 636,235	\$ 4,138,608	\$ 578,645	\$ 895,565	\$ 1,474,210	\$ 5,612,818
Grants	2,764,875	-	2,764,875	-	-	-	2,764,875
Consulting	1,507,459	588,162	2,095,621	806,657	706,231	1,512,888	3,608,509
Travel and events	37,686	5,878	43,564	71,596	17,714	89,310	132,874
Advertising	7,777	165,892	173,669	-	10,379	10,379	184,048
Memberships and subscriptions	150,049	30,914	180,963	8,656	53,055	61,711	242,674
Supplies and materials	14,501	74	14,575	164	68,166	68,330	82,905
Mailing and production	566	70,709	71,275	9,047	4,930	13,977	85,252
Depreciation and amortization	-	-	-	-	59,151	59,151	59,151
Occupancy	2,409	-	2,409	-	215,605	215,605	218,014
Other	10,486	2,239	12,725	31,836	106,154	137,990	150,715
Total direct expenses	7,998,181	1,500,103	9,498,284	1,506,601	2,136,950	3,643,551	13,141,835
Indirect cost allocation	1,038,934	239,841	1,278,775	148,127	(1,426,902)	(1,278,775)	-
Total Expenses	\$ 9,037,115	\$ 1,739,944	\$ 10,777,059	\$ 1,654,728	\$ 710,048	\$ 2,364,776	\$ 13,141,835

See accompanying notes.

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Statements of Cash Flows For the Years Ended September 30, 2022 and 2021

	2022	2021
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Change in net assets	\$ 2,469,584	\$ 3,408,036
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Donated securities	(28,393)	-
Realized and unrealized loss (gain) on investments	886,605	(565,004)
Depreciation and amortization	102,693	59,151
Gain from forgiveness of loan payable – Paycheck Protection Program	-	(496,553)
Change in present value discount on contributions receivable	46,953	31,164
Change in allowance for doubtful contributions receivable	(153)	47
Change in operating assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) decrease in:		
Government grants receivable	(831,881)	84,883
Contributions receivable	(2,923,784)	(2,234,761)
Prepaid expenses and other	(32,265)	(200,554)
Increase (decrease) in:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	779,403	433,910
Grants payable	226,122	388,805
Deferred revenue	123,273	-
Deferred rent	(75,672)	(68,895)
Net cash provided by operating activities	742,485	840,229
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Purchases of property and equipment	(157,873)	-
Purchases of certificates of deposit	(25,728)	(54,092)
Purchases of investments	(133,150)	(1,006,654)
Proceeds from sales of investments	-	1,004,870
Net cash used in investing activities	(316,751)	(55,876)
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	425,734	784,353
Cash and Cash Equivalents, beginning of year	3,784,018	2,999,665
Cash and Cash Equivalents, end of year	\$ 4,209,752	\$ 3,784,018

See accompanying notes.

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1. Nature of Operations

American Forests (AF) is the oldest national nonprofit conservation organization in the United States. Since its founding in 1875, AF has been the pathfinders for creating healthy forests from coast to coast. Now AF is largely driven by the important role of forests in solving two critical issues: climate change and social inequities that people in socioeconomically disadvantaged communities face. AF is also driven by the need to protect America's water and wildlife.

AF works with a diverse group of entities, such as forestry practitioners, government agencies, foundations, corporations, and community advocates, to achieve several goals by 2030. These goals include ensuring that cities have enough trees so that under-resourced neighborhoods have tree equity, helping reforest millions of acres of public land, and more people join the forestry workforce, particularly those from marginalized communities.

AF's approach to reaching its goals is three-pronged: AF incubates new tools and scientific research to help solve complicated puzzles and empower the forestry field; AF creates place-based partnerships in cities and large natural landscapes; and AF builds movements that inspire and empower actions at a large scale.

AF's revenue consists primarily of contributions, grants, and contracts with various government entities. A substantial portion of total revenue is derived from voluntary arrangements with donors whose contributions and grants are designated to specific programs.

