Financial Report June 30, 2022

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#### **Independent Auditor's Report**

Board of Trustees The Brookings Institution

#### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Brookings Institution (Brookings), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2022, the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Brookings as of June 30, 2022, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Brookings and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Brookings' ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are issued or available to be issued.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal control.

THE POWER OF BEING UNDERSTOOD AUDIT | TAX | CONSULTING Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and Government Auditing Standards, we

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Brookings' internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Brookings' ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

## **Report on Summarized Comparative Information**

We have previously audited Brookings' 2021 financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated November 29, 2021. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 23, 2022 on our consideration of Brookings' internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of Brookings' internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Brookings' internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

RSM US LLP

Washington, D.C. November 23, 2022

Statement of Financial Position June 30, 2022 (With Comparative Totals for 2021) (In Thousands)

		2021	
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	38,990	\$ 37,112
Receivables, net		30,420	32,895
Investments		430,819	469,601
Property and equipment, net		26,176	26,106
Other assets		2,594	2,530
Total assets	<u></u> \$	528,999	\$ 568,244
Liabilities and Net Assets			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	10,221	\$ 9,641
Refundable advances and deferred revenue		8,498	6,649
Accrued post-retirement benefit obligation		768	982
Note payable, net		43,036	43,837
Total liabilities		62,523	61,109
Net assets:			
Without donor restrictions		241,366	272,355
With donor restrictions		225,110	234,780
Total net assets		466,476	507,135
Total liabilities and net assets	\$	528,999	\$ 568,244

See notes to financial statements.

# Statement of Activities Year Ended June 30, 2022 (With Comparative Totals for 2021) (In Thousands)

	2022 Without With						_	
		Donor		Donor				2021
		Restrictions	Re	estrictions		Total		Total
Revenue and support:		reconnectione				Total		Total
Investment return designated for operations	\$	15,560	\$	6,068	\$	21,628	\$	18,893
Grants and contracts	•	2.704		28,826	•	31,530		20,791
Contributions		5,064		33,624		38,688		26,176
Program service revenue		1,298		-		1,298		1,238
Brookings press		1,529		-		1,529		1,374
Interest, dividends and currency exchange								
gains		76		-		76		9
Other income		57		-		57		76
Net assets released from restrictions		63,112		(63,112)		-		-
Total revenue and support		89,400		5,406		94,806		68,557
Expenses:								
Program services:								
Economic studies		14,014		-		14,014		14,018
Foreign policy studies		10,629		-		10,629		11,213
Global economy and development		11,950		-		11,950		10,788
Governance studies		10,124		-		10,124		9,314
Institutional initiatives		1,463		-		1,463		3,406
Metropolitan policy		9,630		-		9,630		8,444
Brookings press		2,012		-		2,012		1,827
Web and communications		4,599		-		4,599		4,647
Total program services		64,421		-		64,421		63,657
Supporting services:								
Management and general		19,163		-		19,163		17,741
Fundraising		2,845		-		2,845		2,799
Total expenses		86,429		-		86,429		84,197
Change in net assets before								
non-operating activities		2,971		5,406		8,377		(15,640)

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Statement of Activities (Continued) Year Ended June 30, 2022 (With Comparative Totals for 2021) (In Thousands)

	Without		With		-	
	Donor		Donor			2021
	Restrictions	R	Restrictions	Total		Total
Non-operating activities:						
Investment return (loss) in excess of amounts						
designated for operations:						
Realized and unrealized (loss) gain						
on investments	\$ (19,885)	\$	(9,008) \$	(28,893)	\$	104,928
Interest and dividends	1,271		-	1,271		454
Investment income allocation	(15,560)		(6,068)	(21,628)		(18,893)
Total investment return (under) in						
excess of amounts designated						
for operations	 (34,174)		(15,076)	(49,250)		86,489
Other non-operating activities:						
Post-retirement related changes	 214		-	214		322
Total non-operating activities	 (33,960)		(15,076)	(49,036)		86,811
Change in net assets	(30,989)		(9,670)	(40,659)		71,171
Net assets:						
Beginning	 272,355		234,780	507,135		435,964
Ending	\$ 241,366	\$	225,110 \$	466,476	\$	507,135

See notes to financial statements.

Statement of Functional Expenses Year Ended June 30, 2022 (With Comparative Totals for 2021) (In Thousands)

	Program Services															
				Foreign		Global										
	Economic Studies		Policy Studies		Economy and Development		Governance Studies		Institutional Initiatives		Metropolitan Policy		Brookings Press	Web and Communications		
Salaries and benefits	\$	10,523	\$	8,269	\$	8,884	\$	7,083	\$	1,111	\$	7,196	\$	776	\$	2,848
Travel		25		134		90		14		9		45		-		6
Conference		76		129		100		31		1		36		6		5
Contractors/professional fees		1,763		737		1,536		2,029		201		1,328		132		233
Occupancy		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-
Editing and publishing		72		39		286		52		1		33		596		87
Communications and mailing		16		39		33		5		1		3		52		-
General supplies		11		4		6		6		-		10		-		-
Information technology		36		11		29		11		25		157		19		759
Marketing and fulfillment		3		-		5		2		-		-		205		37
Other direct costs		217		51		105		30		6		63		37		60
Interest		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-
Bad debt		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-
Depreciation and amortization		1		-		-		-		-		12		-		9
Taxes and licenses		-		3		21		1		-		-		-		-
Program facilities costs		1,271		1,213		855		860		108		747		189		555
Total – operating expenses		14,014		10,629		11,950		10,124		1,463		9,630		2,012		4,599
Allocated costs:																
Information technology		1,049		797		887		666		110		701		-		-
Web and communications		839		637		709		533		88		561		-		(3,367)
Management and administration		2,462		1,869		2,080		1,563		257		1,644		-		-
Total expenses	\$	18,364	\$	13,932	\$	15,626	\$	12,886	\$	1,918	\$	12,536	\$	2,012	\$	1,232

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Statement of Functional Expenses (Continued) Year Ended June 30, 2022 (With Comparative Totals for 2021) (In Thousands)

