

Short Form

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

OMB No 1545-1150

2008

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Form 990-EZ

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$1,000,000 and total assets less than \$2,500,000 at the end of the year may use this form. The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending

B Check if applicable: X Address change. C Name of organization: FUND FOR INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM, INC. C/O CHERYL ARVIDSON. D Employer identification number: 52-0895081. E Telephone number: 202-481-1218. F Group Exemption Number.

G Accounting method: X Cash. H Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B.

I Website: WWW.FIJ.ORG

J Organization type: X 501(c)(3)

K Check if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization.

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts, if \$1,000,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. \$ 186,958.

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

Table with 21 rows for Revenue, Expenses, and Net Assets. Includes a 'RECEIVED' stamp from IRS-OSSC MT 2, OGDEN, UT, dated AUG 12 2009.

Part II Balance Sheets

Table with 7 rows for Balance Sheets, showing (A) Beginning of year and (B) End of year for assets and liabilities.

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions for Part III)		Expenses (Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) trusts, optional for others)
What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? <b>SEE STATEMENT 5</b>		
Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, or other relevant information for each program title		
28	<b>SEE STATEMENT 4</b>	
	(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a
29		
	(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a
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	(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a
31	Other program services (attach schedule)	
	(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a
32	<b>Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)</b>	<b>32 0.</b>

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees. List each one even if not compensated (See the instructions for Part IV)				
(a) Name and address	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
GEORGE LARDNER, 5604 32ND STREET, WASHINGTON, DC 20015	MEMBER 5.00	0.	0.	0.
GARY FIELDS C/O THE WSJ, 1025 CONNECTICUT AVENUE N.W, WASHINGTON, MARGARET ENGEL 7211 EXETER ROAD, BETHESDA, MD 20814	MEMBER 5.00	0.	0.	0.
SARA FRITZ, 1224 4TH STREET S.W, WASHINGTON, DC 20024	MEMBER 5.00	0.	0.	0.
JOSEPH B. (BRANT) HOUSTON, 3305 PEBBLECREEK PLACE, CHAMPAIGN, IL	MEMBER 5.00	0.	0.	0.
DEBORAH NELSON, 7411 MAPLE AVENUE, TAKOMA PARK, MD 20912	MEMBER 5.00	0.	0.	0.
JOHN HYDE, 1114 MERWOOD DRIVE, TAKOMA PARK, MD 20912	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 25.00	44,322.	0.	0.
CLARENCE PAGE (CHICAGO TRIBUNE), 1025 F STREET N.W SUITE 700,	MEMBER 5.00	0.	0.	0.
ED POUND, 600 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE N.W, WASHINGTON, DC 20037	CHAIRMAN 5.00	0.	0.	0.
TERENCE SMITH P.O BOX 279, SHADY SIDE, MD 20764	MEMBER 5.00	0.	0.	0.
PATRICK SLOYAN, 17115 SIMPSON CIRCLE, PAEONIAN SPRINGS, VA 20129	MEMBER 5.00	0.	0.	0.
MARILYN THOMPSON (THE WASHINGTON POST) 1150 15TH STREET N.W, WASHINGTON, DC	MEMBER 5.00	0.	0.	0.
CHUCK LEWIS, 8413 WEST BOULEVARD DRIVE, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22308	MEMBER 5.00	0.	0.	0.

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**Part V Other Information** (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part VI.)

		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity		X
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes		X
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining your reason for not reporting the income on Form 990-T		
a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?		X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	N/A	
36	Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Sch N		X
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions <span style="float:right">▶ 37a</span> 0.		
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still unpaid at the start of the period covered by this return?		X
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved <span style="float:right">38b</span> N/A		
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter.		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 <span style="float:right">39a</span> N/A		
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities <span style="float:right">39b</span> N/A		
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 <span style="float:right">▶</span> 0., section 4912 <span style="float:right">▶</span> 0.; section 4955 <span style="float:right">▶</span> 0.		
b	Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
c	Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 <span style="float:right">▶</span> 0.		
d	Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization <span style="float:right">▶</span> 0.		
e	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T		X
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed <span style="float:right">▶</span> DC		
42a	The books are in care of <span style="float:right">▶</span> THE ORGANIZATION Telephone no <span style="float:right">▶</span> 202 362-0260 Located at <span style="float:right">▶</span> P.O. BOX 60184 WASHINGTON, DC, WASHINGTON, DC ZIP + 4 <span style="float:right">▶</span> 20039		
b	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country <span style="float:right">▶</span> _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.	42b	X
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U S ? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country <span style="float:right">▶</span> _____	42c	X
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here <span style="float:right">▶</span> <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year <span style="float:right">▶</span> 43 N/A		
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44	X
45	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	45	X

