

Form **990-EZ**
 Department of the Treasury
 Internal Revenue Service

Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
 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.**
 ▶ **Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990ez.**

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A For the 2017 calendar year, or tax year beginning 10-01-2017, and ending 09-30-2018

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

C Name of organization
 BONITA SPRINGSESTERO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL INC

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
 PO BOX 368325

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
 BONITA SPRINGS, FL 34136

D Employer identification number
 27-4934036

E Telephone number
 (239) 333-2332

F Group Exemption Number ▶

G Accounting Method Cash Accrual Other (specify) ▶ _____

I Website: ▶ WWW.BONITAEDC.COM

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

H Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

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) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ▶ \$ 73,921

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

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	73,750
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4	Investment income	4	171
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	b	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		
	a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	
b	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		
c	Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c		
d	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		
b	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	73,921	
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	79,515
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	4,822
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 ▶	17	84,337	
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-10,416
	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	81,215
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	0
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 18 through 20	21	70,799

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	70,098	22	62,582
23 Land and buildings		23	
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	11,117	24	8,217
25 Total assets	81,215	25	70,799
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)	81,215	27	70,799

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

Expenses
(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations, optional for others)

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?

ENCOURAGE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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

28 See Additional Data Table			
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		28a	
29		29a	
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>			
30		30a	
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>			
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	84,337

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) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
G DONALD THOMPSON CHAIRMAN/DIRECTOR	5 00	0	0	0
THOMAS GOETTEL TREASURER/DIRECTOR	5 00	0	0	0
TIFFANY ESPOSITO SECRETARY/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	15 00	0	0	0
HARLAN C PARRISH DIRECTOR	5 00	0	0	0
PHIL DUTCHER DIRECTOR	5 00	0	0	0
MATTHEW STEPAN DIRECTOR	5 00	0	0	0
MARTI S VAN VEEN DIRECTOR	5 00	0	0	0
RANDI ORDET DIRECTOR	5 00	0	0	0
BOB ROSIER DIRECTOR	5 00	0	0	0
NEIL SIMON DIRECTOR	5 00	0	0	0
BILL DAUBMANN DIRECTOR	5 00	0	0	0
WALTER CRAWFORD DIRECTOR	5 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

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No columns. Rows include questions 33 through 45b regarding organizational activities, financials, and foreign accounts.

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 46 No

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 47
48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E 48
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? 49a
b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? 49b

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name and title of each employee, (b) Average hours per week devoted to position, (c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC), (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."

Table with 3 columns: (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 (TIFFANY ESPOSITO SECRETARY/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR) and Date (2019-08-09).

Paid Preparer Use Only: Print/Type preparer's name (SCOTT D HENNELLS CPA), Preparer's signature, Date (2019-08-08), Firm's name (REHMANN ROBSON LLC), Firm's address (9420 BONITA BEACH RD STE 200, BONITA SPRINGS, FL 34135), Firm's EIN (38-3635706), and Phone no (239) 992-6211.

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

Additional Data

Software ID:

Software Version:

EIN: 27-4934036

Name: BONITA SPRINGSESTERO ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL INC

Form 990EZ, Part III - Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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 TO BE THE LOCAL AREA'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RESOURDE PARTNER FOR PROMOTING BUSINESS AND WORKFORCE RETENTION, DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH (Grants \$ 0) <p style="text-align: right;">If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ► <input type="checkbox"/></p>	28a	84,337

TY 2017 Transfers Personal Benefits Contracts Declaration

Name: BONITA SPRINGSESTERO ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL INC

EIN: 27-4934036

Declaration: THE ORGANIZATION DID NOT, DURING THE YEAR, RECEIVE ANY FUNDS, DIRECTLY, OR INDIRECTLY, TO PAY PREMIUMS ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT. THE ORGANIZATION, DID NOT, DURING THE YEAR, PAY ANY PREMIUMS, DIRECTLY, OR INDIRECTLY, ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT.

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**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 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Name of the organization
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DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL INC

Employer identification number

27-4934036

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 4 - OTHER INVESTMENT INCOME	DESCRIPTION INTEREST INCOME AMOUNT 171

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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16 - OTHER EXPENSES	DESCRIPTION INSURANCE AMOUNT 860 DESCRIPTION OFFICE EXPENSES AMOUNT 462 DESCRIPTION INFORMATION TECH & WEB AMOUNT 600 DESCRIPTION DEPRECIATION/AMORTIZATION AMOUNT 2,900 TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 16 4,822

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FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 24 - OTHER ASSETS	DESCRIPTION WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT BEG OF YEAR AMOUNT 11,117 END OF YEAR AMOUNT 8,217