

# **Community Foundation of the Lowcountry Inc. & Supporting Organization**

## **Independent Auditor's Report and Combined Financial Statements**

June 30, 2025 and 2024

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## Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Directors  
Community Foundation of the Lowcountry, Inc. & Supporting Organization  
Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

### ***Opinion***

We have audited the combined financial statements of the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry, Inc. & Supporting Organization (the "Foundation"), which comprise the combined statements of financial position as of June 30, 2025 and 2024, and the related combined statements of activities and change in net assets and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the combined financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying combined financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Foundation as of June 30, 2025 and 2024, and the change in its net assets and cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### ***Basis for Opinion***

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

### ***Responsibilities of Management for the Combined Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the combined financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of combined financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Combined Financial Statements***

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the combined financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the combined financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Foundation's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the combined financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

**Forvis Mazars, LLP**

**Greenville, South Carolina**  
**October 28, 2025**

**Community Foundation of the Lowcountry, Inc. & Supporting Organization**  
**Combined Statements of Financial Position**  
**June 30, 2025 and 2024**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,646,671	\$ 4,611,211
Pledges receivable, net	985,639	758,500
Assets held - charitable remainder trusts	2,247,431	2,148,141
Investments	100,420,366	93,264,595
Notes receivable	800,000	-
Property and equipment, net	935,644	1,032,417
Other assets	30,314	33,609
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 112,066,065</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 101,848,473</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 223,099	\$ 165,045
Grants payable	432,004	377,607
Annuities obligation	1,855,321	1,796,338
Due to other organizations - agency funds	3,887,527	3,507,145
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u>6,397,951</u></b>	<b><u>5,846,135</u></b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Net assets without donor restrictions	103,270,061	93,754,241
Net assets with donor restrictions	<u>2,398,053</u>	<u>2,248,097</u>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b><u>105,668,114</u></b>	<b><u>96,002,338</u></b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 112,066,065</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 101,848,473</u></b>

**Community Foundation of the Lowcountry, Inc. & Supporting Organization  
Combined Statements of Activities and Change in Net Assets  
Years Ended June 30, 2025 and 2024**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>Net Assets without Donor Restrictions</b>		
<b>Revenues, Gains (Losses) and Other Support</b>		
Contributions received	\$ 15,113,616	\$ 12,174,166
Gain on investments, net	9,932,793	9,372,452
Rental income	-	1,000
Change in value of split-interest agreements	(310,238)	(181,152)
Other	355,554	326,318
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>180,544</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Revenues, Gains (Losses) and Other Support</b>	<b><u>25,272,269</u></b>	<b><u>21,692,784</u></b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Grants paid	11,976,385	9,908,062
Program expenses	1,343,664	1,249,655
Salaries and benefits	1,243,385	1,262,235
Professional and administrative fees	407,411	402,865
Supplies and other	247,339	279,250
Fundraising and development	397,076	217,178
Depreciation	<u>141,189</u>	<u>54,167</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>15,756,449</u></b>	<b><u>13,373,412</u></b>
<b>Change in Net Assets without Donor Restrictions</b>	<b><u>9,515,820</u></b>	<b><u>8,319,372</u></b>
<b>Net Assets with Donor Restrictions</b>		
Contributions received	330,500	2,108,097
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>(180,544)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Change in Net Assets with Donor Restrictions</b>	<b><u>149,956</u></b>	<b><u>2,108,097</u></b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b><u>9,665,776</u></b>	<b><u>10,427,469</u></b>
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Year</b>	<b><u>96,002,338</u></b>	<b><u>85,574,869</u></b>
<b>Net Assets at End of Year</b>	<b><u>\$ 105,668,114</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 96,002,338</u></b>