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**Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only.** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 46-49 and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51

- |   | Yes | No |
|---|-----|----|
| 46 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 |     | X  |
| 47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II   |     | X  |
| 48 Is the organization operating a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E   |     | X  |
| 49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?   |     | X  |
| b If "Yes," was the related organization(s) a section 527 organization?   |     |    |
- 50 Complete this table for the 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 address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(E) Expense account and other allowances
NONE				
Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 <span style="float:right">▶</span>				

- 51 Complete this table for the 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 address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		
Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 <span style="float:right">▶</span>		

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** Date  
 ▶ Cheryl R. Arvidson August 6, 2009  
 Signature of officer  
 ▶ Cheryl R. Arvidson Executive Director  
 Type or print name and title

**Paid Preparer's Use Only**

Preparer's signature ▶ Anthony Tauzi CPA Date 8/3/09 Check if self-employed  Preparer's Identifying Number (See instr) P00107489

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ▶ GROSSBERG COMPANY LLP 6500 ROCK SPRING DRIVE, SUITE 200 BETHESDA, MD 20817

EIN ▶ 52-0807134 Phone no ▶ 301-571-1900

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

**SCHEDULE A**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

To be completed by all section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization **FUND FOR INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM, INC.**  
**C/O CHERYL ARVIDSON** Employer identification number **52-0895081**

**Part I Reason for Public Charity Status** (All organizations must complete this part.) (see instructions)

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (Please check only **one** organization.)

- 1  A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2  A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E.)
- 3  A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. (Attach Schedule H.)
- 4  A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5  An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6  A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7  An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8  A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vii)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9  An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions - subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete the Part III.)
- 10  An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**. (see instructions)
- 11  An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.  
  - a  Type I
  - b  Type II
  - c  Type III - Functionally integrated
  - d  Type III - Other
- e  By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).
- f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box
- g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?  
  - (i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?
  - (ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?
  - (iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col. (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col. (i) organized in the U S ?		(vii) Amount of support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
<b>Total</b>									

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**Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	317,790.	30,615.	140,387.	86,980.	185,220.	760,992.
<b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
<b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>4 Total.</b> Add lines 1 - 3	317,790.	30,615.	140,387.	86,980.	185,220.	760,992.
<b>5</b> The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						628,688.
<b>6 Public Support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4						132,304.

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4	317,790.	30,615.	140,387.	86,980.	185,220.	760,992.
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	2,924.	6,772.	3,917.	3,118.	1,738.	18,469.
<b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>10</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
<b>11 Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						779,461.

**12** Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) 12

**13** First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>14</b> Public support percentage for 2008 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	16.97	%
<b>15</b> Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f	15	19.16	%

**16a 33 1/3% support test - 2008.** If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

**b 33 1/3% support test - 2007.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

**17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2008.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

**b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2007.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

**18 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions

Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2008

**Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)** (Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
<b>2</b> Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 - 5						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
<b>b</b> Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of 1% of the total of lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12 for the year or \$5,000						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b						
<b>8 Public support</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
<b>13 Total support</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12)						

**14 First five years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2008 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	<b>15</b>	%
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27g	<b>16</b>	%

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for 2008 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	<b>17</b>	%
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27h	<b>18</b>	%

**19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2008.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

**b 33 1/3% support tests - 2007.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

**20 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions

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**Part IV** **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the explanation required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; or Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. (see instructions)

ALTHOUGH THE FUND FOR INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM, INC DOES NOT HAVE 33 1/3% PUBLIC SUPPORT, IT DOES RECEIVE A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF ITS SUPPORT FROM CONTRIBUTIONS MADE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY FROM A COMBINATION OF SOURCES, INCLUDING THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 1.170A-9T SECTION (F) SUBSECTION 3 (I) THE FUND FOR INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM DOES RECEIVE MORE THAN 10% OF IT'S SUPPORT FROM PUBLIC SOURCES.

AS OUTLINED IN SECTION 1.170A-9T SECTION (F) SUBSECTION 3 (II), THE FUND FOR INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM IS UNDERTAKING A MAJOR CAMPAIGN FOR ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT IN THE SUMMER OF 2009. AS PART OF THAT FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN, THE FUND INTENDS TO LAUNCH A LETTER-WRITING CAMPAIGN TO PREVIOUS GRANT WINNERS AS WELL AS PROMINENT INDIVIDUALS AND JOURNALISTS AROUND THE COUNTRY TO INCREASE THE LEVEL OF PUBLIC SUPPORT OF ITS WORK.

