

Chicago Public Media, Inc.

Consolidated Financial Report
June 30, 2016

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RSM US LLP

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors
Chicago Public Media, Inc.

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Chicago Public Media, Inc. (the Organization), which comprise the consolidated statements of financial position as of June 30, 2016 and 2015, and the related consolidated statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements (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 audits 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 Chicago Public Media, Inc. as of June 30, 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 United States of America.

RSM US LLP

Chicago, Illinois
November 22, 2016

Chicago Public Media, Inc.

Consolidated Statements of Financial Position
June 30, 2016 and 2015

	2016	2015
Assets		
Cash	\$ 5,232,432	\$ 7,347,776
Underwriting and other receivables (net of allowances of \$31,507 and \$51,416, respectively)	1,025,920	2,625,903
Grants receivable	1,618,334	477,917
Campaign for a Sound Future pledges receivable, net	384,220	463,250
Pledges receivable, net	690,986	1,001,768
Note receivable	-	265,555
Prepaid expense	286,944	222,771
Investments	31,045,987	28,880,161
Bond issuance and other related costs	210,591	219,263
Property and equipment, net	14,478,393	14,585,474
Frequency rights and other intangible assets	1,395,414	1,120,414
	\$ 56,369,221	\$ 57,210,252
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 754,072	\$ 694,971
Accrued expenses	1,456,875	1,816,369
Other liabilities	46,981	4,228,138
Deferred revenue	119,410	771,176
Promissory note payable	1,277,758	1,444,426
Revenue bonds payable	22,000,000	22,000,000
Liability under swap agreement	641,810	905,305
	26,296,906	31,860,385
Net assets:		
Unrestricted	26,661,691	23,958,147
Temporarily restricted	3,410,624	1,391,720
	30,072,315	25,349,867
	\$ 56,369,221	\$ 57,210,252

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

Chicago Public Media, Inc.

Consolidated Statements of Activities
Years Ended June 30, 2016 and 2015

	2016			2015		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Revenue:						
Membership contributions	\$ 12,065,207	\$ 1,362,802	\$ 13,428,009	\$ 11,025,245	\$ 377,228	\$ 11,402,473
Corporation for Public Broadcasting - Community Service Grant	1,240,949	-	1,240,949	1,294,948	-	1,294,948
Other gifts and grants	286,500	2,485,000	2,771,500	88,925	531,240	620,165
Program underwriting	5,310,856	-	5,310,856	10,421,593	-	10,421,593
Interest and dividend income	436,305	-	436,305	508,617	-	508,617
Carriage fees, production revenue and other	806,322	-	806,322	2,230,331	-	2,230,331
In-kind services and contributions	1,002,401	-	1,002,401	1,000,435	-	1,000,435
Special events (net of expenses of \$409,800 and \$452,389, respectively)	747,366	-	747,366	43,907	-	43,907
	21,895,906	3,847,802	25,743,708	26,614,001	908,468	27,522,469
Net assets released upon meeting restricted purposes	1,828,898	(1,828,898)	-	1,937,187	(1,937,187)	-
	23,724,804	2,018,904	25,743,708	28,551,188	(1,028,719)	27,522,469
Expenses:						
Program services:						
Programming, production and public information	12,093,278	-	12,093,278	17,979,908	-	17,979,908
Broadcasting	4,172,609	-	4,172,609	3,407,369	-	3,407,369
	16,265,887	-	16,265,887	21,387,277	-	21,387,277
Supporting services:						
Management and general	1,603,548	-	1,603,548	1,796,622	-	1,796,622
Membership development	2,484,255	-	2,484,255	2,236,172	-	2,236,172
Fundraising	2,461,531	-	2,461,531	2,104,012	-	2,104,012
	6,549,334	-	6,549,334	6,136,806	-	6,136,806
	22,815,221	-	22,815,221	27,524,083	-	27,524,083
Increase (decrease) in net assets before other items	909,583	2,018,904	2,928,487	1,027,105	(1,028,719)	(1,614)
Other items:						
Net realized and unrealized gain on investments	1,530,466	-	1,530,466	921,288	-	921,288
Change in value of interest rate swap agreement	263,495	-	263,495	101,407	-	101,407
Increase (decrease) in net assets	2,703,544	2,018,904	4,722,448	2,049,800	(1,028,719)	1,021,081
Net assets:						
Beginning of year	23,958,147	1,391,720	25,349,867	21,908,347	2,420,439	24,328,786
End of year	\$ 26,661,691	\$ 3,410,624	\$ 30,072,315	\$ 23,958,147	\$ 1,391,720	\$ 25,349,867

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

Chicago Public Media, Inc.