AF raises awareness about the American Forests brand and programmatic work through a variety of communications and marketing tools and tactics, such as the American Forests website, *American Forests* magazine (published three times a year), periodic e-newsletters, social media channels, and earned media.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting and Presentation

AF's financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Net assets are reported based on the presence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions, as follows:

- *Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions* – Net assets available for use in general operations and not subject to donor or grantor restrictions.
- *Net Assets With Donor Restrictions* – Net assets subject to donor- (or certain grantor-) imposed restrictions. Some donor-imposed restrictions are temporary in nature, such as those that will be met by the passage of time or other events specified by the donor. Other donor-imposed restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor stipulates that resources be maintained in perpetuity.

Cash Equivalents

For the purpose of the statements of cash flows, AF considers as cash equivalents all highly liquid investments, which can be converted into known amounts of cash and have a maturity period of 90 days or less at the time of purchase.

Certificates of Deposit

At September 30, 2022 and 2021, AF held certificates of deposit with original maturity dates greater than a period of 90 days that are carried at amortized cost. Interest earned on the certificates of deposit is included in investment return in the accompanying statements of activities.

These certificates of deposit do not qualify as securities as defined in Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 320, *Investments – Debt and Equity Securities*. Therefore, these investments are not included in the fair value disclosures required by FASB ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*.

Investments

Investments are recorded at fair value based on quoted market prices. Interest and dividends, realized and unrealized gains and losses, and investment management fees are reported as a component of investment return in the accompanying statements of activities.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Government Grants Receivable

Government grants receivable consists primarily of amounts to be reimbursed to AF for expenses incurred under agreements with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) – U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and other state and local agencies. AF uses the allowance method to account for amounts that are considered uncollectible, based on prior years' experience and management's current estimates of potentially uncollectible accounts. No allowance for doubtful government grants receivable is recorded at September 30, 2022 and 2021, as management believes that all amounts are fully collectible.

Contributions Receivable

Contributions receivable represent unconditional promises to give reported at fair value at the date the contribution is received. Contributions that are expected to be collected within one year are recorded at their net realizable amount. Contributions that are expected to be collected in future years are recorded at the present value of their estimated future cash flows. Conditional promises to give are not recorded as contributions receivable until such time as the conditions are substantially met. Management determines the allowance for doubtful contributions by identifying troubled donors and by using historical experience applied to an aging of contributions. AF's allowance for doubtful contributions totaled \$19,894 and \$20,047 at September 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment acquisitions totaling over \$3,000 with a projected life exceeding one year are capitalized and recorded at cost. Depreciation and amortization is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the related assets, which range from three to five years. Additionally, the cost of leasehold improvements is amortized over the life of the lease following the straight-line method. Maintenance and repairs are expensed as incurred.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Grants Payable

Grants made by AF are recorded in the accompanying statements of financial position as grants payable and as an expense at the time written acceptance of the grant application is awarded to the recipient. The grant is considered unconditional once awarded, and paid to the recipient over the term of the project. Grants that are expected to be paid within one year are recorded at their net realizable amount. Grants that are expected to be paid in future years are recorded at the present value of their estimated future cash flows. Grants payable are all expected to be paid within one year at September 30, 2022. Grants payable expected to be paid in more than one year at September 30, 2022 are not discounted to present value due to immateriality.

Revenue Recognition

Revenue Accounted for in Accordance with Contribution Accounting

Grants and contributions that are nonreciprocal are recognized as revenue when cash, securities, or other assets; an unconditional promise to give; or a notification of a beneficial interest is received. AF reports gifts of cash and other assets as restricted support if they are received or promised with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated funds to one of AF's programs or to a future year. When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statements of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

AF receives certain promises to give, collected over multiple accounting periods, and classifies the portion receivable in future accounting periods as restricted revenue. AF discounts the promises to give using an appropriate discount rate over the contribution period.