**Community Foundation of the Lowcountry, Inc. & Supporting Organization**  
**Combined Statements of Cash Flows**  
**Years Ended June 30, 2025 and 2024**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>		
Change in net assets	\$ 9,665,776	\$ 10,427,469
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities		
Depreciation	141,189	54,167
Realized and unrealized gains on investments, net	(7,724,635)	(8,216,504)
Change in value of split-interest agreements	310,238	181,152
Net change in operating assets and liabilities		
Pledges receivable, net	(227,139)	(618,500)
Other assets	3,295	(18,912)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	58,054	(462,475)
Grants payable	54,397	(79,853)
Due to other organizations - agency funds	<u>380,382</u>	<u>345,730</u>
<b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>	<u>2,661,557</u>	<u>1,612,274</u>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>		
Change in assets held - charitable remainder trusts	(409,528)	(247,744)
Proceeds from sale of investments	19,702,335	5,898,396
Purchases of investments	(19,133,471)	(4,630,498)
Issuance of notes receivable	(800,000)	-
Purchases of property and equipment	<u>(44,416)</u>	<u>(870,918)</u>
<b>Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities</b>	<u>(685,080)</u>	<u>149,236</u>
<b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities</b>		
Changes in annuities obligation	<u>58,983</u>	<u>76,569</u>
<b>Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities</b>	<u>58,983</u>	<u>76,569</u>
<b>Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	2,035,460	1,838,079
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year</b>	<u>4,611,211</u>	<u>2,773,132</u>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year</b>	<u>\$ 6,646,671</u>	<u>\$ 4,611,211</u>

**Community Foundation of the Lowcountry, Inc. & Supporting Organization  
Notes to Combined Financial Statements  
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**Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Nature of Organization**

This summary of significant accounting policies of the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry, Inc. ("CFL") and its Supporting Organization, the Jim and Margaret Krum Foundation, Inc. (collectively, the "Foundation") is presented to assist in the understanding of the combined financial statements. The combined financial statements and notes are representations of the Foundation's management, who are responsible for their integrity and objectivity. These accounting policies conform with the generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America ("GAAP") and have been consistently applied in the preparation of the combined financial statements.

***Organization and Nature of Activities***

The Community Foundation of the Lowcountry, Inc. is a community foundation and is governed by a board of private citizens from its service area. The Board of Directors of the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry, Inc. elects the directors and appoints the President/CEO of the Hilton Head Island Foundation, LLC. The purpose of Hilton Head Island Foundation, LLC is to accept gifts of real property on behalf of Community Foundation of the Lowcountry, Inc. The purpose of the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry, Inc. is to serve the charitable needs and interests of the residents of four South Carolina counties including Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton and Jasper.

The Hilton Head Island Foundation, LLC ("HHIF") is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the CFL.

The Jim and Margaret Krum Foundation, Inc. ("Supporting Organization") will further the Foundation's exempt purposes by making grants to organizations which are, or could be, supported by the Foundation consistent with its own charitable purposes. The Foundation controls the Supporting Organization by virtue of the election of the majority of their board of directors.

***Basis of Presentation***

The accompanying combined financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with GAAP.

***Combined Financial Statement Preparation***

In accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, net assets, revenues, expenses, gains and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated.

***Use of Estimates***

The preparation of combined financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the combined financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

***Concentrations of Credit and Market Risk***

Financial instruments that potentially expose the Foundation to concentrations of credit and market risk consist primarily of cash and investments. Cash equivalents are maintained at high-quality financial institutions. The Foundation has not experienced any losses on its cash equivalents. Management monitors the risk of exposure to loss through monitoring the performance of the financial institutions through publicly available rating agencies.

Management believes that the Foundation's investments do not represent significant concentrations of market risk because the Foundation's investment portfolio is adequately diversified among issuers and management believes that the Foundation has the ability to hold its investment portfolio during periods of temporary market declines.

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**Income Taxes**

The Foundation has been recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a charitable organization as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is exempt from federal income taxes pursuant to Section 509(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code and a similar provision of state law. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes is included in the accompanying combined financial statements. The Foundation has determined that it does not have any material unrecognized tax benefits or obligations as of June 30, 2025 or 2024.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

The Foundation considers highly liquid investments without restrictions with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. The Foundation's deposits in each bank are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC"). It is management's opinion that the Foundation is not exposed to any significant credit risk related to cash.

**Pledges Receivable**

Contributions are recognized when the donor makes a promise to give that, in substance, is unconditional. Contributions that are restricted by the donor are reported as increases in net assets with donor restrictions depending on the nature of the restrictions. Unconditional promises to give (pledges) are stated net of an allowance for doubtful accounts. Pledges are periodically evaluated for collectability based on management's assessment of the collectability of each pledge. Unconditional promises to give due in subsequent years are reported at the present value of their net realizable value, using discount rates applicable to the years in which the promises are to be received.

**Assets Held – Charitable Remainder Trusts and Annuities Obligation**

The Foundation administers various charitable trusts. A charitable remainder trust provides for the payment of distributions to designated beneficiaries over the trust's term (usually the designated beneficiary's lifetime). At the end of the trust's term, the remaining assets are available for the Foundation's use.

