

C.R. Project
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Attachment C

Supplemental Response to Form 1023

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Form 1023: Part IV;
Part V, Question 5a-c;
Part VI, Question 1a;
Part VIII, Questions 2a, and 4a;
Part IX, Question B19.

Part IV.

Using an attachment, describe your past, present, and planned activities in a narrative. If you believe that you have already provided some of this information in response to other parts of this application, you may summarize that information here and refer to the specific parts of the application for supporting details. You may also attach representative of newsletters, brochures, or similar documents for supporting details to this narrative. Remember that if this application is approved, it will be open for public inspection. Therefore, your narrative description of activities should be thorough and accurate. Refer to the instructions for information that must be included in your description.

C. R. Project was formed in October of 2003 by a group of residents from Berkeley, California interested in creating affordable housing. Familiar with the student cooperative housing model and ecological building practices, the founders developed a mission and purpose for C.R. Project, which combines grassroots affordable housing development with cooperative and environmentally sound practices.

C. R. Project builds sustainable, affordable housing, empowers people to create democratic cooperatives, and strengthens local communities through shared resources and education.

Members learn cooperative principles including group decision making, social equality, voluntary and open membership, democratic member control, member economic participation, autonomy and independence, cooperation among co-operatives, and concern for community. This set of principles is internationally known as the Rochdale Principles of Cooperation and have been guiding cooperatives for over one hundred years.

Since formation C. R. Project has acquired a property, 3090 King Street in Berkeley, California, with which it provides affordable housing to low and very low income persons (as described in Attachment F, Section F, Part III).

The organization plans to provide the following community services: a library, a bicycle library, gardening and urban sustainability workshops, a meeting space for community organizations, computer access, dance/fitness classes, etc. The organization has already provided workshops for community skillshare and gardening. Additionally C.R. Project

has served as a resource center for bio-fuel information, and helped other groups of low-income individuals organize and find funding to develop other cooperatives.

Part V, Questions 5a-c.

*Have you adopted a **conflict of interest policy** consistent with the sample conflict of interest policy in Appendix A to the instructions? If "Yes," provide a copy of the policy and explain how the policy has been adopted, such as by resolution of your governing board.*

Yes, C.R. Project has adopted a conflict of interest policy, Attachment A. The policy was adopted by unanimous consent of the Board of Directors.

Part VI, Question 1a.

In carrying out your exempt purposes, do you provide goods, services, or funds to individuals? If "Yes," describe each program that provides goods, services, or funds to individuals.

Yes, C. R. Project provides affordable, cooperative housing, as a service to low-income individuals, described further in Section F.

Part VIII, Questions 2a and b.

*Do you attempt to **influence legislation**? If "Yes," explain how you attempt to influence legislation and complete line 2b.*

No, currently C.R. Project does not influence legislation or plan to influence legislation; however, if in the future the organization influences legislation, it will abide by all appropriate and current governing rules.

*Have you made or are you making an **election** to have your legislative activities measured by expenditures by filing Form 5768? If "Yes," attach a copy of the Form 5768 that was already filed or attach a completed Form 5768 that you are filing with this application.*

Yes, C.R. Project is filing Form 5768 and a copy is attached.

Part VIII, Question 4a.

*Do you or will you undertake **fundraising**? If "Yes," check all the fundraising programs you do or will conduct.*

C.R. Project, as yet, has not undertaken any specific fundraising activities, however, with volunteer staff, the organization plans to implement fundraising programs including personal solicitations, public, private and governmental grant solicitations, and accepting donations on the organization's website. C.R. Project plans to raise the majority of its

funds through public, private and governmental grant solicitations. Initially volunteers will research and write grant proposals. As the organization develops and resources become available, C.R. Project plans to allocate funds for grant writing skill development for volunteers, which may include paying class fees and hiring training consultants. Personal solicitations will be ongoing and conducted at fundraising events. C. R. Project plans to accept donations on the organization's website, which is not constructed yet.

Section IX, Question B19.

Have there been any substantial changes in your assets or liabilities since the end of the period shown above? If "Yes," explain.

At the beginning of 2005, C. R. Project purchased the property at 3090 King Street, obtaining a mortgage liability of \$907,357. The purchase included paying an initial down payment of \$30,000, which decreased the corporation's cash assets to \$0.