Contributions of services that meet the criteria for recognition are recognized at fair value at the time of donation. Contributions of services are recognized when services (a) create or enhance nonfinancial assets, or (b) require specialized skills, which are provided by individuals possessing those skills, and would typically need to be purchased if not provided by donation. Contributed services principally consist of legal, web hosting, membership, and restoration planning services, and totaled \$68,780 and \$144,852 for the years ended September 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Revenue Recognition (continued)

Revenue Accounted for in Accordance with Contribution Accounting (continued)

In addition, AF was awarded a grant for free online advertising services. These services are valued at fair market value and are recognized in contributions revenue and advertising expenses. The total value of donated advertising services was \$156,015 and \$146,201 for the years ended September 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

Revenue Accounted for as Contracts with Customers

Revenue is recognized when AF satisfies a performance obligation by transferring a promised good to, or performing a service for, a customer. The amount of revenue recognized reflects the consideration AF expects to receive in exchange for satisfying distinct performance obligations. If a performance obligation does not meet the criteria to be considered distinct, AF combines it with other performance obligations until a distinct bundle of goods or services exists. Fees or amounts received in advance of satisfying contractual performance obligations are reflected as deferred revenue in the statements of financial position. Revenue is recognized either over time or at the point in time that contractual obligations are met.

Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of program and supporting services activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statements of activities. The statements of functional expenses present the natural classification detail of expenses by function. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of 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 amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Advertising Costs

Costs associated with advertising are charged to expenses as incurred. Advertising expenses were \$261,686 and \$184,048 for the years ended September 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

In February 2016, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2016-02, *Leases*. The update requires a lessee to recognize a right-of-use asset and lease liability, initially measured at the present value of the lease payments, in its statements of financial position. The guidance also expands the required quantitative and qualitative lease disclosures. The guidance is effective beginning in AF's fiscal year 2023.

In July 2020, the FASB issued ASU 2020-07, *Not-for-Profit Entities (Topic 958): Presentation and Disclosures by Not-for-Profit Entities for Contributed Nonfinancial Assets*, which is intended to increase transparency of contributed nonfinancial assets for nonprofit entities through enhancements in presentation and disclosure requirements. Nonprofit entities will be required to present contributed nonfinancial assets as a separate line item in the statements of activities, apart from contributions of cash and other financial contributions. Nonprofit entities will also be required to disclose various information related to contributed nonfinancial assets. ASU 2020-07 is effective beginning in AF's fiscal year 2023, and management is currently in the process of evaluating the impact of the new accounting guidance on its financial statements.

Subsequent Events

In preparing these financial statements, AF has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through January 31, 2023, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

3. Liquidity and Availability

AF strives to maintain liquid financial assets sufficient to cover 90 days of general expenditures. Management periodically reviews AF's liquid asset needs and adjusts the cash and cash equivalent balances as necessary. Amounts in excess of operating liquidity are invested in various short-term and highly liquid securities.

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3. Liquidity and Availability (continued)

Additionally, AF considers net assets with donor restrictions for use in current programs that are ongoing, major, and central to its annual operations to be available to meet cash needs for general expenditures.

Financial assets that are available for general expenditures within one year of the statements of financial position date comprise the following at September 30:

	2022	2021
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,209,752	\$ 3,784,018
Certificates of deposit – maturities within one year	1,068,048	643,401
Investments	3,260,391	3,985,453
Government grants receivable	1,340,170	508,289
Contributions receivable – current portion due within one year	6,472,877	4,369,832
Total available for general expenditures	<u>\$ 16,351,238</u>	<u>\$ 13,290,993</u>

4. Concentrations of Risk

Credit Risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject AF to significant concentrations of credit risk consist of cash and cash equivalents, certificates of deposit, and investments. AF maintains cash deposit and transaction accounts, along with investments, with various financial institutions and these values, from time to time, exceed insurable limits under the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC). AF has not experienced any credit losses on its cash and cash equivalents, certificates of deposit, and investments to date as it relates to FDIC and SIPC insurance limits. Management periodically assesses the financial condition of these financial institutions and believes that the risk of any credit loss is minimal.

Revenue Risk

AF received a substantial portion of its revenue and support from one source during the year ended September 30, 2021, which represented 10% of AF's total revenue and support. There was no revenue concentration in sources for the year ended September 30, 2022.