					Sup	porting Services	5				_			
		M	lanage	ement and Gene	ral		-				_			
				Information Technology		Facility	Ма	Total anagement and				2022		2021
	Admiı	nistration		Services		Services		General		Fundraising		Total		Total
Salaries and benefits	\$	8,430	\$	3,760	\$	923	\$	13,113	\$	2,306	\$	62,109	\$	61,112
Travel	•	64	Ŧ	5	Ŧ	-	•	69	Ŧ	48	Ŧ	440	•	98
Conference		11		5		4		20		175		579		243
Contractors/professional fees		1,570		1,472		178		3,220		47		11,226		12,040
Occupancy		-		-		2,752		2,752		-		2,752		2,255
Editing and publishing		-		3		_,		_,		26		1,196		1,036
Communications and mailing		13		153		10		176		8		333		339
General supplies		7		34		28		69		15		121		137
Information technology		148		1,641		48		1,837		3		2,887		2,347
Marketing and fulfillment		-		-		-		-		-		252		269
Other direct costs		707		46		89		842		217		1,628		1,093
Interest		-		-		728		728				728		742
Bad debt		-		-		-		-		-		-		74
Depreciation and amortization		236		504		1,361		2,101		-		2,123		2,349
Taxes and licenses		30		-		-		30		-		55		63
Program facilities costs		-		-		(5,798)		(5,798)		-		-		-
Total – operating														
expenses		11,216		7,623		324		19,163		2,845		86,429		84,197
Allocated costs:														
Information technology		-		(4,210)		-		(4,210)		-		-		-
Web and communications		-		(,		-		(,		-		-		-
Management and administration		(9,875)		-		-		(9,875)		-		-		-
Total expenses	\$	1,341	\$	3,413	\$	324	\$	5,078	\$	2,845	\$	86,429	\$	84,197

See notes to financial statements.

## Statement of Cash Flows Year Ended June 30, 2022 (With Comparative Totals for 2021) (In Thousands)

	2022	2021
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Change in net assets	\$ (40,659) \$	71,171
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash		
provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization expense	2,123	2,349
Loss on disposal of equipment	5	-
Amortization of discount on receivables	242	(864)
Change in allowance for receivables	(1)	-
Contributions restricted in perpetuity to endowment	(6,092)	(4,132)
Loss on uncollectible contributions	10	899
Amortization of bond issuance costs	16	17
Realized and unrealized losses and (gains), interest and dividends on investments,		
net of investments expenses and amounts appropriated for expenses	49,250	(86,489)
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) decrease in:		
Receivables	2,224	30,535
Other assets	(64)	(268)
Increase (decrease) in:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	580	995
Refundable advances and deferred revenue	1,849	4,639
Accrued post-retirement benefit obligation	(214)	(322)
Net cash provided by operating activities	 9,269	18,530
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchases of investments	(243,629)	(162,122)
Proceeds from sales of investments	233,161	153,240
Purchases of property and equipment	(2,198)	(735)
Net cash used in investing activities	 (12,666)	(9,617)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Principal payments on note payable	(817)	(804)
Payments on endowment pledges	6,092	4,132
Net cash provided by financing activities	5,275	3,328
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	1,878	12,241
Cash and cash equivalents:		
Beginning	 37,112	24,871
Ending	\$ 38,990 \$	37,112
Supplemental disclosure of each flow information:		
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information: Cash paid for interest	\$ 712 \$	726

See notes to financial statements.

#### **Notes to Financial Statements**

#### Note 1. Nature of Activities and Significant Accounting Policies

**Nature of activities:** The Brookings Institution (Brookings) is a nonprofit public policy organization that conducts in-depth, independent research with the goal of improving governance and solving problems facing society at the local, national and global level. Brookings achieves impact by providing policy analysis and recommendations on pressing policy challenges, which are disseminated through reports, books, media appearances, op-eds, blog posts, Congressional testimony, events and opinion pieces posted on Brookings's website, as well as briefings for policymakers and their staff. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., Brookings is organized into five research programs that focus on domestic and international economics, foreign policy, international development, governance and metropolitan policy.

Brookings' funds are allocated to the following program areas:

*Economic Studies:* Economic Studies monitors the global economy and seeks answers to economic policy issues in the United States. The program's research aims to increase the public's understanding of how the economy works and how to make programs and policies better.

*Foreign Policy Studies:* Foreign Policy conducts research, analysis and dialogue in order to inform public understanding and policy decisions concerning the most pressing geopolitical and security issues facing the U.S. policymaking community and the world.

**Global Economy and Development:** Global Economy and Development examines the opportunities and challenges presented by globalization, which has become a central concern for policymakers, business executives and civil society. Global experts address the issues surrounding globalization within three key areas: the drivers shaping the global economy, the road out of poverty and the rise of new economic powers.

*Governance Studies:* Governance Studies brings together people interested in improving the performance of our national government and the economic security, social welfare and opportunity available to all Americans.

*Institutional Initiatives:* Includes research initiatives of the Executive Office and cross-program research efforts. It also includes expenses associated with partnerships with two universities: The Brookings Mountain West program with the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and the WashU at BROOKINGS program, a partnership with Washington University in St. Louis.

*Metropolitan Policy:* The Metropolitan Policy Program redefines the challenges facing metropolitan America and promotes innovative solutions to help communities grow in more inclusive, competitive and sustainable ways.

**Brookings Press:** The Brookings Press publishes public policy research books from Brookings' own scholars, as well as outside authors. The publications provide extensive background and insight on important public policy issues in business, economics, government and international affairs.

**Web and Communications:** The Central Communications team promotes the work of Brookings scholars to a wide range of niche and general audiences and protects and maintains the Brookings brand. In coordination with research program staff, Central Communications provides strategic counsel, manages the Brookings website and digital footprint (including social media properties and newsletters), oversees public Brookings events and serves as producer for the Brookings Podcast Network.

#### **Notes to Financial Statements**

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

A summary of Brookings' significant accounting policies follows:

**Basis of accounting:** Brookings' financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. In accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP), unconditional gifts and grants, including promises to give, is recorded when received, other revenue is recognized when earned, and expenses are recognized when the obligations are incurred.

**Basis of presentation:** The financial statement presentation follows the recommendations of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) in its Accounting Standards Codification (ASC). As required by the Non-Profit Entities topic of the Codification, Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Organizations, Brookings is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets: with donor restrictions and without donor restrictions.

**Cash and cash equivalents:** Cash includes currency on hand and demand deposits held by financial institutions. Cash equivalents includes short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and are so near maturity that they present insignificant interest rate risk.

