

Financial Statements and Report of  
Independent Certified Public  
Accountants

**The Ford Foundation**

December 31, 2020 and 2019

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**

To the Board of Trustees of  
The Ford Foundation

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Ford Foundation (the "Foundation"), which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, 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.

**Auditor's 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 auditor's 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 Foundation'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 Foundation'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 Ford Foundation as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, 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.

*Grant Thornton LLP*

New York, New York  
June 21, 2021

The Ford Foundation

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31,  
(in thousands)

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 16,272,484	\$ 13,617,113
Subscriptions paid in advance to limited marketability funds	93,217	-
Redemption proceeds receivable	117,330	112,672
Accrued interest and dividends receivable	3,191	4,897
	<u>16,486,222</u>	<u>13,734,682</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	861,569	32,084
Federal excise tax receivable	7,572	2,600
Investment related receivables	56,243	74,333
Other receivables and assets	8,267	6,100
Program-related investments (net of allowances for possible losses of \$26,319 and \$21,139 at December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively)	142,562	126,186
Fixed assets (net of accumulated depreciation of \$48,640 and \$41,781 at December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively)	<u>246,342</u>	<u>254,488</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 17,808,777</u>	<u>\$ 14,230,473</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
Unpaid grants	\$ 560,189	\$ 401,935
Payables and other liabilities	101,481	162,328
Investment related payables	10,540	72,753
Federal deferred excise taxes	104,996	62,795
Bonds payable (net of unamortized cost of \$8,172 and \$1,913 at December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively)	<u>1,264,828</u>	<u>271,087</u>
Total liabilities	<u>2,042,034</u>	<u>970,898</u>
Contingencies, commitments and guarantees		
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Appropriated	986,349	525,876
Unappropriated	<u>14,780,394</u>	<u>12,733,699</u>
Total net assets without donor restrictions	<u>15,766,743</u>	<u>13,259,575</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 17,808,777</u>	<u>\$ 14,230,473</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**The Ford Foundation**  
**STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES**  
**Years ended December 31,**  
**(in thousands)**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>Operating activities</b>		
Net investment return	\$ 3,598,867	\$ 1,703,197
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Program activities		
Grants approved	916,550	463,369
Provision (recovery) for possible losses on program-related investments	11,734	(1,757)
Direct conduct of charitable activities	19,990	22,294
Program management	54,463	53,833
Total program activities	1,002,737	537,739
Operational support	45,795	49,734
Depreciation	10,370	9,661
Interest	21,060	9,654
Total expenditures	1,079,962	606,788
Change in net assets from operating activities	2,518,905	1,096,409
<b>Non-operating activities</b>		
Net periodic pension costs other than service costs	(3,314)	(2,952)
Post-retirement changes	(8,423)	(10,665)
Change in net assets without donor restrictions	2,507,168	1,082,792
Beginning of period	13,259,575	12,176,783
End of year	\$ 15,766,743	\$ 13,259,575

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**The Ford Foundation**  
**STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES**  
Year ended December 31, 2020  
(in thousands)

	<b>Program Management Activities and Grants</b>	<b>Direct Conduct of Charitable Activities (DCAs)</b>	<b>Operational Support</b>	<b>2020 Total Expenses</b>
Grants approved	\$ 916,550	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 916,550
Salaries, wages and benefits	44,895	2,465	26,042	73,402
Services and professional fees	5,234	16,891	8,043	30,168
Travel, conferences and meetings	1,106	626	290	2,022
Facility and occupancy	2,278	-	7,353	9,631
Other operating costs	12,684	8	4,067	16,759
Depreciation	4,288	359	5,723	10,370
Interest	7,709	789	12,562	21,060
Subtotal	<u>\$ 994,744</u>	<u>\$ 21,138</u>	<u>\$ 64,080</u>	<u>1,079,962</u>
Net periodic pension costs other than service costs				<u>3,314</u>
Total expenses				<u>\$ 1,083,276</u>

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**The Ford Foundation**  
**STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES**  
Year ended December 31, 2019  
(in thousands)

	<b>Program Management Activities and Grants</b>	<b>Direct Conduct of Charitable Activities (DCAs)</b>	<b>Operational Support</b>	<b>2019 Total Expenses</b>
Grants approved	\$ 463,369	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 463,369
Salaries, wages and benefits	41,215	2,012	29,665	72,892
Services and professional fees	4,727	17,104	7,835	29,666
Travel, conferences and meetings	2,710	3,123	959	6,792
Facility and occupancy	2,419	-	7,188	9,607
Other operating costs	1,005	54	4,088	5,147
Depreciation	3,888	157	5,616	9,661
Interest	3,671	195	5,788	9,654
Subtotal	<u>\$ 523,004</u>	<u>\$ 22,645</u>	<u>\$ 61,139</u>	<u>606,788</u>
Net periodic pension costs other than service costs				<u>2,952</u>
Total expenses				<u>\$ 609,740</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.



**The Ford Foundation**  
**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

**Years ended December 31,**  
**(in thousands)**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Change in net assets	\$ 2,507,168	\$ 1,082,792
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash used in operating activities:		
Realized appreciation on investments, net	(627,904)	(421,212)
Unrealized appreciation on investments, net	(3,035,669)	(1,298,346)
Depreciation	12,139	11,221
Post-retirement changes and net periodic pension costs other than service cost	11,737	13,617
Provision (recovery) for possible losses on program-related investments	11,734	(1,757)
Increase (decrease) in deferred federal excise tax liability	42,201	(1,597)
Increase in federal excise tax receivable	(4,972)	(876)
Increase in other receivables and assets	(2,167)	(153)
Grant approvals	916,550	463,369
Grant payments	(758,296)	(518,851)
(Decrease) increase in payables and other liabilities	(72,515)	68,369
	<b>(999,994)</b>	<b>(603,424)</b>
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>		
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Proceeds from sale of investments	3,179,005	3,042,906
Purchase of investments	(2,173,424)	(2,487,070)
Change in subscription paid in advance to limited marketability funds	(93,217)	-
Change in redemption proceeds receivable	(4,658)	40,680
Change in accrued interest and dividends receivable	1,705	(815)
Change in investment related receivables	18,090	(64,710)
Change in investment related payables	(59,591)	66,875
Loans disbursed for program-related investments	(47,769)	(8,899)
Repayments of program-related investments	19,659	21,235
Purchase of fixed assets	(3,993)	(37,179)
	<b>835,807</b>	<b>573,023</b>
<b>Net cash provided by investing activities</b>		
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>		
Proceeds from issuance of bonds	993,672	-
	<b>993,672</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net cash provided by financing activities</b>		
<b>Cash:</b>		
<b>Beginning of period</b>	<b>32,084</b>	<b>62,485</b>
<b>End of period</b>	<b>\$ 861,569</b>	<b>\$ 32,084</b>
<b>Supplemental disclosures:</b>		
Interest paid	<b>\$ 23,621</b>	<b>\$ 10,535</b>
Taxes paid	<b>\$ 10,500</b>	<b>\$ 19,800</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

## The Ford Foundation

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2020 and 2019

The Ford Foundation (“the Foundation”) is a not-for-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Michigan, with its headquarters located in New York City, New York. The Foundation was established in 1936 to make grants in furtherance of scientific, educational and charitable purposes. The Foundation currently pursues its charitable objectives primarily by making grants intended to reduce inequality in its many forms: economic, political, social and cultural.