AS OUTLINED IN SECTION 1.170A-9T SECTION (F) SUBSECTION 3 (III) THE LEVEL OF PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR THE FUND HAS VARIED OVER THE YEARS, AND IN 2008, THE LEVEL WAS 16.97% BECAUSE THE FUND DID NOT ENGAGE IN A MAJOR FUND RAISING EFFORT, AS EXPLAINED ABOVE.

THE BULK OF OUR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE FROM A LIMITED NUMBER OF UNRELATED PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS. AS OUTLINED ABOVE, WE ARE WORKING HARD TO BROADEN OUR BASE OF PUBLIC SUPPORT.

THE FUND FOR INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM WAS FOUNDED IN 1969. IT HAS A 12-MEMBER BOARD THAT CONSISTS OF ACTIVE AND RETIRED INVESTIGATIVE REPORTERS, INCLUDING A NUMBER OF PULITZER PRIZE WINNERS, AND PROFESSORS AND FACULTY MEMBERS AT MAJOR UNIVERSITIES AROUND THE COUNTRY WITH WELL ESTABLISHED JOURNALISM AND INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING PROGRAMS. THE ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS REPRESENTED CURRENTLY ON THE BOARD INCLUDE THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AND THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY.

ALTHOUGH THE FUND DOES NOT PROVIDE FACILITIES OR SERVICES DIRECTLY TO THE



FUND FOR INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM, INC.

**Part IV** **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the explanation required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; or Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. (see instructions)

GENERAL PUBLIC ON A CONTINUING BASIS, IT'S ENTIRE REASON FOR EXISTENCE IS TO BENEFIT THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND ABROAD THROUGH THE FUNDING OF INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM PROJECTS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST. INVIDIUAL REPORTERS APPLY FOR GRANTS TO HELP FINANCE THEIR INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING EFFORTS AND WHEN THEIR WORK IS COMPLETED, IT APPEARS IN WIDELY DISTRIBUTED PUBLICATIONS OR IS BROADCAST OR POSTED IN MULTI-MEDIA FORMATS ON RECOGNIZED NEWS OUTLETS WITH A LARGE GENERAL CIRCULATION AND READERSHIP OR VIEWERSHIP. IN ADDITION, THE FUND SUPPORTS AUTHORS OF MAJOR INVESTIGATIVE BOOKS THAT ARE SOLD TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO PUBLIC AWARENESS.

INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM HAS ALWAYS BEEN IMPORTANT IN TERMS OF IDENTIFYING MISUSE OF PUBLIC FUNDS, CONDUCTING OVERSIGHT OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND FULFILLING A WATCH DOG ROLE FOR GOVERNMENT AT ALL LEVELS, AS WELL AS UNEARTHING UNREPORTED FACTS AND INFORMATION THAT IS VITAL TO THE PUBLIC'S UNDERSTANDING OF MAJOR ISSUES OF THE DAY. HOWEVER, THIS WORK IS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT GIVEN THE CURRENT ECONOMIC CLIMATE AND THE GROWING NUMBER OF NEWS OUTLETS THAT ARE GOING OUT OF BUSINESS OR PARING BACK THEIR REPORTING STAFFS AND THEIR NEWS BUDGETS. SOLID INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM, ALTHOUGH VITALLY IMPORTANT TO A FUNCTIONING DEMOCRACY, IS TIME-CONSUMING AND EXPENSIVE, AND THE EXTENSIVE BUDGET CUTS IN NEWS ORGANIZATIONS HAVE FALLEN PARTICULARLY HARD ON INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING TEAMS. AS A RESULT, GRANT-GIVING ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE FUND ARE LITERALLY PROVIDING THE ONLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR MANY REPORTERS IN THIS COUNTRY.

FORM 990-EZ

OTHER EXPENSES

STATEMENT 1

DESCRIPTION

AMOUNT

TRAVEL	825.
MISCELLANEOUS	813.
MEALS	324.
STATE FILING FEES	116.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 16	2,078.

FORM 990-EZ

PAYMENTS TO AFFILIATES

STATEMENT 2

AFFILIATE'S NAME

AFFILIATES ADDRESS

JOURNALISTS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

PURPOSE OF PAYMENT

AMOUNT

TO INVESTIGATE AND PUBLISH NEWS STORIES, REGARDING PUBLIC  
CORRUPTION.