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
Years Ended June 30, 2016 and 2015

	2016	2015
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Increase in net assets	\$ 4,722,448	\$ 1,021,081
Adjustments to reconcile increase in net assets to net cash (used in) provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	1,086,380	1,211,120
Loss on transfer of property and equipment	-	237,636
Net realized and unrealized gain on investments	(1,530,466)	(921,288)
Change in value of interest rate swap agreement	(263,495)	(101,407)
Changes in:		
Underwriting and other receivables	1,599,983	(940,299)
Grants receivable	(1,140,417)	261,858
Campaign pledges receivable	79,030	120,284
Pledges receivable	310,782	473,506
Prepaid expenses	(64,173)	22,466
Accounts payable	(70,094)	111,598
Accrued expenses	(359,494)	(81,521)
Other liabilities	(4,181,157)	4,228,138
Deferred revenue	(651,766)	744,421
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	(462,439)	6,387,593
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Capital expenditures	(841,432)	(274,975)
Purchase of frequency rights and other intangibles	(275,000)	-
Purchases of investments	(44,850,251)	(820,061)
Sales of investments	44,214,891	287,805
Cash received (disbursed) under promissory note receivable	265,555	(265,555)
Net cash used in investing activities	(1,486,237)	(1,072,786)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Principal payments on promissory note payable	(166,668)	(166,668)
Net cash used in financing activities	(166,668)	(166,668)
(Decrease) increase in cash	(2,115,344)	5,148,139
Cash:		
Beginning of year	7,347,776	2,199,637
End of year	\$ 5,232,432	\$ 7,347,776
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:		
Interest paid	\$ 625,626	\$ 624,050
Capital expenditures included in accounts payable at year-end	\$ 129,195	\$ -

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Note 1. Nature of Activities and Significant Accounting Policies

Originally established as an extension service of the Chicago Board of Education, WBEZ first signed on in 1943. For most of these early years, the station broadcast educational instruction programming on weekdays while Chicago Public Schools were in session. In 1970, the station became one of the first charter member stations of National Public Radio (NPR). In 1990, Chicago Public Media, Inc. (the Organization) acquired the WBEZ license from the Board of Education as an independent community licensee and nonprofit.

Today, Chicago Public Media broadcasts its primary service on WBEZ 91.5 FM and WBEQ 90.7 FM. In 2005, Chicago Public Media launched a new public media service, Vocalo, which is broadcast on WBEW 89.5 FM and, effective March 2013, on WRTE 90.7 FM. In September 2013, the Organization purchased another signal, 91.7 FM (W219CD). In December 2015, the Organization purchased the license of WKCC from Kankakee Community College and now broadcasts as WBEK 91.1 FM. In addition to local programming, Chicago Public Media produces *Sound Opinions* and *Wait, Wait...Don't Tell Me!* (a co-production with National Public Radio) for national distribution.

In 2010, Chicago Public Media's Board of Directors adopted the name "Chicago Public Media" in order to become a better recognized and stronger leader among public media creators and distributors, while aiming to continue the creation of challenging, informative and emotional media experiences that enhance civic life and improve community health by further deepening and growing its existing portfolio of public media brands.

Chicago Public Media occupies facilities on property leased under a long-term arrangement with Navy Pier, Inc., an Illinois nonprofit corporation at Navy Pier in Chicago. The facilities and improvements were financed, in part, by proceeds from the issuance of \$22,000,000 in revenue bonds.

Chicago Public Media, Inc. formed CPR Communications Services, LLC (CPR) in 2008 for the sole purpose of purchasing property for the construction of a new radio tower in Porter County, Indiana. In July 2011, Media Chicago, LLC (Media) was formed to invest in and develop new media and other property, to hold title property and to collect income there for the exclusive benefit of its sole member, Chicago Public Media, Inc. Chicago Public Media, Inc., CPR and Media Chicago, LLC are collectively referred to herein as the Organization.

The Organization is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and applicable state law (CPR and Media are disregarded entities for tax purposes).

Chicago Public Media sold its interests in the copyrights and trademarks of two programs, *This American Life* and *Serial*, effective July 1, 2015. As a result, the fiscal year 2016 financial statements reflect reduced levels of cash, program underwriting revenue and receivables, carriage fees, production and other revenue, and program services expenses, compared to previous years.

A summary of significant accounting policies is as follows:

Accounting policies: The Organization follows accounting standards established by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) to ensure consistent reporting of financial condition, results of activities, and cash flows. References to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) in these footnotes are to the *FASB Accounting Standards CodificationTM*, sometimes referred to as the Codification or ASC. Management also follows the Corporation for Public Broadcasting's publication, *Principles of Accounting and Financial Reporting for Public Telecommunication Entities*, which follows U.S. GAAP and promotes consistency in financial reporting among public broadcasting entities.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Note 1. Nature of Activities and Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Basis of presentation: The Organization follows the accounting guidance for financial statements of nonprofit organizations, which requires that net assets and related revenue, expenses, gains and losses be classified into three classes of net assets – unrestricted, temporarily restricted and permanently restricted, based upon the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. These net asset classes are described as follows:

Unrestricted: Those resources with no donor-imposed restrictions.