Cash in U.S. banks may, at times, exceed federally insured limits. Brookings has not experienced any losses in such accounts and believes its exposure for such losses is insignificant.

**Financial assets and liquidity resources:** ASU 2016-14, *Not-for-Profit Entities (Topic 958): Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities,* requires a nonprofit entity to present information about the availability of and how it manages its liquid available resources to meet cash needs for general expenditures within one year of the date of the statement of financial position.

Brookings has various sources of liquidity at its disposal, including cash and cash equivalents, investments, receivables due within one year and a line of credit. Brookings strategically manages these financial resources to maximize investment return on funds not required for operations. As part of liquidity management, Brookings invests cash in excess of six-month requirements in low-risk liquid short-term investments. Brookings operates with a balanced budget and, in conjunction with its cash management procedure, closely monitors budget and forecast performance metrics. The most significant element of the Brookings business model is the ongoing pursuit of contributions and grants to support its mission. Since grantors typically provide advance funding to support project activities, the cost of these activities is generally cash-neutral or cash-positive, and thereby mitigates the risk of cash shortfalls necessitating utilization of Brookings' prior year resources, reserves or the line of credit.

Financial assets and liquidity resources available for general expenditure within one year of the June 30, 2022, statement of financial position include the following (in thousands):

	A	Available
Financial assets available on June 30, 2022:		
Cash and cash equivalents, available	\$	35,990
Accounts receivable due in one year		19,471
Investments:		
Board-directed reserve		4,748
Short-term investments		13,968
Financial assets available on June 30, 2022, for current use	\$	74,177

#### **Notes to Financial Statements**

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

**Receivables:** Receivables include grants and contracts and promises to give as follows:

- **Grants and contracts:** Grants and contract receivable are carried at original unbilled or invoiced amount less an estimate made for doubtful receivables based on a review of all outstanding amounts.
- **Promises to give:** Unconditional promises to give are recorded as contribution revenue upon receipt of the promise. Promises that are expected to be collected within one year are recorded at their net realizable value. Promises that are expected to be collected beyond one year are recorded at the net present value of anticipated future cash flows. An allowance for uncollectible contributions receivable is provided based upon management's judgment of potential defaults.

Receivables are recorded at their net realizable value. Accounts past due are individually analyzed for collectability. When all collection efforts have been exhausted, the account is written off against an allowance account. Management annually adjusts the allowance account based upon its estimate of those accounts receivable it believes to be uncollectible. The allowance at June 30, 2022, was \$0.9 million.

**Investments:** Investments consist of U.S. treasury funds, money market funds, separately managed equity securities and shares held in pooled funds and partnerships. These investments include both foreign and domestic securities. As part of the respective underlying strategies, the investment managers employ various financial strategies, all of which carry a certain degree of risk of investment loss. Specifically, market risk relates to the possibility that invested assets within a particular strategy may experience loss due to prevailing market conditions. Brookings has adopted a diversified asset allocation policy to avoid undue concentration of risk and to take advantage of market inefficiencies.

Investments are stated at fair value in the financial statements. 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. The estimated fair value of investments that are not listed on national markets or over-the-counter markets and for which quoted market prices are not available, and which are generally subject to certain withdrawal restrictions, is provided by the general partners or external investment managers and may be based on historical cost, appraisals, obtainable prices for similar assets or other estimates. Because of the inherent uncertainty of the valuation of these investments may differ from values that would have been used had a ready market for the investments existed. Brookings reviews and evaluates the values provided by its investment managers and agrees with the valuation methods and assumptions used in determining the fair value. These financial investments include both assets and liabilities in the underlying partnership funds, which are combined into a net asset value (NAV). Future events could impact asset valuations as well as estimates of fair value related to liabilities. For disclosure of fair value inputs and valuation techniques see Note 4.

Unrealized gains and losses are determined by comparison of cost to fair value at the beginning and end of the reporting period. Realized gains and losses on sales of investments are recorded on the trade date of the transaction.

Donated investments are recorded in the financial statements at fair value on the date of donation.

**Derivative financial instruments and hedging activities:** Brookings invests with certain funds who may utilize various derivative strategies (e.g., options, warrants, futures, swaps, etc.). Derivatives are traded contracts whose value is derived from the price movements of an underlying security and they are typically used to hedge certain types of investment risk (e.g., interest rate, currency, etc.) or otherwise meet the stated objectives of the fund.

#### Notes to Financial Statements

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

**Financial instruments with off-balance sheet risk:** In the course of the trading activities entered into by Brookings' various investment managers, certain financial instruments involve, to varying degrees, elements of market risk and credit risk in excess of the amounts recorded in the financial statements. As previously stated, market risk is the potential for changes in the value of investment assets due to market forces, including the interest and foreign exchange rate movements and fluctuations that are embedded in the security prices. This risk is also affected by the volatility and liquidity of the markets in which the related underlying assets are traded. Credit risk is the possibility that a loss may occur due to the failure of the counter party to meet its financial obligation as stated in the terms of the contract. Brookings' risk of loss in the event of counter party default is typically limited to the amounts recognized in the accompanying statement of financial position and does not include the notional amounts of the specific contracts.

*Fair value measurements:* The ASC topic on fair value measurement for financial assets and liabilities measured on a recurring basis defines fair value and establishes a framework for measuring fair value in accordance with U.S. GAAP. The topic emphasizes that fair value is a market-based measurement, not an entity-specific measurement and, therefore, a fair value measurement should be determined based on the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability.

As a basis for considering market participant assumptions in fair value measurements, the topic established a fair value hierarchy based upon the transparency of the inputs to the valuation of an asset or liability. These inputs may be observable, whereby, the market participant assumptions are developed based on market data obtained from independent sources, and unobservable, whereby, assumptions about market participant assumptions are developed by the reporting entity based on the best information available in the circumstances. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

- Level 1: Inputs based on quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities accessible at the measurement date.
- Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets.
- **Level 3:** Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability, including the reporting entity's own assumptions in determining the fair value measurement.

Brookings' assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of June 30, 2022, are presented in accordance with the fair value measurement standards in Note 4.