The Foundation’s goals for more than half a century have been to:

- Reduce poverty and injustice
- Strengthen democratic values
- Promote international cooperation
- Advance human achievement

While the specifics of how the Foundation works to advance its goals have evolved over the years, investments in the following three areas have remained the touchstones of everything the Foundation does:

- Investing in individual leaders
- Building institutions
- Supporting new ideas

The Foundation focuses its resources on supporting visionary leaders and organizations working on key social justice issues: Civic Engagement and Government; Gender, Ethnic and Racial Justice; Technology and Society; Natural Resources and Climate Change; Future of Workers; Creativity and Free Enterprise; and Cities and States.

#### **NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The Foundation’s financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”).

The significant accounting policies followed are set forth below:

##### ***Investments, at Fair Value***

The Foundation makes investments by either directly purchasing various financial positions, or purchasing a portion of an investment fund’s partnership capital or shares representing a net asset value (“NAV”) investment. Directly owned positions are classified for financial reporting purposes as equities, fixed-income or short-term investments. NAV investments in funds are classified for financial reporting as either commingled or limited marketability funds.

Equity investments are directly held securities, primarily publicly traded. Equities are generally valued based upon the final sale price as quoted on the primary exchange or at the bid price if the final sale price is not quoted. Private equities are valued using market transactions when available. If such transactions do not exist, private securities are valued as determined by the Foundation. Fixed income investments are generally valued based upon quoted market or bid prices from brokers and dealers, as an approximate of fair value. Short-term investments generally include cash and cash equivalents as well as credit or debt securities with maturities of less than one year. These credit or debt securities may include U.S. government and agency obligations, repurchase agreements, commercial paper, and similar short-term securities. Short-term investments for which market prices are not available are valued at amortized cost, which approximates fair value.

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Commingled funds are NAV investments in partnerships or investment funds where the Foundation has significant transparency into the underlying positions in the funds and that have no significant restrictions on redemption rights. For commingled funds, the NAV is determined by either an exchange or the respective general partners or investment managers. The underlying positions, owned by the commingled funds, include such investments as exchange-traded and over-the-counter securities. The Foundation generally has the ability to redeem capital from commingled funds monthly or more frequently.

Limited marketability funds are NAV investments in private equity, venture capital, global equity and hedge funds, and other private investment entities. For private equity, venture capital, and similar funds, the Foundation generally commits to invest capital upon demand of the general partner or investment manager. For limited marketability funds other than private equity, venture capital, and similar funds, the Foundation generally has restricted periodic redemption rights. The Foundation has significant transparency into the underlying positions of the private equity and venture capital funds although the Foundation cannot generally independently assess the value of these underlying positions through a public exchange or over the-counter market.

The Foundation follows the concept of the "practical expedient" under U.S. GAAP. The practical expedient is an acceptable method under U.S. GAAP to determine the fair value of certain NAV investments that (a) do not have a readily determinable fair value predicated upon a public market and (b) either have the attributes of an investment company or prepare their financial statements consistent with the measurement principles of an investment company as defined by U.S. GAAP. As such, NAV investments are presented in the accompanying financial statements at fair value, as determined by the Foundation. Such fair value generally represents the Foundation's proportionate share of the net assets of the NAV investment as reported by the underlying investment managers or general partners. Accordingly, the fair value NAV investments are generally increased by additional contributions, and the Foundation's share of net earnings from the NAV investments and are decreased by distributions and the Foundation's share of net losses from the NAV investments for the respective period.

The Foundation believes that the carrying amount of its NAV investments is a reasonable estimate of fair value as of December 31, 2020 and 2019. Because these investments are not readily marketable, the estimated value is subject to uncertainty; therefore, results may differ from the value that would have been used had a ready market for these investments existed and such differences could be material.

***Investment Transactions and Income and Expenses***

For directly owned positions, transactions are recorded on a trade date basis. Realized and unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments is determined by comparison of specific costs of acquisition (identified lot basis) to proceeds at the time of disposal, or market values at the last day of the period, respectively, and includes the effects of currency translation with respect to transactions and holdings of foreign securities. Dividend income is recorded on ex-dividend date and interest income is recorded on an accrual basis. For unsettled sales or purchases as of the reporting period date, the sales proceeds or purchase price are recorded as investment related receivables or payables, respectively, and are included on the statement of financial position.

Dividend income, interest income, and realized and unrealized gains or losses on investments are included in net investment return on the statement of activities which is presented net of external and internal investment management expenses, and the provision for federal excise tax.

Purchases and sales of securities include "in-kind" distributions from underlying private equity funds for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 and totaled \$412.0 million and \$335.3 million, respectively. Realized gains on disposition of distributed securities for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 totaled \$483.7 million and \$262.3 million, respectively.

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For NAV investments, transactions are recorded on a trade date basis. For unsettled sales or purchases as of the reporting period date, the sales proceeds or purchase price are recorded as subscription paid in advance or redemption proceeds receivable, respectively, and are included on the statement of financial position. Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) is determined by comparison of cost basis to fair value at the last day of the period. For NAV investments in which the Foundation owns shares or units of an investment fund, realized appreciation (depreciation) on investments is determined by comparison of specific costs of acquisition (identified lot basis) to proceeds at the time of disposal. For NAV investments in which the Foundation owns a portion of an investment fund's partnership capital, realized appreciation (depreciation) is recognized on redemption of partnership interests in excess of cost basis. Realized and unrealized appreciation (depreciation) includes the effects of currency translation with respect to transactions and holdings of foreign currency denominated holdings. The amount of realized and unrealized appreciation (depreciation) associated with these investments is reflected on the statement of activities.