Temporarily restricted: Temporarily restricted net assets arise from contributions whose use is limited by donor-imposed restrictions that either expire with the passage of time or can be fulfilled by actions of the Organization pursuant to those restrictions. When a donor restriction expires or the purpose of the restriction is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified as unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released upon meeting the restricted purposes.

Permanently restricted: Permanently restricted net assets are subject to the restrictions of gift instruments requiring the principal to be maintained intact and the income to be used for the general operating purposes of the Organization. The Organization had no permanently restricted net assets for the reporting periods presented in these consolidated financial statements.

Principles of consolidation: The consolidated financial statements include the activity of Chicago Public Media, Inc., CPR and Media. All significant intercompany transactions have been eliminated upon consolidation.

Revenue: Membership and other contributions are recorded as receivables and recognized as revenue when pledged. If not pledged, membership and other contributions are recognized as revenue when received in cash. Grants and donations restricted for a particular purpose or project are recorded as temporarily restricted revenue when awarded and are transferred to the unrestricted fund when the provisions of the grants and donations are satisfied (net assets released upon meeting restricted purposes). Revenue for program underwriting, carriage fees, production revenues and other revenue are recorded as a receivable and recognized when the programs are aired. The Organization receives a share of net revenues for two programs (which it sold in July 2015) and recognizes revenue on an annual basis when reported by the program owner. Amounts received in advance are recorded as deferred revenue.

Campaign for a Sound Future pledges receivable: The campaign pledges are generally payable over a three- to five-year period and are recorded at their net present value using a discount rate based on U.S. Treasury yields of similar maturity. A portion of the funds received from the campaign are used for certain operational needs of the Organization, as stated in the campaign. Unspent campaign funds are invested in managed money market accounts and other investment vehicles in accordance with the Organization's investment policy guidelines.

Management reviews outstanding pledge balances for collectability each year and establishes a reserve on a specific identification basis.

Pledges, grants and underwriting receivables: Pledges receivable are considered due within one year, unless otherwise indicated by the donor. Provision for estimated losses on collection of unpaid pledges is maintained at a level management believes is sufficient to cover potential losses and is based on the Organization's pledge collection history.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Note 1. Nature of Activities and Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

The Organization's sustaining membership program is known as High Fidelity. Donors choose an amount to give each month and the Organization automatically bills the donor's credit card, debit card or bank account. Revenue is recognized monthly. Prior to fiscal year 2016, the Organization received one-year commitments that were recorded as pledges receivable.

Various grants for programming and general operations which have yet to be received in cash are recorded as grants receivable.

Underwriting from corporations is recorded as a receivable each month after the corporations' name and message have been broadcast. An allowance for doubtful accounts is maintained at a level management believes is sufficient to cover potential losses. The allowance is based on specific identification of uncollectible accounts and the Organization's historical collection experience.

Investments: Investments are presented in the consolidated financial statements at fair value. Investment income, realized gains (losses), and change in unrealized gains (losses) are reflected in the consolidated statements of activities. Investments received as contributions are recorded at fair value at the date of receipt. Included in investments are cash equivalents which are intended to be held long term.

Investments are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market and credit risks. It is reasonably possible that changes in values of investments will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported.

Bond issuance and other related costs: Costs of \$303,526 incurred in connection with the issuance of Series 2005 revenue bonds were capitalized as a deferred asset and are being amortized over the term of the bonds. Annual amortization is \$8,672 through 2040. Accumulated amortization was \$92,935 and \$84,263 at June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Property and equipment: Land, leasehold improvements, equipment and furnishings are recorded at cost. Land held for sale is recorded at the lower of its cost or fair value less costs to sell. It is the Organization's policy to capitalize property and equipment with a useful life longer than one year. Qualifying website development costs have been capitalized in accordance with accounting standards for website development costs. Depreciation is being provided on equipment and furnishings on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Leasehold improvements are being amortized over the shorter of their estimated useful lives or the term of the lease. Estimated useful lives range from three to forty years depending on the asset classification.

Frequency rights and other intangible assets: The Organization owns various frequency rights and intangibles. In June 2012, the Organization, with the approval of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), purchased the license of WRTE (FM) from the National Museum of Mexican Art for \$300,000. In September 2013, the Organization, with the approval of the FCC, purchased the license of W219CD (FM) from Lifetalk Radio, Inc. for \$52,500. In December 2015, the Organization, with the approval of the FCC, purchased the license of WKCC (FM) from Kankakee Community College for \$250,000. These licenses are recorded as intangible assets on the consolidated statements of financial position.