**Property, equipment and depreciation:** All acquisitions of furniture and equipment greater than \$5,000, including computer equipment and software, are capitalized at cost and are depreciated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, which range from 3 to 20 years, with no salvage value. Costs incurred in the development of software for internal use are expensed during the preliminary and post-implementation operation stages, including data conversion, training and maintenance costs. Costs incurred during the application development stage of software development are capitalized. The buildings are stated at cost and are depreciated using the straight-line method over an estimated useful life of 50 years, with no salvage value. Building improvements greater than \$5,000 are capitalized and amortized using the straight-line method over the remaining estimated life of the related building or the estimated life of the asset, whichever is less. Expenditures for minor repairs and maintenance costs are expensed when incurred. Land and artwork are recorded at cost or fair value at time of donation. Upon the retirement or disposal of assets, the cost and accumulated depreciations are eliminated from the respective accounts and the resulting gain or loss is included in revenue or expenses.

#### Notes to Financial Statements

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

**Valuation of long-lived assets:** Brookings accounts for the valuation of long-lived assets by reviewing such assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. Recoverability of the long-lived asset is measured by a comparison of the carrying amount of the asset to future undiscounted net cash flows expected to be generated by the asset. If such assets are considered to be impaired, the impairment to be recognized is measured by the amount by which the carrying amount of the assets exceeds the estimated fair value of the assets. Assets to be disposed of are reportable at the lower of the carrying amount or fair value, less costs to sell. There were no impairments of long-lived assets at June 30, 2022.

**Net assets:** Brookings' resources are classified for accounting and reporting purposes into net asset groups based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. The net asset groups are as follows:

- **Net assets without donor restrictions:** Resources available to support Brookings' general operations and includes board designated net assets and quasi-endowment funds.
- **Net assets with donor restrictions:** Resources received by Brookings from contributors or grantors that are purpose-restricted, time-restricted or both purpose and time restricted. Time restrictions include resources received with donor instructions that they be held by Brookings in perpetuity. Investment earnings on these perpetual assets with purpose restrictions accrue to the purpose designated by the donor.

In fiscal year 2005, the Brookings Board of Trustees (Board) directed placement of \$5 million of net assets without donor restrictions in a discrete reserve fund. The fund is available to Brookings, with Board approval, to fund specific costs or activities, including operating losses, and to be the repository for operating earnings. In fiscal year 2012, the Board approved the use of the reserve to support unfunded strategic priorities. On July 22, 2021, the Brookings's Budget and Finance Committee authorized the use of this strategic reserve fund towards Brookings's approved technology initiatives.

In February 2015, a second reserve was established, to be funded with up to \$0.5 million excess net assets without donor restrictions each year, on a discretionary basis. On July 22, 2021, the Brookings's Budget and Finance Committee resolved that Strategic Reserve II will be held for future unfunded institutional strategic priorities. The amount of net assets without donor restrictions in this board designated strategic reserve amounted to \$4.721 million.

**Revenue recognition:** Brookings recognizes unconditional contributions, non-federal grants and contracts, including unconditional promises to give, as revenue in the period received, and/or when unconditional promises are received. All unconditional contributions, non-federal grants and contracts are considered to be available for unrestricted use, unless specifically restricted by the donor. Unconditional gifts, grants and contracts that are expected to be collected within one year are recorded at net realizable value. Unconditional gifts, grants and contracts that are expected to be collected in future years are recorded at the present value of their estimated future cash flows. The discounts on these amounts are computed using market rates that are commensurate with the risks identified. The portion of unconditional gifts, grants and contracts that was discounted in prior fiscal years but is collected in the current year is recorded as revenue in the current year. Contributions, non-federal grants and contracts that have been committed to Brookings but have not been received are reflected as receivable in the accompanying statement of financial position.

#### Notes to Financial Statements

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

Net assets with donor restrictions become net assets without donor restrictions when the respective time restriction expires, or during the period the funds are used for the restricted purpose. The conversion of net assets with donor restrictions to net assets without donor restrictions is reported in the accompanying statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Brookings receives funding under grants and contracts from the U.S. government and other grantors for direct and indirect program costs. This funding is subject to contractual restrictions which must be met through incurring qualifying expenses for particular programs. Such grants are considered conditional contributions due to these imposed barriers and right of return or release and are recorded as revenue without donor restrictions to the extent that related conditions are met. Amounts received from these sources but not yet earned are reported as refundable advances in the accompanying statement of financial position.

**Endowments:** The ASC topic on Not-For-Profit Entities provides guidance on the net asset classification of donor-restricted endowment funds for a nonprofit organization that is subject to an enacted version of the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act of 2006 (UPMIFA). Brookings is subject to the District of Columbia enacted UPMIFA. The ASC requires disclosures about an organization's endowed funds (both donor-restricted endowment funds and board designated endowment funds).

**Allocation of expenses:** Expenses have been summarized on a functional basis in the accompanying statement of activities. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the program and supporting services benefited. Occupancy expenses, other than those costs directly related to facilities revenue, are allocated to program and supporting services.

**Measure of operations:** The statement of activities separately reports changes in net assets from operating and changes in net assets from non-operating activities. Operating activities consist primarily of revenues and expenses related to ongoing research programs and administrative activities, including contributions and grants, investment income from operating activities consist primarily of return appropriated from long-term investments. Non-operating activities consist primarily of returns generated by long-term investments in excess of amounts appropriated for operating activities and changes in the value of post-retirement benefit obligations.

**Income taxes:** Brookings is exempt from federal income taxes on its exempt activities under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code) and has been designated by the IRS as a publicly supported organization under Section 509(a)(1) of the Code. Brookings engages in certain activities that produce unrelated business income, as defined by federal income tax regulations.

When tax returns are filed, it is highly certain that some positions taken would be sustained upon examination by the taxing authorities, while others are subject to uncertainty about the merits of the position taken or the amount of the position that would be ultimately sustained. The benefit of a tax position is recognized in the financial statements in the period during which, based on all available evidence, management believes it is more likely than not that the position will be sustained upon examination, including the resolution of appeals or litigation processes, if any. Tax positions taken are not offset or aggregated with other positions. Tax positions that meet the more likely than not recognition threshold are measured as the largest amount of tax benefit that is more than 50% likely of being realized upon settlement with the applicable taxing authority. The portion of the benefits associated with tax positions taken that exceeds the amount measured as described above is reflected as a liability for unrecognized tax benefits in the accompanying statement of financial position, along with any associated interest and penalties that would be payable to the taxing authorities upon examination.

#### Notes to Financial Statements

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

Brookings files income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction. As of June 30, 2022, and for the year then ended, there were no material unrecognized/derecognized tax benefits or tax penalties or interest.

