

# **The Social Science Research Council**

Financial Statements

June 30, 2016 and 2015

## **Independent Auditors' Report**

### **Board of Directors The Social Science Research Council**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Social Science Research Council (the "Council"), which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2016 and 2015, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### ***Auditors' Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

***Opinion***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Social Science Research Council as of June 30, 2016 and 2015, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

***Report on Supplementary Information***

Our audit were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedules on pages 18 through 21 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from, and relates directly to, the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

*PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP*

Harrison, New York  
December 19, 2016

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### Statements of Financial Position

	June 30,	
	2016	2015
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,912,263	\$ 500,183
Grants and contracts receivable, net	8,504,781	8,388,598
Pledges receivable, net	9,406,176	-
Investments	27,688,020	25,005,059
Prepaid expenses and other assets	318,088	455,550
Property and equipment, net	<u>142,638</u>	<u>183,354</u>
	<u>\$ 49,971,966</u>	<u>\$ 34,532,744</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 728,489	\$ 644,102
Awards payable	<u>4,302,485</u>	<u>3,789,947</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>5,030,974</u>	<u>4,434,049</u>
Net Assets		
Unrestricted		
Undesignated	8,647,876	8,406,289
Board designated	<u>2,107,771</u>	<u>1,267,614</u>
Total Unrestricted	10,755,647	9,673,903
Temporarily restricted	23,779,169	20,424,792
Permanently restricted	<u>10,406,176</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>44,940,992</u>	<u>30,098,695</u>
	<u>\$ 49,971,966</u>	<u>\$ 34,532,744</u>

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Statements of Activities  
Year Ended June 30,

	2016			2015			
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
<b>PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>							
Grants, contracts and contributions	\$ 3,170,093	\$ 19,818,458	\$ 10,406,176	\$ 33,394,727	\$ 1,598,205	\$ 11,481,772	\$ 13,079,977
Interest and dividends, net	378,319	213	-	378,532	433,340	1,533	434,873
Miscellaneous income	<u>70,345</u>	-	-	<u>70,345</u>	<u>100,261</u>	<u>193</u>	<u>100,454</u>
Total Public Support and Revenue	3,618,757	19,818,671	10,406,176	33,843,604	2,131,806	11,483,498	13,615,304
Net assets released from restrictions							
for program services	<u>16,464,371</u>	<u>(16,464,371)</u>	-	-	<u>16,273,642</u>	<u>(16,273,642)</u>	-
Total Public Support, Revenue and Other	<u>20,083,128</u>	<u>3,354,300</u>	<u>10,406,176</u>	<u>33,843,604</u>	<u>18,405,448</u>	<u>(4,790,144)</u>	<u>13,615,304</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>							
Program Services							
Awards							
Predoctoral	2,622,243	-	-	2,622,243	2,529,718	-	2,529,718
Postdoctoral	1,242,815	-	-	1,242,815	900,554	-	900,554
Programs and projects	<u>10,590,031</u>	-	-	<u>10,590,031</u>	<u>10,796,506</u>	-	<u>10,796,506</u>
Total Program Services	<u>14,455,089</u>	-	-	<u>14,455,089</u>	<u>14,226,778</u>	-	<u>14,226,778</u>
Supporting Services							
General and administration	3,661,966	-	-	3,661,966	3,342,584	-	3,342,584
Fundraising	<u>626,201</u>	-	-	<u>626,201</u>	<u>451,151</u>	-	<u>451,151</u>
Total Supporting Services	<u>4,288,167</u>	-	-	<u>4,288,167</u>	<u>3,793,735</u>	-	<u>3,793,735</u>
Total Expenses	<u>18,743,256</u>	-	-	<u>18,743,256</u>	<u>18,020,513</u>	-	<u>18,020,513</u>
Change in Net Assets from Operations	1,339,872	3,354,300	10,406,176	15,100,348	384,935	(4,790,144)	(4,405,209)
<b>OTHER CHANGES</b>							
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	<u>(258,128)</u>	<u>77</u>	-	<u>(258,051)</u>	<u>(394,967)</u>	<u>667</u>	<u>(394,300)</u>
Change in Net Assets	1,081,744	3,354,377	10,406,176	14,842,297	(10,032)	(4,789,477)	(4,799,509)
<b>NET ASSETS</b>							
Beginning of year	<u>9,673,903</u>	<u>20,424,792</u>	-	<u>30,098,695</u>	<u>9,683,935</u>	<u>25,214,269</u>	<u>34,898,204</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 10,755,647</u>	<u>\$ 23,779,169</u>	<u>\$ 10,406,176</u>	<u>\$ 44,940,992</u>	<u>\$ 9,673,903</u>	<u>\$ 20,424,792</u>	<u>\$ 30,098,695</u>