Frequency rights and other intangible assets of \$1,335,513 and \$59,901, respectively, are considered to have an indefinite life and are therefore not amortized. The value of these intangibles is assessed for impairment on an annual basis.

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Note 1. Nature of Activities and Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Derivative financial instruments: Derivative financial instruments are recorded as either assets or liabilities at their fair value and changes in fair value are reported as an other item on the consolidated statements of activities. The interest rate swap agreement represents such an instrument, and it is classified on the consolidated statements of financial position as liability under swap agreement and the change in its fair value is recognized on the consolidated statements of activities as a change in value of interest rate swap agreement. The value of the interest rate swap is marked to market based upon quotations from market makers. The fair value of the swap agreement is the estimated amount the Organization would pay or receive to terminate the agreement, taking into account current interest rates and the current credit worthiness of the swap counterparty.

Financial instruments and concentration of credit risk: The balances in certain of the Organization's cash accounts during the fiscal year have exceeded the federally insured limits from time to time. Management believes the Organization is not exposed to any significant credit risk related to cash.

The carrying amounts approximate fair value for cash and cash equivalents, short-term receivables (underwriting and other, grants, pledges and note), accounts payable and other current liabilities meeting the definition of financial instruments because their short-term maturity. The carrying amount of long-term grants and pledges receivable and debt (including liability under swap agreement) approximates fair value because the discount and interest rates (and value of the swap agreement) fluctuate with market interest rates. Long-term investments are carried at fair value.

Special events: The Organization hosts special events to raise contributions to support its activities. The Organization recognizes sponsorships as revenue after the event takes place and is presented in the statement of activities net of actual direct costs of the events. Special event revenue for fiscal year 2016 is primarily attributable to the WBEZ 25th Anniversary Gala Celebration.

In-kind contributions: The estimated fair value of business-related in-kind contributions and volunteer services is recorded as revenue and expense in the period when the contributions and services are received. In-kind contributions, principally operating space and advertising, amounted to approximately \$970,200 for fiscal years 2016 and 2015.

Use of estimates: In preparing consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, management makes estimates and assumptions affecting the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements, as well as the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Income tax status: The Organization is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and applicable state law, except for taxes pertaining to unrelated business income, if any.

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Note 1. Nature of Activities and Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

The accounting standard on accounting for uncertainty in income taxes addresses the determination of whether tax benefits claimed or expected to be claimed on a tax return should be recorded in the consolidated financial statements. Under this guidance, the Organization may recognize the tax benefit from an uncertain tax position only if it is more likely than not that the tax position will be sustained on examination by taxing authorities, based on the technical merits of the position. Examples of tax positions include the tax-exempt status of the Organization and various positions related to the potential sources of unrelated business taxable income. The tax benefits recognized in the consolidated financial statements from such a position, if any, are measured based on the largest benefit that has a greater than 50 percent likelihood of being realized upon ultimate settlement. There were no unrecognized tax benefits identified or recorded as liabilities for the reporting periods presented in these consolidated financial statements.

The Organization files Form 990 in the U.S. federal jurisdiction and the State of Illinois and is generally no longer subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service for tax years before 2013.

Recent accounting pronouncements: In May 2014, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)*, requiring an entity to recognize the amount of revenue to which it expects to be entitled for the transfer of promised goods or services to customers. The updated standard will replace most existing revenue recognition guidance in U.S. GAAP. The updated standard will be effective for the Organization's June 30, 2020 financial statements.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-03, *Interest—Imputation of Interest (Subtopic 835-30)*, simplifying the presentation of debt issuance costs. This ASU will require that debt issuance costs be presented in the statement of financial position as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of the debt liability, in the same manner as debt discounts or premiums. This updated standard will be effective for the Organization's June 30, 2017 financial statements.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, *Leases (Topic 842)*. The guidance in this ASU supersedes the leasing guidance in Topic 840, *Leases*. Under the new guidance, lessees are required to recognize lease assets and lease liabilities on the balance sheet for all leases with terms longer than 12 months. Leases will be classified as either finance or operating, with classification affecting the pattern of expense recognition in the income statement. The new standard will be effective for the Organization's June 30, 2021 financial statements.

In August 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-14, *Not-for-Profit Entities (Topic 958): Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities*. Key elements of the ASU include a reduction in the number of net asset categories from three to two, conforming requirements on releases of capital restrictions, several new requirements related to expense presentation and disclosure (including investment expenses), and new required disclosures communicating information useful in assessing liquidity. The new standard will be effective for the Organization's June 30, 2019 financial statements.

The Organization is currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of the above standards on its financial statements.