Generally, Brookings is no longer subject to U.S. federal income tax examinations by tax authorities for three years from the filing date.

**Reclassifications:** Certain amounts related to prior year have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation with no effect on the previously reported change in net assets.

**Use of estimates:** The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Upcoming accounting pronouncements:** 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 statement of financial position 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 statement of activities. In June 2020, the FASB issued ASU 2020-05, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606) and Leases (Topic 842): Effective Dates for Certain Entities,* which defers the effective date an additional year, making it effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2021. A modified retrospective transition approach is required for lessees for capital and operating leases existing at, or entered into after, the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented in the financial statements, with certain practical expedients available. Brookings is currently evaluating the impact of its pending adoption of the new standard on the financial statements.

**Subsequent events:** Brookings has evaluated subsequent events through November 23, 2022, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.

#### Note 2. Receivables

Receivables consist of unconditional contributions and also eligible expenses incurred on conditional grants after conditions are met. Receivables are expected to be collected within one year are recorded at their net realizable value. Grants and contributions expected to be collected after one year are recorded at their present value using a discount rate ranging between 1.80% and 3.60% for the respective periods of collection. As of June 30, 2022, receivables were due as follows (dollar in thousands):

Less than one year	\$ 19,471
One to five years	12,440
More than five years	 300
	 32,211
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	(900)
Less unamortized discount to present value	 (891)
	\$ 30,420

Brookings has conditional grants from grantors and donors of \$29.869 million as of June 30, 2022. Future payments are contingent upon Brookings meeting donor-imposed barriers and rights of return to the donors stipulated by the grant agreement.

## **Notes to Financial Statements**

#### Note 3. Investments

Investments are stated at fair value and include cash equivalents held for investment purposes. As of June 30, 2022, investments consisted of the following (dollars in thousands):

Investments:	
Money market funds	\$ 7,088
U.S. Treasury fund	35,352
Developed market public equities	
Separately managed	21,468
Pooled funds	115,595
Equity-biased funds	60,740
Emerging market equities funds	39,800
Hedge and credit strategies	41,604
Venture Capital & Partnerships	
Natural resources	35,991
Real assets	32,530
Private equity	 26,683
	416,851
Other investments:	
Money market funds	172
U.S. Treasury fund	4,756
Developed market public equities	 9,040
	13,968
Total investments	\$ 430,819

#### **Notes to Financial Statements**

#### Note 4. Fair Value Measurements

The following table summarizes Brookings' assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of June 30, 2022, in accordance with fair value measurement standards (dollars in thousands):

		Quot	ted Prices in	S	ignificant					
		Acti	ive Markets		Other	Sigi	nificant	In	vestments	
		for Identical Assets/Liabilities			bservable	Unob	servable	Measured at		
	Total Fair				Inputs	In	puts		NAV	
	Value	(	(Level 1)	(	Level 2)	(Le	evel 3)		(a)	
Investments:										
Money market funds	\$ 7,088	\$	7,088	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
U.S. Treasury fund	 35,352		-		35,352		-		-	
Long-biased equities:										
Developed market public funds	26,417		18,416		8,001		-		-	
Emerging markets funds	-		-		-		-		-	
Real assets	14,868		-		14,868		-		-	
Total long-biased equities	41,285		18,416		22,869		-		-	
Non-marketable alternatives	333,126		-		-		-		333,126	
Total Investments	 416,851		25,504		58,221		-		333,126	
Other investments:										
Money market funds	172		172		-		-		-	
U.S. Treasury fund	4,756		-		4,756		-		-	
Developed market public funds	9,040		9,040		-		-		-	
Total other investments	 13,968		9,212		4,756		-		-	
Total assets held at fair value	\$ 430,819	\$	34,716	\$	62,977	\$	-	\$	333,126	

(a) Investments measured at fair value using NAV per share (or its equivalent) preferred practical expedient have not been changed within the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table, are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to amounts presented in the statement of financial position.

Brookings used the following methods and significant assumptions to estimate fair value for its assets recorded at fair value:

**U.S. Treasury fund, money market funds and other long biased equities:** Valued using pricing models, quoted prices in active markets, quoted prices of securities with similar characteristics or discounted cash flows.

*Investments valued at net asset value:* These investments include hedge funds, partnerships and other long-biased equities that are subject to certain liquidity restrictions and generally have no established trading market. Fair value is determined based on the investment's NAV as provided by the fund's management or the general partner of the respective fund. The fair values are based on third-party appraisals, discounted cash flow models and publicly traded companies, among other things. Brookings has performed significant due diligence around the valuation of these investments, including assessments of factors such as manager compliance, price transparency and valuation procedures in place and the ability to redeem at NAV at the measurement date and the existence of certain redemption restrictions at the measurement date, to ensure NAV is an appropriate measure of fair value as of June 30, 2022.

#### **Notes to Financial Statements**

## Note 4. Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

The following table details Brookings' ability to redeem investment funds as of June 30, 2022:

	Number of Funds	Fair Value	-	Jnfunded mmitments	Redemption Frequency if Currently Eligible	Redemption Notice Period (Days)
Levels 1 and 2:						
Money Market	1	\$ 7,088	\$	-	Daily	0-2
U.S. Treasury	1	35,352		-	Daily	0-2
Developed Market Public Equities	4	26,417		-	Daily	0-2
Real Assets	1	14,868		-	Daily	0-2
Non-marketable alternatives:						
Developed Market Public Equities	2	47,466		-	Daily	0-2
Developed Market Public Equities	1	15,139		-	Weekly	7-10
Developed Market Public Equities		-		-	Monthly	7-10
Developed Market Public Equities	1	37,355		-	Quarterly	30-89
Developed Market Public Equities	1	10,686		-	Annually	90
Emerging Markets Equity	1	22,831		-	Daily	0-2
Emerging Markets Equity	2	16,969		-	Monthly	90
Equity-Biased	5	60,740		-	Annually	90
Equity-Biased		-			Annually	5-45
Equity-Biased		-		-	Annually	30-89
Equity-Biased		-		-	Illiquid	n/a
Private Equity	10	26,683		17,680	Illiquid	n/a
Real Assets	11	17,662		8,494	Illiquid	n/a
Credit	1	19,014		-	Annually	30-89
Credit	5	22,590		9,571	Illiquid	n/a
Natural Resources	6	35,991		5,418	Illiquid	n/a
Total Investments		\$ 416,851	\$	41,163		

\* Investment funds with multiple redemption provisions

## Note 5. Property and Equipment

Brookings held the following property and equipment as of June 30, 2022 (dollars in thousands):

Land	\$ 4,156
Buildings and improvements	52,368
Computer equipment and software	13,126
Furniture and equipment	 5,154
	74,804
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	 (48,628)
	\$ 26,176

Depreciation and amortization expense totaled approximately \$2.123 million for the year ended June 30, 2022.

