

Form **990EZ**
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.

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A For the 2018 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2018, and ending 12-31-2018

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

C Name of organization
ECONOMIC COUNCIL OF OKEECHOBEE INC

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
PO BOX 718

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
OKEECHOBEE, FL 349730718

D Employer identification number
65-0174688

E Telephone number
(863) 467-0200

F Group Exemption Number ▶

G Accounting Method Cash Accrual Other (specify) ▶

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

I Website: ▶ ECOK.ORG

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

K Form of organization Corporation Trust Association Other

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ▶ \$ 74,759

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

	1	2	3	4	5a	5b	5c	6a	6b	6c	6d	7a	7b	7c	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received																										
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts																									4,190	
	3	Membership dues and assessments																									70,556	
	4	Investment income																									13	
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory										5a																
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses										5b																
	c	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																	
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)										7c																	
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)																											
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 ▶																									74,759		
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)																										
	11	Benefits paid to or for members																										
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits																									61,679	
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors																										
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance																										
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping																										
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)										16																18,684
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 ▶										17																80,363	
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)																									-5,604	
	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)																									43,075	
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)																										
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 18 through 20																									37,471	

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 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include 33, 34, 35a, 35b, 35c, 36, 37a, 37b, 38a, 38b, 39, 39a, 39b, 40a, 40b, 40c, 40d, 40e, 41.

42a The organization's books are in care of JOHN WILLIAMS Telephone no (863) 467-0200 Located at 2100 SOUTH PARROTT AVENUE OKEECHOBEE, FL ZIP + 4 34974

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include 42b, 42c.

43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year 43

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include 44a, 44b, 44c, 44d, 45a, 45b.

		Yes	No
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

		Yes	No
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		

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

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

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

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

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

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

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **NOTE.** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A ▶ Yes No

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

Sign Here Signature of officer	2019-05-03 Date
JOHN WILLIAMS TREASURER Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name CHERYL M WILLIAMS	Preparer's signature	Date 2019-05-03	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00448493
	Firm's name ▶ WICKS BROWN WILLIAMS & CO CPA'S LLP			Firm's EIN ▶ 59-1863867	
	Firm's address ▶ 504 N W 5TH AVENUE OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972			Phone no (863) 763-2354	

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

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 65-0174688
Name: ECONOMIC COUNCIL OF OKEECHOBEE 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.)	
<p>28 THE ECONOMIC COUNCIL OF OKEECHOBEE IS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT, NON-GOVERNMENTAL, NON-PARTISAN ORGANIZATION, AND TO SUCH END, SHALL UNDERTAKE OPERATIONS THAT (A) ACT AS A CATALYSIT BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS TO FOSTER DIALOGUE, PLANNING AND ACTION, (B) INVOLVE THE ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, AND SOCIAL PROCESSES OF THE COUNTY, (C) COMPRISE THE TOP INDUSTRY, BUSINESS, AND PROFESSIONAL LEADERS OF THE COMMUNITY, (D) PROMOTE PRINCIPLES OF GOOD GOVERNMENT AND GOOD CITIZENSHIP, (E) PROVIDE A FORUM FOR OPEN DISCUSSION OF MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST, AND (F) ENCOURAGE SERVICE-MINDED INDIVIDUALS TO SERVE THEIR COMMUNITY</p> <p>(Grants \$)</p> <p>If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ► <input type="checkbox"/></p>	28a	

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.

(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
JOHN WILLIAMS TREASURER	1 50	0		
KEITH WALPOLE CHAIR-ELECT	4 50	0		
FRANK IRBY PAST CHAIRMA	1 50	0		
TODD CLEMONS DIRECTOR	1 50	0		
STEVE DOBBS DIRECTOR	1 50	0		
JUSTIN DOMER DIRECTOR	1 50	0		
FRED FANIZZI SECRETARY	1 50	0		
STEPHANIE MITRIONE DIRECTOR	1 50	0		
SANDY PERRY DIRECTOR	1 50	0		
JEFF SUMNER CHAIRMAN	1 50	0		
WES WILLIAMSON DIRECTOR	1 50	0		
MACK WORLEY DIRECTOR	1 50	0		
DAWN HOOVER ALTERNATE DI	1 50	0		
ASHLEY TRIPP ALTERNATE DI	1 50	0		

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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Name of the organization

ECONOMIC COUNCIL OF OKEECHOBEE INC

Employer identification number

65-0174688

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16	EXPENSES WEB SITE 228 OFFICE 2,108 TRAVEL 240 INSURANCE 1,294 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETIN 3,898 MEMBERSHIP SOCIAL EXP 4,254 LICENSES & TAXES 61 SOFTWARE 180 TELEPHONE & INTERNET 2,378 MISCELLANEOUS 630 ENTERTAINMENT & MEALS 340 FORUM EXPENSES 2,315 ORGANIZATIONAL DUES 648 NON-INVESTMENT DEPRECIATION 110 TOTAL 18,684

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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 24	OFFICE FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT 2,472 2,472 LESS ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION 2,005 2,115 TOTAL 467 357

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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 26	DEFERRED REVENUE 8,500 20,900

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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART III	THE MISSION OF THE ECONOMIC COUNCIL OF OKEECHOBEE IS TO CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT THAT PROMOTE S PRUDENT ECONOMIC GROWTH AND IMPROVES THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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FORM 990-EZ, PART III, LINE 28	THE ECONOMIC COUNCIL OF OKEECHOBEE IS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT, NON-GOVERNMENTAL, NON-PARTISAN ORGANIZATION, AND TO SUCH END, SHALL UNDERTAKE OPERATIONS THAT (A) ACT AS A CATALYSIT BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS TO FOSTER DIALOGUE, PLANNING AND ACTION, (B) INVOLVE THE ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, AND SOCIAL PROCESSES OF THE COUNTY, (C) COMPRISE THE TOP INDUSTRY, BUSINESS, AND PROFESSIONAL LEADERS OF THE COMMUNITY, (D) PROMOTE PRINCIPLES OF GOOD GOVERNMENT AND GOOD CITIZENSHIP, (E) PROVIDE A FORUM FOR OPEN DISCUSSION OF MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST, AND (F) ENCOURAGE SERVICE-MINDED INDIVIDUALS TO SERVE THEIR COMMUNITY