***Fair Value Measurements***

In accordance with U.S. GAAP, the Foundation discloses its assets and liabilities, recorded at fair value into the "fair value hierarchy." U.S. GAAP defines fair value as 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. U.S. GAAP also established a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

Level 1: Inputs that reflect unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Foundation has the ability to access at the measurement date;

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices which are observable for the asset or liability either directly or indirectly, including inputs in markets that are not considered to be active; and

Level 3: Inputs that are unobservable.

Inputs are used in applying the various valuation techniques and refer to the assumptions that market participants use to make valuation decisions. Inputs may include price information, credit data, liquidity statistics and other factors. A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The Foundation considers observable data to be market data which is readily available and reliable and provided by independent sources. The categorization of a financial instrument within the fair value hierarchy is therefore based upon the pricing transparency of the instrument and does not necessarily correspond to the Foundation's perceived risk of that instrument.

Investments whose values are based on quoted market prices in active markets are classified as Level 1 and generally include cash equivalents and exchange-traded investment instruments. The Foundation does not adjust the quoted price for such instruments, even in situations where the Foundation holds a large position and a sale of all its holdings could reasonably impact the quoted price.

Investments that trade in markets that are not considered to be active under the accounting definition, but are valued based on quoted market prices, dealer quotations, or alternative pricing sources supported by observable inputs are classified as Level 2. Such inputs may include model-based valuation techniques. These investments include certain U.S. government and sovereign obligations, government agency obligations, asset-backed securities, derivatives, and other investments with observable pricing inputs.

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Investments classified as Level 3 have significant unobservable inputs, as they trade infrequently or not at all. The inputs into the determination of fair value are based upon the best information available in the circumstance and may require significant management judgment. Investments classified as Level 3 generally include securities for which no active market or dealer quote exists.

Investments for which the fair value is determined using the “practical expedient” are presented separately in the valuation hierarchy table.

***Derivative Instruments***

The Foundation records all derivative instruments and hedging activities at fair value. The fair value adjustment is recorded directly to the invested asset and recognized as unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on the statement of activities.

The Foundation utilizes a variety of derivative instruments and contracts including futures, forwards, swaps, and options for trading and hedging purposes with each instrument’s primary risk exposure being interest rate, credit, foreign exchange, commodity, or equity risk, as well as a combination of secondary risk factors. Such contracts involve, to varying degrees, risks of loss from the possible inability of counterparties to meet the terms of their contracts.

The Foundation enters into forward foreign currency contracts whereby it agrees to exchange one currency for another on an agreed-upon date at an agreed-upon exchange rate to minimize the exposure of certain of its investments to adverse fluctuations in currency markets.

The Foundation enters into futures contracts whereby it is obligated to deliver or receive (although the contracts are generally settled in cash) various U.S. government debt instruments at a specified future date. The Foundation engages in futures to increase or decrease its exposure to interest rate movements and spreads.

The Foundation enters into interest rate forwards, contracts, and swaps whereby it is obligated to either pay or receive a fixed interest rate on a specified notional amount and receive or pay a floating interest rate on the same notional amount. The floating rate is generally calculated as a spread amount added to or subtracted from a specified London Inter-Bank Offering Rate (LIBOR) indexed interest rate or other benchmark rate. The Foundation enters into such contracts to manage its interest rate exposure and to profit from potential movements in interest rate spreads. The market value and unrealized gains or losses on interest rate swaps are affected by actual movements of and market expectations of changes in current market interest rates.

The Foundation enters into credit default swaps as either a buyer or a seller. The buyer of a credit default swap is generally considered to be “receiving protection” in the event of an adverse credit event affecting the underlying reference obligation, and the seller of a credit default swap is generally considered to be “providing protection” in the event of such credit event. The buyer is generally obligated to pay the seller a periodic stream of payments over the term of the contract in return for a contingent payment upon the occurrence of a credit event with respect to an underlying reference obligation. If a credit event occurs, the buyer will receive full notional value for a reference obligation that may have little or no value. The seller generally receives a fixed rate of income throughout the term of the contract, provided that no credit event occurs. If a credit event occurs, the seller will be obligated to pay the full notional value of the reference obligation. In addition to general market risks, credit default swaps are subject to liquidity risk and counterparty credit risk. Credit default swaps are carried at their estimated fair value, as determined by the Foundation and its investment advisors.

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The Foundation enters into resale agreements in which the Foundation purchases financial instruments from a seller in exchange for cash and simultaneously enters into an agreement to resell the same or substantially the same financial instruments to the seller at a stated price plus accrued interest at a future date. Even though resale agreements involve the legal transfer of ownership of financial instruments, they are accounted for as collateralized financing transactions as opposed to purchases because they require the financial instruments to be resold at the maturity of the agreement. They are recorded at their contracted resell amounts.

The Foundation receives financial instruments, typically U.S. government securities, purchased under resale agreements and monitors the market value of these financial instruments on a daily basis. The Foundation obtains additional collateral due to changes in the market value of the financial instruments, as appropriate.

***Cash and cash equivalents***

Cash and cash equivalents consists of cash on hand and held in bank and money market accounts. At times, such deposits may be in excess of federally insured amounts.

***Program-Related Investments***

The Foundation invests in projects that advance philanthropic purposes. These Program-Related Investments include low interest rate loans or loan guarantees as well as investments in partnerships and investment funds with proceeds to be expended by the recipients in furtherance of the Foundation's charitable purpose. Program-Related Investments are treated as qualifying distributions for tax reporting purposes in the year in which the funds are disbursed. Recoveries of invested amounts increase the Foundation's distributable amount for tax reporting purposes in the year in which the recoveries are received. Investments are monitored to determine net realizable value based on an evaluation of recoverability that utilizes experience and may reflect periodic adjustments to terms as deemed appropriate. Program-Related Investments are recorded when disbursed.

***Mission-Related Investments***

The Foundation makes certain investments to further its charitable purpose. Those investments include loans, equities, real assets, investment in private equity and venture capital funds, and other investments. Investments are made with an objective of achieving a social impact or otherwise advancing the Foundation's charitable purpose in addition to earning an investment return. Mission-Related Investments are recorded at fair value and are included within investments on the statement of financial position. As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, the fair value of Mission-Related Investments, as included within the statements of financial position totaled \$100.6 million and \$66.7 million, respectively.

***Fixed Assets***

Land, buildings, furniture, equipment and leasehold improvements owned by the Foundation are recorded at cost. Depreciation is charged using the straight-line method based on estimated useful lives of the particular assets generally estimated as follows: buildings, principally 39 years, furniture and equipment five to eight years, and leasehold improvements over the lesser of the term of the lease or the life of the asset.

