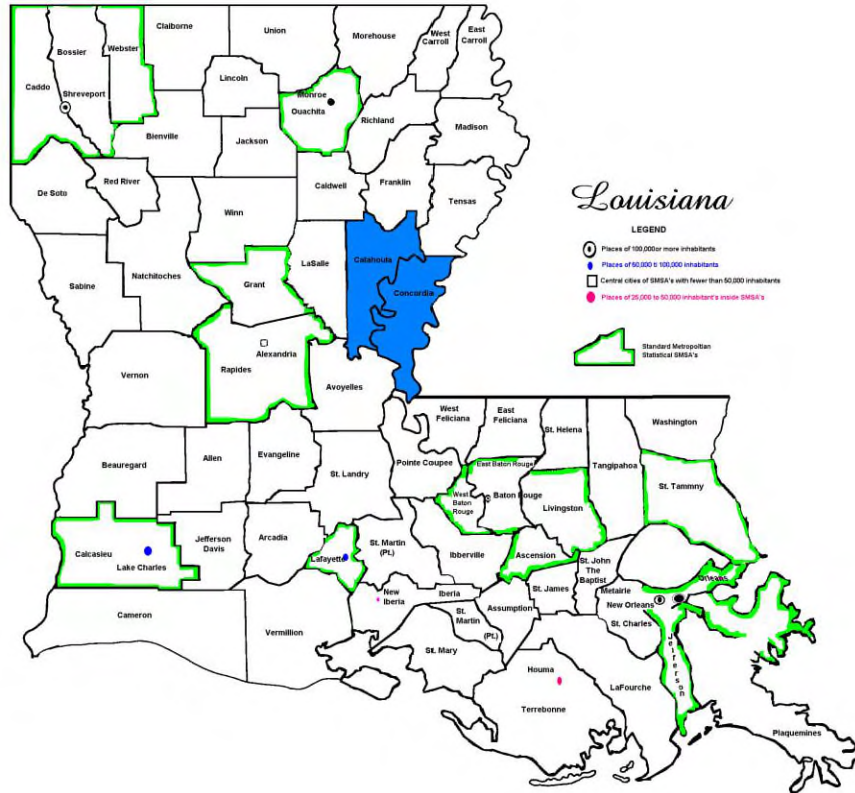


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**Basic Financial Statements
December 31, 2023**

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* The FINS program exists in all courts in Louisiana that had juvenile jurisdiction on July 1, 1994. The State of Louisiana designed the program to bring together resources for the purpose of helping families (troubled youths and their parents) to remedy self-destructive behaviors by juveniles and/or other family members. The primary purposes of this program are (a) to use the authority of the courts in providing maximum available services to families in need of services and (b) to use formal court proceedings only after all other alternatives have been exhausted. The goal of the FINS program is to reduce formal juvenile court involvement, while generating appropriate community services to benefit the child and improve family relations.

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

Judicial Expense Fund & Families in Need of Services (FINS) Fund
for the Seventh Judicial District Court
Parishes of Catahoula & Concordia, State of Louisiana

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities of the Judicial Expense Fund and Families in Need of Services (FINS) Fund of the Seventh Judicial Court, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, which collectively comprise the Judicial Expense Fund and Families in Need of Services (FINS) Fund of the Seventh Judicial Court's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. We did not audit or review the financial statements nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on these financial statements.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and required supplemental information be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Such information is the responsibility of management. The required supplementary information was subject to our compilation engagement. We have not audited or reviewed the required supplementary information and do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on such information.

The supplementary information has been compiled from information that is the representation of management. We have not audited or reviewed the supplementary information and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on such supplementary information.

The Vercher Group

Jena, Louisiana
June 17, 2024

**JUDICIAL EXPENSE FUND
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MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

As management of the District, we offer readers of the Judicial Expense Fund and Families in Need of Services (FINS) Fund of the Seventh Judicial District Court’s financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the District’s financial statements.

