Form **990**

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

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Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2025 calendar year, or tax year beginning , 2025, and ending , 20

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

C Name of organization: RiverLink, Inc.

Doing business as:

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address): 170 Lyman St.

Room/suite:

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code: Asheville, NC 28801

D Employer identification number: 58-1867958

E Telephone number: (828)252-8474

G Gross receipts $2,113,621.

F Name and address of principal officer: Lisa Raleigh, 170 Lyman St, Asheville, NC 28801

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? ☐ Yes ☒ No

H(b) Are all subordinates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "No," attach a list. See instructions.

I Tax-exempt status: ☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) ( ) (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

J Website: riverlink.org

H(c) Group exemption number

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

L Year of formation: 1989

M State of legal domicile: NC

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities:
RiverLink promotes the environmental and economic vitality of the French Broad River and its watershed for all.

2 Check this box ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.

3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	18
4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	18
5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2025 (Part V, line 2a)	5	13
6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	585
7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0.
b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11	7b	0.

Revenue

		Prior Year	Current Year
8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	1,287,714.	1,777,372.
9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	30,240.	31,898.
10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	204,111.	301,626.
11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	125,000.	-784.
12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1,647,065.	2,110,112.

Expenses

13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	172,727.	10,650.
14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		
15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	515,958.	687,587.
16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		
b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) 154,061.		
17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	479,292.	931,844.
18	Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	1,167,977.	1,630,081.
19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	479,088.	480,031.

Net Assets or Fund Balances

		Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	8,941,347.	9,804,992.
21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	81,917.	191,336.
22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	8,859,430.	9,613,656.

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here

Signature of officer — Date: 11/04/2026

Lisa Raleigh, Executive Director
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN
Todd Oldenburg	Todd Oldenburg	11/04/2026		P02281691

Firm's name: CORLISS & SOLOMON, PLLC — Firm's EIN: 20-2571677

Firm's address: 242 CHARLOTTE ST SUITE #1, ASHEVILLE, NC 28801 — Phone no. (828)236-0206

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ☒ Yes ☐ No

Part III **Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III . . . . . ☐

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

RiverLink promotes the environmental and economic vitality of the French Broad River and its watershed for all.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? . . . . . ☐ **Yes** ☒ **No**

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? . . . . . ☐ **Yes** ☒ **No**

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code:) (Expenses $ 1,264,826. including grants of $ 10,650.) (Revenue $ 31,898.)

Land Conservation:

In 2025, our Land Program continued its strong record of stewardship, completing the annual monitoring of all 24 conservation easements and 9 fee-simple properties. We progressed in our plans and secured additional funding to develop Gateway Park on Riverside Dr. and began envisioning a new publicly accessible space on our East Asheville property - significantly altered by Hurricane Helene - that would later become the Azalea Preserve.

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At Karen Cragnolin Park, we planted and established a significant portion of the native wildflower meadow between the greenway and the road, completing the meadow establishment phase of the project. With plans to improve and activate the Azalea Preserve, our total publicly

See Part III, Ln 4a statement

4b (Code:) (Expenses $ including grants of $) (Revenue $)

Water Quality:

In 2025, we partnered with A-B Tech Community College to transform an underused asphalt parking lot into a stormwater wetland to treat 16 acres of campus runoff. Two additional stream restorations were completed on campus as well, reducing erosion and increasing native plants.

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RiverLink produced a detailed study of streambank damage caused by Tropical Storm Helene and opportunities to establish more flood resilience along a 6.9-mile stretch of the Middle Swannanoa River. This study has since led to restoration opportunities and an approved EPA 9-element watershed action plan.

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See Part III, Ln 4b statement

4c (Code:) (Expenses $ including grants of $) (Revenue $)

Education:

In 2025 our education programs continued to provide free and accessible opportunities for students throughout WNC to connect with their environment. Our in-school programming brought aquatic ecology lessons to 32 different partners, engaging a total of 4,205 students. We also ran 5 weeks of summer camp where we explored the watershed with 60 campers, 20% of which were provided with a full scholarship.

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Our out-of-school programs continue to grow with the addition of another out-of-school educator to help facilitate activities. In total we worked with 32 out-of-school organizational partners to provide a mix of long-term repeated programs and shorter one-off partnerships for those who

See Part III, Ln 4c statement

4d Other program services (Describe on Schedule O.)
(Expenses $ including grants of $) (Revenue $)

4e Total program service expenses 1,264,826.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

			Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule A*	1	×	
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? See instructions	2	×	
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? *If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I*	3		×
4	**Section 501(c)(3) organizations.** Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? *If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II*	4		×
5	Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Rev. Proc. 98-19? *If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III*	5		×
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I*	6		×
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II*	7	×	
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III*	8		×
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV*	9		×
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in donor-restricted endowments or in quasi-endowments? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V*	10	×	
11	If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X, as applicable.			
a	Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI*	11a	×	
b	Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII*	11b		×
c	Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII*	11c		×
d	Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX*	11d	×	
e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X*	11e	×	
f	Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X*	11f	×	
12a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII*	12a	×	
b	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? *If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional*	12b		×
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule E*	13		×
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a		×
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than $10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at $100,000 or more? *If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV*	14b		×
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than $5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? *If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV*	15		×
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than $5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? *If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV*	16		×
17	Did the organization report a total of more than $15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? *If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I.* See instructions	17		×
18	Did the organization report more than $15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II*	18		×
19	Did the organization report more than $15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III*	19		×
20a	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? *If "Yes," complete Schedule H*	20a		×
b	If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b		
21	Did the organization report more than $5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? *If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II*	21	×	

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules *(continued)*

			Yes	No
22	Did the organization report more than $5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? *If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III*	22		×
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5, about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J*	23		×
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than $100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? *If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a*	24a		×
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
25a	**Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.** Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I*	25a		×
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I*	25b		×
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5 or 22, for receivables from or payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II*	26		×
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity (including an employee thereof) or family member of any of these persons? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III*	27		×
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties? (See the Schedule L, Part IV, instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions).			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, or substantial contributor? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV*	28a		×
b	A family member of any individual described in line 28a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV*	28b		×
c	A 35% controlled entity of one or more individuals and/or organizations described in line 28a or 28b? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV*	28c		×
29	Did the organization receive more than $25,000 in noncash contributions? *If "Yes," complete Schedule M*	29		×
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? *If "Yes," complete Schedule M*	30		×
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? *If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I*	31		×
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? *If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II*	32		×
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I*	33		×
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1*	34		×
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a		×
b	If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2*	35b		×
36	**Section 501(c)(3) organizations.** Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2*	36		×
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI*	37		×
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations on Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? **Note:** All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	×	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V ☐

				Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable	1a	17		
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included on line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	0		
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c		×	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance *(continued)*

				Yes	No
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a	13		
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?		2b	×	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of $1,000 or more during the year?		3a		×
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? *If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation on Schedule O*		3b		
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		4a		×
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).				
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		5a		×
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		5b		×
c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		5c		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than $100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?		6a		×
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		6b		
7	**Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).**				
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of $75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?		7a		×
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		7b		
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		7c		×
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d			
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		7e		×
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		7f		×
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		7g		
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		7h		×
8	**Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.** Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		8		×
9	**Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.**				
a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		9a		×
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		9b		×
10	**Section 501(c)(7) organizations.** Enter:				
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a			
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b			
11	**Section 501(c)(12) organizations.** Enter:				
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a			
b	Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	11b			
12a	**Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.** Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		12a		
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b			
13	**Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.**				
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? **Note:** See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.		13a		
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	13b			
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c			
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		14a		×
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? *If "No," provide an explanation on Schedule O*		14b		
15	Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than $1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year? If "Yes," see the instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N.		15		×
16	Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income? If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O.		16		×
17	**Section 501(c)(21) organizations.** Did the trust, or any disqualified or other person, engage in any activities that would result in the imposition of an excise tax under section 4951, 4952, or 4953? If "Yes," complete Form 6069.		17		

Part VI **Governance, Management, and Disclosure.** *For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes on Schedule O. See instructions.*

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI . . . . . ☒

Section A. Governing Body and Management

				Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year . . If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain on Schedule O.	1a	18		
b	Enter the number of voting members included on line 1a, above, who are independent .	1b	18		
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2			×
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? .	3			×
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4			×
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? .	5			×
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6			×
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	7a			×
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	7b			×
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:				
a	The governing body?	8a		×	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b		×	
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? *If "Yes," provide the names and addresses on Schedule O*	9			×

Section B. Policies *(This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)*

			Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a		×
b	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?	10b		
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11a	×	
b	Describe on Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.			
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? *If "No," go to line 13*	12a	×	
b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	×	
c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? *If "Yes," describe on Schedule O how this was done*	12c	×	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	×	
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	×	
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?			
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a	×	
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b		×
	If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process on Schedule O. See instructions.			
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	16a		×
b	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b		

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed NC

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, if applicable), 990, and 990-T (section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.

☒ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request ☐ Other *(explain on Schedule O)*

19 Describe on Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.

20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records.

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Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII . . . . . ☐

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

• List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.

• List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See the instructions for definition of "key employee."

• List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (box 5 of Form W-2, box 6 of Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) of more than $100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.

• List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than $100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

• List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than $10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

See the instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

☐ Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/ 1099-MISC/ 1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/ 1099-MISC/ 1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) Lisa Raleigh Executive Director	40.00			×				87,350.	0.	17,122.
(2) Eric Hardy Chair	6.00	×		×				0.	0.	0.
(3) Jenny Ostendorf Vice Chair	1.00	×		×				0.	0.	0.
(4) Eric Michael Treasurer	2.00	×		×				0.	0.	0.
(5) Christine McEntee Secretary	1.00	×		×				0.	0.	0.
(6) Ken Brame Board Member	1.00	×						0.	0.	0.
(7) Doug Baughman Board Member	1.00	×						0.	0.	0.
(8) Chuck Cloninger Board Member	1.00	×						0.	0.	0.
(9) Coral Darby Board Member	1.00	×						0.	0.	0.
(10) Roy Harris Board Member	1.00	×						0.	0.	0.
(11) Danielle Goldstein Board Member	1.00	×						0.	0.	0.
(12) Elizabeth Gullum Board Member	1.00	×						0.	0.	0.
(13) David Feingold Board Member	1.50	×						0.	0.	0.
(14) Linda Giltz Board Member	1.50	×						0.	0.	0.