The trusts are valued at the fair value of the underlying investments. The obligation to make payments to the trust beneficiaries is reported as obligations under annuities obligation. Annually, the obligation is adjusted for changes in the value of the trust assets. The discount rate used to determine the present value is consistent with the rate of return from the trusts. Changes in the value are included on the combined statements of activities and change in net assets as change in value of split-interest agreements.

**Investments**

Investments consist of various mutual funds, equity investments, fixed income investments, certificates of deposit, alternative investments and other assets and are reported at fair market value.

**Notes Receivable**

Notes receivable are due from one organization that is working on various projects related to the Foundation's purpose and is recorded at estimated net realizable value. The notes are secured by property related to the projects and are due in fiscal year 2035. Interest rates on the notes are 3% and interest payments are due annually with principal balloon payments due in fiscal year 2035. As of June 30, 2025, the Foundation has committed \$1,000,000 in potential notes to the organization, with \$200,000 currently available for future draws.

The Foundation considers the notes receivable for credit losses, which is based upon a review of the outstanding notes receivable, historical collections and existing economic conditions. The Foundation does not believe there are significant credit risks associated with the notes receivable. As of June 30, 2025, there were no amounts allowed for associated with the notes receivable.

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***Property and Equipment***

Property and equipment acquisitions are recorded at cost. Fixed assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over estimated useful lives, ranging from three to twenty-five years.

***Due to Other Organizations – Agency Funds***

Due to other organizations – agency funds represent amounts owed to other organizations related to assets held by the Foundation in a purely custodial capacity. These other organizations specify the Foundation to distribute funds as requested. As these assets are being held for the benefit of a third party, and cannot be used to address activities or obligations of the Foundation, revenues and expenses are not recorded on the combined statements of activities and change in net assets and are included in due to other organizations – agency funds.

***Net Assets***

Net assets, revenues, gains and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor restrictions.

Net assets without donor restrictions are available for use in general operations and not subject to donor restrictions. The governing board has designated, from net assets without donor restrictions, net assets for a board-designated endowment.

Net assets with donor restrictions are subject to donor restrictions. Some restrictions are temporary in nature, such as those that will be met by the passage of time or other events specified by the donor. Other restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor stipulates that resources be maintained in perpetuity.

Most contributions, including those with donor-imposed restrictions, are subject to the variance power established by the Foundation's governing documents. The variance power allows the Board of Directors to modify donor instructions that are incapable of fulfillment or inconsistent with the charitable needs of the community. As a result of the variance power, most contributions are classified as net assets without donor restrictions for combined financial statement purposes.

***Contributions and Recognition of Donor Restrictions***

Contributions received are recorded as without donor restriction or with donor restriction depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions, including consideration around variance power.

Net assets with donor restrictions are those which are restricted as to time or purpose of use, and include donor restricted endowments. When donor restrictions expire, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or a purpose restriction is fulfilled, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported on the combined statements of activities and change in net assets as net assets released from restrictions. However, if the restriction expires during the same accounting period in which the gift was received, the contribution is reported as an increase in net assets without donor restrictions.

Net assets without donor restrictions are funds over which the Board of Directors has discretionary control and are available for grant making and other purposes. These include board-designated purposes and endowments.

The Foundation has elected to record interfund contributions and grant expenses at gross on the combined statements of activities and change in net assets. Grant interfund expenses are included in grants paid on the combined statements of activities and change in net assets. Interfund contributions amounted to \$921,822 and \$514,647 and interfund grant expenses amounted to \$922,395 and \$517,781 for the years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

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**Note 2. Investments**

Investments are comprised of the following as of June 30:

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Mutual funds and equities	\$ 53,255,997	\$ 50,322,203
Alternative investments	29,664,552	26,605,333
Fixed income and certificates of deposit	17,468,725	16,316,845
Other assets	31,092	20,214
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	<u>\$ 100,420,366</u>	<u>\$ 93,264,595</u>

Investment income is comprised of the following for the year ended June 30:

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Realized losses, net	\$ (6,268)	\$ (13,766)
Unrealized gains, net	7,730,903	8,230,270
Dividends and interest, net of fees	2,208,158	1,155,948
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	<u>\$ 9,932,793</u>	<u>\$ 9,372,452</u>

**Note 3. Fair Value of Financial Instruments**

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each classification within the combined financial statements:

***Investments***

The fair value of debt and equity security investments are estimated based on quoted market prices when available. For other investments for which there are no quoted market prices, a reasonable estimate of fair value was made based upon readily available information. Alternative investments are valued at fair market value or net asset value, as determined by the managers of the investments as reported to them by the general partner of the underlying funds or partnerships.