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5. Contributions Receivable

Contributions receivable consist of the following at September 30:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Due in less than one year	\$ 6,472,877	\$ 4,369,832
Due in one to three years	<u>1,798,239</u>	<u>977,500</u>
Total contributions receivable	8,271,116	5,347,332
Less: present value discount	(88,600)	(41,647)
Less: allowance for doubtful contributions	<u>(19,894)</u>	<u>(20,047)</u>
Contributions receivable, net	<u><u>\$ 8,162,622</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 5,285,638</u></u>

The discount rate used for contributions receivable due in more than one year was 4.02% and 1.99% at September 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively, which approximates the risk-free rate of U.S. Treasury notes for similar maturities.

6. Investments and Fair Value Measurements

AF follows FASB ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, for its financial assets. This standard establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. Fair value measurement standards require an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs (such as quoted prices in active markets) and minimize the use of unobservable inputs (such as appraisals or other valuation techniques) to determine fair value. The categorization of a financial instrument within the hierarchy is based upon the pricing transparency of the instrument and does not necessarily correspond to the entity's perceived risk of that instrument.

The inputs used in measuring fair value are categorized into three levels. Level 1 inputs consist of unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities and have the highest priority. Level 2 is based upon observable inputs other than quoted market prices, and Level 3 is based on unobservable inputs. AF recognizes transfers between levels in the fair value hierarchy at the end of the reporting period.

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6. Investments and Fair Value Measurements (continued)

In general, and where applicable, AF uses quoted prices in active markets for identical assets to determine fair value. This pricing methodology applies to Level 1 investments.

The following table presents AF's fair value hierarchy for those investments measured on a recurring basis at September 30, 2022:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds:				
Corporate bonds	\$ 1,404,387	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,404,387
U.S. equities	1,181,606	-	-	1,181,606
International indexes	673,867	-	-	673,867
Exchange-traded funds	531	-	-	531
Total investments	\$ 3,260,391	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,260,391

The following table presents AF's fair value hierarchy for those investments measured on a recurring basis at September 30, 2021:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds:				
Corporate bonds	\$ 1,655,990	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,655,990
U.S. equities	1,428,419	-	-	1,428,419
International indexes	901,044	-	-	901,044
Total investments	\$ 3,985,453	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,985,453

Investment return consists of the following for the years ended September 30:

	2022	2021
Interest and dividends	\$ 84,701	\$ 63,753
Realized gain	65,039	304,392
Unrealized (loss) gain	(951,644)	260,612
Investment management fees	(22,500)	(17,651)
Total investment return	\$ (824,404)	\$ 611,106

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7. Property and Equipment

Property and equipment consists of the following at September 30:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Leasehold improvements	\$ 481,364	\$ 481,364
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	368,018	354,456
Software	<u>244,056</u>	<u>99,745</u>
Total property and equipment	1,093,438	935,565
Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>(878,135)</u>	<u>(775,442)</u>
Property and equipment, net	<u><u>\$ 215,303</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 160,123</u></u>

8. Grants Payable

Grants payable consists of the following at September 30:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Payable in less than one year	\$ 2,471,582	\$ 2,231,694
Payable in one to two years	<u>-</u>	<u>13,766</u>
Total grants payable	<u><u>\$ 2,471,582</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,245,460</u></u>

9. Loan Payable – Paycheck Protection Program

AF applied for a loan under the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) pursuant to Division A, Title 1 of the CARES Act, which was enacted on March 27, 2020. The PPP is a loan designed to provide a direct incentive for small businesses to keep their workers on the payroll through the COVID-19 coronavirus, for which AF qualified. After the loans are granted, the Small Business Administration (SBA) will forgive loans if all employee retention criteria are met, and the funds are used for eligible expenses (which primarily consist of payroll costs, costs used to continue group healthcare benefits, rent, and utilities).

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9. Loan Payable – Paycheck Protection Program (continued)

The loan was granted to AF on June 5, 2020 in the amount of \$496,553, with terms including a fixed interest rate and maturity date of May 5, 2022. On August 4, 2021, the SBA approved full forgiveness of the loan, and remitted the forgiveness amount to the financial institution, including applicable interest accruals. AF recorded the amount of forgiveness as miscellaneous income in the accompanying statement of activities for the year ended September 30, 2021.