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Note 2. *This American Life and Serial*

The Organization sold its interests in the copyrights and trademarks of two programs, *This American Life* and *Serial*, pursuant to a purchase and sale agreement and a pre-existing agreement with a long-time employee, effective July 1, 2015. In exchange, the Organization receives a share in the future net revenues generated by the programs, as described in the purchase and sale agreement. The Organization's share of net revenues for the programs recognized in fiscal year 2016 is \$286,059, which is included as carriage fees, production revenue and other in the statement of activities.

The Organization no longer produces the shows, and the individual's employment ceased at the effective date. The purchase and sale agreement addressed certain rights in the programs per the pre-existing agreement, including allocation of cumulative net revenues earned and retained by the Organization through the effective date. The Organization accrued liabilities of \$1,773,599 at June 30, 2015, representing the resulting amounts payable to the employee plus applicable payroll taxes. These amounts were paid in full during fiscal year 2016. The Organization also recorded an expense in fiscal year 2015 in connection with the transfer of certain property and equipment (net book value of approximately \$230,000) used in the production of the programs.

In addition, the Organization received donor contributions during fiscal year 2015 restricted to production costs for a second and subsequent seasons of *Serial*. The Organization considered these funds to be refundable at the time received. As discussed above, the Organization no longer produces the show. The purchase and sale agreement addressed these funds, and specified that they were to be paid by the Organization as *Serial* production costs are incurred, subject to receipt of appropriate documentation. The Organization therefore considered these funds to be amounts held for others as of June 30, 2015, and recorded an asset and liability of \$1,962,539, of which \$46,981 remained unpaid at June 30, 2016. The Organization received a prepaid sponsorship in fiscal year 2015 for the second season of *Serial* in the amount of \$492,000, which was treated in a similar manner and therefore was recorded as an asset and liability at June 30, 2015. This amount was remitted in full during fiscal year 2016.

Other liabilities at June 30, 2016 and 2015 related to the sale of *This American Life* and *Serial* consisted of the following:

	2016	2015
<i>This American Life</i> surplus payable	\$ -	\$ 1,747,374
<i>Serial</i> surplus payable	-	26,225
<i>Serial</i> funds for production costs	46,981	1,962,539
<i>Serial</i> prepaid sponsorship	-	492,000
	<u>\$ 46,981</u>	<u>\$ 4,228,138</u>

In April 2015, the Organization advanced \$265,555 to the long-time employee. Advances under the promissory note bear interest at an annual rate of five percent and are unsecured. The Organization received repayment of principal and accrued interest in September 2015.

The sale transaction had significant impact throughout the Organization's financial statements, including reduced levels of cash, program underwriting revenue and receivables, and program services expenses for fiscal year 2016 compared to previous years.

Chicago Public Media, Inc.**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

Note 3. Cash

Cash at June 30, 2016 and 2015 consisted of the following:

	2016	2015
Operating cash	\$ 5,185,451	\$ 4,595,654
Cash held for others	46,981	2,752,122
	<u>\$ 5,232,432</u>	<u>\$ 7,347,776</u>

The Organization established and maintains a separate bank account for contributions and prepaid sponsorships related to *This American Life* and *Serial*, which amounts are due to other parties.

Note 4. Grants Receivable

Various grants for programming and general operations which had yet to be received in cash are recorded as grants receivable and revenue. Grants receivable at June 30, 2016 and 2015 consist of amounts due for various purposes, as follows:

	2016	2015
Internship program	\$ 158,334	\$ 266,667
Vocalo	260,000	65,000
General operations	650,000	25,000
<i>Sound Opinions</i>	50,000	100,000
Smart Chicago Collaborative	-	21,250
Digital archiving (Legacy of Listening)	500,000	-
	<u>\$ 1,618,334</u>	<u>\$ 477,917</u>

Note 5. Campaign for a Sound Future Pledges Receivable

Campaign for a Sound Future pledges receivable as of June 30, 2016 and 2015 were as follows:

	2016	2015
Campaign pledges received (cumulative)	\$ 14,761,437	\$ 14,761,437
Less pledged amounts received in cash (cumulative)	(13,767,858)	(13,605,108)
Less pledges written off (cumulative)	(442,584)	-
Donor adjustment to pledge	(150,995)	(150,995)
	<u>400,000</u>	<u>1,005,334</u>
Reserve for campaign pledges	-	(495,084)
Present value discount (rates between 2.3% and 5%)	(15,780)	(47,000)
	<u>\$ 384,220</u>	<u>\$ 463,250</u>

The Campaign ended in fiscal year 2011, and there is only one remaining pledge outstanding at June 30, 2016. Campaign pledges receivable include \$0 and \$116,000 due from members of the Organization's Board of Directors at June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

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Note 6. Pledges Receivable

The Organization receives pledges from various donors throughout the year. Donations that have yet to be received in cash are recorded as pledges receivable and revenue. Pledges receivable at June 30, 2016 and 2015 consists of the following:

	2016	2015
Pledges receivable	\$ 690,986	\$ 625,052
High Fidelity pledges receivable	-	616,091
Allowance for uncollectible High Fidelity pledges	-	(239,375)
	-	376,716
	\$ 690,986	\$ 1,001,768

	2016	2015
Amounts due in:		
Less than one year	\$ 245,305	\$ 730,809
One to five years	445,681	270,959
	\$ 690,986	\$ 1,001,768

Prior to fiscal year 2016, High Fidelity pledges included one-year donor commitments that were recorded as pledges receivable. The sustaining membership program no longer includes this commitment and therefore a receivable is not recorded (revenue is recognized on a monthly basis).