***Contributions Receivable***

The fair value of promises to give that are due in more than one year is estimated by discounting the estimated future cash flows using the Foundation's earnings rate.

***Assets Held – Charitable Remainder Trusts***

The fair value of assets held in trusts are estimated based on quoted market prices when available.

***Notes Receivable***

Notes receivable amounts to \$800,000 as of June 30, 2025. The fair value of notes receivable is estimated to be approximately \$481,000 as of June 30, 2025. The fair value was estimated using discounted cash flow analyses, using interest rates for corporate bonds with similar maturities for borrowers of similar credit quality.

***Annuities Obligation***

These liabilities are carried at actuarially determined present value, which approximate fair value.

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When quoted market prices are not available, fair values are based on estimates using present value or other valuation techniques. Those techniques are significantly affected by the assumptions used, including the discount rate and estimates of future cash flows. In that regard, the derived fair value estimates cannot be substantiated by comparison to independent markets and, in many cases could not be realized in immediate settlement of the instrument.

Fair value as defined under generally accepted accounting principles is an exit price, representing the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

Generally accepted accounting principles establish a three-tier fair value hierarchy, which prioritizes the inputs used in measuring fair value. These tiers include:

- Level 1** Observable inputs such as quoted prices in active markets.
- Level 2** Inputs other than quoted prices in active markets that are either directly or indirectly observable.
- Level 3** Unobservable inputs about which little or no market data exists, therefore requiring an entity to develop its own assumptions.

Assets and liabilities are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. There were no changes during the years ended June 30, 2025 or 2024 to the Foundation's valuation techniques used to measure asset and liability fair values on a recurring basis.

The methods used may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Foundation believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

	<u>June 30, 2025</u>			
	<u>Fair Value Measurements Using</u>			
	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)</u>	<u>Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)</u>	<u>Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)</u>
Financial Assets				
Investments	\$ 70,755,814	\$ 69,430,316	\$ 1,325,498	\$ -
Assets held – charitable remainder trusts	<u>2,247,431</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,247,431</u>
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	73,003,245	<u>\$ 69,430,316</u>	<u>\$ 1,325,498</u>	<u>\$ 2,247,431</u>
Investment measured at NAV <sup>(A)</sup>	<u>29,664,552</u>			
Investments at fair value	<u>\$ 102,667,797</u>			
Financial Liabilities				
Annuities obligation	<u>\$ 1,855,321</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,855,321</u>

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	June 30, 2024			
	Fair Value Measurements Using			
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	
	<u>Fair Value</u>			
Financial Assets				
Investments	\$ 66,659,262	\$ 66,659,262	\$ -	\$ -
Assets held – charitable remainder trusts	<u>2,148,141</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,148,141</u>
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	68,807,403	\$ 66,659,262	\$ -	\$ 2,148,141
Investment measured at NAV <sup>(A)</sup>	<u>26,605,333</u>			
Investments at fair value	<u>\$ 95,412,736</u>			
Financial Liabilities				
Annuities obligation	\$ 1,796,338	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,796,338

(A) In accordance with Topic 820, certain investments that were measured at net asset value ("NAV") per share (or its equivalent) have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line items presented on the combined statements of financial position.

There were no transfers between levels for the years ended June 30, 2025 or 2024.

The following table summarizes investments for which fair value is measured using the NAV per share practical expedient as of June 30, 2025 and 2024:

	Fair Value at June 30, 2025	Fair Value at June 30, 2024	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Restrictions	Redemption Notice Period
FEG Select Core	\$ 5,035,184	\$ 4,763,551	None	None	5 Days
FEG Select Plus	5,245,002	4,887,488	None	None	5 Days
FEG Select Strut US	4,771,062	4,489,227	None	None	5 Days
FEG International Equity Series I	3,303,621	2,765,268	None	Monthly	5 Days
FEG Emerging Markets Series II	-	952,627	None	Monthly	30 Days
FEG Private Opportunities Fund IV	4,370,046	4,393,707	\$ 60,000	(B)	(B)
FEG Private Opportunities Fund III	1,645,850	1,896,807	\$ 40,000	(B)	(B)
FEG Private Opportunities Fund VI	<u>5,293,787</u>	<u>2,456,658</u>	\$ 5,700,000	(B)	(B)
	<u>\$ 29,664,552</u>	<u>\$ 26,605,333</u>			

(B) The fund manager determines the amount, timing and form of all distributions.