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees *(continued)*

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/ 1099-MISC/ 1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/ 1099-MISC/ 1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(15) Marc Hunt Board Member	1.00	×						0.	0.	0.
(16) Antanette Mosley Board Member	1.50	×						0.	0.	0.
(17) Lisa Newman-Wise Board Member	1.00	×						0.	0.	0.
(18) Woody Orris Board Member	1.00	×						0.	0.	0.
(19) Susan Roderick Board Member	1.00	×						0.	0.	0.
(20)										
(21)										
(22)										
(23)										
(24)										
(25)										
1b **Subtotal**								87,350.	0.	17,122.
c **Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A**										
d **Total (add lines 1b and 1c)**								87,350.	0.	17,122.

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than $100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization

		Yes	No
3	Did the organization list any **former** officer, director, trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual*	3		×
4	For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than $150,000? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual*	4		×
5	Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person*	5		×

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than $100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than $100,000 of compensation from the organization

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII . . . . . ☐

					(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512–514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants, and Other Similar Amounts	1a	Federated campaigns	1a					
	b	Membership dues	1b					
	c	Fundraising events	1c	2,515.				
	d	Related organizations	1d					
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e	420,306.				
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	1,354,551.				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a–1f	1g	$ 4,529.				
	h	**Total.** Add lines 1a–1f			1,777,372.			
Program Service Revenue				Business Code				
	2a	Contract Revenue		115310	11,200.	11,200.	0.	0.
	b	RiverCamp		611710	18,798.	18,798.	0.	0.
	c	Workshops		115310	1,900.	1,900.	0.	0.
	d							
	e							
	f	All other program service revenue						
	g	**Total.** Add lines 2a–2f			31,898.			
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)			173,785.	0.	0.	173,785.
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5	Royalties						
				(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
	6a	Gross rents	6a					
	b	Less: rental expenses	6b					
	c	Rental income or (loss)	6c					
	d	Net rental income or (loss)						
				(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	7a	127,841.				
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	7b					
	c	Gain or (loss)	7c	127,841.				
	d	Net gain or (loss)			127,841.	0.	0.	127,841.
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including $ 2,515. of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	8a	2,725.				
	b	Less: direct expenses	8b	3,509.				
	c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events			-784.		0.	-784.
	9a	Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	9a					
	b	Less: direct expenses	9b					
	c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities						
	10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a					
	b	Less: cost of goods sold	10b					
	c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory						
Miscellaneous Revenue				Business Code				
	11a							
	b							
	c							
	d	All other revenue						
	e	**Total.** Add lines 11a–11d						
	12	**Total revenue.** See instructions			2,110,112.	31,898.	0.	300,842.

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX . . . . . ☐

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21	10,650.	10,650.		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	104,472.	74,175.	13,581.	16,716.
6 Compensation not included above to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	487,832.	346,361.	63,418.	78,053.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	11,590.	8,229.	1,507.	1,854.
9 Other employee benefits	39,251.	27,868.	5,103.	6,280.
10 Payroll taxes	44,442.	31,554.	5,777.	7,111.
11 Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	45,944.	0.	45,944.	0.
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees	25,528.	0.	25,528.	0.
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)	617,515.	615,187.	2,328.	0.
12 Advertising and promotion	4,244.	594.	1,103.	2,547.
13 Office expenses	44,646.	9,207.	29,932.	5,507.
14 Information technology	7,194.	1,520.	189.	5,485.
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	20,726.	10,695.	6,565.	3,466.
17 Travel	11,696.	11,696.	0.	0.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	4,332.	2,166.	1,560.	606.
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	35,080.	25,258.	4,210.	5,612.
23 Insurance	18,171.	11,629.	3,271.	3,271.
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)				
a AmeriCorps Members	23,389.	23,389.	0.	0.
b Program Supplies	45,000.	45,000.	0.	0.
c Dues and Subscriptions	7,413.	5,782.	519.	1,112.
d Donor Appreciation & Partner Events	15,462.	0.	0.	15,462.
e All other expenses	5,504.	3,866.	659.	979.
25 **Total functional expenses.** Add lines 1 through 24e	1,630,081.	1,264,826.	211,194.	154,061.
26 **Joint costs.** Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X . . . . . ☐

