



**CITY OF CLEVELAND
CUYAHOGA COUNTY**

SINGLE AUDIT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

CITY OF CLEVELAND
CUYAHOGA COUNTY
DECEMBER 31, 2023

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 SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

FEDERAL GRANTOR <i>Pass Through Grantor</i> Program / Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass Through Entity Identifying Number	Provided Through to Subrecipients	Total Federal Expenditures
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE				
<i>Passed through the Ohio Department of Education:</i>				
<i>Child Nutrition Cluster:</i>				
Summer Food Service Program for Children (SFSPC)	10.559	N/A	-	22,372
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			-	22,372
Total Department of Agriculture			-	22,372
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES				
<i>Direct Programs:</i>				
Healthy Start Initiative:				
Healthy Start Initiative - 22	93.926	N/A	377,924	551,542
Healthy Start Initiative - 23	93.926	N/A	227,184	523,751
Total Healthy Start Initiative			605,108	1,075,293
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services	93.243	N/A	-	230,554
Immunization Cooperative Agreements:				
COVID-19 Vaccination	93.268	N/A	-	404,025
Total Immunization Cooperative Grants			-	404,025
<i>Pass through Cuyahoga County District Board of Health</i>				
Public Health Emergency Preparedness:				
Public Health Emergency Preparedness - 2022-2023	93.069	18-100-12-PH-1423	-	90,273
Public Health Emergency Preparedness - 2023-2024	93.069	18-100-12-PH-1524	-	12,914
Total Public Health Emergency Preparedness			-	103,187
<i>Passed through the Ohio Department of Public Health:</i>				
Public Health Preparedness				
City Readiness Initiative - 2023	93.069	18-200-12-PH-1423	-	6,242
City Readiness Initiative - 2024	93.069	18-200-12-PH-1524	-	56,432
Total Public Health Preparedness			-	62,674
Family Planning Services:				
Family Planning Services Title X FY 2023	93.217	18-200-11-RH-0923	48,285	419,815
Family Planning Services Title X FY 2024	93.217	18-200-11-RH-1024	-	227,629
Total Family Planning Services			48,285	647,444
Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases (ELC):				
COVID-19 Enhanced Operations- 2022-2023	93.323	18-200-12-EO-0222	-	536,022
COVID-19 Enhanced Operations- 2023-2024	93.323	18-200-12-EO-0323	-	25,429
Total Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases			-	561,451
Public Health Emergency Response: Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Response:				
Public Health Crisis Response:				
Public Health Workforce	93.354	18-200-12-WF-0122	-	361,413
Total Public Health Emergency Response			-	361,413
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grants to the States:				
Maternal and Child Health Services Title X FY 2023	93.994	18-200-11-RH-0923	5,550	48,255
Maternal and Child Health Services Title X FY 2024	93.994	18-200-11-RH-1024	-	26,469
Total Maternal and Child Health Services			5,550	74,724
<i>Passed through the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging (WRAAA)</i>				
<i>Aging Cluster:</i>				
Special Programs for the Aging, Title III, Part B, Grants for Supportive Services and Senior Centers:				
WRAAA ADRN 2022	93.044	N/A	-	7,291
WRAAA ADRN 2023	93.044	N/A	-	242,920
Total Special Programs for Aging			-	250,211
Total Aging Cluster			-	250,211
Medicare Enrollment Assistance Program:				
WRAAA MIPPA 2023	93.071	20-01OHMIAA-00 & 20-01OHMIDR-00	-	9,736
Total Medicare Enrollment Assistance Program			-	9,736