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**Note 4. Pledges Receivable**

The Foundation's pledges receivable consist of the following as of June 30:

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Receivable in less than one year	\$ 286,972	\$ 243,750
Receivable in one to five years	538,667	374,750
Receivable in six or more years	<u>320,000</u>	<u>300,000</u>
Pledges receivable, gross	1,145,639	918,500
Discount	<u>(160,000)</u>	<u>(160,000)</u>
Pledges receivable, net	<u>\$ 985,639</u>	<u>\$ 758,500</u>

Discount rate was 5% for 2025 and 2024.

**Note 5. Property and Equipment**

Property and equipment consisted of the following as of June 30:

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Land	\$ 160,000	\$ 160,000
Building	1,345,726	1,345,726
Furniture and equipment	<u>655,090</u>	<u>610,674</u>
Total property and equipment	2,160,816	2,116,400
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(1,225,172)</u>	<u>(1,083,983)</u>
Property and equipment, net	<u>\$ 935,644</u>	<u>\$ 1,032,417</u>

**Note 6. Net Assets**

***Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions***

The Foundation's net assets without donor restrictions are classified as follows:

***Unrestricted (Discretionary)***

The Foundation's unrestricted funds are not designated for a specific charitable beneficiary. These funds are disbursed at the discretion of the Foundation's Board of Directors in response to requests from nonprofit organizations and based on an assessment of the most pressing needs. Unrestricted funds are also used to pay administrative expenses.

***Field-of-Interest***

Field-of-Interest Funds have been created to support a specific field-of-interest, such as health or education, or a specific geographic area, such as Jasper County or the Greater Bluffton Community. The funds created by giving circles are also funds of this type.

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**Donor-Advised**

Donor-Advised Funds are created by donors who wish to remain active in their philanthropy and have access to the Foundation's professional advice and management. Donors may suggest charitable distributions from funds they have established, although the Foundation's Board of Directors has final authority to approve or deny all such grants.

**Designated**

Designated funds, subject to variance power, have been established by a donor to provide grants to a specific charitable agency or for a specific charitable purpose. The Board of Directors accepts the donor's designation as long as the agency or purpose continues to serve the public interest. Scholarship funds and project funds are included in this category.

The balances of these internally imposed restrictions are as follows as of June 30:

	<b>June 30, 2025</b>		
	<b>Endowed</b>	<b>Non-Endowed</b>	<b>Total</b>
Net Assets – Spendable	\$ 4,696,406	\$ 24,574,037	\$ 29,270,443
Net Assets – Accumulated earnings	9,440,382	-	9,440,382
Net Assets – Nonspendable	<u>64,559,236</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>64,559,236</u>
	<u><u>\$ 78,696,024</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 24,574,037</u></u>	<u><u>\$103,270,061</u></u>
	<b>June 30, 2024</b>		
	<b>Endowed</b>	<b>Non-Endowed</b>	<b>Total</b>
Net Assets – Spendable	\$ 4,476,136	\$ 21,237,825	\$ 25,713,961
Net Assets – Accumulated earnings	6,156,189	-	6,156,189
Net Assets – Nonspendable	<u>61,884,091</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>61,884,091</u>
	<u><u>\$ 72,516,416</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 21,237,825</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 93,754,241</u></u>

**Net Assets With Donor Restrictions**

The Foundation's net assets with donor restrictions are classified as follows at June 30:

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Subject to expenditure for specified purpose		
Muloma Heritage Center and Diaspora Kitchen	\$ 1,412,414	\$ 1,489,597
Subject to the passage of time		
Pledges receivable that are not restricted by donors but which are unavailable for expenditure until due	<u>985,639</u>	<u>758,500</u>
	<u><u>\$ 2,398,053</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,248,097</u></u>

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***Net Assets Released from Restrictions***

Net assets were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purposes or by occurrence of other events specified by donors.