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Statement of Functional Expenses  
Year Ended June 30, 2016  
(with summarized totals for year ended June 30, 2015)

	Supporting Services			Total		
	Program Services	General and Administration	Fundraising	Total Supporting Services	2016	2015
<b>PERSONNEL</b>						
Salaries	\$ 3,746,603	\$ 836,576	\$ 335,336	\$ 1,171,912	\$ 4,918,515	\$ 4,571,790
Employee benefits and payroll taxes	<u>1,371,613</u>	<u>608,356</u>	<u>129,497</u>	<u>737,853</u>	<u>2,109,466</u>	<u>2,014,453</u>
Total Personnel Costs	5,118,216	1,444,932	464,833	1,909,765	7,027,981	6,586,243
<b>OTHER THAN PERSONNEL COSTS</b>						
Grants	4,500,305	-	-	-	4,500,305	3,886,123
Conferences, meetings and seminars	2,193,513	137,592	99,584	237,176	2,430,689	2,266,645
Professional fees	1,057,800	297,268	28,200	325,468	1,383,268	1,633,512
Rent, utilities and maintenance	-	1,249,767	-	1,249,767	1,249,767	1,277,929
Management information systems	248,424	143,400	-	143,400	391,824	466,106
Office expenses	183,313	104,418	2,049	106,467	289,780	293,177
Public relations	165,152	488	31,472	31,960	197,112	156,273
Staff travel	905,239	56,915	63	56,978	962,217	1,176,525
Other administrative expense	83,127	136,829	-	136,829	219,956	143,416
Depreciation and amortization	-	90,357	-	90,357	90,357	134,564
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 14,455,089</u>	<u>\$ 3,661,966</u>	<u>\$ 626,201</u>	<u>\$ 4,288,167</u>	<u>\$ 18,743,256</u>	<u>\$ 18,020,513</u>

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Statement of Functional Expenses  
Year Ended June 30, 2015

	Supporting Services				Total
	Program Services	General and Administration	Fundraising	Total Supporting Services	
<b>PERSONNEL</b>					
Salaries	\$ 3,736,385	\$ 665,446	\$ 235,182	\$ 900,628	\$ 4,637,013
Employee benefits and payroll taxes	<u>1,351,230</u>	<u>562,391</u>	<u>100,832</u>	<u>663,223</u>	<u>2,014,453</u>
Total Personnel Costs	5,087,615	1,227,837	336,014	1,563,851	6,651,466
<b>OTHER THAN PERSONNEL COSTS</b>					
Grants	3,876,123	10,000	-	10,000	3,886,123
Conferences, meetings and seminars	2,129,720	128,503	8,422	136,925	2,266,645
Professional fees	1,407,898	162,114	63,500	225,614	1,633,512
Rent, utilities and maintenance	9,593	1,268,336	-	1,268,336	1,277,929
Management information systems	239,331	219,775	7,000	226,775	466,106
Office expenses	197,787	94,216	1,174	95,390	293,177
Public relations	120,190	1,154	34,929	36,083	156,273
Staff travel	1,105,875	70,538	112	70,650	1,176,525
Other administrative expense	52,646	25,547	-	25,547	78,193
Depreciation and amortization	-	134,564	-	134,564	134,564
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 14,226,778</u>	<u>\$ 3,342,584</u>	<u>\$ 451,151</u>	<u>\$ 3,793,735</u>	<u>\$ 18,020,513</u>

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### Statements of Cash Flows

