

**Vesper Society**

Financial Statements

December 31, 2016 and 2015



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors  
Vesper Society  
San Francisco, California

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Vesper Society (a California nonprofit corporation) ("Vesper"), which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the related statements of activities 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 (the "U.S."); 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 U.S. 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 entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Vesper Society as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S.

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Armanino<sup>LLP</sup>  
San Ramon, California

March 8, 2017

Vesper Society  
Statements of Financial Position  
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	2016	2015
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 56,486	\$ 36,388
Investments	30,134,011	29,504,476
Advances to project partners	951,691	853,538
Prepaid expenses	12,098	5,873
Total current assets	31,154,286	30,400,275
Other assets		
Property and equipment, net	4,444	1,417
Deposits	3,119	3,119
Total other assets	7,563	4,536
Total assets	\$ 31,161,849	\$ 30,404,811
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 61,161	\$ 54,336
Accrued vacation	32,478	23,366
Short-term lease payable	1,114	2,113
Total current liabilities	94,753	79,815
Long-term liabilities		
Deferred excise taxes	60,454	57,351
Long-term lease payable	3,441	-
Total long-term liabilities	63,895	57,351
Total liabilities	158,648	137,166
Net assets		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted	30,967,394	30,245,238
Unrestricted - Board-designated	35,807	21,955
Total unrestricted	31,003,201	30,267,193
Temporarily restricted	-	452
Total net assets	31,003,201	30,267,645
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 31,161,849	\$ 30,404,811

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

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Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Support, gains (losses) and revenue			
Interest and dividends	\$ 1,145,339	\$ -	\$ 1,145,339
Net investment (loss) gain	1,000,207	-	1,000,207
Contributions	19,155	15,000	34,155
Other income	155	-	155
Net assets released from restriction	<u>15,452</u>	<u>(15,452)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total support, revenues and investment returns	<u>2,180,308</u>	<u>(452)</u>	<u>2,179,856</u>
Functional expenses			
Program services			
Health services	594,554	-	594,554
Youth services	317,751	-	317,751
Service in the world	102,204	-	102,204
Partner capacity building	<u>83,204</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>83,204</u>
Total program services	<u>1,097,713</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,097,713</u>
Supporting services			
Management and general	<u>303,676</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>303,676</u>
Total supporting services	<u>303,676</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>303,676</u>
Total functional expenses	<u>1,401,389</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,401,389</u>
Change in net assets from operations	778,919	(452)	778,467
Excise tax expense	<u>42,911</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,911</u>
Change in net assets	736,008	(452)	735,556
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>30,267,193</u>	<u>452</u>	<u>30,267,645</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 31,003,201</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 31,003,201</u>

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Statement of Activities  
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	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Support, gains (losses) and revenue			
Interest and dividends	\$ 1,555,015	\$ -	\$ 1,555,015
Net investment (loss) gain	(2,038,555)	-	(2,038,555)
Contributions	11,470	-	11,470
Other income	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>
Total support, revenues and investment returns	<u>(472,068)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(472,068)</u>
Functional expenses			
Program services			
Health services	470,892	-	470,892
Youth services	245,606	-	245,606
Service in the world	92,724	-	92,724
Partner capacity building	<u>59,811</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>59,811</u>
Total program services	<u>869,033</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>869,033</u>
Supporting services			
Management and general	<u>313,792</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>313,792</u>
Total supporting services	<u>313,792</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>313,792</u>
Total functional expenses	<u>1,182,825</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,182,825</u>
Change in net assets from operations	(1,654,893)	-	(1,654,893)
Excise tax benefit	<u>9,298</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,298</u>
Change in net assets	(1,645,595)	-	(1,645,595)
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>31,912,788</u>	<u>452</u>	<u>31,913,240</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 30,267,193</u>	<u>\$ 452</u>	<u>\$ 30,267,645</u>