#### Notes to Financial Statements

#### Note 6. Net Assets with Donor Restrictions

At June 30, 2022, net assets with donor restrictions are as follows (dollars in thousands):

Economic studies	\$ 32,846
Governance studies	19,445
Foreign policy	25,089
Institutional and President's special initiatives	15,567
Global economy and development	14,056
Metropolitan policy	9,190
Time restricted	4,239
Endowment – perpetuity	 104,678
	\$ 225,110

#### Note 7. Endowment Funds

Brookings' endowment consists of individual funds established for a variety of purposes. The endowment includes donor-restricted funds to be maintained in perpetuity, and expendable funds, with and without donor restrictions, which have been designated by the Board to function as endowments, or quasiendowments. As of June 30, 2022, Brookings' Endowment had the following net asset composition (dollars in thousands):

	Without Donor Restrictions		With Donor estrictions	Total
Donor-restricted Board designated	\$ - 231,921	\$	152,673 -	\$ 152,673 231,921
Endowment net assets, end of year	\$ 231,921	\$	152,673	\$ 384,594

**Interpretation of relevant law:** Brookings has interpreted UPMIFA as requiring preservation of the original fair value of gifts received with donor instructions that the contributed resources are intended to create or to supplement a fund to be maintained in perpetuity. The perpetual assets are invested, and a portion of the earnings thereon are accumulated or are appropriated for expenditure in a manner consistent with UPMIFA. Accumulated investment earnings are classified as net assets with donor restrictions until the amounts appropriated for expenditure are spent.

**Performance objectives and spending and investment policies:** In accordance with UPMIFA, Brookings considers the following factors in its construct of its investment policies, including the portfolio asset allocation and spending policy:

- The duration and preservation of the fund
- The purposes of Brookings and the donor-restricted endowment fund
- General economic conditions
- The possible effect of inflation and deflation
- The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments
- The availability of other Brookings resources

#### **Notes to Financial Statements**

## Note 7. Endowment Funds (Continued)

As a going concern organization intending to pursue its mission in perpetuity, the Endowment provides the core source of operational funds now and into the future, independent from and not reliant upon external revenue sources. Accordingly, the spending and investment policies are designed in tandem to earn and provide sustainable and reliable amounts annually to support Brookings' programs.

A portion of the portfolio is invested in risk-free U.S. government bonds in order to protect Brookings' immediate spending requirements. On top of this core, the portfolio is invested in diversified layers of less liquid assets that incrementally offer higher return at higher market risk and volatility levels. These additional investments are in publicly traded equities in developed and emerging markets; uncorrelated strategies utilizing bonds, loans, stocks and derivatives; public securities and private partnerships interested in real estate, oil and gas and other tangible assets and partnerships interested in non-public companies. Management continually monitors the portfolio allocation and rebalances as necessary between the multiple asset classes, in order to ensure that liquid funds are available to support the institution, fulfill any investment commitments and maintain a balance of risks among the many external partners and investment strategies.

The specific amount allocated for spending is a 70/30 weighted average of the amount provided to operations in the prior year, adjusted for inflation, and the amount that represents 5% of the market value of the spending funds within the Endowment at the prior December 31. Dramatic decreases or increases in the investment market value are expected therefore to more modestly impact the amount available for the next year in annual support while also intending to mitigate the risk of imprudent over-spending when valuations are unreliably high. In order to provide this amount of support into the future, the Endowment must earn a real return of 5%, annualized, over the long term.

For the year ended June 30, 2022, Brookings' Endowment had the following activity (dollars in thousands):

	R	Without Donor estrictions	R	With Donor estrictions	Total
Endowment net assets, beginning of year Investment income, net of fees Contributions Appropriations for expenditure	\$	266,110 (18,629) - (15,560)	\$	162,322 (9,008) 5,427 (6,068)	\$ 428,432 (27,637) 5,427 (21,628)
Endowment net assets, end of year	\$	231,921	\$	152,673	\$ 384,594

**Net assets with donor restrictions:** The portion of Endowment funds required to be retained in perpetuity, either by explicit donor stipulation or by UPMIFA, is as follows:

Chairs and fellowships	\$ 81,811
General	 22,867
	\$ 104,678

The cumulative appreciation earned on endowment funds restricted in perpetuity is as follows:

With purpose restrictions	\$ 42,708
Without purpose restrictions	 5,287
	\$ 47,995

## **Notes to Financial Statements**

## Note 7. Endowment Funds (Continued)

**Funds with deficiencies:** From time to time, the fair value of assets associated with a donor-restricted endowment fund may fall below the level that the donor or UPMIFA requires be preserved in perpetuity. Generally, such deficient conditions occur in recently created endowment funds when investment market performance has not produced a return greater than Brookings' spending rate. The calculated spending appropriation continues to be made for these funds, often referred to as "underwater," because the perpetual time horizon with which endowment assets are invested ensures any deficiency is likely to be recovered as investment assets appreciate. ASU 2016-14, *Not-for-Profit Entities (Topic 958): Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities* modified previous guidance to now require underwater fund deficiencies be classified as net assets with donor restrictions. On June 30, 2022, there were no underwater Endowment funds in the Brookings portfolio.

## Note 8. Line of Credit and Note Payable

**Line of credit:** Brookings has an unsecured revolving line of credit with a financial institution up to a loan amount of \$5 million, renewed effective January 30, 2022. This line of credit includes an accordion feature which allows Brookings to borrow up to a total loan amount of \$10 million, with the mutual consent of the financial institution for the additional \$5 million. The interest rate was calculated based on the Daily Simple Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR) plus 60 basis points, which was 2.1% as of June 30, 2022. There was no interest expense relating to the line of credit for the year ended June 30, 2022, due to no borrowings during the fiscal year. This credit facility is renewed every three years and currently has been extended with an expiration date of January 31, 2025.

