**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.**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2008**

**Open to Public Inspection**

**Name of the organization**: The Sierra Fund

**Employer identification number**: 68 0485725

## 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)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)

9 ☐ An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33⅓ % 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 33⅓ % 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 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?

| | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|
| **(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? . . . . . **11g(i)** | | |
| **(ii)** A family member of a person described in (i) above? . . . . . **11g(ii)** | | |
| **(iii)** A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above? . . . . . **11g(iii)** | | |

**h** Provide the following information about the organizations the organization supports.

| **(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 | |
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| **Total** | | | | | | | | | |

**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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") | 374,689 | 572,361 | 478,666 | 384,557 | 679,229 | 2,489,502 |
| 2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf | | | | | | |
| 3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge | | | | | | |
| 4 **Total.** Add lines 1-3 | 374,689 | 572,361 | 478,666 | 384,557 | 679,229 | 2,489,502 |
| 5 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) | | | | | | |
| 6 **Public support.** Subtract line 5 from line 4. | | | | | | 2,489,502 |

## Section B. Total Support

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶ | (a) 2004 | (b) 2005 | (c) 2006 | (d) 2007 | (e) 2008 | (f) Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 Amounts from line 4 | 374,689 | 572,361 | 478,666 | 384,557 | 679,229 | 2,489,502 |
| 8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources | 43,958 | 15,589 | 16,234 | 15,124 | 12,057 | 102,962 |
| 9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on | | | | | | |
| 10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.) | | | | | | |
| 11 **Total support.** Add lines 7 through 10 | | | | | | 2,386,540 |

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

14 Public support percentage for 2008 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) . . . . 14 95.86 %

15 Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f . . . . . 15 89.21 %

16a **33⅓ % support test—2008.** If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33⅓ % or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . . ▶ ☑

b **33⅓ % support test—2007.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33⅓ % 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 ▶ ☐

**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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") | | | | | | |
| 2 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 | | | | | | |
| 3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513 | | | | | | |
| 4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf | | | | | | |
| 5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge | | | | | | |
| 6 **Total.** Add lines 1-5 | | | | | | |
| 7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons | | | | | | |
| 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 | | | | | | |
| c Add lines 7a and 7b | | | | | | |
| 8 **Public support** (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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9 Amounts from line 6 | | | | | | |
| 10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources | | | | | | |
| b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975 | | | | | | |
| c Add lines 10a and 10b | | | | | | |
| 11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on | | | | | | |
| 12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.) | | | | | | |
| 13 **Total support.** (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

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

## Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

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

19a **33⅓ % support tests—2008.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33⅓ %, and line 17 is not more than 33⅓ %, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ ☐

b **33⅓ % support tests—2007.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33⅓ %, and line 18 is not more than 33⅓ %, 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 ▶ ☐

**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)