	Year Ended June 30,	
	2016	2015
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Change in net assets	\$ 14,842,297	\$ (4,799,509)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash from operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	90,357	134,564
Net realized and unrealized loss on investments	258,051	394,300
Change in operating assets and liabilities		
Grants and contracts receivable	(149,807)	1,377,998
Pledges receivables	(9,406,176)	-
Prepaid expenses and other assets	137,462	41,449
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	84,387	40,913
Awards payable	512,538	(1,242,647)
Net Cash from Operating Activities	6,369,109	(4,052,932)
 <b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Purchase of property and equipment	(49,641)	(9,247)
Purchase of investments	(10,178,521)	(19,941,794)
Proceeds from sale of investments	7,271,133	24,089,568
Net Cash from Investing Activities	(2,957,029)	4,138,527
 Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents	3,412,080	85,595
 <b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>		
Beginning of year	500,183	414,588
End of year	\$ 3,912,263	\$ 500,183



# The Social Science Research Council

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## 1. Organization and Tax Status

The Social Science Research Council (the "Council") is located in Brooklyn, NY and was incorporated in 1924 with a mandate to reach across disciplinary and institutional boundaries to bring together the best social researchers to address problems of public concern. The Council is an independent, international, nonprofit organization that seeks to improve the quality of publically available social knowledge around the world through its work in more than 80 countries. It fosters innovative research, nurtures new generations of social scientists, deepen how inquiry is practiced within and across disciplines and mobilizes necessary knowledge on important public issues.

The Council is unique in scope and structure. It convenes scholars, practitioners, and policymakers while standing alongside the academy and the public sector. By supporting individual scholars, enhancing the capacity of institutions, generating new research, and linking researchers with policymakers and the public, the Council plays a vital role in efforts to build a more just and democratic world.

The Council was founded by visionaries in the fledgling fields of anthropology, economics, history, political science, psychology, sociology, and statistics. The organization was shaped by the vision that crossing the boundaries that separated these disciplines from each other, university scholarship from public affairs, and the social sciences from the humanities and the natural sciences would yield the knowledge needed to improve the human condition.

For more than ninety years, the Council has navigated these borders, emerging as both a pivotal force in the academy and a respected contributor to the public good. Today the Council's 20 some programs work on many fronts in many fields to gather knowledge and communicate its implications for debate and public use. The staff of PhD social scientists partner with institutions, scholars and practitioners around the world to offer an independent space for collaboration and an unbiased voice for social science. Through research networks and committees, workshops and conferences, summer training institutes and fellowships, scholarly exchanges and publications, the Council enhances the conditions for knowledge production worldwide. The Council supports some 900 scholars through fellowships each year providing more than 15,000 fellowships over time. Some 200 scholars and practitioners serve on SSRC committees annually on a pro bono basis.

The Council's organizational capacities focus on four intersecting purposes:

- Supporting innovation in social science scholarship
- Building interdisciplinary and international networks to address public issues
- Nurturing scholars and strengthening institutions
- Communicating and explaining social knowledge

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## 1. Organization and Tax Status (*continued*)

The Council's current roster of programs and activities is flexible and responsive to changes in the world around us. The programs nurture the excellent, the experimental, and the innovative. Currently, the Council's work is structured around these seven general themes:

- Digital Knowledge, Media & Data
- Economy & Social Policy
- Global & Regional Connections
- Governance, Democracy & Civil Society
- Health & Environment
- Higher Education
- Peace, Conflict & Security

The Council has been determined to be a not-for-profit organization exempt from federal and state income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code.

## 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

### ***Basis of Presentation and Use of Estimates***

The financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP"), which requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### ***Net Assets***

The accompanying statement of activities presents the changes in the various classifications of net assets for the respective fiscal years. The Council's net assets and the changes therein are classified based on grantor and donor-imposed restrictions and are reported as follows:

*Unrestricted* - net assets represent those resources not subject to grantor and donor-imposed restrictions. The Council includes the following funds in unrestricted net assets: General Fund, Capital Fund, and Plant Fund. The Capital Fund was established by the Board of Directors to be invested for the purpose of earning capital appreciation and for the production of income, but any portion of such fund may be expended.