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***Expenditures and Appropriations***

Committed grant expenditures are considered incurred at the time of approval provided the grant has no specified conditions to be met in a future period. Note E provides additional details about the liability for the unpaid grants which have been approved. For conditional grants, the grant expenditure and liability are recognized and recorded in the accounting period when the Foundation determines that the specified conditions are met. Uncommitted appropriations that have been approved by the Board of Trustees are included in appropriated net assets without donor restrictions.

***Taxes***

The Foundation follows guidance in Accounting Standards Codification 740, *Income Taxes*, that clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in tax positions taken or expected to be taken in a tax return, including issues relating to financial statement recognition and measurement. This guidance provides that the tax effects from an uncertain tax position can only be recognized in the financial statements if the position is “more-likely-than-not” to be sustained if the position were to be challenged by a taxing authority. The assessment of the tax position is based solely on the technical merits of the position, without regard to the likelihood that the tax position may be challenged.

The Foundation qualifies as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and, accordingly, is not subject to federal income taxes. However, the Foundation is subject to federal excise tax and unrelated business income tax because it is a private Foundation in accordance with Internal Revenue Service regulations. The Foundation has processes presently in place to ensure the maintenance of its tax-exempt status, to identify and report unrelated income, to determine its filing and tax obligations in jurisdictions for which it has nexus, and to identify and evaluate other matters that may be considered tax positions. The Foundation has determined that there are no material uncertain tax positions that require recognition or disclosure in its financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

***Risks and Uncertainties***

The Foundation uses estimates in preparing its financial statements which require management to make estimates and assumptions. These estimates affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the statements of financial position and the reported amounts of income and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results may differ from these estimates and such differences could be material. The most significant estimates and assumptions relate to the valuation of investments, allowances for possible losses on Program-Related Investments, assumptions used for employee benefit plans and fixed assets useful lives.

***Measure of Operations***

The Foundation includes in its measure of operations (operating income over expenditures) all income that is an integral part of its programs and supporting activities. Non-operating activities include post-retirement changes which arose during the period and net periodic pension costs other than service costs.

***Related-Party Transactions***

For the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Foundation approved grants totaling \$36.6 million and \$14.0 million, respectively, to other not-for-profit organizations, whereby certain trustees jointly serve on the Board of Trustees of the Foundation and these other recipient organizations.

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**Functional Expenses**

The Foundation uses the direct method in charging expenses to each functional category based on direct usage or charge. However, certain expenses are allocated to more than one function on a reasonable and consistently applied basis; a portion of operational support is allocated to investment expense, which is reported as part of the income section, using the indirect method for allocation of expenses based on square footage, salary percentage or headcount. In addition, for the Mission-Related Investment department which engages in three activities: Mission-Related Investments, Program-Related Investments and grant making, expenses are allocated between investment expense and program management based on staff time spent on each activity. Other expenses such as depreciation and bond interest are allocated based on square footage and/or headcount.

**New Accounting Pronouncements**

In June 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update 2016-13, *Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments*, which (1) significantly changes the impairment model for most financial assets that are measured at amortized cost and certain other instruments from an incurred loss model to an expected loss model, and (2) provides for recording credit losses on available for sale debt securities through an allowance account. The update requires credit losses on most financial assets measured at amortized cost and certain other instruments to be measured using an expected credit loss model. The guidance will be effective for the Foundation beginning in fiscal year 2022. Early adoption is permitted. The Foundation is currently assessing the impact this standard will have on its financial statements.

In March 2020, the FASB issued 2020-04, *Reference Rate Reform (Topic 848): Facilitation of the Effects of Reference Rate Reform on Financial Reporting*, which provides an optional practical expedient and exceptions for a limited time to ease the potential burden in accounting for reference rate reform on financial reporting. This guidance is effective for all entities as of March 12, 2020 through December 31, 2022 for all existing hedging and contract modifications.

**Reclassification**

Certain information in the fiscal 2019 financial statements has been reclassified to conform to the fiscal 2020 presentation. There were no changes in total assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses or changes in net assets as previously reflected in the 2019 financial statements.



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**NOTE B - INVESTMENTS**

Investments held consist of the following as of:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	As of December 31, 2020		As of December 31, 2019	
	Fair Value	Cost	Fair Value	Cost
Short-term investments	\$ 182,882	\$ 182,883	\$ 332,701	\$ 332,130
Equities	230,168	114,366	314,227	163,300
Fixed income				
U.S. government debt	1,111,427	1,097,803	940,415	934,392
Asset backed	1	28	68,050	72,259
Corporate bonds	-	-	62,008	61,409
Commingled funds				
Equity related	-	-	132,728	115,105
Limited marketability funds				
Credit	45,305	128,283	36,317	119,524
Global equity	8,267,022	3,457,241	7,259,051	3,687,966
Natural resources	810,704	954,515	886,108	965,531
Real assets	465,322	373,006	373,682	285,365
Private equity	931,063	830,087	842,891	811,048
Venture capital	4,228,590	1,580,629	2,368,936	1,548,591
	16,272,484	8,718,841	13,617,114	9,096,620
Investments, at fair value				
Subscription paid in advance to limited marketability funds	93,217	93,217	-	-
Redemption proceeds receivable	117,330	117,330	112,672	112,672
Accrued interest and dividends receivable	3,191	3,191	4,896	4,896
	16,486,222	8,932,580	13,734,682	9,214,188
Total investments				
Investment related receivables	56,243	56,243	74,333	74,333
Investment related payables	(10,540)	(10,539)	(72,681)	(70,129)
Derivative liabilities	-	-	(72)	(104)
	56,243	56,243	74,333	74,333
	(10,540)	(10,539)	(72,681)	(70,129)
	-	-	(72)	(104)
Total investment related assets and liabilities, net	\$ 16,531,925	\$ 8,978,284	13,736,262	9,218,288

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As of December 31, 2020, short-term investments consist of cash and cash equivalents of \$159.0 million, resale agreements of \$22.8 million, and U.S. Treasury Bills of \$1.0 million.

As of December 31, 2019, short-term investments consist of cash and cash equivalents of \$265.2 million, resale agreements of \$11.0 million, collateral due from broker of \$0.5 million, and maturing corporate bonds of \$56.0 million.