Note 7. Investments

Investments at June 30, 2016 and 2015 consisted of:

	2016	2015
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ 641,303
Money market mutual fund	148,657	1,151,669
Zero-coupon bond	12,426,480	4,811,950
Fixed income securities	-	5,329,579
Equity mutual funds	18,470,850	16,945,660
	\$ 31,045,987	\$ 28,880,161

Investment return was as follows for the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015:

	2016	2015
Net realized gain on investments	\$ 560,004	\$ 1,327,519
Net unrealized gain (loss) on investments	970,462	(406,231)
Total realized and unrealized gain on investments	1,530,466	921,288
Interest and dividend income	436,305	508,617
	\$ 1,966,771	\$ 1,429,905

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Note 8. Fair Value Measurements

The Organization follows ASC Topic 820, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosure, which provides the framework for measuring fair value under generally accepted accounting principles. This topic applies to all financial instruments that are being measured and reported on a fair value basis. As defined in the Topic, fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. In determining fair value, the Organization uses various methods including market, income, and cost approaches. Based on these approaches, the Organization often utilizes certain assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, including assumptions about risk and/or the risks inherent in the inputs to the valuation technique. These inputs can be readily observable, market corroborated, or generally unobservable inputs. The Organization utilizes valuation techniques that maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. Based on the observability of the inputs used on the valuation techniques, the Organization is required to provide the following information according to the fair value hierarchy. The fair value hierarchy ranks the quality and reliability of the information used to determine fair values. Financial assets and liabilities carried at fair value will be classified and disclosed in one of the following three categories:

Level 1. Valuations for assets and liabilities traded in active exchange markets, such as the New York Stock Exchange. Level 1 assets primarily include zero-coupon bonds, equities, money market funds, U.S. Government securities and mutual funds. Valuations are obtained from readily available pricing sources for market transactions involving identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2. Valuations for assets and liabilities traded in less active dealer or broker markets. Valuations are obtained from third-party pricing services for identical or similar assets or liabilities. Level 2 assets include corporate notes, government-sponsored enterprises and interest rate swaps.

Level 3. Valuations for assets and liabilities that are derived from other valuation methodologies, including option pricing models, discounted cash flow models and similar techniques, and not based on market exchange, dealer, or broker traded transactions. Level 3 valuations incorporate certain assumptions and projections in determining the fair value assigned to such assets or liabilities.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, the application of valuation techniques applied to similar assets and liabilities has been consistent with techniques used in the previous year.

Mutual funds are valued at the net asset value of shares held by the Organization at year-end.

The fair value of fixed income securities is estimated using recently executed transactions, market price quotations (where observable) or bond spreads. When observable price quotations are not available, fair value is determined based on cash flow models with yield curves, bond spreads and recovery rates based on collateral values as key inputs (categorized in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy).

The Organization's valuation of the interest-rate swap agreement is based on widely accepted valuation techniques, including discounted cash flow analysis on the expected cash flows of the interest rate swap agreement. This analysis reflects the contractual terms of the agreement, including the period to maturity, and uses observable market-based inputs, including LIBOR rate curves. The fair value estimates are classified as Level 2.

In certain cases, the inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, an investment's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The Organization's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment, and considers factors specific to the investment.

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The Organization assesses the levels of the investments at each measurement date, and transfers between levels are recognized on the actual date of the event or change in circumstances that caused the transfer in accordance with the Organization's accounting policy regarding the recognition of transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy. There were no such transfers for the year ended June 30, 2016.