*Temporarily Restricted* - net assets represent those resources that have been restricted by grantors and donors for specific purposes. They consist mostly of grants that are restricted for the purpose of funding predoctoral and/or postdoctoral award programs and other programs and projects, as well as indirect costs to be applied to such programs and projects, as specified by various contracts and agreements between the Council and its donors and grantors. Net assets released from restrictions represent the satisfaction of the restricted purposes specified.

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### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (*continued*)

*Permanently Restricted* - net assets represent those resources that have been designated by the donor to be held in perpetuity.

#### ***Measure of Operation***

The Council includes in its measure of operations all revenue and expenses that are an integral part of its programs and support activities. Net realized and unrealized gains are recognized as non-operating activities.

#### ***Cash and Cash Equivalents***

The Council considers highly liquid financial instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase, except for those instruments carried in the Council's investment portfolio, to be cash equivalents.

#### ***Fair Value of Financial Instruments***

The Council follows U.S. GAAP guidance on fair value measurements which defines fair value and establishes a fair value hierarchy organized into three levels based upon the input assumptions used in pricing assets. Level 1 inputs have the highest reliability and are related to assets with unadjusted quoted prices in active markets. Level 2 inputs relate to assets with other than quoted prices in active markets which may include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities or other inputs which can be corroborated by observable market data. Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs and are used to the extent that observable inputs do not exist.

#### ***Investments Valuation and Investment Income Recognition***

The Council's investments in equity securities with readily determinable fair values and all investments in debt securities and money-market funds are reported at their fair values. Mutual funds invested in equity and fixed-income funds are reported at their fair values. The underlying cost bases of investments are their purchase prices. Net realized and unrealized gains or losses are reported in the accompanying statements of activities.

Investment expenses include the services of investment managers. The balances of investment management fees disclosed in Note 3 are those specific fees charged by the Council's investment managers in each fiscal year. However, they do not include those fees that are embedded in various other investment accounts and transactions.

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### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (*continued*)

#### ***Property and Equipment***

Property and equipment, which consist of furniture, equipment and leasehold improvements, are reported at their original cost less applicable depreciation. The Council capitalizes property and equipment that have a cost greater than \$1,000. Depreciation is computed over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets, using the straight-line method (computer equipment for five years; furniture and other equipment for seven years). Leasehold improvements are amortized using the straight-line method over the lesser of the estimated useful life of the specific asset or the term of the lease.

#### ***Predoctoral and Postdoctoral Awards***

Predoctoral and postdoctoral awards are recorded as expenses in the year in which they are awarded. Amounts awarded are typically payable within one year.

#### ***Accrued Vacation***

The Council's employees are entitled to be paid for unused vacation time if they leave the organization. Accordingly, at each fiscal year-end, the Council recognizes a liability for the obligation that would be incurred if all employees with such unused vacation were to leave. At June 30, 2016 and 2015, the accrued vacation obligation was \$262,584 and \$257,865 and is included in accounts payable and accrued expenses.

#### ***Revenue Recognition***

Restricted contribution and grant revenue received from U.S. governmental agencies, foundations and corporations is initially recorded as temporarily restricted upon the receipt of cash or unconditional pledges. As the restrictions are met, the support is reclassified as unrestricted. Restrictions are generally met when program and administration expenses relating to the designated purpose of the particular contract, grant or award are committed.

Revenues from conditional contracts, grants and awards are recognized when costs are incurred or services have been performed. Contracts, grants and awards received in advance are recorded as advances, and the related revenue is deferred until the related expenses are incurred.

Contributions to support the Council's operations are recognized as unrestricted contributions. Pledges received for contributions which support future operations or donor-restricted purposes are reported as temporarily or permanently restricted contributions in the accompanying financial statements.

#### ***Functional Allocation of Expenses***

The cost of providing the various programs and supporting services has been summarized on a functional basis in the accompanying statements of activities and functional expenses. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services in reasonable ratios determined by the Council's management.

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### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies *(continued)*

#### *Operating Leases*

Operating leases are classified in accordance with the terms of the underlying agreements. Operating lease payments are charged to rental expense. Rent expense is recorded on a straight-line basis. Deferred rent is recorded when there are material differences between the cash payment and the straight-line rent expense.