The classification of investments by level within the fair value hierarchy as of December 31, 2020 follows:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	Quoted Prices (Level 1)	Significant Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Investments at NAV (Practical Expedient)	Total
Short-term investments	\$ 159,082	\$ 23,800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 182,882
Equities	230,161	-	7	-	230,168
Fixed income					
U.S. government debt	-	1,111,427	-	-	1,111,427
Asset backed	-	1	-	-	1
Limited marketability funds					
Credit	-	-	-	45,305	45,305
Global equity	-	-	-	8,267,022	8,267,022
Natural resources	-	-	-	810,704	810,704
Real assets	-	-	-	465,322	465,322
Private equity	-	-	-	931,063	931,063
Venture capital	-	-	9,959	4,218,631	4,228,590
	<u>\$ 389,243</u>	<u>\$ 1,135,228</u>	<u>\$ 9,966</u>	<u>\$ 14,738,047</u>	<u>16,272,484</u>
Investments, at fair value					
Subscriptions paid in advance to limited marketability funds					93,217
Redemption proceeds receivable					117,330
Accrued interest and dividends receivable					<u>3,191</u>
Total investments					<u>\$ 16,486,222</u>

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The classification of investments by level within the fair value hierarchy as of December 31, 2019 follows:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	Quoted Prices (Level 1)	Significant Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Investments at NAV (Practical Expedient)	Total
Short-term investments	\$ 265,233	\$ 67,468	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 332,701
Equities	313,144	-	1,083	-	314,227
Fixed income					
U.S. government debt	-	940,415	-	-	940,415
Asset backed	-	68,043	7	-	68,050
Corporate Bonds	-	62,008	-	-	62,008
Commingled funds					
Equity related	-	-	-	132,728	132,728
Limited marketability funds					
Credit	-	-	-	36,317	36,317
Global equity	-	-	-	7,259,051	7,259,051
Natural resources	-	-	-	886,108	886,108
Real assets	-	-	-	373,682	373,682
Private equity	-	-	-	842,891	842,891
Venture capital	-	-	10,438	2,358,498	2,368,936
	<u>\$ 578,377</u>	<u>\$ 1,137,934</u>	<u>\$ 11,528</u>	<u>\$ 11,889,274</u>	<u>13,617,113</u>
Investments, at fair value					
Redemption proceeds receivable					112,672
Accrued interest and dividends receivable					<u>4,897</u>
Total investments					<u>\$ 13,734,682</u>

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The following table summarizes Level 3 activity for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019.

<i>(in thousands)</i>	Balances at	Purchases	Net Transfers	Sales and	Net Realized	Net	Balances at
	December 31, 2019	and Other Acquisitions	In/(Out) of Level 3	Other Dispositions	(Depreciation)	Unrealized (Depreciation) Appreciation	December 31, 2020
Equities	\$ 1,083	\$ 9,642	\$ -	\$ (9,472)	\$ (170)	\$ (1,076)	\$ 7
Asset backed	7	(5,100)	-	-	-	5,093	-
Venture capital	10,438	-	-	-	-	(479)	9,959
	<u>\$ 11,528</u>	<u>\$ 4,542</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (9,472)</u>	<u>\$ (170)</u>	<u>\$ 3,538</u>	<u>\$ 9,966</u>

  

<i>(in thousands)</i>	Balances at	Purchases	Net Transfers	Sales and	Net Realized	Net	Balances at
	December 31, 2018	and Other Acquisitions	In/(Out) of Level 3	Other Dispositions	Depreciation	Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)	December 31, 2019
Equities	\$ 67	\$ 6,293	\$ -	\$ (6,293)	\$ (374)	\$ 1,390	\$ 1,083
Asset backed	1,376	-	-	-	-	(1,369)	7
Venture capital	10,470	-	-	-	-	(32)	10,438
	<u>\$ 11,913</u>	<u>\$ 6,293</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (6,293)</u>	<u>\$ (374)</u>	<u>\$ (11)</u>	<u>\$ 11,528</u>

All net realized and unrealized appreciation (depreciation) in the table above is reflected in the accompanying financial statements.

The Foundation's policy is to recognize transfers between Level 1, 2, or 3 as if they occurred as of the beginning of the reporting period.

For the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, there were no transfers between Levels 1, 2 and 3.

Based on the information made available to the Foundation, there are no concentrations in any underlying individual security or issuer in amounts greater than 5% of the Foundation's net assets as of December 31, 2020 and 2019.

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The following table lists investments in investment funds (or similar entities) as of December 31, 2020 that have been valued using the NAV as a practical expedient, classified by major investment category:

Category of Investment <sup>1</sup>	Investment Strategy and Structure <sup>1</sup>	Number of Investments <sup>2</sup> ; Fair Value <sup>3</sup> (in thousands); Unfunded Commitments (in thousands)	Remaining Life <sup>1</sup>	Redemption Terms <sup>1</sup>	Redemption Restrictions and Terms <sup>1</sup>	Redemption Restrictions and Terms in Place at Year End <sup>1</sup>
(Private Equity and Venture Capital) <sup>4</sup>	Investments in the equity and credit of primarily private companies through private partnerships and holding companies	223 \$ 5,149,694 \$ 1,136,039	Generally up to 15 years but dependent upon investment circumstances.	Redemption not permitted during the life of the fund. Distributions may be made at the discretion of the general partners.	Not applicable – no redemption ability.	Not applicable – no redemption rights
(Alternative Investment Funds) <sup>5</sup>	Investments in hedge funds, global equity, credit, real assets, natural resources, and other investments through private partnerships and holding companies	135 \$ 9,588,353 \$ 895,171	Generally open ended.	Ranges between monthly redemption with 5 days notice, to rolling 5-years redemption with 180 days notice. Certain funds have no redemption rights until dissolution of the funds.	<u>Initial Lockups:</u> 1 year or less: 39% 1-2 years: 17% Over 2 years: 22% No redemption rights: 22%  <u>Redemption Frequency:</u> Monthly: 5% Quarterly: 35% 1 year or less: 27% Over 1 Year: 11% No redemption rights: 22%	<u>Current Redemption Ability:</u> 6 months or less: 54% 6 months to 1 year: 8% Over 1 years: 16% No redemption rights: 22%  Total side pockets or restricted assets across the funds are less than 5% of the total investment amount.

