

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

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

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A For the 2020 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2020, and ending 12-31-2020

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

C Name of organization
CREDIT UNIONS CHARTERED IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN D/B/A ASTERA CREDIT UNION

Doing business as
ASTERA CREDIT UNION

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
111 S WAVERLY RD

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
LANSING, MI 48917

D Employer identification number
38-1399600

E Telephone number
(517) 321-5135

G Gross receipts \$ 10,999,557

F Name and address of principal officer:
MARTIN CARTER
111 S WAVERLY RD
LANSING, MI 48917

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

H(b) Are all subordinates included? Yes No
If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)

H(c) Group exemption number ▶ 1359

I Tax-exempt status: 501(c)(3) 501(c)(14) ◀ (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: ▶ WWW.ASTERACU.COM

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other ▶ CREDIT UNION

L Year of formation: 1949

M State of legal domicile: MI

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities:
TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL SERVICES TO MEMBER OWNERS WITH A COMMON BOND.

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

3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	8
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	8
5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2020 (Part V, line 2a)	5	77
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	10
7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	41,737
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 39	7b	0

	Prior Year	Current Year
8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	0	0
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	9,085,737	9,577,962
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	739,526	782,725
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	0	0
12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	9,825,263	10,360,687

13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	0	0
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	4,084,830	3,985,116
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 0		
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	5,051,537	5,375,109
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	9,136,367	9,360,225
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	688,896	1,000,462

	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	152,100,987	178,613,511
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	137,345,208	162,345,047
22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	14,755,779	16,268,464

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here
Signature of officer: *****
Date: 2021-08-26
Type or print name and title: DEBRA MILES CFO

Paid Preparer Use Only
Print/Type preparer's name: Preparer's signature: Date: 2021-08-26
Check if self-employed PTIN: P00066715
Firm's name ▶ REHMANN ROBSON LLC Firm's EIN ▶ 38-3567911
Firm's address ▶ 5800 GRATIOT PO BOX 2025 SAGINAW, MI 486052025 Phone no. (989) 799-9580

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL SERVICES TO MEMBER OWNERS WITH A COMMON BOND.

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

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

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

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

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

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
See Additional Data

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
See Additional Data

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
See Additional Data

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

4e Total program service expenses ▶

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

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

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, and Yes/No columns. Rows include questions 22 through 38 regarding organizational reporting, compensation, and tax-exempt status.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, and Yes/No columns. Rows include questions 1a, 1b, and 1c regarding Form 1096, Forms W-2G, and backup withholding rules.

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



Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a (Voting members), 1b (Independent members), 2 (Family/Business relationships), 3 (Delegation of control), 4 (Changes in governing documents), 5 (Asset diversion), 6 (Members/stockholders), 7a (Election/appointment), 7b (Reserved decisions), 8 (Meeting documentation), 8a (Governing body), 8b (Committees), 9 (Officer reachability).

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a (Local chapters), 10b (Policies for chapters), 11a (Copy of Form 990), 11b (Review process), 12a (Conflict of interest policy), 12b (Disclosure of interests), 12c (Monitoring compliance), 13 (Whistleblower policy), 14 (Document retention), 15 (Compensation review), 15a (CEO/Exec Director), 15b (Other officers), 16a (Joint venture investment), 16b (Joint venture policy).

Section C. Disclosure

Table with 2 columns: Question, Answer. Rows include: 17 (States for Form 990), 18 (Public inspection of Form 990), 19 (Public availability of governing documents), 20 (Books and records).

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

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

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

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

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

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

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) MARK VAN EPPS SECRETARY	0.25	X		X			0	0	0	
(2) HAROLD BROWN VICE CHAIRMAN	0.25	X		X			0	0	0	
(3) JASON HAWKINS CHAIRMAN	0.25	X		X			0	0	0	
(4) SUSAN CANEN DIRECTOR	0.25	X					0	0	0	
(5) KEVIN GOFF DIRECTOR	0.25	X					0	0	0	
(6) CATHY MURRAY DIRECTOR	0.25	X					0	0	0	
(7) MARTHA ADAMS MEMBERSHIP OFFICER	0.25	X		X			0	0	0	
(8) ANTHONY EDWARDS TREASURER	0.25	X		X			0	0	0	
(9) MARTIN CARTER PRESIDENT/CEO	40.00			X			191,246	0	21,546	
(10) DEBRA MILES CFO	40.00			X			134,048	0	19,213	
(11) CHRIS TYLER SENIOR VP OPERATIONS	40.00			X			108,434	0	21,424	