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (continued)				
<i>Passed Through Cuyahoga County</i>				
Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)	93.558	AG1400113	-	23,546
Total Department of Health and Human Services			658,943	3,804,258
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT				
<i>Direct Programs:</i>				
<i>CDBG Entitlement Grant Cluster:</i>				
Community Development Block Grants/Entitlements:				
CDBG YR 42	14.218	N/A	27,316	32,558
CDBG YR 43	14.218	N/A	30,470	177,836
CDBG YR 44	14.218	N/A	215,454	552,189
CDBG YR 45	14.218	N/A	590,664	1,060,171
CDBG YR 46	14.218	N/A	276,672	820,219
CDBG YR 47	14.218	N/A	1,243,304	1,438,248
CDBG YR 48	14.218	N/A	6,281,965	11,212,652
CDBG YR 49	14.218	N/A	2,498,658	5,438,945
COVID-19 Cares Act CDBG 2020	14.218	N/A	589,265	589,265
Total CDBG Entitlement Grant Cluster			<u>11,753,768</u>	<u>21,322,083</u>
HOME Investment Partnerships Programs:				
HOME Investment Partnership Program 1992	14.239	N/A	-	1,866
HOME Investment Partnership Program 2015	14.239	N/A	220,581	220,581
HOME Investment Partnership Program 2016	14.239	N/A	348,689	348,689
HOME Investment Partnership Program 2017	14.239	N/A	66,137	66,137
HOME Investment Partnership Program 2018	14.239	N/A	944,543	1,082,833
HOME Investment Partnership Program 2019	14.239	N/A	321,867	321,867
HOME Investment Partnership Program 2020	14.239	N/A	809,466	809,466
HOME Investment Partnership Program 2021	14.239	N/A	2,760,747	2,801,659
HOME Investment Partnership Program 2022	14.239	N/A	744,000	1,209,478
HOME Investment Partnership Program 2023	14.239	N/A	-	210,571
Total HOME Investment Partnership Program			<u>6,216,030</u>	<u>7,073,147</u>
Emergency Solutions Grant Program:				
Emergency Shelter Grants Program 2021	14.231	N/A	380,221	380,221
Emergency Shelter Grants Program 2022	14.231	N/A	1,301,502	1,350,357
COVID-19 CARES Act Emergency Shelter Program 2020	14.231	N/A	5,256,568	5,256,568
Total Emergency Solutions Grant Program			<u>6,938,291</u>	<u>6,987,146</u>
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS:				
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS 2022	14.241	N/A	1,328,724	1,380,645
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS 2023	14.241	N/A	472,358	478,856
Total Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS			<u>1,801,082</u>	<u>1,859,501</u>
Community Development Block Grants Section 108 Loan Guarantees				
Fairmount Properties HUD 108 Loan	14.248	N/A	-	4,390,355
Lead- Based Paint Hazard Control in Privately-Owned Housing:				
Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control in Privately-Owned Housing 2020	14.900	N/A	502,554	738,233
Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control in Privately-Owned Housing 2022	14.900	N/A	99,037	902,604
Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control in Privately-Owned Housing 2023	14.900	N/A	-	264,218
Total Emergency Solutions Grant Program			<u>601,591</u>	<u>1,905,055</u>
Total Department of Housing & Urban Development			27,310,762	43,537,287

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE				
<i>Direct Programs:</i>				
Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative	16.045	N/A	-	8,898
Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program Recovery Project IV	16.585	N/A	-	65,311
Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement Protection Orders Program: Cleveland Improving Criminal Justice Response Project 2019	16.590	N/A	10,376	10,376
Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Grants: COPS Hiring Program (CHP) 2020	16.710	N/A	-	2,402,646
Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program: 2018-Edward Byrne Crime Justice Innovations	16.817	N/A	115,812	115,812
2021-Edward Byrne Crime Justice Innovations	16.817	N/A	87,130	177,577
Total Edward Bryne Crime Justice Innovations			202,942	293,389
Criminal and Juvenile Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program: 2020 Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program	16.745	N/A	110,420	110,420
National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative: FY 2017 Sexual Assault Kit	16.833	N/A	752,219	752,219
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program 2020- Edward Byrne Memorial JAG-NOLETF	16.738	N/A	25,206	253,720
2020 - Operation Legend - JAG	16.738	N/A	-	252,501
2021 - Edward Bryne Memorial - JAG	16.738	N/A	-	228,401
Total Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program			25,206	734,622
<i>Passed through the Ohio Department of Public Safety:</i>				
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program 2022 - Edward Byrne Memorial JAG - CGNL	16.738	2022-JG-A01-6444	-	27,057
Equitable Sharing Program: Equitable Sharing Program - DOJ Asset Forfeiture Program	16.922	N/A	-	14,746
<i>Passed through Cuyahoga County:</i>				
Violence Against Woman Formula Grants: FY 21 VAWA Prosecution	16.588	2021-VP-VA2-V041	-	10,543
FY 22 VAWA Prosecution	16.588	2022-VP-VA2-V041	-	105,303
FY 22 VAWA Law Enforcement	16.588	2022-VP-VA2-V042	-	84,731
FY 21 VAWA Sexual Assault	16.588	2021-VP-VA2-V045	46,084	46,084
FY 22 VAWA Sexual Assault	16.588	2022-VP-VA2-V045	18,028	18,028
Total Violence Against Woman Formula Grants			64,112	264,689
Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program: Cleveland Improving Criminal Justice Response Project 2020	16.590	2020- WE-AX-0017		7,389
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE			1,165,275	4,691,762