The table below presents the balances of assets and liabilities measured at fair value as of June 30, 2016 and 2015:

	June 30, 2016			
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Money market mutual fund	\$ 148,657	\$ 148,657	\$ -	\$ -
Zero-coupon bonds	12,426,480	12,426,480	-	-
Equity mutual funds:				
U.S. Equity	9,159,693	9,159,693	-	-
U.S. Equity funds	9,311,157	9,311,157	-	-
Total investments	<u>\$ 31,045,987</u>	<u>\$ 31,045,987</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Interest rate swap	<u>\$ (641,810)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (641,810)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
	June 30, 2015			
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Money market mutual fund	\$ 1,151,669	\$ 1,151,669	\$ -	\$ -
Zero-coupon bonds	4,811,950	4,811,950	-	-
Fixed income securities:				
U.S. Government bonds	304,102	304,102	-	-
Corporate and other taxable bonds	3,873,002	-	3,873,002	-
Alternatives - low volatility	1,152,475	1,152,475	-	-
Equity mutual funds:				
U.S. Equity	9,610,620	9,610,620	-	-
U.S. Equity funds	2,029,291	2,029,291	-	-
International equity	3,318,118	3,318,118	-	-
Alternatives - high volatility	1,459,240	1,459,240	-	-
REIT	328,636	328,636	-	-
Commodities	199,755	199,755	-	-
	<u>28,238,858</u>	<u>\$ 24,365,856</u>	<u>\$ 3,873,002</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>641,303</u>			
Total investments	<u>\$ 28,880,161</u>			
Interest rate swap	<u>\$ (905,305)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (905,305)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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Note 9. Property and Equipment

Station property, equipment and furnishings at June 30, 2016 and 2015 consisted of:

	2016	2015
Land	\$ 1,165,032	\$ 1,165,032
Leasehold improvements	15,791,290	15,606,986
Broadcast equipment	7,846,118	7,790,008
Office equipment	4,525,641	4,478,421
Furnishings	1,298,245	1,298,245
Website	2,336,207	1,653,214
	<u>32,962,533</u>	<u>31,991,906</u>
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>(18,484,140)</u>	<u>(17,406,432)</u>
	<u>\$ 14,478,393</u>	<u>\$ 14,585,474</u>

Land located in Porter County, Indiana, is the site for a radio tower. The Organization considers a portion of this land, in an amount of \$762,233 at June 30, 2016 and 2015, to be land held for sale.

Depreciation charged to expense amounted to \$1,077,708 and \$1,202,448 for the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Note 10. Line of Credit

The Organization has a \$500,000 revolving line-of-credit agreement with BMO Harris Bank, N.A., expiring on June 28, 2017. The Organization has the option of selecting the interest rate at LIBOR plus 1.5 percent or the prime rate plus 1 percent. The Organization did not have any borrowings on the line of credit during the fiscal years ended 2016 and 2015.

Note 11. Promissory Note

Chicago Public Media, Inc. and CPR have an unsecured \$2,500,000 loan agreement with BMO Harris Bank, N.A., with \$1,277,758 and \$1,444,426 outstanding at June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. Chicago Public Media, Inc. and CPR have the option of selecting the interest rate at reserve adjusted LIBOR plus 1.5 percent or the prime rate plus 1 percent. The interest rate at June 30, 2016, was 1.956 percent (2015 – 1.684 percent), which is calculated at reserve adjusted LIBOR plus 1.5 percent. Payments of principal and interest on the loan are due monthly, with a final balloon payment due on or before June 28, 2018. Minimum principal payments by fiscal year are as follows:

2017	\$ 166,668
2018	<u>1,111,090</u>
	<u>\$ 1,277,758</u>

Interest expense on the loans amounted to \$24,969 and \$25,681 for fiscal years 2016 and 2015, respectively.

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Note 12. Revenue Bonds

Pursuant to an agreement with the Illinois Finance Authority, in October 2005 the Organization received the proceeds from the issuance of \$22,000,000 of variable rate demand revenue bonds, Series 2005, which proceeds were to finance the expansion, construction, renovation and equipping of their public radio facilities and to repay the outstanding principal amount of \$7,600,000 of a 1994 bond issuance.

The Series 2005 bonds have a stated maturity in 2040; however, the bonds are subject to redemption or mandatory tender prior to maturity under terms stated in the indenture. The bonds bear interest at a rate determined weekly by the remarketing agent (BMO Harris Bank, N.A., or the Bank) with interest due monthly. This rate averaged approximately 0.125 percent for the year ended June 30, 2016 (2015 – 0.63 percent).

Subject to certain conditions specified in the Indenture, the interest rate on the Series 2005 bonds may be converted to a fixed rate.

The Series 2005 bonds are secured by a transferable irrevocable direct-pay letter of credit issued by the Bank with a maturity date of June 28, 2018. The Organization also has a reimbursement agreement with the Bank. The Organization is required to comply with certain financial covenants which are monitored on both a semiannual and annual basis.

To hedge a portion of its exposure to interest rates on the bonds, the Organization has two interest rate swap agreements with the Bank. The notional amount of the 2011 swap agreement is for \$11,000,000, and has a fixed interest rate of 3.04 percent through June 28, 2018. The Organization obtained an additional swap agreement on October 1, 2012, with a notional amount for \$11,000,000, and has a fixed interest rate of 0.845 percent through October 2, 2017. Interest expense (including letter of credit and remarketing fees) amounted to \$598,090 and \$598,369 in fiscal years 2016 and 2015, respectively.