				(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing		1,467,695.	1	1,832,972.
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments			2	
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net		13,627.	3	58,265.
	4	Accounts receivable, net		37,778.	4	
	5	Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons			5	
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)			6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net		166,671.	7	157,106.
	8	Inventories for sale or use			8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		11,496.	9	14,634.
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 3,455,151.			
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 84,317.	3,349,849.	10c	3,370,834.
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities		2,637,104.	11	2,855,264.
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11			12	
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11			13	
	14	Intangible assets			14	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		1,257,127.	15	1,515,917.
	16	**Total assets.** Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)		8,941,347.	16	9,804,992.
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		53,593.	17	54,323.
	18	Grants payable			18	
	19	Deferred revenue			19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities			20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D			21	
	22	Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons			22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties			23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties			24	
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17–24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		28,324.	25	137,013.
	26	**Total liabilities.** Add lines 17 through 25		81,917.	26	191,336.
Net Assets or Fund Balances		**Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here ☒ and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.**				
	27	Net assets without donor restrictions		7,981,024.	27	8,593,239.
	28	Net assets with donor restrictions		878,406.	28	1,020,417.
		Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here ☐ and complete lines 29 through 33.				
	29	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds			29	
	30	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund			30	
	31	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds			31	
	32	Total net assets or fund balances		8,859,430.	32	9,613,656.
	33	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		8,941,347.	33	9,804,992.

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI . . . . . ☐

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	2,110,112.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,630,081.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	480,031.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	8,859,430.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	274,195.
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O)	9	
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	9,613,656.

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII . . . . . ☐

			Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on Schedule O.			
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?	2a		×
	If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both.			
	☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis			
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	2b	×	
	If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both.			
	☒ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis			
c	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?	2c	×	
	If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain on Schedule O.			
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Uniform Guidance, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F?	3a		×
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits	3b		

Additional Information From Form 990: Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax

Form 990: Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax

Form 990, Page 2, Part III, Line 4a (continued) **Continuation Statement**

Description
accessible parks/preserves were planned to increase to 4 properties, all taking flood resilience
into account.
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Alongside this work, our Public Volunteer Events were consistently well attended and supported
the stewardship of our properties, and we had a successful year with our newly established
Sponsored Volunteer Program, which serves large out-of-town groups looking to make a
meaningful impact while visiting Asheville. Together these programs totaled nearly 1,000
volunteer hours.

Form 990: Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax

Form 990, Page 2, Part III, Line 4b (continued) **Continuation Statement**

Description
Our Adopt-a-Stream program resulted in 48 streambank repairs covering 13,000 linear feet in
Helene impacted watersheds. 2025 work included coordinating 5 free workshops training 136
local residents on using native plants and natural materials to stabilize eroding streambanks.

Form 990: Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax

Form 990, Page 2, Part III, Line 4c (continued) **Continuation Statement**

Description
couldn't commit to multiple weeks of activities. We connected with 1,486 students through our
out-of-school programs during the school year and over the summer.

SCHEDULE A (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.
Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
Go to *www.irs.gov/Form990* for instructions and the latest information.

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Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization	Employer identification number
RiverLink, Inc.	58-1867958

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status. (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box.)

1 ☐ A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
2 ☐ A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E (Form 990).)
3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
4 ☐ A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state:
5 ☐ An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
6 ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
7 ☒ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
8 ☐ A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
9 ☐ An agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university:
10 ☐ An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions, subject to certain exceptions; and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
12 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box on lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.

a ☐ **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**

b ☐ **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**

c ☐ **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**

d ☐ **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization must generally satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**

e ☐ Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.

f Enter the number of supported organizations . . . . . .

g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1–10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document? Yes	(iv) No	(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
Total						

Part II **Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2021	(b) 2022	(c) 2023	(d) 2024	(e) 2025	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	809,569.	1,063,012.	1,482,592.	1,287,714.	1,777,372.	6,420,259.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 **Total.** Add lines 1 through 3	809,569.	1,063,012.	1,482,592.	1,287,714.	1,777,372.	6,420,259.
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						151,290.
6 **Public support.** Subtract line 5 from line 4						6,268,969.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2021	(b) 2022	(c) 2023	(d) 2024	(e) 2025	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	809,569.	1,063,012.	1,482,592.	1,287,714.	1,777,372.	6,420,259.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources	46,169.	66,432.	100,052.	125,834.	173,785.	512,272.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)	2,078.	135.	765.			2,978.
11 **Total support.** Add lines 7 through 10						6,935,509.

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) . . . . . **12** 180,321.

