

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/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).**

OMB No 1545-1150  
**2016**  
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**A For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2016, and ending 12-31-2016**

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

**C** Name of organization  
 Greater Freeport Chamber of Commerce

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
 PO Box 335

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code  
 Freeport, ME 04032

**D** Employer identification number  
 30-0606930

**E** Telephone number  
 (207) 847-5240

**F** Group Exemption Number ▶

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

**I** Website: ▶ <http://www.freeportmainechamber.com/about>

**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 . . . . . ▶ \$ 119,912

**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		Expenses		Net Assets	
<b>1</b>	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received . . . . .	<b>10</b>	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O) . . . . .	<b>18</b>	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9) . . . . .
<b>2</b>	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts . . . . .	<b>11</b>	Benefits paid to or for members . . . . .	<b>19</b>	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) . . . . .
<b>3</b>	Membership dues and assessments . . . . .	<b>12</b>	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits . . . . .	<b>20</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) . . . . .
<b>4</b>	Investment income . . . . .	<b>13</b>	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors . . . . .	<b>21</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 18 through 20 . . . . .
<b>5a</b>	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory . . . . .	<b>14</b>	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance . . . . .		
<b>5b</b>	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses . . . . .	<b>15</b>	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping . . . . .		
<b>5c</b>	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a) . . . . .	<b>16</b>	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .		
<b>6</b>	Gaming and fundraising events	<b>17</b>	<b>Total expenses.</b> Add lines 10 through 16 . . . . .		
<b>6a</b>	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000) . . . . .				
<b>6b</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) . . . . .				
<b>6c</b>	Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events . . . . .				
<b>6d</b>	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c) . . . . .				
<b>7a</b>	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .				
<b>7b</b>	Less cost of goods sold . . . . .				
<b>7c</b>	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a) . . . . .				
<b>8</b>	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .				
<b>9</b>	<b>Total revenue.</b> Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 . . . . .				



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 No
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. Row 1: NONE

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. Row 1: NONE

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 2017-11-07 Date Shawna Chigro-Rogers Executive Director Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only Print/Type preparer's name Warren S Bell Preparer's signature Date 2017-11-07 Check if self-employed PTIN Firm's name Countinghouse Associates PA Firm's EIN Firm's address 234 Hodsdon Road Pownal, ME 040696200 Phone no (207) 688-4056

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

## Additional Data

**Software ID:** 16000333

**Software Version:** 17.2.1.0

**EIN:** 30-0606930

**Name:** Greater Freeport Chamber of Commerce

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

<b>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.</b>	<b>Expenses (Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others.)</b>	
<p><b>28</b> The Greater Freeport Chamber of Commerce is an organization of businesses located in and around Freeport, Maine. The chamber's purpose is to advocate on behalf of the business community, and all activities focus on that goal.</p> <p>(Grants \$ )</p> <p style="text-align: right;">If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<b>28a</b>	

**Form 990EZ, 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. . . . . 

<b>(a) Name and title</b>	<b>(b) Average hours per week devoted to position</b>	<b>(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (If not paid, enter -0-)</b>	<b>(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation</b>	<b>(e) Estimated amount of other compensation</b>
CAROLYN BEEM DIRECTOR	000 00	0		
MICHELLE BARKER PRESIDENT	000 00	0		
DEB MCLEAN DIRECTOR	000 00	0		
JIM DEGRANDPE DIRECTOR	000 00	0		
JIM FREY DIRECTOR	000 00	0		
ANGELA GARRISON DIRECTOR	000 00	0		
DEAN GILBERT DIRECTOR	000 00	0		
BRETT DAVIS DIRECTOR	000 00	0		
DALE BOUTON TREASURER	000 00	0		
CALEB STEPHENS VICE PRESIDENT	000 00	0		
ANY GILLIS DIRECTOR	000 00	0		
STEPHANIE PETKERS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	040 00	52,000		
LEE HEWS DIRECTOR	000 00	0		
THOMAS WILSON DIRECTOR	000 00	0		
SHAWNA CHIGRO-ROGERS EXEC DIR 2017	000 00	0		