141,725.

TOTAL INCLUDED ON FORM 990-EZ, LINE 10

141,725.

FORM 990-EZ

INFORMATION REGARDING TRANSFERS  
ASSOCIATED WITH PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACTS

STATEMENT 3

A) DID THE ORGANIZATION, DURING THE YEAR, RECEIVE ANY FUNDS,  
DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, TO PAY PREMIUMS ON A PERSONAL  
BENEFIT CONTRACT? . . . . . [ ] YES [X] NO

B) DID THE ORGANIZATION, DURING THE YEAR, PAY PREMIUMS,  
DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT? . . [ ] YES [X] NO

THE ORGANIZATION PROVIDES GRANTS TO PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS WHO INVESTIGATE AND PUBLISH NEWS STORIES REGARDING PUBLIC CORRUPTION, MISBEHAVIOR, OR FUNDS MISAPPROPRIATIONS.

TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO PERSONS AND ORGANIZATIONS WHO, IN A NONPARTISAN MANNER INVESTIGATE AND INFORM THE PUBLIC ABOUT PUBLIC CORRUPTION, MISBEHAVIOR.

**Depreciation and Amortization 990-EZ**  
(Including Information on Listed Property)

▶ See separate instructions. ▶ Attach to your tax return.

Name(s) shown on return

FUND FOR INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM, INC.  
C/O CHERYL ARVIDSON

Business or activity to which this form relates

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Identifying number

52-0895081

**Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179** Note: If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I.

1	Maximum amount. See the instructions for a higher limit for certain businesses	1	250,000.
2	Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3	Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation	3	800,000.
4	Reduction in limitation. Subtract line 3 from line 2. If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5	Dollar limitation for tax year. Subtract line 4 from line 1. If zero or less, enter -0-. If married filing separately, see instructions	5	
6	(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost
7	Listed property. Enter the amount from line 29	7	
8	Total elected cost of section 179 property. Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8	
9	Tentative deduction. Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9	
10	Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2007 Form 4562	10	
11	Business income limitation. Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5	11	
12	Section 179 expense deduction. Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11	12	
13	Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2009. Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12	13	

Note: Do not use Part II or Part III below for listed property. Instead, use Part V.

**Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property.)**

14	Special depreciation for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year	14	
15	Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election	15	
16	Other depreciation (including ACRS)	16	

**Part III MACRS Depreciation (Do not include listed property.) (See instructions.)**

**Section A**

17	MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2008	17	
18	If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here		<input type="checkbox"/>

**Section B - Assets Placed in Service During 2008 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System**

(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only - see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19a 3-year property						
b 5-year property						
c 7-year property						
d 10-year property						
e 15-year property						
f 20-year property						
g 25-year property			25 yrs.		S/L	
h Residential rental property	/		27.5 yrs.	MM	S/L	
	/		27.5 yrs.	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property	/		39 yrs.	MM	S/L	
	/			MM	S/L	

**Section C - Assets Placed in Service During 2008 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System**

20a	Class life				S/L	
b	12-year		12 yrs.		S/L	
c	40-year	/	40 yrs.	MM	S/L	

**Part IV Summary (See instructions.)**

21	Listed property. Enter amount from line 28	21	
22	Total. Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21. Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return. Partnerships and S corporations - see instr.	22	0.
23	For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23	

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**Part V Listed Property** (include automobiles, certain other vehicles, cellular telephones, certain computers, and property used for entertainment, recreation, or amusement.)  
**Note:** For any vehicle for which you are using the standard mileage rate or deducting lease expense, complete only 24a, 24b, columns (a) through (c) of Section A, all of Section B, and Section C if applicable.

**Section A - Depreciation and Other Information (Caution: See the instructions for limits for passenger automobiles.)**

**24a** Do you have evidence to support the business/investment use claimed?  Yes  No **24b** If "Yes," is the evidence written?  Yes  No

(a) Type of property (list vehicles first)	(b) Date placed in service	(c) Business/ investment use percentage	(d) Cost or other basis	(e) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only)	(f) Recovery period	(g) Method/ Convention	(h) Depreciation deduction	(i) Elected section 179 cost
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**25** Special depreciation allowance for qualified listed property placed in service during the tax year and used more than 50% in a qualified business use **25**

**26** Property used more than 50% in a qualified business use:

	%

**27** Property used 50% or less in a qualified business use:

	%	S/L -

**28** Add amounts in column (h), lines 25 through 27. Enter here and on line 21, page 1 **28**

**29** Add amounts in column (i), line 26. Enter here and on line 7, page 1 **29**

**Section B - Information on Use of Vehicles**

Complete this section for vehicles used by a sole proprietor, partner, or other "more than 5% owner," or related person. If you provided vehicles to your employees, first answer the questions in Section C to see if you meet an exception to completing this section for those vehicles.