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR				
<i>PASSED THROUGH CUYAHOGA COUNTY</i>				
Unemployment Insurance: Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA)	17.225	G-2223-15-0050	-	50,519
WIOA Cluster:				
WIOA Adult Program:				
WIOA Adult Admin	17.258	G-2223-15-0050	-	169,397
WIOA Adult Program	17.258	G-2223-15-0050	-	290,432
Total WIOA Adult Program			-	459,829
WIOA Youth Activities:				
WIOA Youth Admin	17.259	G-2223-15-0050	-	131,303
WIOA Youth Program	17.259	G-2223-15-0050	-	225,120
Total WIOA Youth Program			-	356,423
WIOA Dislocated Workers Formula Grants:				
WIOA Dislocated Worker Admin	17.278	G-2223-15-0050		29,637
WIOA Dislocated Worker Program	17.278	G-2223-15-0050		50,814
Total WIOA Dislocated Workers Formula Grants			-	80,451
Total WIOA Cluster			-	896,703
WIOA National Dislocated Worker Grants/WIA National Emergency Grants				
WIOA National Dislocated Worker Grants	17.277	G-2223-15-0050	-	6,570
<i>Employment Service Cluster</i>				
Employment Service/Wagner Peyser Funded Activities	17.207	G-2223-15-0050	-	54,899
Total Employment Service Cluster			-	54,899
Trade Adjustment Assistance	17.245	G-2223-15-0050	-	38,429
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR			-	1,047,120
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION				
<i>Direct Programs:</i>				
Airport Improvement Programs and COVID Airport Programs:				
COVID-19 Airport Coronavirus Response Grant Program - CLE	20.106	N/A	-	43,446
Total Airport Improvement Programs			-	43,446
TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION			-	43,446

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY				
Direct Programs:				
CLEAN in CLE	66.034	N/A	-	90,276
<i>Passed through the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency:</i>				
Air Pollution Control Program Support:				
Air Pollution Control Program Support 2023	66.001	EPAFFG22	-	647,439
Air Pollution Control Program Support 2024	66.001	EPAFFG24	-	35
Total Air Pollution Control Program Support			-	647,474
Surveys, Studies, Research, Investigations, Demonstrations, and Special Purpose Activities Relating to the Clean Air Act:				
Air Pollution Control Program Support 2022	66.034	EPAFPM22	-	57,333
Air Pollution Control Program Support 2023	66.034	EPAFPM22	-	104,121
Total Survey, Studies, Research, Investigation Demonstrations and Special Activities			-	161,454
<i>Passed through the Ohio Water Development Authority:</i>				
<i>Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water State Revolving Loans</i>				
10278-LSLR 2022-1	66.468	HZJEJR2ENJK4	-	2,949,855
10277-LSLR 2022-2	66.468	HZJEJR2ENJK4	-	26,622
10272-LSLR 2022-3	66.468	HZJEJR2ENJK4	-	28,557
10284-LSLR 2022-4	66.468	HZJEJR2ENJK4	-	30,523
10281-LSLR 2022-5	66.468	HZJEJR2ENJK4	-	32,833
10518-LSLR 2022-6	66.468	HZJEJR2ENJK4	-	31,104
10170-LSLR 2022-Special Cases	66.468	HZJEJR2ENJK4	-	53,962
10217-LSLR 2022-Supplies	66.468	HZJEJR2ENJK4	-	2,270,739
10280-LSLR 2022-WMR	66.468	HZJEJR2ENJK4	-	15,224
10577-LSLR-2023-10-Supplies-Curb Boxes	66.468	HZJEJR2ENJK4	-	5,609
Total Water Deveopement			-	5,445,028
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY			-	6,344,232
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY				
Direct Programs:				
Port Security Grant Program:				
FY 19 Port Security Grant	97.056	N/A	-	90,000
Homeland Security Biowatch Program:				
Bio-Watch Program 2022	97.091	N/A	-	162,274
Bio-Watch Program 2023	97.091	N/A	-	193,868
Bio-Watch Emergency Preparedness- 2022	97.091	N/A	-	17,608
Bio-Watch Emergency Preparedness- 2023	97.091	N/A	-	1,428
Total Homeland Security Biowatch Program			-	375,178
TOTAL U.S DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY			-	465,178
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY				
Direct Programs:				
Coronavirus Relief Grant Program:				
COVID-19 2020 Remote Technology Grant Oppurtunity- Housing	21.019	N/A	-	38
Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds:				
COVID-19 American Rescue Plan Act 2021	21.027	N/A	140,493	148,966,359
COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	N/A	-	6,414,666
Total Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds			140,493	155,381,025
Emergency Rental Assistance Program:				
COVID-19 CARES Act Emergency Rental Program	21.023	N/A	12,779	12,779
COVID-19 CARES Act Emergency Rental Program 2	21.023	N/A	6,000,000	6,000,000
Total Emergency Rental Assistance Program			6,012,779	6,012,779
<i>Passed the through the Ohio Department of Public Safety</i>				
Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds				
COVID-19 FY22 State ARPA Retention Bonus	21.027	2022-AR-LEP-1031	-	4,210,424
COVID-19 OCJS Pretrial Services	21.027	2022-AR-CCB-1108	-	90,024
COVID-19 Mentoring, Community Engagement Violence Initiative	21.027	2022-AR-CVI-1156	-	122,152
			-	4,422,600
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY			6,153,272	165,816,442
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS			35,288,252	225,772,097