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 Statements of Cash Flows  
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	2016	2015
Cash flows from operating activities		
Change in net assets	\$ 735,556	\$ (1,645,595)
Adjustments to reconcile changes in net assets to net cash used in operating activities		
Depreciation	1,678	1,911
Realized and unrealized loss (gain) on investments	(1,135,098)	1,898,450
Deferred excise taxes	3,103	(49,251)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities		
Contributions receivable	-	1,200
Prepaid expenses	(6,225)	6,112
Advances to project partners	(98,153)	(242,654)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	6,825	(5,323)
Accrued vacation	9,112	2,347
Net cash used in operating activities	(483,202)	(32,803)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of investments	(4,752,222)	(3,925,449)
Proceeds from the sale of investments	5,257,785	3,923,549
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	505,563	(1,900)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Principal payments on lease obligations	(2,263)	(1,985)
Net cash used in financing activities	(2,263)	(1,985)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	20,098	(36,688)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	36,388	73,076
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 56,486	\$ 36,388

Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information

Cash paid during the year for		
Interest	\$ 388	\$ 877
Excise tax	\$ 28,000	\$ 26,000
Property and equipment acquired with capital lease financing	\$ 4,705	\$ -

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1. NATURE OF ORGANIZATION

Vesper Society ("Vesper") is a California not-for-profit corporation located in San Francisco, California. The mission of Vesper Society is to promote social justice locally and globally by addressing critical social issues including the provision of health services for the underserved. The purposes of Vesper Society are:

- 1) To provide care, treatment, diagnosis, hospitalization and other health services to injured, afflicted, sick, infirmed and aged persons.
- 2) To promote social justice by assisting individuals and organizations to address social and ethical issues from a faith-based moral and ethical perspective and by encouraging the laity to work from such a perspective, particularly for the benefit of the underserved.

Vesper invests funds received from the sale of two hospitals. Substantial revenue is generated from these investments, which subjects Vesper's income to market forces. The Attorney General of the State of California has required Vesper to spend at least 60% of its annual program expenditures, excluding expenses generated by grants, gifts and other donations received after January 1, 2003, for the provision of care, treatment, diagnosis, hospitalization and other health services to injured, afflicted, sick, infirmed and aged persons. Compliance with this requirement is determined on the basis of a three-year rolling average. Management believes that Vesper is in compliance with this requirement.

Program activities of Vesper Society include:

Health services to the underserved

Telehealth Behavioral Services - Vesper is working with Connecting to Care in Redding, California, to promote telehealth services in rural Northern California. The project designs and implements a comprehensive diabetes care program that includes the integration of existing telebehavioral health programs.

Chronic Disease Program - Vesper is working with Clinic by the Bay in San Francisco, California, to expand its chronic disease management program for working uninsured patients living in San Francisco and San Mateo Counties.

Behavioral Health Services - Vesper is working with La Clinica de La Raza in Oakley, California, to increase access to behavioral health Services in the community and address behavioral health problems by providing integrated services to patients at the clinic in Oakley.

Behavioral Health Services - Vesper is working with La Clinica de La Raza in Oakland, California, to expand its capacity to provide behavioral health services to students in East Oakland at the Havenscourt Health Center, a school-based health center serving students on the campus of two public middle and high schools.

Dental Services for Youth - Vesper is working with John Muir Health Foundation's Mobile Dental Clinic to provide free dental services for children and youth through age 19 in underserved and low-income communities in Contra Costa County, California.



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1. NATURE OF ORGANIZATION (continued)

Health services to the underserved (continued)

Asthma Program - Vesper is working with Clinicas de Salud del Pueblo (CSDSP) in El Centro, California, on a comprehensive asthma program for their high-risk pediatric patients throughout Imperial and Riverside Counties, California.

Telehealth Program - Vesper is working with CSDSP in El Centro, California, to develop the capacity to deliver telemedicine services as part of the integrated behavior health approach and to implement integrated telebehavioral services.

Diabetes Care Program - Vesper is working with Modoc Medical Center in Alturas, California, to develop comprehensive diabetes management services for its frontier residents to improve health outcomes of diabetic patients.

Reducing Health Disparities - Vesper is working with Modoc Medical Center in Alturas, California, to reduce health disparities related to socio-economic makeup and age-related chronic conditions of patients through ensuring more effective care coordination and through hiring of qualified staff.