**Tax-exempt bonds and refinancing:** On May 21, 2020, the Institution's District of Columbia Variable Rate Revenue Bonds Series 2015, were modified and refinanced with the current bond holder, TD Bank, to lower the interest rate from 2.518% to 1.63%, subject to certain conditions; to extend the Mandatory Repurchase Date (or put) from February 1, 2030 to May 1, 2040 (with a remaining principal amount of \$26.105 million scheduled to be outstanding in June 2040); and to increase the outstanding principal balance to cover the costs of issuance such that the Issue Price was \$44.953 million. The Bonds have a final maturity of January 1, 2045. The refinancing allowed Brookings to realize total debt service savings. As a result of this bond refinancing, Brookings also recognized the remaining unamortized bond issuance costs as a onetime write-off in the amount of \$0.275 million. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, the interest expense relating to the Bonds (Note Payable) totaled \$0.712 million.

Future scheduled principal repayments under the note payable are as follows (dollars in thousands):

Years ending June 30:	
2023	\$ 830
2024	844
2025	858
2026	872
2027	886
Thereafter	 39,042
	 43,332
Unamortized debt issuance costs	 (296)
	\$ 43,036

#### **Notes to Financial Statements**

#### Note 9. Leases

Brookings has two non-cancellable lease agreements for office space in Washington, D.C. that expire through August 31, 2026. Under the terms of the leases, Brookings is committed to annual rentals adjusted for defined escalations. Office rent expense for the year ended June 30, 2022, amounted to \$0.681 million. Future minimum lease payments and receipts for all operating leases are as follows (dollars in thousands):

	Pa	ayments	F	Receipts	Net
Years ending June 30:					
2023	\$	1,446	\$	(721)	\$ 725
2024		1,485		(745)	740
2025		1,518		(562)	956
2026		1,553		(562)	991
2027		262		(94)	168
Total	\$	6,264	\$	(2,684)	\$ 3,580

#### Note 10. Employee Benefits

**Post-retirement benefits:** Brookings sponsors a health insurance plan to provide certain medical, dental, vision and life insurance benefits to its retirees who retired by June 30, 2004. Brookings makes the same plan available, with the exception of life insurance, to its retirees who retired after June 30, 2004. The amount of premium paid by Brookings is determined by a set cost structure. For both groups, the retiree completely pays the cost of dental and vision insurance.

Brookings has no mandatory retirement age. For employees hired before July 1, 2004, retirement is granted if the person's age is 60 or older and if the combination of the person's age and years of service totals at least 75; for those younger than age 60, the combination of age and years of service must total at least 80. For anyone hired after June 30, 2004, retirement is granted to an employee who is at least age  $63\frac{1}{2}$  and who has at least 10 years of service (the  $63\frac{1}{2}$  rule).

Effective June 30, 2011, Brookings changed the retiree medical plan eligibility conditions. The minimum age requirement under the rule of 75 was removed, but plan participation is now limited to employees who will meet the retirement eligibility requirement by June 30, 2012 (their actual retirement date can be after June 30, 2012). This change reduced the plan's projected obligations and costs. It also significantly reduced the expected years of future service of active plan participants, causing a curtailment, as defined in the applicable accounting rules. The event of a curtailment required accelerated recognition, in FY2011, of the unrecognized prior service related to prior plan amendments.

#### **Notes to Financial Statements**

## Note 10. Employee Benefits (Continued)

The following table summarizes the accumulated post-retirement benefit obligations, the fair value of plan assets and the funded status of the plan at June 30, 2022 (dollars in thousands):

Change in benefit obligation:

Accumulated post-retirement benefit obligation, beginning of fiscal year	\$ 982
Service cost	-
Interest cost	21
Plan amendments	-
Retiree contributions	178
Benefits paid	(252)
Actuarial (gain)	 (161)
Accumulated post-retirement benefit obligation, end of fiscal year	\$ 768
Change in plan assets: Fair value of plan assets, beginning of fiscal year	
Employer contributions	\$ 74
Retiree contributions	178
Benefits paid	 (252)
Fair value of plan assets, end of fiscal year	\$ -
Funded status, end of fiscal year	\$ (768)

The components of the net periodic post-retirement benefit costs recognized in the accompanying statement of activities are as follows for the year ended June 30, 2022 (dollars in thousands):

Service cost	\$ -
Interest cost	21
Amortization of prior service credit	(64)
Recognized actuarial gain	 (107)
Net periodic post-retirement benefit cost	\$ (150)

Amounts recognized in the statement of financial position are as follows (dollars in thousands):

Liabilities	\$ (768)
Plan assets, beginning of year	\$ -
Employer contributions	74
Retiree contributions	178
Benefits paid	 (252)
Plan assets, end of year	\$ -

Amounts recognized in net assets without donor restrictions that have not yet been recognized in net periodic post-retirement benefit cost are as follows (dollars in thousands):

Net gain	\$ (1,366)
Prior service credit	 (455)
Total	\$ (1,821)

#### **Notes to Financial Statements**

#### Note 10. Employee Benefits (Continued)

Amounts expected to be amortized from net assets without donor restrictions into net periodic benefit cost for the year ending June 30, 2022, are as follows (dollars in thousands):

Prior service credit	\$ (65)
Unrecognized gain	(122)
Total	\$ (187)

Estimated future net benefit payments net of retiree contributions are as follows (dollars in thousands):

Years ending June 30:	
2023	\$ 97
2024	80
2025	80
2026	72
2027	67
2028-thereafter	 275
Total	\$ 671

As the plan is unfunded, contributions are expected to be equivalent to future estimated benefit payments. Accordingly, for the year ending June 30, 2023, Brookings expects to contribute approximately \$97,000 to its post-retirement health care benefit plan.

For measurement purposes, a 6.75% annual rate of increase in the cost of health care benefits was assumed for fiscal year 2023. The rate was to decline in increments of 0.25% each year until the ultimate rate of 5.00% is reached, and to remain at that level thereafter. The health care cost trend rate assumption has an effect on the amounts reported. Actuarial gains or losses from experience varying from expected or from changes in assumptions are accumulated in a "corridor" set at 10% of the APBO. Because all the plan participants are either inactive or already fully eligible for benefits, cumulative unrecognized gain or loss in excess of the 10% corridor is amortized over the average remaining life expectancy of the inactive participants. As of June 30, 2022, there is a cumulative unrecognized gain of \$1,365,923, which exceeds the corridor of \$76,800. As a result, there is a gain amortization of \$122,000 for FY 2023.

For the year ended June 30, 2022, the assumed weighted-average discount rates used in determining the accumulated post-retirement obligation and the net periodic benefit cost was 4.20%.

**Retirement plan:** Brookings has a 403(b) defined contribution retirement plan (the Plan). All employees are eligible to participate in the Plan for employee contributions upon hiring. An employee becomes eligible for employer contributions once the employee has completed two years of service and has attained the age of 21. Brookings' contribution to the Plan is 12% of the employee's salary, within statutory limits. Contributions to the Plan were \$4.656 million for the year ended June 30, 2022.

**Supplemental employee retirement plan:** Brookings has a Section 457(b) supplemental employee retirement plan (the Plan). Under the terms of the Plan, eligible employees elect to deposit a percentage of their compensation into the Plan, subject to IRS limits. Employee deposits and accumulations are accounted for as an asset and offsetting liability on the Brookings' statement of financial position until they are distributed to the participants. The number of deposits and related accumulations were \$934,036 for the year ended June 30, 2022. The asset and liability are included on the statement of financial position in other assets and accounts payable and accrued expenses, respectively.

## **Notes to Financial Statements**

## Note 11. Commitments and Contingencies

**Federal awards:** Brookings receives reimbursements for expenditures under federal grants that are subject to annual audits and periodic reviews by grantor agencies. The ultimate determination of amounts reimbursed under these programs is based upon allowable costs reported to and audited by the grantor agencies or their designees. Until such audit is accepted by the government, there exists a contingent liability to refund any amounts received in excess of allowable costs. Management believes that matters arising from the federal agencies' reviews of the independent auditor's reports for 2022 will not have a material effect on the financial position of Brookings.

**Provisional indirect cost rates:** Billings under cost-reimbursable government grants and contracts are calculated using direct rates that permit recovery of indirect costs in accordance with Brookings' negotiated indirect cost rate agreement with the cognizant agency. Brookings was granted approval by its cognizant agency of a predetermined indirect cost rate for a period of three years, ending June 30, 2025.



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#### Independent Auditor's Report on the Supplementary Information

Board of Trustees The Brookings Institution

We have audited the financial statements of The Brookings Institution (Brookings) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and have issued our report thereon, which contains an unmodified opinion on those financial statements. See pages 1 and 2. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplementary information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

RSM US LLP

Washington, D.C. November 23, 2022

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## Bernard van Leer Foundation Learning Landscapes: Combining Placemaking and Learning Science to Support Early Childhood Development

Brookings Grant No: GRA0592 Recipient: The Brookings Institution Project Title: Learning Landscapes: Combining Placemaking and Learning Science to Support Early Childhood Development Start Date: 7/1/2021 End Date: 6/30/2022

	-	Expenditures 7/1/2021 – 6/30/2022	
Expenditures:			
Human Resources	\$	41,252	
Staff Travel		389	
Office Running Costs:			
Facilities		5,997	
Web		2,859	
ITS		3,574	
General and Administrative		4,765	
Other Expenses		10	
Total costs		58,846	
Summary 1:			
Total cumulative cash receipts (USD)	\$	309,748	
Less total cumulative expenditures		309,748	
Total unencumbered balance	\$	-	

# Bernard van Leer Foundation Ahlan Simsim Scale Up Support

Brookings Grant No: GRA0813 Recipient: The Brookings Institution Project Title: Ahlan Simsim Scale Up Support Start Date: 7/1/2021 End Date: 6/30/2022

	•	Expenditures 7/1/2021 – 6/30/2022	
Expenditures:	•	00.005	
Human Resources	\$	69,065	
Office Running Costs:			
Facilities		3,298	
Web		4,342	
ITS		5,427	
General and Administrative		7,236	
	\$	89,368	
Summary 1:			
Total cumulative cash receipts (USD)	\$	192,162	
Less total cumulative expenditures		144,583	
Total unencumbered balance	\$	47,579	

# Bernard van Leer Foundation In support of "Playful Learning Landscapes (PLL)"

Brookings Grant No: GRA0895 Recipient: The Brookings Institution Project Title: In support of "Playful Learning Landscapes (PLL)" Support Early Childhood Development Start Date: 7/1/2021 End Date: 6/30/2022

	-	Expenditures 7/1/2021 – 6/30/2022	
Expenditures:			
Human Resources	\$	28,825	
Contracts and Honoraria		51,748	
Staff Travel		1,905	
Office Running Costs:			
Facilities		5,604	
Web		5,285	
ITS		6,606	
General and Administrative		8,809	
Other Expenses		10	
Total costs	<u>_</u> \$	108,792	
Summary 1:			
Total cumulative cash receipts (USD)	\$	127,458	
Less total cumulative expenditures		108,792	
Total unencumbered balance	\$	18,666	

## Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy, United Kingdom Sustainable and Inclusive Growth Through Climate Action and International Finance

Brookings Grant No: CRB0039 Recipient: The Brookings Institution Project Title: Sustainable and Inclusive Growth Through Climate Action and International Finance Start Date: 07/1/2021 End Date: 6/30/2022

	•	Expenditures _07/1/2021 – 6/30/2022	
Expenditures:			
Salaries and Fringe	\$	286,106	
ITS Allocation		18,383	
Facilities		22,979	
Other Direct Costs		20,268	
General and Administrative		53,923	
Total expenditures	\$	401,659	
Summary 1:			
Total unencumbered balance	\$	338,243	

# Embassy of Denmark Advancing Climate and Sustainability Policies for Developing Countries

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Brookings Grant No: GRA0916 Recipient: The Brookings Institution Project Title: Rising to the Challenge: Advancing Climate and Sustainability Policies for Developing Countries Start Date: 07/1/2021 End Date: 6/30/20/22

		Expenditures 07/01/2021 – 06/30/2022	
Expenditures:			
Salaries, leave and Fringe	\$	29,210	
Web allocation		1,852	
Facilities		1,658	
IT Allocation		2,315	
General and administrative allocation		2,637	
Total expenditures	\$	37,672	
Summary 1:			
Total cumulative cash receipts (USD)	\$	37,170	
Less total cumulative expenditures		37,672	
Total unencumbered balance	<u>\$</u>	(502)	