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Expiration of time restrictions	\$ 103,361	\$ -
Satisfaction or purpose restrictions	77,183	-
Muloma Heritage Center and Diaspora Kitchen	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$ 180,544	\$ -

**Note 7. Endowment Funds**

The Foundation's endowment consists of funds established for purposes of funds designated by the Board to function as endowments. There were no donor-restricted endowment funds as of June 30, 2025 or 2024 as a result of the contributions received subject to variance power.

***Interpretation of Relevant Law***

The Board of the Foundation has interpreted the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act of 2006 (the "Act") adopted in South Carolina in 2008 as requiring the preservation of the fair value of the original gift as of the gift date. As a result of this interpretation, the Foundation's board-designated endowment includes (a) the original value of gifts donated, (b) the original value of subsequent gifts to be held in perpetuity, and (c) accumulations to the gifts held in perpetuity made in accordance with the direction of the applicable designation at the time the accumulation is added to the fund.

In accordance with the Act, the Foundation considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate board-designated endowment funds:

- The duration and preservation of the fund
- The purposes of the Foundation and the endowment fund
- General economic conditions
- The possible effect of inflation and deflation
- The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments
- Other resources of the Foundation
- The investment policy of the Foundation

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Endowment net assets consist of the following at June 30:

	<b>June 30, 2025</b>		
	<b>Without Donor Restrictions</b>	<b>With Donor Restrictions</b>	<b>Total</b>
Board designated endowment funds	<u>\$ 78,696,024</u>	<u>\$ _____ -</u>	<u>\$ 78,696,024</u>
<b>June 30, 2024</b>			
	<b>Without Donor Restrictions</b>	<b>With Donor Restrictions</b>	<b>Total</b>
Board designated endowment funds	<u>\$ 72,516,416</u>	<u>\$ _____ -</u>	<u>\$ 72,516,416</u>

Changes in endowment net assets are as follows for the years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024:

	<b>Without Donor Restrictions</b>	<b>With Donor Restrictions</b>	<b>Total</b>
Endowment net assets, June 30, 2023	\$ 65,539,807	\$ _____ -	\$ 65,539,807
Contributions received	3,471,141	_____ -	3,471,141
Other revenue	394	_____ -	394
Gain on investments, net	7,526,396	_____ -	7,526,396
Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditures	<u>(4,021,322)</u>	<u>_____ -</u>	<u>(4,021,322)</u>
Endowment net assets, June 30, 2024	72,516,416	_____ -	72,516,416
Contributions received	3,449,501	_____ -	3,449,501
Transfers to endowment	369,698	_____ -	369,698
Gain on investments, net	6,911,727	_____ -	6,911,727
Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditures	<u>(4,551,318)</u>	<u>_____ -</u>	<u>(4,551,318)</u>
Endowment net assets, June 30, 2025	<u>\$ 78,696,024</u>	<u>\$ _____ -</u>	<u>\$ 78,696,024</u>

### ***Return Objectives and Risk Parameters***

The Foundation has adopted investment and spending policies for endowment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs while seeking to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets. Under this policy, as approved by the Board, the endowment assets are invested in a manner that is intended to produce results that exceed the price and yield results of various benchmarks while assuming a moderate level of investment risk.

### ***Strategies Employed for Achieving Objectives***

To satisfy its long-term rate-of-return objectives, the Foundation relies on a total return strategy in which investment returns are achieved through both capital appreciation (realized and unrealized) and current yield (interest and dividends). The Foundation targets a diversified asset allocation that places emphasis on its long-term objectives within prudent risk constraints. The Foundation's asset allocation may vary from the target ratio depending on the Foundation's evaluation of overall market conditions.

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***Spending Policy and how the Investment Objectives Relate to Spending Policy***

The Foundation has adopted a policy whereby it limits the amount of spending that may be utilized for grant purposes from endowments to 4.5% of the average daily balance of investments over the prior twenty quarters. This policy enables the Foundation to preserve and strengthen its investment base for the future.

**Note 8. Functional Allocation of Expenses**

The method used to allocate costs to program and support functions, which primarily affects salaries and related expenses, is based upon employee time spent on programs versus support services. Other expenses are classified based upon the assessment by management of relevant programs supported by the expenses incurred or supporting functions benefited.