Community Health Center - Vesper is contributing to the construction of a new procedure room at the Fortuna Community Health Center in Fortuna, California. The new community health center will provide increased access to quality primary care services for the residents of the Eel River Valley.

Dental Services - Vesper is working with United Indian Health Services in Arcata, California, to improve access to dental services to the Native American population of remote areas of rural Humboldt County by building a dental clinic in Weitchpec.

Mental Health Services - Vesper is working with United Indian Health Services in Arcata, California, to provide mental and behavioral health services to Native American children of rural Humboldt County.

Mental Health Services - Vesper is working with Women's Community Clinic in San Francisco, California, to fully develop integrated women's health services that include mental health services for women and girls over the age of 12, most of whom live at or below the Federal poverty level and are uninsured.

Mental Health Services - Vesper is working with Street Level Health Services in Oakland, California, to provide mental health services for low-income, uninsured and under-insured residents in Oakland.

Health Services - Vesper is working with St. Rose Hospital Foundation in Hayward, California, to provide quality medical care to students of the FACES for the Future Program at St. Rose Hospital and their families who are uninsured or under-insured.

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1. NATURE OF ORGANIZATION (continued)

Youth services

Youth Empowerment - Vesper is working with the City of Oakley, California, to develop and implement activities for youth and families through the Oakley Youth Advisory Council. These programs instill a sense of competence, values, belonging, and worth that strengthen positive civic engagement.

Developmental Assets Program - Vesper is working with Imperial Valley Regional Occupational Program (IVROP) in El Centro, California, to build and work with community networks to use Developmental Assets survey findings as a foundation for measuring and monitoring skills and resources that initiate efforts to improve youth's readiness for life after high school.

Building Community Capacity Among Youth - Vesper is working with Community Initiatives (Renaissance Journalism) in San Francisco, California, to develop a program to engage young people in storytelling in Imperial Valley, California, through new communications tools that can advance the causes that uplift their families and neighborhoods in the Imperial Valley.

Develop Youth Leadership - Vesper is working with the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources to increase leadership opportunities for youth in the 4-H program in Imperial County, California.

Youth Development - Vesper is working with Multi-Generational Center in Fortuna, California, to develop a solid design proposal for a youth center that will create a shared creative space for youth to explore their future.

Service in the World

Interfaith Allies - Vesper is working with California Lutheran University (CLU) in Thousand Oaks, California, to provide opportunities for CLU students and Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary students in Berkeley, California, to work on interfaith issues and service learning. The activities will enable us to build a base of knowledge that will contribute to the larger field of interfaith studies.

Social Justice Ministry - Vesper is working with First United Methodist Church in El Centro, California, to support the Olive Street Center that offers social services and the Garden Project that works to improve the health and well-being of children and families, addressing the serious issue of hunger in the Imperial Valley.

Partner Capacity Building

The Partner Capacity Building program exists to respond to the organizational development needs of our project partners.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements of Vesper have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), whereby revenue and gains, except contribution revenue, are recognized when earned and expenses and losses when incurred.

Basis of presentation

Net assets, revenues, expenses, gains, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions on the basis of unrestricted, temporarily restricted, and permanently restricted net assets. The following describes Vesper's net asset classifications:

- *Unrestricted net assets* - The portion of net assets that is neither temporarily nor permanently restricted by donors. Unrestricted net assets at December 31, 2016 and 2015 have been designated for future use to be determined by the Board of Directors in the amount of \$35,807 and \$21,955, respectively.
- *Temporarily restricted net assets* - The portion of net assets for which Vesper is limited by donor-imposed stipulations that either expire by passage of time or can be fulfilled and removed by actions of the organization.

Cash and cash equivalents

Vesper considers all highly liquid investments with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Cash on deposit occasionally exceeds federally insured limits. Vesper believes it mitigates this risk by maintaining deposits with major financial institutions.

Investments and fair value measurements

Investments in marketable debt and equity securities are reported at fair value based on their published market value. Investment income and realized and unrealized gains and losses are reported as increases or decreases in unrestricted net assets unless a donor temporarily or permanently restricts their use. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis.