#### *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes*

The Council recognizes the effect of income tax positions only if those positions are more likely than not to be sustained. Management has determined that the Council had no uncertain tax positions that would require financial statement recognition or disclosure. The Council is no longer subject to examinations by the applicable taxing jurisdictions for years prior to June 30, 2013.

#### *Subsequent Events Evaluation by Management*

Management has evaluated subsequent events for disclosure and/or recognition in the financial statements through December 2, 2016 which is the date that the financial statements were available to be issued.

### 3. Investments

The following are major categories of investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of June 30, grouped by the fair value hierarchy:

	2016		
	Level 1	Level 2	Total
Real Estate Investment Trusts	\$ 115,735	\$ -	\$ 115,735
Corporate bonds	-	467,962	467,962
Equities	3,518,570	-	3,518,570
Mutual funds	7,736,729	-	7,736,729
	<u>\$ 11,371,034</u>	<u>\$ 467,962</u>	11,838,996
Cash equivalents and money markets			<u>15,849,024</u>
			<u>\$ 27,688,020</u>

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### 3. Investments *(continued)*

	2015		Total
	Level 1	Level 2	
United States government obligations	\$ 4,399,855	\$ -	\$ 4,399,855
Real Estate Investment Trusts	85,937	-	85,937
Corporate bonds	-	445,280	445,280
Equities	5,755,807	-	5,755,807
Mutual funds	5,422,517	-	5,422,517
	<u>\$ 15,664,116</u>	<u>\$ 445,280</u>	16,109,396
Cash equivalents and money markets			8,895,663
			<u>\$ 25,005,059</u>

For the years ended June 30, investment income consisted of the following:

	2016	2015
Interest and dividends	\$ 415,060	\$ 460,174
Investment management fees	(36,528)	(25,301)
Interest and dividends, net	378,532	434,873
Net realized gains	64,980	266,949
Net unrealized loss	(323,031)	(661,249)
Net realized and unrealized gains	(258,051)	(394,300)
Total Investment Income	<u>\$ 120,481</u>	<u>\$ 40,573</u>

### 4. Accounts Receivable

#### ***Grants and Contracts Receivable***

Grants and contracts receivable were due to be collected at June 30, are as follows:

	2016	2015
Less than one year	\$ 7,218,892	\$ 4,194,823
One to five years	1,305,602	4,199,087
	8,524,494	8,393,910
Less discount to present value	(19,713)	(5,312)
Grants and contracts receivable	<u>\$ 8,504,781</u>	<u>\$ 8,388,598</u>

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### 4. Accounts Receivable (continued)

#### Grants and Contracts Receivable (continued)

Depending on the fiscal year in which the grants and contracts were to be received, the amounts due after one year were discounted using a rate of 1.01% for fiscal-year 2016.

#### Pledges Receivables

Pledges representing unconditional promises to give have been recorded net of present value discount at June 30, 2016, are as follows:

Less than one year	\$ 3,400,000
One to five years	<u>6,500,000</u>
	9,900,000
Less discount to present value	<u>(493,824)</u>
Pledges receivable	<u>\$ 9,406,176</u>

The pledges due after one year were discounted using a rate of 3.55%.

Based upon prior experience, management expects all receivables to be collectible. Accordingly, no allowance for uncollectible amounts has been provided.

For the year ended June 30, 2016, 58% of the pledges receivable are from one donor who is also a member of the board.

### 5. Property and Equipment

At June 30, 2015, property and equipment consisted of the following:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Furniture and equipment	\$ 919,816	\$ 885,171
Leasehold improvements	<u>353,254</u>	<u>338,258</u>
	1,273,070	1,223,429
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>(1,130,432)</u>	<u>(1,040,075)</u>
Total Property and Equipment, net	<u>\$ 142,638</u>	<u>\$ 183,354</u>

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**6. Board Designated Net Assets**

To satisfy certain long-term operational objectives, the Council's Board of Directors has designated certain unrestricted net assets. Changes in the Council's board designated funds for the year ended June 30 are as follows:

	2016	2015
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 1,267,614	\$ 450,000
Contributions	1,500,000	1,000,000
Appropriation for expenditures	(659,843)	(182,386)
Balance, end of year	\$ 2,107,771	\$ 1,267,614