**TY 2016 Compensation Explanation**

**Name:** Greater Freeport Chamber of Commerce

**EIN:** 30-0606930

**Software ID:** 16000333

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Person Name	Explanation
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**SCHEDULE G  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

**Supplemental Information Regarding  
Fundraising or Gaming Activities**

OMB No 1545-0047

**2016**

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule G (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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**Part I Fundraising Activities.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 17. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

- 1** Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.
- a**  Mail solicitations
  - b**  Internet and email solicitations
  - c**  Phone solicitations
  - d**  In-person solicitations
  - e**  Solicitation of non-government grants
  - f**  Solicitation of government grants
  - g**  Special fundraising events
- 2a** Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services?  Yes  No
- b** If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
<b>Total</b>				▶		

**3** List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing



**Part II Fundraising Events.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

Revenue		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d)
		<u>Fund raising events</u> (event type)	(event type)	(total number)	Total events (add col (a) through col (c))
<b>1</b>	Gross receipts . . . . .	36,195			36,195
<b>2</b>	Less Contributions . . . . .				
<b>3</b>	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2) . . . . .	36,195			36,195
Direct Expenses	<b>4</b> Cash prizes . . . . .				
	<b>5</b> Noncash prizes . . . . .				
	<b>6</b> Rent/facility costs . . . . .				
	<b>7</b> Food and beverages . . . . .				
	<b>8</b> Entertainment . . . . .				
	<b>9</b> Other direct expenses . . . . .	20,487			20,487
<b>10</b>	Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) . . . . . ▶				20,487
<b>11</b>	Net income summary Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) . . . . . ▶				15,708

**Part III Gaming.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

Revenue		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col (a) through col (c))
		<b>1</b>	Gross revenue . . . . .		
Direct Expenses	<b>2</b> Cash prizes . . . . .				
	<b>3</b> Noncash prizes . . . . .				
	<b>4</b> Rent/facility costs . . . . .				
	<b>5</b> Other direct expenses . . . . .				
	<b>6</b>	Volunteer labor . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____% <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____% <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____% <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>7</b>	Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) . . . . . ▶				
<b>8</b>	Net gaming income summary Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d) . . . . . ▶				

**9** Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states?  Yes  No

**b** If "No," explain \_\_\_\_\_

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**10a** Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year?  Yes  No

**b** If "Yes," explain \_\_\_\_\_

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- 11** Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers?  Yes  No
- 12** Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming?  Yes  No
- 13** Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in
- |          |                             |   |
|----------|-----------------------------|---|
| <b>a</b> | The organization's facility | % |
| <b>b</b> | An outside facility         | % |

**14** Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records

Name ▶ .....

Address ▶ .....

- 15a** Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?  Yes  No
- b** If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**c** If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party

Name ▶ .....

Address ▶ .....

**16** Gaming manager information

Name ▶ .....

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ .....

Description of services provided ▶ .....

Director/officer       Employee       Independent contractor

- 17** Mandatory distributions
- a** Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license?  Yes  No
- b** Enter the amount of distributions required under state law distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Part IV Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v); and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

Return Reference	Explanation
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**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.

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**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 8, Other Revenue	Advertising revenue for ads in Insiders Guide publication 22,717

# 990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 8, Other Revenue	Miscellaneous 150

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses	Travel 420

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses	Telephone 891

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<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses	Insurance 2,425

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses	Bank and credit card fees 621



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<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses	Advertising 1,161

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Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses	Office supplies and expenses 2,014

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Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses	Miscellaneous 1,303

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<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses	Bad debt 4,749

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses	Web design and hosting 623

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<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses	General and administrative expenses 1,871

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<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses	Training 300

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<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses	Dues, memberships and subscriptions 187



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<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses	Computer software 594

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<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses	Payroll taxes 4,432

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<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses	Intuit processing fees 530

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses	Payroll processing 120

## 990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 24, Other Assets	Accounts Receivable Beginning of year 17,670, End of year 11,742

# 990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 26, Liabilities	Defered Revenue Beginning of year 48,663, End of year 50,485