13 **First 5 years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** . . . . . ☐

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2025 (line 6, column (f), divided by line 11, column (f)) . . . . **14** 90.39 %

15 Public support percentage from 2024 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 . . . . . **15** 89.26 %

16a **33 1/3% support test—2025.** If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . . ☒

b **33 1/3% support test—2024.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . . ☐

17a **10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2025.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and **stop here**. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . . ☐

b **10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2024.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and **stop here**. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . . ☐

18 **Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions . . . . . ☐

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2021	(b) 2022	(c) 2023	(d) 2024	(e) 2025	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 **Total.** Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of $5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 **Public support.** (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2021	(b) 2022	(c) 2023	(d) 2024	(e) 2025	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included on line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 **Total support.** (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						

14 **First 5 years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** ☐

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15	Public support percentage for 2025 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16	Public support percentage from 2024 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17	Investment income percentage for **2025** (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18	Investment income percentage from **2024** Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a **33 1/3% support tests—2025.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐

b **33 1/3% support tests—2024.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐

20 **Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ☐

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 12 of Part I. If you checked box 12a, Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked box 12b, Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked box 12c, Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked box 12d, Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

			Yes	No
1	Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? *If "No," describe in* ***Part VI*** *how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.*	1		
2	Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? *If "Yes," explain in* ***Part VI*** *how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).*	2		
3a	Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? *If "Yes," answer lines 3b and 3c below.*	3a		
b	Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? *If "Yes," describe in* ***Part VI*** *when and how the organization made the determination.*	3b		
c	Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? *If "Yes," explain in* ***Part VI*** *what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.*	3c		
4a	Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? *If "Yes," and if you checked box 12a or 12b in Part I, answer lines 4b and 4c below.*	4a		
b	Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? *If "Yes," describe in* ***Part VI*** *how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.*	4b		
c	Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? *If "Yes," explain in* ***Part VI*** *what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.*	4c		
5a	Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? *If "Yes," answer lines 5b and 5c below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in* ***Part VI****, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).*	5a		
b	**Type I or Type II only.** Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?	5b		
c	**Substitutions only.** Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?	5c		
6	Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? *If "Yes," provide detail in* ***Part VI****.*	6		
7	Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (as defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? *If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).*	7		
8	Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described on line 7? *If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).*	8		
9a	Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons, as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? *If "Yes," provide detail in* ***Part VI****.*	9a		
b	Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined on line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? *If "Yes," provide detail in* ***Part VI****.*	9b		
c	Did a disqualified person (as defined on line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? *If "Yes," provide detail in* ***Part VI****.*	9c		
10a	Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? *If "Yes," answer line 10b below.*	10a		
b	Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? *(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)*	10b		

Part IV Supporting Organizations *(continued)*

			Yes	No
11	Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?			
a	A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described on lines 11b and 11c below, the governing body of a supported organization?	11a		
b	A family member of a person described on line 11a above?	11b		
c	A 35% controlled entity of a person described on line 11a or 11b above? *If "Yes" to line 11a, 11b, or 11c, provide detail in* ***Part VI****.*	11c		

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

			Yes	No
1	Did the governing body, members of the governing body, officers acting in their official capacity, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees at all times during the tax year? *If "No," describe in* ***Part VI*** *how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove officers, directors, or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.*	1		
2	Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? *If "Yes," explain in* ***Part VI*** *how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization.*	2		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

			Yes	No
1	Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? *If "No," describe in* ***Part VI*** *how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).*	1		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

			Yes	No
1	Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?	1		
2	Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s), or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? *If "No," explain in* ***Part VI*** *how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).*	2		
3	By reason of the relationship described on line 2, above, did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? *If "Yes," describe in* ***Part VI*** *the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.*	3		

Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations

1 *Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (****see instructions****).*

a ☐ The organization satisfied the Activities Test. *Complete* ***line 2*** *below.*

b ☐ The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. *Complete* ***line 3*** *below.*

c ☐ The organization supported a governmental supported organization. *Describe in* ***Part VI*** *how you supported a governmental supported organization (see instructions).*

			Yes	No
2	Activities Test. ***Answer lines 2a and 2b below.***			
a	Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of its supported organization(s)? *If "Yes," then in* ***Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain*** *how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to each of its supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.*	2a		
b	Did the activities described on line 2a, above, constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? *If "Yes," explain in* ***Part VI*** *the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.*	2b		
3	Parent of Supported Organizations. ***Answer lines 3a, 3b, and 3c below.***			
a	Are the organization and its supported organization(s) part of an integrated system (for example, a hospital system)? *If "Yes," provide details in* ***Part VI****.*	3a		
b	Did the organization direct the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? *If "Yes," describe in* ***Part VI*** *the role played by the organization in this regard.*	3b		
c	Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect (and remove) a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? *If "Yes" or "No," provide details in* ***Part VI****.*	3c		

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations

1 ☐ Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970 (*explain in* ***Part VI***). **See instructions.** All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

Section A—Adjusted Net Income			(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	**1**		
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	**2**		
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	**3**		
4	Add lines 1 through 3.	**4**		
5	Depreciation and depletion	**5**		
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	**6**		
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	**7**		
8	**Adjusted Net Income** (subtract lines 5, 6, and 7 from line 4)	**8**		

Section B—Minimum Asset Amount			(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):			
a	Average monthly value of securities	**1a**		
b	Average monthly cash balances	**1b**		
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	**1c**		
d	**Total** (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	**1d**		
e	**Discount** claimed for blockage or other factors *(explain in detail in* ***Part VI****)*:			
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	**2**		
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	**3**		
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 0.015 of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	**4**		
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	**5**		
6	Multiply line 5 by 0.035.	**6**		
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	**7**		
8	**Minimum Asset Amount** (add line 7 to line 6)	**8**		

Section C—Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, column A)	**1**	
2	Enter 0.85 of line 1.	**2**	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, column A)	**3**	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3.	**4**	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	**5**	
6	**Distributable Amount.** Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions).	**6**	

7 ☐ Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).