Expenses presented on a functional basis are as follows for the year ended June 30, 2025:

	<b>Programs</b>			
	<b>Donor Advised Funds</b>	<b>Field of Interest Funds</b>	<b>Other Funds and Programs</b>	<b>Program Subtotals</b>
Grants paid	\$ 2,906,241	\$ 4,143,218	\$ 4,918,176	\$ 11,967,635
Program expenses	-	757,858	559,221	1,317,079
Salaries and benefits	60,139	74,927	164,224	299,290
Supplies and other	-	-	178,089	178,089
Professional and administrative fees	31,882	63,993	55,144	151,019
Fundraising and development	-	232,238	101,499	333,737
	<u>\$ 2,998,262</u>	<u>\$ 5,272,234</u>	<u>\$ 5,976,353</u>	<u>\$ 14,246,849</u>
<b>Supporting Activities</b>				
	<b>Management and General</b>	<b>Fundraising and Development</b>	<b>Supporting Subtotal</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>
Grants paid	\$ 8,750	\$ -	\$ 8,750	\$ 11,976,385
Program expenses	14,077	12,508	26,585	1,343,664
Salaries and benefits	747,245	196,850	944,095	1,243,385
Supplies and other	69,250	-	69,250	247,339
Professional and administrative fees	256,392	-	256,392	407,411
Fundraising and development	-	63,339	63,339	397,076
Depreciation	<u>141,189</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>141,189</u>	<u>141,189</u>
	<u>\$ 1,236,903</u>	<u>\$ 272,697</u>	<u>\$ 1,509,600</u>	<u>\$ 15,756,449</u>

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Expenses presented on a functional basis are as follows for the year ended June 30, 2024:

	<b>Programs</b>			
	<b>Donor Advised Funds</b>	<b>Field of Interest Funds</b>	<b>Other Funds and Programs</b>	<b>Program Subtotals</b>
Grants paid	\$ 2,697,458	\$ 3,687,026	\$ 3,517,828	\$ 9,902,312
Program expenses	5,000	876,272	325,309	1,206,581
Salaries and benefits	49,127	100,494	243,747	393,368
Supplies and other	-	-	193,037	193,037
Professional and administrative fees	1,666	16,224	5,982	23,872
Fundraising and development	-	141,064	5,609	146,673
	<u>\$ 2,753,251</u>	<u>\$ 4,821,080</u>	<u>\$ 4,291,512</u>	<u>\$ 11,865,843</u>
<b>Supporting Activities</b>				
	<b>Management and General</b>	<b>Fundraising and Development</b>	<b>Supporting Subtotal</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>
Grants paid	\$ 5,750	\$ -	\$ 5,750	\$ 9,908,062
Program expenses	43,074	-	43,074	1,249,655
Salaries and benefits	645,322	223,545	868,867	1,262,235
Supplies and other	86,213	-	86,213	279,250
Professional and administrative fees	361,564	17,429	378,993	402,865
Fundraising and development	-	70,505	70,505	217,178
Depreciation	<u>54,167</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>54,167</u>	<u>54,167</u>
	<u>\$ 1,196,090</u>	<u>\$ 311,479</u>	<u>\$ 1,507,569</u>	<u>\$ 13,373,412</u>

## **Note 9. Liquidity**

The Foundation's management structures its financial assets to be available as its general expenditures, liabilities and other obligations come due. Most contributions received by the Foundation, including those with donor-imposed restrictions, are subject to the variance power established by the Foundation's governing documents. Because of this variance power, contributions are classified as net assets without donor restrictions for combined financial statement purposes and the Foundation's investments are therefore available to meet its liquidity needs.

Financial assets available for general expenditure, that is, without donor or other restrictions limiting their use, within one year of the combined statements of financial position date, comprise the following as of June 30, 2025 and 2024:

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,646,671	\$ 4,611,211
Investments	100,420,366	93,264,595
Due to other organizations	<u>(3,887,527)</u>	<u>(3,507,145)</u>
	<u>\$ 103,179,510</u>	<u>\$ 94,368,661</u>

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**Note 10. Employees' Retirement Savings Plan**

The Foundation sponsors a defined contribution retirement savings plan for all regular, full-time employees who are twenty-one years of age and have completed one year of service. Under the plan, employees may contribute up to 15% of their annual compensation. Participants over the age of 50 are eligible to make additional catch-up contributions. The Foundation may also contribute a discretionary amount of the participants' compensation each year. The Foundation contributed \$30,020 and \$56,359 to the plan during the years ending June 30, 2025, and 2024, respectively.

**Note 11. Subsequent Events**

Subsequent events have been evaluated through October 28, 2025, which is the date the combined financial statements were available to be issued.