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**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
2 CFR 200.510(b)(6)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

NOTE A – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of the City of Cleveland (the City) under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2023. The information on this Schedule is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the City, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the City.

NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the cash basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in Uniform Guidance wherein certain types of expenditures may or may not be allowable.

NOTE C – INDIRECT COST RATE

The City has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

NOTE D - SUBRECIPIENTS

The City passes certain federal awards received from the Department of Health and Human Services, Department of the Treasury, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Department of Justice, Ohio Department of Public Health, and Cuyahoga County to other governments or not-for-profit agencies (subrecipients). As Note B describes, the City reports expenditures of Federal awards to subrecipients when paid in cash.

As a pass-through entity, the City has certain compliance responsibilities, such as monitoring its subrecipients to help assure they use these subawards as authorized by laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts or grant agreements, and that subrecipients achieve the award's performance goals.

NOTE E - CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER

The City commingles cash receipts from the U.S. Department of Agriculture with similar State grants. When reporting expenditures on this Schedule, the City assumes it expends federal monies first.

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NOTE F – LOAN PROGRAMS WITH CONTINUING COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

The federal loan programs listed below are administered directly by the City, and balances and transactions relating to these programs are included in the City’s basic financial statements. Loans outstanding at the beginning of the year and loans made during the year are included in the federal expenditures presented in the Schedule. The balances of loans outstanding at December 31, 2023 consist of:

AL Number	Program/Cluster Name	Outstanding Balance at December 31, 2023
14.248	Community Development Block Grants Section 108 Loan Guarantees	\$4,390,355

NOTE G - MATCHING REQUIREMENTS

Certain Federal programs require the City to contribute non-Federal funds (matching funds) to support the Federally-funded programs. The City has met its matching requirements. The Schedule does not include the expenditure of non-Federal matching funds.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

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To the Honorable Justin M. Bibb, Mayor, Members of City Council and the Audit Committee:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, (the City) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 27, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the City's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the City's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE AND ON THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

City of Cleveland
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To the Honorable Justin M. Bibb, Mayor, Members of City Council and the Audit Committee:

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the City of Cleveland's, Cuyahoga County, (the City) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the City of Cleveland's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2023. The City of Cleveland's major federal programs are identified in the *Summary of Auditor's Results* section of the accompanying schedule of findings.

In our opinion, City of Cleveland complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance* section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the City and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with 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 opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the City's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

The City's Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the City's federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the City's compliance based on our audit. 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, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the City's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, 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 City's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- obtain an understanding of the City's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance* section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of this testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, (the City) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements. We issued our unmodified report thereon dated June 27, 2024. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Uniform Guidance and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records management used to prepare the basic financial statements. We subjected this schedule to the auditing procedures we applied to the basic financial statements. We also applied certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling this schedule directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.



Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

June 27, 2024

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**CITY OF CLEVELAND
CUYAHOGA COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
2 CFR § 200.515
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS
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(d)(1)(i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unmodified
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iii)	Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(v)	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unmodified
(d)(1)(vi)	Are there any reportable findings under 2 CFR § 200.516(a)?	No
(d)(1)(vii)	Major Programs (list):	AL# 66.468 Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water State Revolving Funds AL# 21.027 - COVID-19 American Rescue Plan Act AL# 21.023 - COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program
(d)(1)(viii)	Dollar Threshold: Type A\B Programs	Type A: > \$ 3,000,000 Type B: all others
(d)(1)(ix)	Low Risk Auditee under 2 CFR § 200.520?	Yes

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2 CFR § 200.515
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(Continued)**

**2. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS**

None

3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

None