Part V **Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations** *(continued)*

Section D—Distributions			**Current Year**
1	Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	**1**	
2	Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	**2**	
3	Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	**3**	
4	Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	**4**	
5	Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required—*provide details in* ***Part VI***)	**5**	
6	**Total annual distributions.** Add lines 1 through 5.	**6**	
7	Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (*provide details in* ***Part VI***). See instructions.	**7**	
8	Distributable amount for 2025 from Section C, line 6	**8**	
9	Line 7 amount divided by line 8 amount	**9**	

Section E—Distribution Allocations (see instructions)		**(i) Excess Distributions**	**(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2025**	**(iii) Distributable Amount for 2025**
1	Distributable amount for 2025 from Section C, line 6			
2	Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2025 (reasonable cause required—*explain in* ***Part VI***). See instructions.			
3	Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2025			
a	From 2020			
b	From 2021			
c	From 2022			
d	From 2023			
e	From 2024			
f	**Total** of lines 3a through 3e			
g	Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h	Applied to 2025 distributable amount			
i	Carryover from 2020 not applied (see instructions)			
j	Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.			
4	Distributions for 2025 from Section D, line 6: $			
a	Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b	Applied to 2025 distributable amount			
c	Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.			
5	Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2025, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, *explain in* ***Part VI***. See instructions.			
6	Remaining underdistributions for 2025. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, *explain in* ***Part VI***. See instructions.			
7	**Excess distributions carryover to 2026.** Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8	Breakdown of line 7:			
a	Excess from 2021 . . .			
b	Excess from 2022 . . .			
c	Excess from 2023 . . .			
d	Excess from 2024 . . .			
e	Excess from 2025 . . .			

Part VI **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a, 3b, and 3c; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V, Section D, lines 5 and 7; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions.)

Pt II Ln 10: Other Income Part II, Line 10 Description: Gross Inventory Sales 2022: 135. Description: Miscellaneous 2021: 2078. 2023: 765.

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)
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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.
Attach to Form 990.
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Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization
RiverLink, Inc.

Employer identification number
58-1867958

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

		(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1	Total number at end of year		
2	Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3	Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
4	Aggregate value at end of year		

5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Part II Conservation Easements

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).

☒ Preservation of land for public use (for example, recreation or education)
☐ Preservation of a historically important land area
☒ Protection of natural habitat
☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure
☒ Preservation of open space

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

			Held at the End of the Tax Year
a	Total number of conservation easements	2a	24
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b	139.2
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included on line 2a	2c	
d	Number of conservation easements included on line 2c acquired after July 25, 2006, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d	0

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year . . . 0

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located . . . 1

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? ☒ Yes ☐ No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year . . . 166

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year . . . $ 4,768.

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2d above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide in Part XIII the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items.

(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 . . . $
(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X . . . $

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under FASB ASC 958 relating to these items.

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 . . . $
b Assets included in Form 990, Part X . . . $

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets *(continued)*

3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that make significant use of its collection items (check all that apply).

a ☐ Public exhibition
b ☐ Scholarly research
c ☐ Preservation for future generations
d ☐ Loan or exchange program
e ☐ Other _____

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? . . ☐ Yes ☐ No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian, or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table.

		Amount
c Beginning balance	1c	
d Additions during the year	1d	
e Distributions during the year	1e	
f Ending balance	1f	

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII . . . . ☐

Part V Endowment Funds

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

		(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a	Beginning of year balance	1,228,803.	1,149,317.	1,037,964.	1,056,464.	51,494.
b	Contributions		0.	15,733.	141,970.	1,000,000.
c	Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	187,628.	118,876.	130,808.	-127,519.	7,455.
d	Grants or scholarships					
e	Other expenditures for facilities and programs	49,890.	28,803.	25,250.	23,490.	2,010.
f	Administrative expenses	10,249.	10,587.	9,938.	9,461.	475.
g	End of year balance	1,356,292.	1,228,803.	1,149,317.	1,037,964.	1,056,464.

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:

a Board designated or quasi-endowment 98.98%
b Permanent endowment 1.02%
c Term endowment %

The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

		Yes	No
(i) Unrelated organizations?	3a(i)	×	
(ii) Related organizations?	3a(ii)		×
b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?	3b		

4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land	0.	3,058,530.		3,058,530.
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		31,442.	24,279.	7,163.
e Other		365,179.	60,038.	305,141.
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. *(Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 10c, column (B))*				3,370,834.

Part VII Investments—Other Securities

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely held equity interests		
(3) Other		
(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
Total. *(Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 12, col. (B))*		

Part VIII Investments—Program Related

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total. *(Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 13, col. (B))*		

Part IX Other Assets

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1) Endowment Held with the Community Foundation of WNC	1,356,292.
(2) Right of Use Asset	159,625.
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. *(Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 15, col. (B))*	1,515,917.

Part X Other Liabilities

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2) Operating Lease Liability	137,013.
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. *(Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 25, col. (B))*	137,013.

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FASB ASC 740. Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII . ☒

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements			1	2,358,779.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:				
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	274,195.		
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b			
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c			
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d			
e	Add lines 2a through 2d			2e	274,195.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1			3	2,084,584.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:				
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	25,528.		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b			
c	Add lines 4a and 4b			4c	25,528.
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. *(This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)*			5	2,110,112.

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements			1	1,604,553.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:				
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a			
b	Prior year adjustments	2b			
c	Other losses	2c			
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d			
e	Add lines 2a through 2d			2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1			3	1,604,553.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:				
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	25,528.		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b			
c	Add lines 4a and 4b			4c	25,528.
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. *(This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)*			5	1,630,081.

Part XIII Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Pt X, Line 2: RiverLink is exempt from federal income taxes under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Under the Code, however, income from certain activities not related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose may be subject to taxation as unrelated business income. The organization had no income from unrelated business activities in 2025 and was, therefore, not required to file Federal Form 990-T (Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return). The organization believes that it has appropriate support for all tax positions taken, and as such, does not have any uncertain tax positions that are material to the financial statements.

Pt II, Line 5: RiverLink has Stewardship Monitoring and Stewardship Enforcement policies that are consistent with, and/or devived from, the Land Trust Standards and Practices established by the Land Trust Alliance, the national organization

Part XIII Supplemental Information *(continued)*

dedicated to setting best practices for land trusts.

Pt II, Line 9: The endowment is being held with the hope that in the future it can be built to a size that would provide supplemental income for operations.

Pt V, Line 4: Conservation easements purchased are expensed. Conservation easements received by donation are not recognized in the financial statements.

SCHEDULE I (Form 990)

(Rev. December 2024)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations, Governments, and Individuals in the United States

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.

Attach to Form 990.

Go to *www.irs.gov/Form990* for instructions and the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization

RiverLink, Inc.

Employer identification number

58-1867958

Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? . . . . . ☒ Yes ☐ No

2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States.

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than $5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section (if applicable)	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of noncash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1) Town of Woodfin 90 Elk Mountain Rd Asheville NC 28804	11-1111111	Govt	10,650.				Woodfin Greenway Blueway project
(2)							
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							
(6)							
(7)							
(8)							
(9)							
(10)							
(11)							
(12)							

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table 1

3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table . . . . . .

Part III **Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22. Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

	(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of noncash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of noncash assistance
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Provide the information required in Part I, line 2; Part III, column (b); and any other additional information.

SCHEDULE O (Form 990)

(Rev. December 2025)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

Go to *www.irs.gov/Form990* for instructions and the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization	Employer identification number
RiverLink, Inc.	58-1867958

Pt VI, Line 11b: The 990 is prepared by independent accountants and reviewed by management and the Treasurer. The return is then presented to the Board of Directors for review prior to filing.

Pt VI, Line 12c: Every board member and staff person signs a conflict of interest and confidentiality agreement annually. Any board member with a conflict of interest on any specific issue informs the board and abstains from discussion and voting on the issue, and leaves the room while the full board is discussing the issue.

Pt VI, Line 15a: In the annual budgeting process, the Board approves a budget line for aggregate salary expense. Thereafter, individual salaries and salary increases for employees are determined by the Executive Director. The Board of Directors sets the Executive Director salary after a performance review and a check of comparable salary information for nonprofit organizations with similar budgets.

Pt VI, Line 18: Forms 1023 and 990 are available upon request and the Form 990 is available on RiverLink's website for public viewing.

Pt VI, Line 19: Governing documents, conflict of interest policy and audited financial statements are available upon request.

Pt IX, Line 11g:

Description: Payroll Service Fees
Total: $2,328
Program services: $0
Management and general: $2,328
Fundraising: $0
Description: Professional Fees
Total: $4,323
Program services: $4,323
Management and general: $0
Fundraising: $0
Description: Contract Services
Total: $610,864
Program services: $610,864

Form 990
Part IX, Line 11g

Other Service Fees

2025

Name	Employer Identification No.
RiverLink, Inc.	58-1867958

Description	(A) Total	(B) Program services	(C) Management and general	(D) Fundraising
Payroll Service Fees	2,328.	0.	2,328.	0.
Professional Fees	4,323.	4,323.	0.	0.
Contract Services	610,864.	610,864.		
Total to Form 990, Part IX, line 11g	617,515.	615,187.	2,328.	0.

Additional Information For Tax Return

RiverLink, Inc. 58-1867958

Form 990 p 6: Line 17-1

The organization maintains a Charitable Solicitation License with the NC Secretary of State (NC SOS). As part of it's renewal process, it must provide a copy of the return filed with the IRS to the NC SOS.