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

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Investments and fair value measurements (continued)

Fair value is defined as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. Vesper determines the fair values of its assets and liabilities based on a fair value hierarchy that includes three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value (Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3).

- *Level 1* - inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that Vesper has the ability to access at the measurement date. An active market is a market in which transactions occur with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.
- *Level 2* - inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.
- *Level 3* - unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

Unobservable inputs reflect Vesper's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability (including assumptions about risk). Unobservable inputs are developed based on the best information available in the circumstances and may include Vesper Society's own data.

Contributions and promises to give

Contributions received and promises to give are reported as unrestricted, temporarily restricted or permanently restricted, depending upon donor restrictions (if any).

Contributions, including unconditional promises to give, are recognized as revenues in the period the promise is received. Conditional promises to give are not recognized until they become unconditional; that is when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met. Contributions receivable that are promised in one year but are not expected to be collected until after the end of that year are discounted at an appropriate discount rate commensurate with the risks involved. Amortization of any such discounts is recorded as additional contribution revenue in accordance with donor-imposed restrictions, if any, on the contributions. An allowance for doubtful contributions receivable, if applicable, is provided based upon management's judgment including such factors as prior collection history, type of contribution and current aging of contributions receivable. There were no promises to give at December 31, 2016 and 2015.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Property and equipment

Acquisitions of equipment with a cost, or fair value, of \$2,500 or more and significant leasehold improvements are capitalized. Property and equipment are stated at cost at date of acquisition or fair value at date of donation in the case of contributions. Depreciation is provided over the estimated useful lives of the assets, primarily three to seven years, using the straight-line method of depreciation. Leasehold improvements are amortized using the straight-line method over the remaining life of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements, whichever is shorter.

Accounting for payments to partners

Vesper seeks project partners to collaborate with in conducting various projects that are in line with its mission and help accomplish Vesper's programmatic objectives. Payments to project partners are recorded as expenses when programmatic objectives have been met and/or tasks enumerated in the memorandum of understanding with the partner have been completed. Any funding provided but not expended before the end of the year is recorded as a project partner advance in the statements of financial position. Since Vesper receives a benefit and establishes specific deliverables from the participating partners, these activities are recorded as exchange transactions.

Income tax status

Vesper is exempt from Federal and State income tax under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code") and Section 23701(d) of the State Revenue and Taxation Code as a "Private Operating Foundation", whereby its net investment income is subject to excise taxes.

In accordance with the applicable provisions of the Code, Vesper is subject to an excise tax of 1% (2% if minimum payout requirements prescribed by the Code are not met) on its net investment income, excluding unrealized gains. In addition, the Code requires that certain minimum distributions be made in accordance with a specified formula. Vesper estimates and records its excise taxes to include a provision for deferred taxes on unrealized gains and losses on its investments.

Vesper has evaluated its current tax positions and has concluded that as of 2016 and 2015, it does not have any significant uncertain tax positions for which a reserve would be necessary. Vesper's annual informational returns are subject to examination by the IRS, generally for three years after they are filed.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Functional expenses

Common costs, primarily related to the operation and maintenance of an office facility, are pooled in a cost center and allocated in total among program and supporting activities benefited. The basis for allocation was direct salaries in both 2016 and 2015. Salaries and related expenses are allocated to program and supporting activities based on management's estimate of the level of staff effort in each activity.

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. These estimates and assumptions 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 revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Significant accounting estimates reflected in Vesper's financial statements include the functional allocation of expenses. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Subsequent events

Vesper has evaluated subsequent events through March 8, 2017, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued. No subsequent events have occurred that would have a material impact on the presentation of Vesper's financial statements.

3. INVESTMENTS

Investments consist of the following:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Money market funds	\$ 47,826	\$ 47,827
Fixed income	2,011	3,237
Bond funds	8,529,479	8,501,533
Equity funds	<u>21,554,695</u>	<u>20,951,879</u>
	<u>\$ 30,134,011</u>	<u>\$ 29,504,476</u>

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3. INVESTMENTS (continued)

Investment earnings (losses) consist of the following:

	2016	2015
Interest and dividends	\$ 1,145,339	\$ 1,555,015
Realized gains	979,975	582,747
Unrealized gain (loss)	155,123	(2,481,196)
	\$ 2,280,437	\$ (343,434)

Investment expenses, which primarily consist of custodial and management fees, were \$134,891 and \$140,106 during the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. These expenses are netted against investment gains and losses on the statements of activities.