The Management’s Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is an element of the new reporting model adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in their Statement No. 34 Basic Financial Statements – and Management’s Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments issued June 1999. Certain comparative information between the current year and the prior year is required to be presented in the MD&A.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The assets of the District exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$26,331 (*net position*). This is a \$2,225 decrease from last year, mainly due to a decrease in accounts receivable to the amount of \$4,188.
- The District had total revenues of \$99,876. This is a \$34,699 decrease from last year’s revenues, mainly due to a decrease in charges for services in the amount of \$21,147 and a decrease in grants in the amount of \$19,728.
- The District had total expenditures of \$101,785, which is a \$33,867 decrease from last year’s expenditures, mainly due to an decrease in salaries/personnel costs in the amount of \$59,293.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the District’s basic financial statements. The District’s basic financial statements consist of two components: 1) fund financial statements, and 2) notes to the basic financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves. The District is a special-purpose entity engaged only in governmental activities. Accordingly, only fund financial statements are presented as the basic financial statements.

Effective, January 1, 2004, the District adopted Governmental Accounting Standards (GASB) Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – Management’s Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*.

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FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A *fund* is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Comparative Statement of Net Position Governmental Funds

The following table represents a Comparative Statement of Net Position as of December 31, 2023:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Assets			
Cash & Investments	\$ 22,143	\$ 22,142	-0.01
Receivables (Net)	9,612	5,424	-43.6
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	<u>1,335</u>	<u>1,019</u>	-23.7
Total Assets	<u>33,090</u>	<u>28,585</u>	-13.6
Liabilities			
Accounts, Salaries, & Other Payables	<u>4,534</u>	<u>2,254</u>	-50.3
Total Liabilities	<u>4,534</u>	<u>2,254</u>	-50.3
Net Position			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	1,335	1,019	-23.7
Unrestricted	23,966	22,797	-4.9
Restricted	<u>3,255</u>	<u>2,515</u>	-22.7
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 28,556</u>	<u>\$ 26,331</u>	-7.8

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Comparative Changes in Fund Balances Governmental Funds

The following table reflects the Comparative Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances for the year ended December 31, 2023:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Revenues:			
Charges for Services	\$ 86,902	\$ 65,755	-24.3
Operating Grants	40,571	20,843	-48.6
Intergovernmental Revenue	6,378	9,996	56.7
Miscellaneous	711	3,267	359.5
Total Revenues	<u>134,562</u>	<u>99,861</u>	-25.8
Expenditures:			
Salaries/Personnel Costs	106,590	47,297	-55.6
General	29,062	54,488	87.5
Total Expenditures	<u>135,652</u>	<u>101,785</u>	-25.0
Excess Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>(1,090)</u>	<u>(1,924)</u>	-76.5
Other Financing Sources			
Interest Income	13	15	15.4
Capital Grants	-0-	-0-	0.0
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>13</u>	<u>15</u>	15.4
Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	(1,077)	(1,909)	-77.3
Beginning Fund Balance	<u>28,298</u>	<u>27,221</u>	-3.8
Ending Fund Balance	<u>\$ 27,221</u>	<u>\$ 25,312</u>	-7.0

CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital Assets – Governmental Fund

At December 31, 2023, the District had \$1,019 invested in capital assets, including the following:

Capital Assets at Year-End

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Furnishings & Equipment	\$ 125,600	\$ 125,600
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(124,264)</u>	<u>(124,581)</u>
Total Capital Position (Net)	<u>\$ 1,335</u>	<u>\$ 1,019</u>

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CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, contact Trish Crawford, Judicial Administrator, at phone number (318) 744-5414.