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a Federated campaigns	1a					
	b Membership dues	1b					
	c Fundraising events	1c					
	d Related organizations	1d					
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e					
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f					
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a - 1f:\$	1g					
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f ▶						
Program Service Revenue	2a MEMBER LOAN INTEREST INCOME	Business Code					
		522100	6,168,921	6,168,921			
	b FEES	522100	3,409,041	3,367,304	41,737		
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f All other program service revenue.						
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f. ▶		9,577,962					
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) ▶		587,808			587,808	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds ▶						
	5 Royalties ▶						
	6a Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
		6a					
		b Less: rental expenses	6b				
		c Rental income or (loss)	6c				
	d Net rental income or (loss) ▶						
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
		7a		833,787			
		b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	7b		638,870		
		c Gain or (loss)	7c		194,917		
	d Net gain or (loss) ▶			194,917	194,917		
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	8a					
		b Less: direct expenses	8b				
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events ▶							
9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	9a						
	b Less: direct expenses	9b					
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities ▶							
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a						
	b Less: cost of goods sold	10b					
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory ▶							
11a Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code						
	b						
	c						
	d All other revenue						
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶							
12 Total revenue. See instructions ▶			10,360,687	9,731,142	41,737	587,808	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

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

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	495,910			
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	2,501,262			
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401 (k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	109,679			
9 Other employee benefits	630,952			
10 Payroll taxes	247,313			
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management	112,398			
b Legal	47,545			
c Accounting	87,379			
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	132,019			
12 Advertising and promotion	145,153			
13 Office expenses	911,705			
14 Information technology	539,334			
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	447,632			
17 Travel	9,608			
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	49,976			
20 Interest	961,122			
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	305,206			
23 Insurance	76,863			
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a LOAN SERVICING	535,806			
b ATM/DEBIT CARD FEES	453,603			
c PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSS	350,529			
d REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	145,783			
e All other expenses	63,448			
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	9,360,225			
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

Part X Balance Sheet

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	1,050,394	1	4,029,626
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	3,017,231	2	9,904,593
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	419,768	4	451,583
	5 Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net	102,728,663	7	112,922,391
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	444,507	9	339,654
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	12,101,106		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	5,134,680		
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	26,001,672	11	31,812,164
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11	7,487,431	12	7,927,195
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	3,843,621	15	4,259,879
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	152,100,987	16	178,613,511	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	668,738	17	547,572
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17 - 24). Complete Part X of Schedule D	136,676,470	25	161,797,475
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	137,345,208	26	162,345,047
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.			
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions		27	
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions		28	
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.			
	29 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds	0	29	0
	30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund	0	30	0
	31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	14,755,779	31	16,268,464
32 Total net assets or fund balances	14,755,779	32	16,268,464	
33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	152,100,987	33	178,613,511	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	10,360,687
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	9,360,225
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	1,000,462
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	14,755,779
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	512,223
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	16,268,464

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

- 1** Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: Cash Accrual Other _____
 If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.
- 2a** Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?
 If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:
 Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis
- b** Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?
 If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:
 Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis
- c** If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?
 If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.
- 3a** As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?
- b** If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.

	Yes	No
2a		No
2b	Yes	
2c	Yes	
3a		No
3b		

Additional Data

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Name: CREDIT UNIONS CHARTERED IN THE STATE OF
MICHIGAN D/B/A ASTERA CREDIT UNION

Form 990 (2020)

Form 990, Part III, Line 4a:

PROVIDE MEMBERS WITH REGULAR SHARES, SHARE DRAFTS, MONEY MARKET, CERTIFICATES, AND IRA ACCOUNTS.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4b:

PROVIDE LOANS INCLUDING CREDIT CARDS, REAL ESTATE, NEW AND USED VEHICLES (INCLUDING RECREATIONAL VEHICLES), AND UNSECURED LOANS.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4c:

OFFER ATM/DEBIT CARDS, CHECK CASHING, WIRE TRANSFERS, MONEY ORDERS, AND OVERDRAFT/COURTESY PAY SERVICES.

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

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▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.**
▶ **Attach to Form 990.**
▶ **Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.**

Name of the organization
CREDIT UNIONS CHARTERED IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN D/B/A ASTERA CREDIT UNION

Employer identification number
38-1399600

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

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

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

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

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

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

Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education) Preservation of an historically important land area

Protection of natural habitat Preservation of a certified historic structure

Preservation of open space

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

	Held at the End of the Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 7/25/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d

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

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ _____

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

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

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$ _____

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

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

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

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

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

(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$ _____

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$ _____

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

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$ _____

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$ _____

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

- 3** Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):
- a** Public exhibition
 - b** Scholarly research
 - c** Preservation for future generations
 - d** Loan or exchange programs
 - e** Other
- 4** Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.
- 5** During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? . . . **Yes** **No**

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

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

- 1a** Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? **Yes** **No**
- b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:
- | | Amount |
|---|--------|
| 1c Beginning balance | |
| 1d Additions during the year | |
| 1e Distributions during the year | |
| 1f Ending balance | |
- 2a** Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? . . . **Yes** **No**
- b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

Part V Endowment Funds.