10. Net Assets With Donor Restrictions

Net assets with donor restrictions were restricted for the following purposes at September 30:

	2022	2021
Tree Equity	\$ 3,609,761	\$ 1,577,683
Resilient Forests	3,990,919	1,514,508
Career Pathways	936,448	949,987
Landscapes and Other Landscapes	154,176	1,169,955
Work in Specific Cities	816,903	1,416,743
Other programs	1,495,209	676,085
GIS and Mapping	873,592	298,787
Forest Soils	102,420	150,093
1T.ORG	351,334	137,875
Policy	25,368	95,376
	<u>\$ 12,356,130</u>	<u>\$ 7,987,092</u>
Net assets with donor restrictions	<u>\$ 12,356,130</u>	<u>\$ 7,987,092</u>

11. Functionalized Expenses

The financial statements report certain categories of expenses that are attributed to more than one program or supporting function. Therefore, expenses require allocation on a reasonable basis that is consistently applied. Where feasible, AF allocates its expenses directly to specific functions. The expenses that are allocated indirectly include salaries and benefits, which are allocated on the basis of estimates of time and effort. Additionally, other expenses are allocated utilizing an overhead cost allocation methodology based on estimates of staff time and effort spent on the specific function.

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12. Retirement Plan

AF sponsors a defined contribution pension plan for all salaried employees who meet the one month of entry service requirement and are at least 18 years of age. The plan requires AF to match up to 6% of each eligible employee's salary subject to plan and Internal Revenue Service limits, and participants become fully vested in employer contributions after five years. For the years ended September 30, 2022 and 2021, AF recorded contributions to the plan of \$308,017 and \$288,750, respectively.

13. Commitments and Contingencies

Federal Grants

Funds received from USDA are subject to an audit under the provisions of the grant agreements. The ultimate determination of amounts received under these grants is based upon the allowance of costs reported to and accepted by the oversight agencies. Until such grants are closed out, a potential contingency exists to refund any amounts received in excess of allowable costs. Management is of the opinion that no material liability exists.

Operating Lease

During 2014, AF entered into an agreement to lease office space in Washington, DC that expires on August 31, 2024. The terms of the lease contain provisions for a free rent period and future rent increases of 2.5% per year. In addition, AF was provided a build-out allowance totaling \$387,465 as an incentive to lease the office space. The unamortized portion of the leasehold improvement allowance, and the cumulative difference between the actual rent paid and the straight-line rent, is reflected as deferred rent in the accompanying statements of financial position.

Occupancy expense totaled \$219,552 and \$218,014 for the years ended September 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

Future minimum lease payments under this operating lease are as follows for the years ending September 30:

2023	\$	285,442
2024		292,566
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Total future minimum lease payments	\$	578,008
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13. Commitments and Contingencies (continued)

Letter of Credit

AF provides funding to USDA to be used under its Resilient Forests program. As a result, AF was required to establish an irrevocable letter of credit to secure the payment terms of the grant agreement. A \$410,700 letter of credit, which originally expired on December 31, 2013 and has since been renewed annually, was submitted to the USDA in July 2010 and is collateralized by a certificate of deposit. The required letter of credit was \$743,712 and \$643,401 as of September 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively, and is included in certificates of deposit in the accompanying statements of financial position.

Employment Agreement

AF has a signed employment agreement with the President and Chief Executive Officer that contains terms that require a severance payment upon the occurrence of certain contractual events.

14. Supplementary Disclosure of Cash Flow Information

Total interest expenses were \$0 and \$1,498 for the years ended September 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

Noncash financing transactions for the year ended September 30, 2021 included forgiveness of the PPP loan described in Note 9 in the amount of \$496,553.

15. Income Taxes

AF is recognized as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and is exempt from income taxes except for taxes on unrelated business activities. No tax expense is recorded in the accompanying financial statements, as there was no significant net unrelated business taxable income. Contributions to AF are deductible as provided in IRC Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). Management evaluated AF's tax positions and concluded that the financial statements do not include any uncertain tax positions.