**7. Net Assets**

*Temporarily Restricted Net Assets*

Temporarily restricted net assets were available for the following purposes at June 30:

	2016	2015
Predoctoral awards	\$ 6,503,266	\$ 6,033,509
Postdoctoral awards	5,735,510	6,138,325
Programs, projects and indirect costs	11,539,743	8,002,308
Time restricted	650	250,650
	\$ 23,779,169	\$ 20,424,792

*Temporarily Restricted Net Assets (continued)*

During 2015, net assets were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purpose or by the occurrence of other events specified by the donors as follows:

	2016	2015
Predoctoral awards	\$ 2,622,243	\$ 2,529,718
Postdoctoral awards	1,242,815	900,554
Programs, projects and indirect costs	12,349,313	12,593,370
Time restricted	250,000	250,000
	\$ 16,464,371	\$ 16,273,642

*Permanently Restricted Net Assets*

Permanently restricted net assets for the year ended June 30, 2016 consist of donor restricted contributions to be held in perpetuity, the income from which is expendable to support research studies.



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**8. Endowment Funds**

***Interpretation of Relevant Law***

On September 17, 2010, New York State adopted the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (“UPMIFA”). UPMIFA includes provisions that differ from previous law, including the elimination of the historic dollar value rule with respect to endowment spending, establishment of new standards governing the expenditure and modification of restrictions on endowment funds, and revision of the prudence standard for the management and investment of endowment funds.

The Board of Directors of the Council has interpreted the New York Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (“NYPMIFA”) as requiring the preservation of the value of the original gift as of the gift date of the donor-restricted endowment funds absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result of this interpretation, the Council classified as permanently restricted net assets (a) the original value of the gifts donated to the permanent endowment, (b) the original value of subsequent gifts to the permanent endowment, and (c) accumulations of investment returns to the permanent endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument at the time the accumulation is added to the fund. The remaining portion of the donor-restricted endowment fund that is not classified as permanently restricted net assets is classified as temporarily restricted net assets until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the Council in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence prescribed by NYPMIFA.

**9. Retirement Plan**

The Council has a defined-contribution, Section 403(b) annuity retirement plan, the assets of which are maintained by the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association - College Retirement Equities Fund, covering substantially all employees who meet minimum age and service requirements. The Council contributes up to a maximum of 12% of each eligible employee's salary, which vests immediately. Contributions for fiscal years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 were \$478,053 and \$470,817.

**10. Commitments and Contingency**

***Leases***

The Council leases various office space and equipment under operating lease agreements expiring through June 2018. As of June 30, 2016 and 2015, total rent expense were \$1,136,614 and \$1,161,893.

Minimum annual future rental payments under the terms of the leases for the years subsequent to June 30, 2016 are as follows:

2017	\$ 1,037,250
2018	<u>1,037,250</u>
	<u>\$ 2,074,500</u>

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**10. Commitments and Contingency (*continued*)**

***Government Grants***

Federal government grants are subject to audit by the applicable governmental granting agencies. At June 30, 2016, there were no material obligations outstanding as a result of such audits, and management believes that an audit of these projects would not result in any material obligations.

**11. Concentration of Credit Risk**

During the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, approximately 51% and 37% of total support and revenue were derived from two contributors.

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Council to concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of cash, cash equivalents and receivables from contracts. The Council maintains its cash in bank deposit accounts which generally exceed federally insured limits. The Council has not experienced any losses in such accounts.

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Supplemental Information

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**Schedule of Temporarily Restricted Grants, Contracts and Contributions Received**  
Year ended June 30, 2016