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

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

- 2** Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:
- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶
 - b** Permanent endowment ▶
 - c** Term endowment ▶
- The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.
- 3a** Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:
- | | Yes | No |
|--|---------------|----|
| (i) Unrelated organizations | 3a(i) | |
| (ii) Related organizations | 3a(ii) | |
| b If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? | 3b | |
- 4** Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

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

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land		1,479,545		1,479,545
b Buildings		7,352,448	2,095,921	5,256,527
c Leasehold improvements		336,754	307,965	28,789
d Equipment		2,932,359	2,730,794	201,565
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) . . . ▶				6,966,426

Part VII Investments—Other Securities.

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

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

Part VIII Investments—Program Related.

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

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
(10)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 13.)		

Part IX Other Assets.

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

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 15.)	

Part X Other Liabilities.

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

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2) MEMBER SHARE AND SAVINGS ACCOUNTS	155,297,475
(3) BORROWINGS	6,500,000
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 25.)	161,797,475

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		1	10,360,687
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a		
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b		
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	10,360,687
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	0
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)		5	10,360,687

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		1	9,360,225
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:			
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a		
b	Prior year adjustments	2b		
c	Other losses	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	9,360,225
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	0
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)		5	9,360,225

Part XIII Supplemental Information

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

Return Reference	Explanation
See Additional Data Table	

Part XIII Supplemental Information *(continued)*

Return Reference	Explanation

Additional Data

Software ID:

Software Version:

EIN: 38-1399600

Name: CREDIT UNIONS CHARTERED IN THE STATE OF
MICHIGAN D/B/A ASTERA CREDIT UNION

Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
PART X, LINE 2:	THE CREDIT UNION HAS EVALUATED ITS INCOME TAX FILING POSITIONS FOR THE YEARS 2017 THROUGH 2020, THE YEARS WHICH REMAIN SUBJECT TO EXAMINATION BY MAJOR TAX JURISDICTIONS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020. THE CREDIT UNION CONCLUDED THAT THERE ARE NO SIGNIFICANT UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS REQUIRING RECOGNITION IN THE CREDIT UNION'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. THE CREDIT UNION DOES NOT EXPECT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF UNRECOGNIZED TAX BENEFITS ("UTB") (E.G., TAX DEDUCTIONS, EXCLUSIONS, OR CREDITS CLAIMED OR EXPECTED TO BE CLAIMED) TO SIGNIFICANTLY CHANGE IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS. THE CREDIT UNION DOES NOT HAVE ANY AMOUNTS ACCRUED FOR INTEREST AND PENALTIES RELATED TO UTBS AT DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019, AND IT IS NOT AWARE OF ANY CLAIMS FOR SUCH AMOUNTS BY FEDERAL OR STATE INCOME TAX AUTHORITIES.

Schedule J
(Form 990)

Compensation Information

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For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees
▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.**
▶ **Attach to Form 990.**
▶ **Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization CREDIT UNIONS CHARTERED IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN D/B/A ASTERA CREDIT UNION	Employer identification number 38-1399600
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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

	Yes	No
1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.		
<input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions <input type="checkbox"/> Tax idemnification and gross-up payments <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)		
b If any of the boxes on Line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain	1b	
2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on Line 1a?	2	
3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study <input type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee		
4 During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:		
a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?	4a	No
b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?	4b	No
c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?	4c	No
If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.		
Only 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.		
5 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:		
a The organization?	5a	
b Any related organization?	5b	
If "Yes," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.		
6 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:		
a The organization?	6a	
b Any related organization?	6b	
If "Yes," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.		
7 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III.	7	
8 Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III.	8	
9 If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?	9	

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported on Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII.

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1 MARTIN CARTER PRESIDENT/CEO	(i)	176,846	3,300	11,100	9,007	12,539	212,792	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 DEBRA MILES CFO	(i)	130,148	3,300	600	6,673	12,540	153,261	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Part III **Supplemental Information**

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

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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Employer identification number

38-1399600

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6	THE CREDIT UNION IS MADE UP OF MEMBERS/SHAREHOLDERS.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A	CREDIT UNION MEMBER'S HAVE THE POWER TO ELECT ONE OR MORE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7B	A MEMBER VOTE MUST BE OBTAINED FOR CERTAIN KEY ACTIONS OF THE CREDIT UNION SUCH AS BEING MERGED INTO ANOTHER CREDIT UNION.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B	CONFLICTS OF INTEREST ARE REQUIRED TO BE DISCLOSED BY THE BOARD. A CONFLICT OF INTEREST REVIEW IS COMPLETED ANNUALLY.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	CONFLICTS OF INTEREST ARE REQUIRED TO BE DISCLOSED BY BOARD MEMBERS ANNUALLY.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15	BOARD REVIEW IS PERFORMED PERIODICALLY TO ASSESS THE REASONABLE COMPENSATION OF THE PRESIDENT/CEO. AS DEEMED NECESSARY THIS MAY ENTAIL THE USE OF SURVEYS OR CONSULTANTS TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNT. THE COMPENSATION OF OTHER KEY EMPLOYEES IS DETERMINED THROUGH A GENERAL REVIEW OF MARKET SALARIES.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE CREDIT UNION'S WEBSITE.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C	NO CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR.