

Form **990-EZ**

# Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-0047

2022

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

Do not enter social security numbers on this form, as it may be made public.

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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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**A** For the 2022 calendar year, or tax year beginning \_\_\_\_\_, and ending \_\_\_\_\_

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

**C** Name of organization  
**WEST MICHIGAN FOOD PROCESSING ASSOCIATION**

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
**875 WHISPERING OAKS LANE**

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code  
**NORTH MUSKEGON MI 49445**

**D** Employer identification number  
**84-3497849**

**E** Telephone number  
**231-638-2981**

**F** Group Exemption Number

**G** Accounting Method:  Cash  Accrual Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**H** Check  if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990).

**I** Website: **WWW.WESTMIFOODPROCESSINGASSN.COM**

**J** Tax-exempt status (check only one) —  501(c)(3)  501(c) ( **6** ) (insert no.)  4947(a)(1) or  527

**K** Form of organization:  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**L** Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B)) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. \$ **63,270**

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)		Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	63,250
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4 Investment income	4	20
	5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	5b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	5c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
	6 Gaming and fundraising events:		
	6a Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	
	6b Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b	
6c Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c		
6d Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d		
7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a		
7b Less: cost of goods sold	7b		
7c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c		
8 Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8		
9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	63,270	
Expenses	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	
	11 Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	1,894
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	105
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	
	16 Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	71,114
17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	73,113	
Net Assets	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-9,843
	19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	16,621
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	6,778

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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**Part II Balance Sheets** (see the instructions for Part II)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

	(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	16,621	22	6,778
23 Land and buildings	0	23	
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	0	24	
25 Total assets	16,621	25	6,778
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	0	26	0
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	16,621	27	6,778

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments** (see the instructions for Part III)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?

SEE SCHEDULE O

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

**Expenses**  
(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others.)

28 SEE SCHEDULE O

(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

28a

29

(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

29a

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(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

30a

31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)

(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

31a

32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)

32

**Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees** (list each one even if not compensated — see the instructions for Part IV)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
GENE FORD CHAIRPERSON	0.00	0	0	0
JON W. ALLAN VICE-CHAIRPERSON	0.00	0	0	0
MORGAN CARROLL SECRETARY	0.00	0	0	0
JONATHAN WILSON TREASURER	0.00	0	0	0
JODI GRUNER BOARD MEMBER	0.00	0	0	0
RICH HOUTTEMAN BOARD MEMBER	0.00	0	0	0
TODD JACOBS BOARD MEMBER	0.00	0	0	0
JOHN KINAHAN BOARD MEMBER	0.00	0	0	0
JASON MURRAY BOARD MEMBER	0.00	0	0	0
DAN RINSEMA-SYBENGA BOARD MEMBER	0.00	0	0	0
MARTY GERENCER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	0.00	0	0	0
DENNIS MARVIN SENIOR CONSULTANT	0.00	0	0	0

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O. See instructions
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?
35b If "Yes" to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O
35c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions
37b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee; or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?
38b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II, and enter the total amount involved
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:
39a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9
39b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911; section 4912; section 4955
40b Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I
40c Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958
40d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization
40e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed NONE
42a The organization's books are in care of MARTY GERENCER Telephone no. 231-638-2981
875 WHISPERING OAKS LAND
Located at NORTH MUSKEGON MI ZIP + 4 49445
42b 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)?
42c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the United States?
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year 43
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ
44b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ
44c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?
44d If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?
45b 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," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ. See instructions

46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I

	Yes	No
46		X

**Part VI Section 501(c)(3) Organizations Only**  
 All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

47 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

48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?

	Yes	No
47		
48		
49a		
49b		

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees, and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? Note: All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A  Yes  No

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 **GENE FORD**, Date **CHAIRPERSON**  
 Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only: Print/Type preparer's name **STEVEN D. BURT**, Preparer's signature, Date **05/02/23**, Check  if self-employed, PTIN **P01011501**  
 Firm's name **OOSTING, BURT & ASSOCIATES LLP**, Firm's EIN **38-2905475**  
 Firm's address **38 E SHERIDAN ST, FREMONT, MI 49412**, Phone no. **231-924-0870**

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

**Part II Balance Sheets** (see the instructions for Part II)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

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22 Cash, savings, and investments	0	22	
23 Land and buildings	0	23	
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	0	24	
25 Total assets	0	25	0
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	0	26	0
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	0	27	0

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments** (see the instructions for Part III)

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What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

**Expenses**  
(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others.)

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29		
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30		
(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a	
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)		
(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a	
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	

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CLARENCE RUDAT SENIOR CONSULTANT	0.00	0	0	0
CATHY BRUBAKER-CLARKE STAFF	0.00	0	0	0

**Schedule B  
(Form 990)**Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service**Schedule of Contributors**Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-PF.  
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**2022**

Name of the organization

**WEST MICHIGAN FOOD PROCESSING  
ASSOCIATION**

Employer identification number

**84 - 3497849**

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

 501(c)( 6 ) (enter number) organization 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation 527 political organization

Form 990-PF

 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation 501(c)(3) taxable private foundationCheck if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.**Note:** Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.**General Rule**

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- For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

**Special Rules**

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- For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33
- <sup>1</sup>
- /
- <sub>3</sub>
- % support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000; or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h; or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

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- For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000
- exclusively*
- for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I (entering "N/A" in column (b) instead of the contributor name and address), II, and III.

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- For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions
- exclusively*
- for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an
- exclusively*
- religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the
- General Rule**
- applies to this organization because it received
- nonexclusively*
- religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year ..... \$ .....

**Caution:** An organization that isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't file Schedule B (Form 990), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990).

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the instructions for Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF.

Schedule B (Form 990) (2022)

Name of organization

WEST MICHIGAN FOOD PROCESSING

Employer identification number

84-3497849

**Part I** **Contributors** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	N/A ..... ..... .....	\$ .....	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2	N/A ..... ..... .....	\$ .....	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
3	N/A ..... ..... .....	\$ .....	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
4	N/A ..... ..... .....	\$ .....	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
5	N/A ..... ..... .....	\$ .....	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
6	N/A ..... ..... .....	\$ .....	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

**SCHEDULE O  
(Form 990)**

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.

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**2022**

Open to Public  
Inspection

Name of the organization	<b>WEST MICHIGAN FOOD PROCESSING ASSOCIATION</b>	Employer identification number	<b>84-3497849</b>
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**FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16 - OTHER EXPENSES**

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
MARKETING	\$ 467
GRAPHICS	\$ 677
CONFERENCE FEES	\$ 1,012
INSURANCE	\$ 958
CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$ 67,500
SPONSORSHIP	\$ 500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 71,114</b>

**FORM 990-EZ, PART III - PRIMARY EXEMPT PURPOSE**

ORGANIZED TO SUPPORT THE WEST MICHIGAN FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY RELATED TO SIX PILLAR STRATEGIES: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION, INCUBATION, LOGISTICS, HEALTHY FOOD, AND SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES. THE MISSION AND GOAL OF THE WMFPA IS TO CONNECT WEST MICHIGAN'S EXISTING FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY FROM "FARM TO TABLE" BY TAKING A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO LINK FARMERS, FOOD PROCESSORS, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICIALS WITH THE RESOURCES, INFRASTRUCTURE, NEW MARKETS, AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE ABLE TO TRAIN THE CURRENT AND FUTURE WORKFORCE LEADING TO SUSTAINABLE REGIONAL JOB CREATION, ECONOMIC GROWTH, AND AN ENHANCED REGIONAL DASHBOARD.

**FORM 990-EZ, PART III, LINE 28 - FIRST ACCOMPLISHMENT**

**WMFPA WAS SUCCESSFUL IN ASSISTING IN MULTIPLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

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Schedule O (Form 990) 2022



Name of the organization

Employer identification number

WEST MICHIGAN FOOD PROCESSING

84-3497849

WITHIN THE WEST MICHIGAN REGION. THE FARM (FOOD, AGRICULTURE, RESEARCH,  
 AND MANUFACTURING) ACCELERATOR BUILDING/FACILITY WAS SUCCESSFULLY BUILT AND  
 PLANS WERE MADE TO BEING ACCELERATOR OPERATIONS IN 2021. EDUCATORS WERE  
 BROUGHT TOGETHER TO NETWORK AND DEVELOP AND STRENGTHEN TRAINING  
 DEVELOPMENT TO THE FOOD INDUSTRY. A STATEWIDE WEBINAR RELATED TO COVID  
 SUPPORT TO THE FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY WAS CONDUCTED IN OCTOBER 2020.  
 OVER 300 STAKEHOLDERS ARE ON THE WMFPA EMAIL LIST AND RECEIVED FREQUENT  
 COMMUNICATIONS UPDATES TO SUPPORT THE FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY. A FACEBOOK  
 SOCIAL MEDIA WAS ESTABLISHED TO COMMUNICATE NEEDS RELATED TO COVID SUPPORT  
 AND OTHER PILLAR STRATEGIES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.