Docusign Envelope ID: 3F9C1637-1D99-8958-8303-0E0D876741BE

Form **8879-TE**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

IRS E-file Signature Authorization for a Tax-Exempt Entity

For calendar year 2025, or fiscal year beginning _____, 2025, and ending _____, 20_____

Do not send to the IRS. Keep for your records.
Go to *www.irs.gov/Form8879TE* for the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

2025

Name of filer	EIN or SSN
RiverLink, Inc.	58-1867958

Name and title of officer or person subject to tax

Lisa Raleigh, Executive Director

Part I Type of Return and Return Information

Check the box for the return for which you are using this Form 8879-TE and enter the applicable amount, if any, from the return. Form 8038-CP and Form 5330 filers may enter dollars and cents. For all other forms, enter whole dollars only. If you check the box on line **1a**, **2a**, **3a**, **4a**, **5a**, **6a**, **7a**, **8a**, **9a**, or **10a** below, and the amount on that line for the return being filed with this form was blank, then leave line **1b**, **2b**, **3b**, **4b**, **5b**, **6b**, **7b**, **8b**, **9b**, or **10b**, whichever is applicable, blank (do not enter -0-). But, if you entered -0- on the return, then enter -0- on the applicable line below. **Do not** complete more than one line in Part I.

1a	**Form 990** check here . . . ☒	**b**	**Total revenue**, if any (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12) . .	**1b**	2,110,112.
2a	**Form 990-EZ** check here . . ☐	**b**	**Total revenue**, if any (Form 990-EZ, line 9)	**2b**	
3a	**Form 1120-POL** check here . . ☐	**b**	**Total tax** (Form 1120-POL, line 22)	**3b**	
4a	**Form 990-PF** check here . . ☐	**b**	**Tax based on investment income** (Form 990-PF, Part V, line 5) .	**4b**	
5a	**Form 8868** check here . . . ☐	**b**	**Balance due** (Form 8868, line 3c)	**5b**	
6a	**Form 990-T** check here . . ☐	**b**	**Total tax** (Form 990-T, Part III, line 4)	**6b**	
7a	**Form 4720** check here . . . ☐	**b**	**Total tax** (Form 4720, Part III, line 1)	**7b**	
8a	**Form 5227** check here . . . ☐	**b**	**FMV of assets at end of tax year** (Form 5227, item D)	**8b**	
9a	**Form 5330** check here . . . ☐	**b**	**Tax due** (Form 5330, Part II, line 19)	**9b**	
10a	**Form 8038-CP** check here . . ☐	**b**	**Amount of credit payment requested** (Form 8038-CP, Part III, line 22)	**10b**	

Part II Declaration and Signature Authorization of Officer or Person Subject to Tax

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that ☒ I am an officer of the above entity or ☐ I am a person subject to tax with respect to (name of entity) _____, (EIN) _____ and that I have examined a copy of the 2025 electronic return and accompanying schedules and statements, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. I further declare that the amount in Part I above is the amount shown on the copy of the electronic return. I consent to allow my intermediate service provider, transmitter, or electronic return originator (ERO) to send the return to the IRS and to receive from the IRS (**a**) an acknowledgement of receipt or reason for rejection of the transmission, (**b**) the reason for any delay in processing the return or refund, and (**c**) the date of any refund. If applicable, I authorize the U.S. Treasury and its designated Financial Agent to initiate an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) entry to the financial institution account indicated in the tax preparation software for payment of the federal taxes owed on this return, and the financial institution to debit the entry to this account. To revoke a payment, I must contact the U.S. Treasury Financial Agent at 1-888-353-4537 no later than 2 business days prior to the payment (settlement) date. I also authorize the financial institutions involved in the processing of the electronic payment of taxes to receive confidential information necessary to answer inquiries and resolve issues related to the payment. I have selected a personal identification number (PIN) as my signature for the electronic return and, if applicable, the consent to electronic funds withdrawal.

PIN: check one box only

☒ I authorize CORLISS & SOLOMON, PLLC to enter my PIN 6 0 6 5 1 as my signature

ERO firm name

Enter five numbers, but do not enter all zeros

on the tax year 2025 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I also authorize the aforementioned ERO to enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

☐ As an officer or person subject to tax with respect to the entity, I will enter my PIN as my signature on the tax year 2025 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I will enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

Signature of officer or person subject to tax Lisa Raleigh Date 11/04/2026

Part III Certification and Authentication

ERO's EFIN/PIN. Enter your six-digit electronic filing identification number (EFIN) followed by your five-digit self-selected PIN. 6 9 7 8 2 1 8 1 6 9 1

Do not enter all zeros

I certify that the above numeric entry is my PIN, which is my signature on the 2025 electronically filed return indicated above. I confirm that I am submitting this return in accordance with the requirements of **Pub. 4163**, Modernized e-File (MeF) Information for Authorized IRS e-file Providers for Business Returns.

ERO's signature _____ Date 11/04/2026

ERO Must Retain This Form — See Instructions
Do Not Submit This Form to the IRS Unless Requested To Do So