	(a) Vehicle		(b) Vehicle		(c) Vehicle		(d) Vehicle		(e) Vehicle		(f) Vehicle	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
<b>30</b> Total business/investment miles driven during the year (do not include commuting miles)												
<b>31</b> Total commuting miles driven during the year												
<b>32</b> Total other personal (noncommuting) miles driven												
<b>33</b> Total miles driven during the year. Add lines 30 through 32												
<b>34</b> Was the vehicle available for personal use during off-duty hours?												
<b>35</b> Was the vehicle used primarily by a more than 5% owner or related person?												
<b>36</b> Is another vehicle available for personal use?												

**Section C - Questions for Employers Who Provide Vehicles for Use by Their Employees**

Answer these questions to determine if you meet an exception to completing Section B for vehicles used by employees who are not more than 5% owners or related persons.

	Yes	No
<b>37</b> Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits all personal use of vehicles, including commuting, by your employees?		
<b>38</b> Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits personal use of vehicles, except commuting, by your employees? See the instructions for vehicles used by corporate officers, directors, or 1% or more owners		
<b>39</b> Do you treat all use of vehicles by employees as personal use?		
<b>40</b> Do you provide more than five vehicles to your employees, obtain information from your employees about the use of the vehicles, and retain the information received?		
<b>41</b> Do you meet the requirements concerning qualified automobile demonstration use?		

**Note:** If your answer to 37, 38, 39, 40, or 41 is "Yes," do not complete Section B for the covered vehicles.

**Part VI Amortization**

(a) Description of costs	(b) Date amortization begins	(c) Amortizable amount	(d) Code section	(e) Amortization period or percentage	(f) Amortization for this year
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**42** Amortization of costs that begins during your 2008 tax year:



**43** Amortization of costs that began before your 2008 tax year **43**

**44** Total. Add amounts in column (f). See the instructions for where to report **44**



# Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

▶ **File a separate application for each return.**

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part I** and check this box
- If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part II** (on page 2 of this form).

**Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868**

## **Part I** Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time. Only submit original (no copies needed).

A corporation required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension - check this box and complete

Part I only

All other corporations (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns.

**Electronic Filing (e-file).** Generally, you can electronically file Form 8868 if you want a 3-month automatic extension of time to file one of the returns noted below (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T). However, you cannot file Form 8868 electronically if (1) you want the additional (not automatic) 3-month extension or (2) you file Forms 990-BL, 6069, or 8870, group returns, or a composite or consolidated Form 990-T. Instead, you must submit the fully completed and signed page 2 (Part II) of Form 8868. For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit [www.irs.gov/efile](http://www.irs.gov/efile) and click on e-file for Charities & Nonprofits

Type or print	Name of Exempt Organization <b>FUND FOR INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM, INC. C/O CHERYL ARVIDSON</b>	Employer identification number <b>52-0895081</b>
File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. <b>910 17TH STREET N.W 7TH FLOOR</b>	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions <b>WASHINGTON, DC 20006</b>	

Check type of return to be filed (file a separate application for each return):

- |   |   |                                    |
|---|---|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990               | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (corporation)                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 4720 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-BL            | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 5227 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-EZ            | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (trust other than above)      | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 6069 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990-PF | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 1041-A                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 8870 |

### THE ORGANIZATION

• The books are in the care of ▶ **P.O. BOX 60184 WASHINGTON, DC - WASHINGTON, DC 20039**

Telephone No ▶ **202 362-0260**

FAX No ▶

• If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box

• If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) \_\_\_\_\_ If this is for the whole group, check this box . If it is for part of the group, check this box  and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension will cover

1 I request an automatic 3-month (6-months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until **AUGUST 15, 2009**, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension

is for the organization's return for:

▶  calendar year **2008** or

▶  tax year beginning \_\_\_\_\_, and ending \_\_\_\_\_

2 If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason:  Initial return  Final return  Change in accounting period

<b>3a</b> If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions	<b>3a</b>	\$	<b>0.</b>
<b>b</b> If this application is for Form 990-PF or 990-T, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit.	<b>3b</b>	\$	<b>0.</b>
<b>c</b> <b>Balance Due.</b> Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions	<b>3c</b>	\$	<b>0.</b>

**Caution.** If you are going to make an electronic fund withdrawal with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions