

# **Cooper Foundation**

Independent Accountant's Review Report  
and Financial Statements

December 31, 2017 and 2016

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## Independent Accountant's Review Report

Board of Trustees  
Cooper Foundation  
Lincoln, Nebraska

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of Cooper Foundation which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of foundation management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the 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 the financial statements that are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

### *Accountant's Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to conduct the review in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether we are aware of material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion.

### *Accountant's Conclusion*

Based on our reviews, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

*BKD, LLP*

Lincoln, Nebraska  
February 20, 2018

**Cooper Foundation**  
**Statements of Financial Position**  
**December 31, 2017 and 2016**

<b>Assets</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 425,311	\$ 174,773
Prepaid expenses	8,872	9,237
Property and equipment, net	10,901	8,724
Investments	<u>25,236,029</u>	<u>21,447,540</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 25,681,113</u>	<u>\$ 21,640,274</u>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Grants payable	\$ 161,241	\$ 160,103
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	40,589	23,547
Excise taxes payable	<u>26,919</u>	<u>104</u>
Total liabilities	<u>228,749</u>	<u>183,754</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Temporarily restricted	20,452,364	16,456,520
Permanently restricted	<u>5,000,000</u>	<u>5,000,000</u>
Total net assets	<u>25,452,364</u>	<u>21,456,520</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 25,681,113</u>	<u>\$ 21,640,274</u>

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**Statements of Activities**  
**Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016**

	2017				2016			
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
<b>Revenues, Gains and Other Support</b>								
Investment return	\$ -	\$ 5,201,702	\$ -	\$ 5,201,702	\$ -	\$ 1,476,480	\$ -	\$ 1,476,480
Net assets released from restrictions	1,205,858	(1,205,858)	-	-	1,082,782	(1,082,782)	-	-
Total revenues, gains and other support	<u>1,205,858</u>	<u>3,995,844</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,201,702</u>	<u>1,082,782</u>	<u>393,698</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,476,480</u>
<b>Grants and Administrative Expenses</b>								
Grants	670,706	-	-	670,706	607,327	-	-	607,327
Administrative Expenses								
Employees' compensation	274,410	-	-	274,410	263,184	-	-	263,184
Payroll taxes	16,334	-	-	16,334	15,030	-	-	15,030
Rent	50,298	-	-	50,298	48,045	-	-	48,045
Travel and entertainment	23,302	-	-	23,302	18,568	-	-	18,568
Telephone	4,311	-	-	4,311	5,239	-	-	5,239
Repairs and maintenance	7,151	-	-	7,151	7,097	-	-	7,097
Trustees' fees	14,700	-	-	14,700	12,700	-	-	12,700
Depreciation and amortization	2,628	-	-	2,628	4,008	-	-	4,008
Insurance	12,693	-	-	12,693	12,025	-	-	12,025
Professional services	18,855	-	-	18,855	17,439	-	-	17,439
Investment fees	43,550	-	-	43,550	41,220	-	-	41,220
Other general and administrative	20,129	-	-	20,129	23,466	-	-	23,466
Federal excise tax expense	46,791	-	-	46,791	7,434	-	-	7,434
Total administrative expenses	<u>535,152</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>535,152</u>	<u>475,455</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>475,455</u>
Total grants and administrative expenses	<u>1,205,858</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,205,858</u>	<u>1,082,782</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,082,782</u>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	-	3,995,844	-	3,995,844	-	393,698	-	393,698
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Year</b>	-	16,456,520	5,000,000	21,456,520	-	16,062,822	5,000,000	21,062,822
<b>Net Assets, End of Year</b>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 20,452,364</u>	<u>\$ 5,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 25,452,364</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 16,456,520</u>	<u>\$ 5,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 21,456,520</u>

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**Statements of Cash Flows**  
**Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016**

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>Operating Activities</b>		
Payments to suppliers and employees	\$ (468,326)	\$ (470,862)
Dividends and interest received	1,734,411	788,511
Excise taxes paid	(19,976)	(26,682)
Grants paid	<u>(669,568)</u>	<u>(681,958)</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>576,541</u>	<u>(390,991)</u>
<b>Investing Activities</b>		
Purchase of property and equipment	(4,805)	(7,334)
Proceeds from sales of investments	3,447,669	1,717,407
Purchases of investments	(2,035,138)	(520,311)
Reinvested interest and dividends on investments	<u>(1,733,729)</u>	<u>(788,343)</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	<u>(326,003)</u>	<u>401,419</u>
<b>Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	250,538	10,428
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year</b>	<u>174,773</u>	<u>164,345</u>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year</b>	<u>\$ 425,311</u>	<u>\$ 174,773</u>
<b>Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets to Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities</b>		
Change in net assets	\$ 3,995,844	\$ 393,698
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		
Depreciation and amortization	2,628	4,008
Net realized and unrealized gains on investments	(3,467,291)	(687,969)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities		
Prepaid expenses	365	(3,126)
Grants payable	1,138	(74,631)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	17,042	(3,723)
Excise taxes payable	<u>26,815</u>	<u>(19,248)</u>
<b>Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities</b>	<u>\$ 576,541</u>	<u>\$ (390,991)</u>

**Cooper Foundation**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
**December 31, 2017 and 2016**

**Note 1: Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

***Nature of Operations***

Cooper Foundation (the “Foundation”) is a not-for-profit organization whose mission and principal activities are to provide grants for programs which further education, human services, the arts, humanities, community improvement, and the environment in Lincoln, Lancaster County, or Nebraska. The Foundation’s revenues and other support are derived principally from investment income.

***Use of Estimates***

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America 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, expenses gains, losses and other changes in net assets during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

***Cash Equivalents***

The Foundation considers all liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents. At December 31, 2017 and 2016, cash equivalents consisted of a money market fund with a broker and a short term guaranteed trust account with a bank.

***Investments and Investment Return***

Investments in equity securities having a readily determinable fair value are carried at fair value. Investment return includes dividend and interest income and realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments carried at fair value.

Investment return is reflected in the statements of activities as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted based upon the existence and nature of any donor or legally imposed restrictions.

***Property and Equipment***

Property and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is charged to expense using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of each asset. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term or their respective estimated useful lives.

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**Note 1: Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued**

***Grants***

Grants are recognized as expenses in the period made and as decreases of assets or increases of liabilities depending on the form of the benefits given. Grants that are not expected to be paid within one year are reported at the present value of estimated future cash flows. The resulting discount is amortized as a component of grant expense using the interest method.

***Temporarily and Permanently Restricted Net Assets***

Temporarily restricted net assets are those whose use by the Foundation has been limited by donors or by law to a specific time period or purpose. Permanently restricted net assets have been restricted by donors to be maintained by the Foundation in perpetuity.

***Contributions***

Gifts of cash and other assets received without donor stipulations are reported as unrestricted revenue and net assets. Gifts received with a donor stipulation that limits their use are reported as temporarily or permanently restricted revenue and net assets. When a donor stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. Gifts having donor stipulations which are satisfied in the period the gift is received are reported as unrestricted revenue and net assets.

***Income Taxes***

The Foundation is exempt from income taxes under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code and a similar provision of state law. However, the Foundation is subject to federal income tax on any unrelated business taxable income. The Foundation is classified as a private foundation as defined in Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. As a private foundation, the Foundation is also subject to excise tax on net investment income. The Foundation files tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction.



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**Note 2: Investments and Investment Return**

Investments at December 31 consisted of the following:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Mutual Funds		
Small Value	\$ 1,782,515	\$ 1,717,768
Small Growth	1,788,975	1,569,678
Foreign Small/Mid Growth	1,528,118	1,213,066
Foreign Small/Mid Value	1,511,712	1,234,682
Foreign Large Blend	3,994,724	3,295,281
Large Value	2,025,048	1,826,851
Large Growth	1,984,615	1,689,016
Mid Cap Value	1,772,875	1,580,158
Mid Cap Growth	3,062,317	2,611,745
Global Real Estate	1,292,364	1,025,587
Aggressive Allocation	1,257,655	1,079,407
Emerging Markets	<u>3,235,111</u>	<u>2,604,301</u>
Total mutual funds	<u>\$ 25,236,029</u>	<u>\$ 21,447,540</u>

Total investment return is comprised of the following:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Interest and dividend income	\$ 1,734,411	\$ 788,511
Net realized and unrealized gains on investments reported at fair value	<u>3,467,291</u>	<u>687,969</u>
	<u>\$ 5,201,702</u>	<u>\$ 1,476,480</u>

The Foundation invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such change could materially affect the amounts reported in the accompanying statements of financial position.

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**Note 3: Property and Equipment**

Property and equipment at December 31 consists of:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Land	\$ 60	\$ 60
Furniture and fixtures	120,462	115,657
Leasehold improvements	<u>8,186</u>	<u>8,186</u>
	128,708	123,903
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>117,807</u>	<u>115,179</u>
	<u>\$ 10,901</u>	<u>\$ 8,724</u>

**Note 4: Grants Payable**

Grants payable activity consisted of the following:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Beginning of year	\$ 160,103	\$ 234,734
Grants paid	(669,568)	(681,958)
New grants promised, net of grants rescinded	665,393	601,458
Change in unamortized discount	<u>5,313</u>	<u>5,869</u>
	<u>\$ 161,241</u>	<u>\$ 160,103</u>

Grants payable at December 31, 2017, are scheduled for payments as follows:

2018	\$ 89,325
2019	40,000
2020	<u>40,000</u>
	169,325
Unamortized discount	<u>(8,084)</u>
	<u>\$ 161,241</u>

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**Note 5: Endowment and Net Assets**

The Foundation's endowment consists of an individual donor-restricted fund. As required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), net assets associated with endowment funds are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

The Foundation's governing body has interpreted the State of Nebraska Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (SPMIFA) as requiring preservation of the fair 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 Foundation classifies as permanently restricted net assets the original value of gifts donated to the permanent endowment. The remaining portion of donor-restricted endowment funds is classified as temporarily restricted net assets until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the Foundation in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence prescribed by SPMIFA. In accordance with SPMIFA, the Foundation considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds:

1. Duration and preservation of the fund
2. Purposes of the Foundation and the fund
3. General economic conditions
4. Possible effect of inflation and deflation
5. Expected total return from investment income and appreciation or depreciation of investments
6. Other resources of the Foundation
7. Investment policies of the Foundation

The endowment fund consisted of a donor-restricted endowment fund, comprised of \$5,000,000 of permanently restricted net assets at December 31, 2017 and 2016, and \$20,452,364 and \$16,456,520 of temporarily restricted net assets at December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

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**Note 5: Endowment and Net Assets - Continued**

Changes in endowment net assets for the years ended December 31 were:

	<b>2017</b>		
	<b>Temporarily Restricted</b>	<b>Permanently Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$ 16,456,520	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 21,456,520
Investment return			
Interest and dividend income	1,734,411	-	1,734,411
Net appreciation	3,467,291	-	3,467,291
Total investment return	5,201,702	-	5,201,702
Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditure	(1,205,858)	-	(1,205,858)
Endowment net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 20,452,364</u>	<u>\$ 5,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 25,452,364</u>
	<b>2016</b>		
	<b>Temporarily Restricted</b>	<b>Permanently Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$ 16,062,822	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 21,062,822
Investment return			
Interest and dividend income	788,511	-	788,511
Net appreciation	687,969	-	687,969
Total investment return	1,476,480	-	1,476,480
Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditure	(1,082,782)	-	(1,082,782)
Endowment net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 16,456,520</u>	<u>\$ 5,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 21,456,520</u>

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**Note 5: Endowment and Net Assets - Continued**

Amounts of donor-restricted endowment funds classified as permanently and temporarily restricted net assets at December 31 consisted of:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Permanently restricted net assets - portion of perpetual endowment funds required to be retained permanently by explicit donor stipulation	<u>\$ 5,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,000,000</u>
Temporarily restricted net assets - portion of perpetual endowment funds subject to a time restriction under SPMIFA		
With Board designations - Thompson Family Fund	\$ 608,887	\$ 514,296
Without purpose restrictions	<u>19,843,477</u>	<u>15,942,224</u>
	<u>\$ 20,452,364</u>	<u>\$ 16,456,520</u>

The Foundation has adopted investment and spending policies for endowment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to grants and other expenses supported by its endowment while seeking to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment. Endowment assets include those assets of donor-restricted endowment funds the Foundation must hold in perpetuity as specified by the donor. Under the Foundation's policies, endowment assets are invested in a manner that is intended to produce results that exceed the performance of the capital markets in which the funds are invested. The Foundation expects its endowment funds to provide an average rate of return of approximately 10% annually over time. Actual returns in any given year may vary from this amount.

To satisfy its long-term rate of return objectives, the Foundation relies on a total return strategy. The Foundation targets a diversified asset allocation that places a greater emphasis on equity-based investments to achieve its long-term return objectives within prudent risk constraints.

The Foundation has a policy (the spending policy) of appropriating for expenditure each year 5% of its endowment fund's five-year running average. In establishing this policy, the Foundation considered the long-term expected return on its endowment. Accordingly, over the long term, the Foundation expects the current spending policy to allow its endowment to grow at an average of 5% annually. This is consistent with the Foundation's objective to maintain the purchasing power of endowment assets held in perpetuity, as well as to provide additional real growth through investment return.

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**Note 6: Federal Excise Taxes**

The Foundation is subject to either a 1% or 2% excise tax on net investment income, including realized gains, depending on the amount of qualifying distributions made during the year. For the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, the Foundation qualified for the 2% and 1% tax rate, respectively, on net investment income. Federal excise tax expense totaled \$46,791 and \$7,434 for 2017 and 2016, respectively.

**Note 7: Operating Leases**

The Foundation leases its office space under a noncancelable ten year operating lease, with an original term expiring in 2017. The lease was renewed for an additional five years. The Foundation is responsible for a pro-rata share of increases in direct building operating expenses over the lease term. Rental expense totaled \$50,298 and \$48,045 for 2017 and 2016, respectively.

Future minimum lease payments are:

2018	\$ 43,914
2019	44,629
2020	45,241
2021	45,854
2022	7,659
	<u>187,297</u>
	<u>\$ 187,297</u>

**Note 8: Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans**

The Foundation has a simplified employee pension plan covering substantially all employees. The Board of Trustees annually determines the amount, if any, of the Foundation's contributions to the plan. Pension expense was \$40,100 and \$44,027 for 2017 and 2016, respectively.

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**Note 9: Disclosure About Fair Value of Assets and Liabilities**

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Fair value measurements must maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. There is a hierarchy of three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

- Level 1** Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- Level 2** Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities
- Level 3** Unobservable inputs supported by little or no market activity and are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities

***Recurring Measurements***

All of the Foundation's assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis are measured using quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1). The following table presents the fair value measurements of assets recognized in the accompanying statements of financial position measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2017 and 2016:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Money market mutual funds (included in cash and cash equivalents)	\$ 396,066	\$ 158,223
Mutual Funds		
Small Value	\$ 1,782,515	\$ 1,717,768
Small Growth	1,788,975	1,569,678
Foreign Small/Mid Growth	1,528,118	1,213,066
Foreign Small/Mid Value	1,511,712	1,234,682
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**Note 9: Disclosure About Fair Value of Assets and Liabilities - Continued**

Following is a description of the inputs and valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis and recognized in the accompanying statements of financial position, as well as the general classification of such assets pursuant to the valuation hierarchy. There have been no significant changes in the valuation techniques during the year ended December 31, 2017.

Mutual and money market mutual funds are valued at the net asset value (NAV) of shares held by the Foundation at year end.

**Note 10: Subsequent Events**

Subsequent events have been evaluated through February 20, 2018, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.