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The following table lists investments in investment funds (or similar entities) as of December 31, 2019 that have been valued using the NAV as a practical expedient, classified by major investment category:

Category of Investment <sup>1</sup>	Investment Strategy and Structure <sup>1</sup>	Number of Investments <sup>2</sup> ; Fair Value <sup>3</sup> (in thousands); Unfunded Commitments (in thousands)	Remaining Life <sup>1</sup>	Redemption Terms <sup>1</sup>	Redemption Restrictions and Terms <sup>1</sup>	Redemption Restrictions and Terms in Place at Year End <sup>1</sup>
(Private Equity and Venture Capital) <sup>4</sup>	Investments in the equity and credit of primarily private companies through private partnerships and holding companies	213 \$ 3,211,827 \$ 951,684	Generally up to 15 years but dependent upon investment circumstances.	Redemption not permitted during the life of the fund. Distributions may be made at the discretion of the general partners.	Not applicable – no redemption ability.	Not applicable – no redemption rights
	Investments in hedge funds, global equity, credit, real assets, natural resources, and other investments through private partnerships and holding companies	130 \$ 8,555,158 \$ 1,070,740	Generally open ended.	Ranges between monthly redemption with 5 days notice, to rolling 5-years redemption with 180 days notice. Certain funds have no redemption rights until dissolution of the funds.	<u>Initial Lockups:</u> 1 year or less: 44% 1-2 years: 16% Over 2 years: 19% No redemption rights: 21%  <u>Redemption Frequency:</u> Monthly: 9% Quarterly: 34% 1 year or less: 26% Over 1 Year: 10% No redemption rights: 21%	<u>Current Redemption Ability:</u> 6 months or less: 59% 6 months to 1 year: 2% Over 1 years: 17% No redemption rights: 22%  Total side pockets or restricted assets across the funds are less than 5% of the total investment amount.
Commingled Funds <sup>6</sup>	Investment in global equity, real assets, natural resources, and other investments through commingled fund structures	2 \$ 132,728 \$ -	Open ended.	Daily to monthly redemption with 1 to 30 days notice period.	Subject to the ability to withdraw capital from the underlying funds. This is dependent upon the liquidity of the underlying assets and is subject to the discretion of the Fund Manager.	Subject to the ability to withdraw capital from the underlying funds.

(1) Information reflects a range of various terms from multiple investments.

(2) The approximate number of outstanding investments including investments with unfunded commitments, but no current balance as of December 31, 2020 and 2019.

(3) The total fair value of these investments valued using the NAV as a practical expedient.

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- (4) Generally refers to investments in private partnerships or investment funds focusing on equity or credit investments in private companies. The partnerships or funds generally have no redemption rights; the general partners of the respective funds issue capital calls and distributions. These funds generally provide the NAV or capital balances and changes quarterly or less frequently. Performance fees are generally collected by the general partner or investment manager only upon a distribution of profits to investors.
- (5) Generally refers to investments in private partnerships or investment funds focusing on a broad range of investment activities including Credit, Global Equity, Natural Resource, and Real Asset investments. These funds generally have periodic limited redemption rights, asset and performance based fee structures. They provide the NAV or capital balances and changes monthly or less frequently.
- (6) Generally refers to investments in private partnerships or investment funds focusing on a broad range of investment activities including Equity and Natural Resources related investments. These funds generally have short-term redemption and investment ability. They provide the NAV or capital balances and changes monthly or more frequently. Commingled funds generally do not have performance based fee structures.

***Derivative Instruments***

As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Foundation had swaptions on interest rate contracts with a notional value of \$0 and \$1.0 billion, respectively. As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, the derivative asset associated with swaptions on interest rate futures contracts totaled \$0 and \$7 thousand which is included within asset-backed securities.

As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Foundation was the seller (providing protection) of credit default swaps on a total notional amount of \$0 and \$2.3 million, respectively. The notional amounts of the swaps are not recorded in the accompanying financial statements. However, the notional amount does approximate the maximum potential amount of future payments that the Foundation could be required to make (receive) if the Foundation were the seller (buyer) of protection and a credit event were to occur.

At December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Foundation's resale agreements relate to contracts with counterparties that expire in less than 30 days. At December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Foundation obtained U.S. government securities with a fair value of \$22.8 million and \$11.2 million as collateral received under resale agreements. As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, cash loaned by the Foundation in the amount of \$22.8 million and \$11.0 million is included within "Investments" on the accompanying statements of financial position. Accrued interest related to resale agreements is included within "Accrued interest and dividends receivable" on the accompanying statements of financial position. Interest income earned on these transactions is included in the statements of activities.

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The following table lists the fair value of derivatives by contract type as included within investments in the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2019.

<i>(in thousands)</i>	Notional/ Contractual Amount	Gross Derivative Assets	Gross Derivative Liabilities
Derivative type			
Interest rate contracts	\$ 2,440	\$ -	\$ -
Foreign currency contracts	69,279	-	(976)
Index swaptions	1,000,000	7	-
Equity options	121,878	5,112	(4,039)
Credit default swaps	2,300	-	(72)
Carrying value of derivatives on the statement of financial position		<u>\$ 5,119</u>	<u>\$ (5,087)</u>

The notional amounts reflected in the above table, is indicative of the volume of derivative transactions for the year ended December 31, 2019.

The depreciation on derivatives is (\$3.3) million and (\$5.7) million and is included in the net investment return in the accompanying statements of activities for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

***Credit-Risk Contingent Features***

The Foundation's derivative contracts generally contain provisions whereby if the Foundation were to default on its obligations under the contract, or if the Foundation were to terminate the management agreement of the investment manager who entered into the contract on the Foundation's behalf, or if the assets of the Foundation were to fall below certain levels, the counterparty could require full or partial termination, or replacement of the derivative instruments.

***Counterparty Credit Risk***

By using derivative instruments, the Foundation is exposed to the counterparty's credit risk - the risk that derivative counterparties may not perform in accordance with the contractual provisions offset by the value of any collateral received. The Foundation's exposure to credit risk associated with counterparty nonperformance is limited to the unrealized appreciation inherent in such transactions that are recognized in the statements of financial position as well as the value of the Foundation's collateral assets held by the counterparty. The Foundation minimizes counterparty credit risk through rigorous review of potential counterparties, appropriate credit limits and approvals, credit monitoring procedures, executing master netting arrangements and managing margin and collateral requirements, as appropriate. The Foundation records counterparty credit risk valuation adjustments, if material, on certain derivative assets in order to appropriately reflect the credit quality of the counterparty. These adjustments are also recorded on the market quotes received from counterparties or other market participants since these quotes may not fully reflect the credit risk of the counterparties to the derivative instruments.



