

CITY OF AUSTIN, MINNESOTA

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORTS AS REQUIRED BY
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS AND UNIFORM
GUIDANCE, SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL
AWARDS, OTHER AUDIT REPORTS AND
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023



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**CITY OF AUSTIN, MINNESOTA
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor or Cluster Title	Pass-Through Grantor	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Passed Through to Subrecipients	Total Federal Expenditures
U.S. Department of Commerce:					
<i>Economic Development Cluster</i>					
COVID-19 ARPA American Rescue Plan - Direct Aid	Direct	11.307	FAIN 06-79-06439	\$ -	\$ 136,802
U.S. Department of Transportation:					
Airport Improvement Program	Minnesota Department of Transportation	20.106	1051681	-	3,668
Airport Improvement Program	Minnesota Department of Transportation	20.106	1054882	-	22,942
Airport Improvement Program	Minnesota Department of Transportation	20.106	1049504	-	8,152
	Total Assistance Listing Number 20.106			-	34,762
<i>Highway Safety Cluster:</i>					
Toward Zero Deaths Grant	Minnesota Department of Public Safety	20.600	PO79222402	-	3,251
Toward Zero Deaths Grant	Minnesota Department of Public Safety	20.616	PO79216405B	-	3,582
	Total Highway Safety Cluster			-	6,833
Toward Zero Deaths Grant	Minnesota Department of Public Safety	20.608	PO79216AL164	-	8,134
	Total U.S. Department of Transportation			-	49,729
U.S. Department Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)					
<i>Clean Water State Revolving Loan (CWSRF) Cluster:</i>					
Clean Water State Revolving Grant	Minnesota Public Facilities Authority	66.458	MPFA-CWRF-G-038-FY23	-	1,000,000
Clean Water State Revolving Loan	Minnesota Public Facilities Authority	66.458	MPFA-CWRF-L-038-FY23	-	4,561,483
	Total Clean Water State Revolving Loan (CWSRF) Cluster			-	5,561,483
Brownsfield Community Wide Assessment Grant	Direct	66.818	N/A	-	87,607
	Total U.S. Department Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)			-	5,649,090
	Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$ -	\$ 5,835,621

See accompanying Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

**CITY OF AUSTIN, MINNESOTA
NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

NOTE 1 BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of the City of Austin, Minnesota (the City) under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2023. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements 2 CFR 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 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. The City has not elected to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

NOTE 3 FEDERAL LOAN

The federal loan listed below is administered by the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority, and balances and transactions relating to this loan 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 balance of the loan outstanding at December 31, 2023, consists of:

Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	Amount Outstanding
Clean Water State Revolving Loan	66.458	\$ 4,339,103



**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS
BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council
City of Austin, Minnesota

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, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Austin (the City), Minnesota 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 April 29, 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.

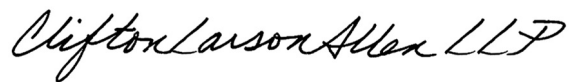
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Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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.



CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Austin, Minnesota
April 29, 2024



**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR
FEDERAL PROGRAM, REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
COMPLIANCE, AND REPORT ON THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES
OF FEDERAL AWARDS REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

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Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the City of Austin (the City), Minnesota's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the City's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2023. The City's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the City 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; 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 Auditors' 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

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.

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Auditors' 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 a 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.

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Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditors' 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 that 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 discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of 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 report thereon dated April 29, 2024, which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the 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. 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 basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information 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.



CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Austin, Minnesota
April 29, 2024



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON MINNESOTA LEGAL COMPLIANCE

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council
City of Austin, Minnesota

We have audited, in accordance with 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, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Austin, Minnesota (the City) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 29, 2024.

In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that the City failed to comply with the provisions of the contracting-bid laws, depositories of public funds and public investments, conflicts of interest, claims and disbursements, miscellaneous provisions, and tax increment financing sections of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Cities*, promulgated by the State Auditor pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 6.65, insofar as they relate to accounting matters. However, our audit was not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of such noncompliance. Accordingly, had we performed additional procedures, other matters may have come to our attention regarding the City's noncompliance with the above-referenced provisions, insofar as they relate to accounting matters.

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of compliance relating to the provisions of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Cities* and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

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Austin, Minnesota
April 29, 2024

**CITY OF AUSTIN, MINNESOTA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

PART I: SUMMARY OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Financial Statements

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| 1. Type of auditors' report issued: | Unmodified | |
| 2. Internal control over financial reporting: | | |
| • Material weakness(es) identified? | _____ yes | _____ <u>X</u> no |
| • Significant deficiency(ies) identified? | _____ yes | _____ <u>X</u> none reported |
| 3. Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? | _____ yes | _____ <u>X</u> no |

Federal Awards

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|---|------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Internal control over major federal programs: | | |
| • Material weakness(es) identified? | _____ yes | _____ <u>X</u> no |
| • Significant deficiency(ies) identified? | _____ yes | _____ <u>X</u> none reported |
| 2. Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major federal programs | Unmodified | |
| 3. Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516 (a) | _____ yes | _____ <u>X</u> no |

Identification of Major Federal Programs

Assistance Listing Number(s) 66.458	Name of Federal Program or Cluster Clean Water State Revolving Fund
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Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs:	\$ <u>750,000</u>
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	_____ yes _____ <u>X</u> no

**CITY OF AUSTIN, MINNESOTA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONTINUED)
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

PART II: FINDINGS RELATED TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our audit did not disclose any matters required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

PART III: FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

Our audit did not disclose any matters required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a).

PART IV: FINDINGS RELATED TO MINNESOTA LEGAL COMPLIANCE

Our audit did not disclose any matters required to be reported for Minnesota Legal Compliance.



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