4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, Vesper's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2016:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Fair Value
Equity funds	\$ 21,554,695	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,554,695
Bond funds	8,529,479	-	-	8,529,479
Money market funds	47,826	-	-	47,826
Fixed income	-	2,011	-	2,011
	\$ 30,132,000	\$ 2,011	\$ -	\$ 30,134,011

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, Vesper's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2015:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Fair Value
Equity funds	\$ 20,951,879	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,951,879
Bond funds	8,501,533	-	-	8,501,533
Money market funds	47,827	-	-	47,827
Fixed income	-	3,237	-	3,237
	\$ 29,501,239	\$ 3,237	\$ -	\$ 29,504,476

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5. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment consist of the following:

	2016	2015
Equipment	\$ 13,569	\$ 15,001
Accumulated depreciation	(9,125)	(13,584)
	\$ 4,444	\$ 1,417

Depreciation expense for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 was \$1,678 and \$1,911, respectively.

6. CAPITAL LEASE OBLIGATIONS

Vesper leases office equipment under a capital lease requiring monthly payments of \$219 through October 2016. In November 2016, Vesper entered into a new office equipment capital lease requiring monthly payments of \$199 through October 2019.

Future maturities of capital lease obligations are as follows:

<u>Year ending December 31,</u>	
2017	\$ 1,114
2018	1,596
2019	1,845
Present value of minimum lease payments	4,555
Current portion	(1,114)
	\$ 3,441

Interest expense related to the capital lease obligations amounted to \$388 and \$877 for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

7. PENSION PLAN

Vesper provides a defined contribution plan to all employees who normally work more than 20 hours per week after completion of six months of employment.

Vesper makes annual contributions to this plan equal to a certain percentage of each employee's compensation up to a ceiling that is adjusted in accordance with Internal Revenue Service determined amounts each year. Total contributions to this plan during the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 were \$16,255 and \$15,725, respectively.



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8. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Vesper has a commitment under an operating lease for its office space which was extended through October 31, 2018. Rent expense was \$48,979 and \$47,387 during the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

The scheduled minimum lease payments under the lease terms are as follows:

Year ending December 31,

2017		\$ 62,472
2018		<u>53,355</u>
		<u><u>\$ 115,827</u></u>

Vesper began subleasing a part of its office on August 1, 2013 under a non-cancelable operating lease arrangement that expires October 31, 2018. Sublease income was \$14,901 and \$13,464 at December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively, and was recorded net of operating lease expense of \$15,163 and \$14,648 on the statement of activities.

The future scheduled minimum rental income under the lease terms is as follows:

Year ending December 31,

2017		\$ 14,008
2018		<u>11,907</u>
		<u><u>\$ 25,915</u></u>

9. FEDERAL EXCISE TAX

Excise tax expense differs from amounts currently payable because certain investment income is included in the statements of activities in periods that differ from those in which it is subject to taxation. The difference between tax expense and taxes currently payable is reflected as a deferred tax liability on the statements of financial position. Vesper was subject to a 2% excise tax for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015. Deferred excise tax liabilities at December 31, 2016 and 2015 were \$60,454 and \$57,351, respectively.

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9. FEDERAL EXCISE TAX (continued)

Federal excise tax expense is reported as follows:

	2016	2015
Current	\$ 39,808	\$ 39,953
Deferred tax expense (benefit)	3,103	(49,251)
	\$ 42,911	\$ (9,298)

10. ADVANCES TO PROJECT PARTNERS

Vesper paid advances to its project partners in the amount of \$951,691 as of December 31, 2016 to meet certain commitments. These commitments will be fulfilled once project partners meet certain thresholds in accordance with their memorandum of understanding with Vesper.