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**Credit Default Swaps**

The credit default swaps for which the Foundation is providing protection as of December 31, 2020 and 2019 are summarized as follows:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	Credit Default Index Asset-Backed Securities	
	As of December 31, 2020	As of December 31, 2019
Fair value of written credit derivatives	\$ -	\$ 72
Maximum potential amount of future payments (notional amount)	-	2,300
Collateral held by the Foundation or other third-parties which the Foundation can obtain upon occurrence of a triggering event	-	22

**NOTE C - FIXED ASSETS**

As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, fixed assets are comprised of:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2019
Land	\$ 4,440	\$ 4,440
Buildings, net of accumulated depreciation of \$34,076 and \$28,587 at December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively	199,977	205,023
Furniture, equipment and leasehold improvements, net of accumulated depreciation of \$14,564 and \$13,194 at December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively	41,925	45,025
	\$ 246,342	\$ 254,488

**NOTE D - PROVISION FOR TAXES**

The IRC imposes an excise tax on private Foundations equal to 2% of net investment income, which is defined as interest, dividends and net realized gains less expenses incurred in the production of income. The tax is reduced to 1% for foundations that meet certain distribution requirements under Section 4940(e) of the IRC.

The excise taxes on private foundations were simplified by the 2020 Appropriation Act. The dual tax rate is now eliminated and the excise tax on net investment income has been changed to a single rate of 1.39%. This change is effective for the tax years beginning after the date of the Act's enactment December 20, 2019.

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The current provision for federal excise tax is based on net investment income using a 1.39% and 2.0% rate for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively. The deferred provision is based on a 1.39% rate on cumulative net unrealized gains for the years ended December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019. The current tax provision for federal excise tax on net investment income is \$5.6 million and \$17.2 million for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively. The Foundation had a cumulative unrealized gain that resulted in a \$105.0 million and \$62.8 million deferred tax liability for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively, based on the change in net unrealized appreciation of investments applying the single rate of 1.39%. Estimated excise taxes of \$10.5 million and \$19.8 million were paid during the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

Certain income defined as unrelated business taxable income by the code may be subject to tax at ordinary corporate rates. There was no tax provision on unrelated business taxable income for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019. The state taxes on unrelated business income are immaterial for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019. The current and deferred excise taxes provisions are included in the net investment return in the accompanying statements of activities.

**NOTE E - GRANT LIABILITY**

The Foundation has a grant liability of \$560,189 million for grants approved as of December 31, 2020 but will be paid in 2021 through 2025. The table below shows the amount due to be paid in the specified period as follows:

*(in thousands)*

<u>Year Ending December 31,</u>	<u>Amounts</u>
2021	\$ 322,218
2022	105,956
2023	37,026
2024	12,079
2025	82,910
Total	<u>\$ 560,189</u>

**NOTE F - RETIREMENT PLANS**

The Foundation's defined contribution plans covered substantially all New York appointed employees. Employees who were locally appointed by overseas offices were covered by other retirement arrangements.

The Savings Plan is a defined contribution plan, as defined under IRC Section 403(b)7 is established by the Foundation to provide retirement benefits to eligible employees. The Retirement Plan, another defined contribution plan, consisting primarily of employer contributions, was amended so effective November 2, 2011, any newly hired employees will not be eligible to become participants of the plan.

The expense recorded by the Foundation related to contributions to the defined contribution plans aggregated \$7.5 million and \$7.3 million for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

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In addition, the Foundation provides retirees with at least five years of service and who are at least age 55 with other postretirement benefits which include medical, dental and life insurance. Employees hired on or after June 1, 2009 will be eligible for postretirement medical and dental benefits when they retire with at least 10 years of service and who are at least age 65. No employee hired on or after January 1, 2013 shall be considered a retiree under the plan. The other postretirement benefits are partially funded in advance through a Voluntary Employees' Beneficiary Association (VEBA). U.S. GAAP allows unrecognized amounts (e.g., net actuarial gains or losses and prior service costs or credits) to be recognized as non-operating activities and that those amounts be adjusted as they are subsequently recognized as components of net periodic pension cost.

<i>(in thousands)</i>	Other Post-Retirement Benefits	
	As of December 31, 2020	As of December 31, 2019
Benefit obligation	\$ 125,474	\$ 112,142
Fair value of plan assets	44,174	43,603
Funded (unfunded) status and amounts recognized in the statements of financial position	(81,300)	(68,539)
Accumulated benefit obligation	125,474	112,142
Accumulated non-operating activities consist of		
Net actuarial loss	42,405	33,981
Total amount recognized	42,405	33,981
Benefits paid	4,895	4,812
Net periodic benefit cost (service cost) recognized in operating activities	1,023	933
Net periodic benefit cost recognized other than service cost		
Interest cost	3,773	4,180
Expected return on plan assets	(2,881)	(2,695)
Amortization of net loss	2,422	1,467
Total net periodic benefit cost recognized in non-operating activities	3,314	2,952
Other changes in plan assets and benefit obligation recognized in non-operating activities		
Net actuarial loss	10,741	12,025
Amortization of (loss)	(2,422)	(1,467)
Administrative expenses	104	107
Total other changes in plan assets and benefit obligation	8,423	10,665
Total recognized in non-operating activities	11,737	13,617
Total recognized in net periodic benefit cost and non-operating activities	\$ 12,760	\$ 14,550
Weighted average assumptions (used to determine benefit obligations and net periodic costs)		
Discount rate (benefit obligation)	2.85%	3.44%
Discount rate (net periodic costs)	3.44%	4.52%
Expected rate of return on plan assets (net periodic costs)	7.00%	7.00%

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For measurement purposes, a healthcare cost initial trend rate of 6% and 4.70% were used to measure the other postretirement benefit obligation as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively. As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, this trend rate is assumed to decline gradually to 4.04% by the year 2075 and beyond. As of December 31, 2020, the dental obligations reflect an initial trend rate for 2020 of 5% and gradually decline to 3% by the year 2025 and beyond. A 1% point change in assumed healthcare cost trend rates would have the following effects:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
Effect on total of service and interest cost components	\$ 12,362	\$ 15,386
Effect on other postretirement benefit obligation	570	735

The following table presents investments in the defined benefit pension plans and post-retirement plan at fair value by caption and by level within the valuation hierarchy as of December 31, 2020. The table also includes the combined weighted-average asset allocation for the Foundation's defined benefit pension plans and post-retirement plan as of December 31, 2020 as follows:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	<u>As of December 31, 2020 Assets at Fair Value</u>				
	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Totals</u>	<u>Percent</u>
<b>Post-retirement plan</b>					
Equity funds					
Vanguard total stock market index	\$ 19,432	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,432	43%
Vanguard FTSE all world EX-US index	13,230	-	-	13,230	29%
Fixed income funds					
Vanguard total bond market index	7,213	-	-	7,213	16%
Short-term invest grade fund	5,143	-	-	5,143	12%
Total investments in post-retirement plan	<u>\$ 45,018</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 45,018</u>	<u>100%</u>

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The following table presents investments in the defined benefit pension plans and post-retirement plan at fair value by caption and by level within the valuation hierarchy as of December 31, 2019. The table also includes the combined weighted-average asset allocation for the Foundation's defined benefit pension plans and post-retirement plan as of December 31, 2019 as follows:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	As of December 31, 2019 Assets at Fair Value				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Totals	Percent
<b>Post-retirement plan</b>					
Equity funds					
Vanguard total stock market index	\$ 14,048	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,048	32%
Vanguard FTSE all world EX-US index	17,295	-	-	17,295	39%
Fixed income funds					
Vanguard total bond market index	7,410	-	-	7,410	17%
Short-term invest grade fund	5,295	-	-	5,295	12%
Total investments in post-retirement plan	<u>\$ 44,048</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 44,048</u>	<u>100%</u>

The investment strategy is to manage investment risk through prudent asset allocations that will produce a rate of return commensurate with the plans' obligations. The Foundation expects to continue the investment allocations as noted above. The Foundation's overall expected long-term rate of return on plan assets is based upon historical long-term returns of the investment performance adjusted to reflect expectations of future long-term returns by asset class.

Estimated future benefit payments, which reflect expected future service, as appropriate, are expected to be paid as follows:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	Other Post-retirement Benefits		
	Part D Subsidy	Part D Subsidy*	Net Cash Flows
2021	\$ 5,453	\$ 297	\$ 5,156
2022	5,492	302	5,190
2023	5,563	305	5,258
2024	5,572	312	5,260
2025	5,687	315	5,372
2026-2029	35,667	7,762	27,905

\* The Foundation applies for the federal drug subsidy under the Medicare Modernization Act (the "Act") for retirees who are Medicare eligible. The Act includes a provision that allows plan sponsors to receive a federal drug subsidy for a portion of the drug expenses of covered Medicare-eligible retirees, if they do not participate in the new Medicare drug benefit and the benefits provided by the plan are actuarially equivalent.

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**NOTE G - BOND PAYABLE**

On March 23, 2017, the Foundation issued \$273 million of Taxable Bonds, Series 2017. The Foundation intends to use the proceeds for any lawful corporate purpose, including, but not limited to financing current or future capital projects such as the renovation and improvement of the Foundation's headquarters building in New York City as well as costs related to the issuance of the bonds. The bonds were sold at par with a coupon rate of 3.859% payable semiannually and a balloon payment of principal at maturity date of June 1, 2047. Net proceeds after underwriters' discount totaled \$271.2 million.

On June 18, 2020, the Foundation issued \$1 billion of social taxable Bonds, Series 2020. The Foundation intends to use the proceeds to fund grants to build resiliency in the nonprofit sector in response to COVID-19. The use of the proceeds aligns with United Nations Sustainable Goals to reduce poverty, promote decent work and economic growth and reduce inequality. The first bond was sold at par with a coupon rate of 2.415%, payable semiannually and a balloon payment of the principal at maturity date June 1, 2050 and the second bond was sold at par with a coupon rate of 2.815%, payable semiannually and a balloon payment of principal at maturity date of June 1, 2070. Net proceeds from the two social bonds after underwriters' discount totaled \$993.6 billion.

**NOTE H - LINES OF CREDIT**

The Foundation established available lines of credit to provide bridge funding of grants and to finance short-term working capital needs of the Foundation. As of December 31, 2020, the Foundation had two available lines of credit totaling \$400M with no outstanding balance. As of December 31, 2019, the Foundation had three available lines of credit totaling \$500 million and an outstanding balance of \$70 million. For the year ended December 31, 2019, interest expense and commitment fees on the lines of credit totaled \$127 thousand and \$4 thousand, respectively.

**NOTE I - CONTINGENCIES, COMMITMENTS AND GUARANTEES**

In the normal course of business, the Foundation enters into contracts that contain a variety of representations and warranties and which provide general indemnifications. The Foundation's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown, as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Foundation that have not yet occurred. However, based on experience, the Foundation expects the risk of loss to be remote.

As part of its Program-Related Investments activities, as of December 31, 2020, the Foundation is committed to providing \$29.2 million of loans and investments to not-for-profit organizations once certain conditions are met. As of December 31, 2019, this commitment was \$30.3 million. Further, as part of its investment management activity, as of December 31, 2020, the Foundation is committed to additional funding of approximately \$2.0 billion in private equity and other investment commitments inclusive of \$111.6 million of commitments to Mission-Related Investments. As of December 31, 2019, these commitments were \$2.0 billion inclusive of \$103 million of commitments to Mission-Related Investments.

The Foundation is committed to pay \$78.2 million over the next five years if the specified terms for a conditional grant are met.

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The COVID-19 pandemic continues to have a broad and profound impact on commerce and financial markets around the world. The extent of the impact of COVID-19 on the Foundation's operational and financial performance will depend on certain developments, including the duration and spread of the outbreak and its impact on our investment portfolio, grantees, employees and vendors, all of which at present, cannot be determined. Accordingly, the extent to which COVID-19 may impact the Foundation's financial position and changes in net assets and cash flows is uncertain and the accompanying financial statements include no adjustments relating to the effects of this pandemic.

**NOTE J - LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES**

The Foundation manages its financial assets to provide sufficient liquidity for operations and to provide operating income through investments while safeguarding principal. The Investment Policy details the composition, objective and types of investments for liquidity. The Liquidity Policy requires that the Foundation structure its financial assets to be available to meet general expenditures and obligations as they come due. Although the Foundation does not intend to spend from its net assets other than amounts appropriated for expenditure as part of its annual budget approval process, amounts from its unappropriated net assets could be made available if necessary.

The Foundation's financial assets and resources available to meet general expenditures within one year of December 31, 2020 and 2019 include:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	2020 <u>Financial Assets</u>	2019 <u>Financial Assets</u>
Cash	\$ 861,569	\$ 32,084
Other receivables	3,867	1,913
Excise tax refund	7,572	2,600
Commingled funds	-	132,729
Redemption and investment-related receivables	176,765	191,901
Equities	230,168	314,227
Short-term investments	182,882	332,702
Fixed income	1,111,428	1,070,474
Alternative investments	<u>5,947,100</u>	<u>5,223,088</u>
	<u>\$ 8,521,351</u>	<u>\$ 7,301,718</u>

**NOTE K- SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The Foundation has evaluated subsequent events through June 21, 2021, the date the financial statements were issued, and is not aware of any subsequent events that would require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.