The fair value of the swap agreements are \$641,810 and \$905,305 at June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively, and is recorded as a liability on the consolidated statements of financial position. For the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, the Organization recorded gains in the amount of \$263,495 and \$101,407, respectively, for the change in the fair value of the swap agreements, as reflected on the consolidated statements of activities.

Note 13. Lease Obligations

The Organization is obligated under noncancelable operating leases for certain spaces and transmission facilities through 2025. The leases generally provide for base rent which is subject to adjustment for a proportionate share of any increases in the Consumer Price Index, operating expenses and real estate taxes.

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Note 13. Lease Obligations (Continued)

Total rent expense under these leases (excluding the Navy Pier rental, see below), was \$562,207 and \$594,172 for the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. Annual future minimum rent payments by fiscal year are as follows:

2017	\$	478,910
2018		438,305
2019		384,027
2020		381,348
2021		391,758
Thereafter		1,347,669
	\$	<u>3,422,017</u>

The Organization occupies its primary operating space under a long-term lease with Navy Pier, Inc., pursuant to which the Organization rents three-dimensional air space above Festival Hall on Navy Pier in Chicago, as well as certain supplemental space. The lease expiration date is in 2095.

In lieu of cash rent under the lease, the Organization is obligated to provide certain specified broadcast acknowledgments and promotional services (Base Rent) each day which will identify that the Organization is broadcasting from Navy Pier and will promote events and activities occurring at Navy Pier. In the event the Organization is unable or fails to render these forms of Base Rent, the Base Rent required to be paid under the lease will be the fair market rental value of the premises, which shall be determined in accordance with procedures set forth in the lease. The Organization is not responsible under the lease for any share of the costs of repairing or maintaining the common areas of Navy Pier. Management has determined the fair value of this lease to be, and has recorded in-kind contribution revenue and rental expense of equal amounts, \$970,200 for the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015.

Note 14. Restricted Net Assets

Temporarily restricted net assets were available for the following uses:

	2016	2015
Springfield, Illinois reporting	\$ -	\$ 135,000
Internship program	158,333	266,667
Vocalo	150,000	25,000
Campaign pledges receivable	384,220	487,823
Digital archiving (Legacy of Listening)	500,000	-
High Fidelity	-	377,230
<i>Sound Opinions</i>	50,000	100,000
Time restricted	2,168,071	-
	<u>\$ 3,410,624</u>	<u>\$ 1,391,720</u>

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Note 14. Restricted Net Assets (Continued)

Net assets released from donor restrictions were as follows:

	2016	2015
Springfield, Illinois reporting	\$ 135,000	\$ 104,730
Internship program	108,333	123,937
Vocalo	325,000	180,000
Capital Campaign Installments Due	187,323	120,284
Digital archiving (Legacy of Listening)	300,000	-
High Fidelity	377,228	813,852
<i>Sound Opinions</i>	50,000	50,000
Front and Center project	260,000	138,369
Curious City	50,000	-
Time restrictions	36,014	406,015
	<u>\$ 1,828,898</u>	<u>\$ 1,937,187</u>

Contributions restricted for specific programs or purposes are monitored by management to ensure funds are being expended in accordance with donor requests. Time restrictions released of \$36,014 consists of \$574,105 of net assets released from donor restrictions during fiscal year 2016 net of \$538,091 transferred from unrestricted net assets to temporarily restricted net assets for multi-year pledges that should have been recorded as temporarily restricted net assets at June 30, 2015.

Note 15. Corporation for Public Broadcasting Grants

Each year, the Organization receives a Community Service Grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB). This amount represents the Organization's share of an annual appropriation made by Congress for public broadcasting. The CPB Community Service Grant received by the Organization for the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 was as follows:

	2016	2015
Corporation for Public Broadcasting - Community Service Grant	<u>\$ 1,240,949</u>	<u>\$ 1,294,948</u>

Note 16. Employee Benefit Plan

The Organization maintains The Chicago Public Media, Inc. Tax-Deferred Annuity Plan (Plan), which is exempt from income taxes under Internal Revenue Code Section 403(b), for the benefit of eligible employees. The Organization matches 100 percent of employee contributions up to 4 percent of the employee's compensation. Employees can participate in the Plan immediately, but they must have one year of service and be at least 21 years of age before they are eligible to receive matching contributions. Participants in the Plan are immediately vested in both their contributions and the matching contributions.

Matching contributions totaled \$231,244 and \$281,676 for the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

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Note 17. Subsequent Event

The Organization has evaluated subsequent events for potential recognition and/or disclosure through November 22, 2016, the date the consolidated financial statements were available to be issued.