	<u>Amount</u>
<b>Alfred P. Sloan Foundation</b>	
Sloan Scholars Mentor Network	\$ 975,976
<b>Andrew W. Mellon Foundation</b>	
Dissertation Proposal Development Program	3,000,000
International Dissertation Research Fellowship	4,500,000
<b>Arab Council For the Social Sciences</b>	
InterAsian Connections V: Seoul	25,000
<b>Atlantic Philanthropies</b>	
Evaluation of Transformative Leadership for Health Equity in Asia	925,000
Support for Cuba Funder Meeting	33,000
<b>Carnegie Corporation of New York</b>	
African Peacebuilding Network	2,460,000
Northeast Asia Cooperative Security Project	400,000
<b>Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange</b>	
InterAsian Connections V: Seoul	25,000
<b>Christopher Reynolds Foundation</b>	
Support for the Collaboration with the Human Change Group in Cuba	30,000
Support for Work with the Martin Luther King Memorial Center in Cuba	25,000
<b>Columbia University</b>	
Scholarly Knowledge Project- Year 3	100,000
<b>Conrad N. Hilton Foundation</b>	
Portrait of Los Angeles County and Sustainable Development Goals	400,000
<b>Endeavor Foundation</b>	
Fostering Liberal Arts Knowledge and Connections	300,000
<b>Ford Foundation</b>	
Anxieties of Democracy	200,000
Board of Trustees Visit to Cuba	140,000
Decent City Initiative- Planning Meeting	40,000
Foundation Presidents Learning Trip to Cuba	38,400

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Year ended June 30, 2016

	<u>Amount</u>
Support to Promote Academic Collaboration between Cuba and the U.S.	265,000
<b>Fund for the Public Health in New York</b>	
Community Health Profiles (New York City)- additional funds	\$ 30,000
<b>Henry Luce Foundation</b>	
China-Africa Knowledge Project	300,000
<b>Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership</b>	
Abe Fellowship Program 2016-2017	1,475,214
Abe Fellowship Program 25th Anniversary Symposium	122,508
<b>Jewish Community Federation and Endowment Fund</b>	
A Portrait of Bay Area Jewish Life and Communities	239,200
<b>Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust</b>	
DATATOGO.NYC: Everyone Counts 2016	500,000
<b>Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sweden</b>	
Conflict Prevention and Peace Forum	358,449
<b>Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands</b>	
Conflict Prevention and Peace Forum	200,000
<b>National University of Singapore</b>	
InterAsian Connections V: Seoul	59,000
<b>New York Community Trust (Mark Family Fund)</b>	
Rachel Tanur Memorial Prize	11,000
<b>Open Society Foundations (OSF)</b>	
Capacity-building Workshop for Journalists on Key Drug-related Topics	67,800
Planning Meeting on Drug Courts	19,200
UNGASS on the World Drug Problem 2016	10,000
<b>Opportunity Nation</b>	
Research Project to Examine Opportunity through a Retail Lens	63,000
Sixth Iteration of the Opportunity Index	63,000

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Year ended June 30, 2016

	<u>Amount</u>
<b>Rockefeller Foundation</b> Scholarly Borderlands	\$ 1,000,000
<b>Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway</b> Conflict Prevention and Peace Forum	227,807
<b>Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital</b> Measure of America	415,000
<b>Sasakawa Peace Foundation</b> New Voices from Japan	248,640
<b>Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs</b> CPPF- Burundi Workshop	35,220
CPPF- Great Lakes Conference	30,908
CPPF- Prevention of Atrocities and Responsibility to Protect	53,766
<b>Teagle Foundation</b> Dissemination Plan for the Measuring Learning College Project	50,000
<b>The Academy of Korean Studies</b> SSRC Korean Studies Workshop	60,000
<b>The California Endowment</b> A Portrait of California 2013-2014 Report	60,000
<b>United Nations</b> Project Link Fall 2015 Meeting	86,660
<b>University of Gottingen</b> InterAsian Connections V: Seoul	21,370
<b>University of Hong Kong</b> InterAsian Connections V: Seoul	24,980
<b>West County Health Centers</b> Measure of America	7,500

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**Schedule of Temporarily Restricted Grants, Contracts and Contributions Received**  
Year ended June 30, 2016

	<u>Amount</u>
<b>William and Flora Hewlett Foundation</b>	
Negotiating Agreement in Congress- Research Grants	\$ <u>400,000</u>
<b>Total temporarily restricted contributions and grants</b>	<u>20,122,598</u>
<b>June 30, 2016 change in present value and adjustments</b>	<u>(303,850)</u>
<b>Total temporarily restricted grants and contracts revenue</b>	<u>\$ 19,818,748</u>