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BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**JUDICIAL EXPENSE FUND
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**Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2023**

		<u>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$	10,313
Investments		11,829
Receivables (Net of Allowances for Uncollectible)		5,424
Total Current Assets		<u>27,566</u>
Non-Current Assets		
Capital Assets (Net)		1,019
Total Non-Current Assets		<u>1,019</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>28,585</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts, Salaries, & Other Payables		2,254
Total Current Liabilities		<u>2,254</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>2,254</u>
NET POSITION		
Net Investment in Capital Assets		1,019
Unrestricted		22,797
Restricted		2,515
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$	<u>26,331</u>

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**Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023**

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	PROGRAM REVENUES					NET (EXPENSES) REVENUES & CHANGE IN NET POSITION PROGRAM REVENUES
Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants & Contributions	Capital Grants & Contributions	Net (Expenses)/ Revenue	Governmental Activities	
General	\$ (80,523)	\$ 65,755	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ (14,768)	\$ (14,768)
FINS	(21,584)	-0-	20,843	-0-	(741)	(741)
Total	\$ (102,107)	\$ 65,755	\$ 20,843	\$ -0-	\$ (15,509)	(15,509)
					Intergovernmental Revenue	9,996
					Interest Income	15
					Miscellaneous Revenue	3,283
					TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES	13,284
					CHANGE IN NET POSITION	(2,225)
					NET POSITION-BEGINNING	28,556
					NET POSITION-ENDING	\$ 26,331

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**Balance Sheet, Governmental Funds
December 31, 2023**

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>FINS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
ASSETS			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 7,798	\$ 2,515	\$ 10,313
Investments	11,829	-0-	11,829
Receivables (Net of Allowances for Uncollectible)	5,424	-0-	5,424
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>25,051</u>	<u>2,515</u>	<u>27,566</u>
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE			
LIABILITIES			
Accounts, Salaries, & Other Payables	2,254	-0-	2,254
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>2,254</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>2,254</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Unassigned	22,797	-0-	22,797
Restricted	-0-	2,515	2,515
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>22,797</u>	<u>2,515</u>	<u>25,312</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ 25,051</u>	<u>\$ 2,515</u>	<u>\$ 27,566</u>

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**Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet
To the Statement of Net Position
Year Ended December 31, 2023**

Total fund balance – governmental funds	\$	25,312
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds.

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Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the balance sheet – governmental funds.

Total net position of governmental activities	\$	<div style="text-align: right;"> <u>1,019</u> <u>26,331</u> </div>
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**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, & Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023**

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>FINS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
REVENUES			
Charges For Services	\$ 65,755	\$ -0-	\$ 65,755
Operating Grants	-0-	20,843	20,843
Intergovernmental Revenue	9,996	-0-	9,996
Miscellaneous	3,267	-0-	3,267
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>79,018</u>	<u>20,843</u>	<u>99,861</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries/Personnel Costs	28,697	18,600	47,297
Insurance	1,848	1,931	3,779
Office Expense	6,902	-0-	6,902
Travel & Meals	30,242	1,052	31,294
Professional Fees	6,682	-0-	6,682
Cellular Phone	5,400	-0-	5,400
Contract Services	-0-	-0-	-0-
Dues and Conference Fees	231	-0-	231
Miscellaneous	200	-0-	200
Capital Outlay	-0-	-0-	-0-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>80,202</u>	<u>21,583</u>	<u>101,785</u>
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(1,184)</u>	<u>(740)</u>	<u>(1,924)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Interest Income	15	-0-	15
Capital Grant	-0-	-0-	-0-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>15</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>15</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(1,169)	(740)	(1,909)
FUND BALANCES-BEGINNING	23,966	3,255	27,221
FUND BALANCES-ENDING	<u>\$ 22,797</u>	<u>\$ 2,515</u>	<u>\$ 25,312</u>

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**Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, & Changes in Fund Balances
to the Statement of Activities
Year Ended December 31, 2023**

Net change in fund balance – total governmental funds	\$	(1,909)
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

The issuance of long-term debt (bonds, leases, etc.) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of issuance costs premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the Statement of Activities. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.

Loan Proceeds	-0-	
Principal Paid	-0-	-

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.

Capital Outlay	-0-	
Depreciation	(317)	-

Change in net position of governmental activities	\$	(2,225)
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**NOTES TO THE BASIC
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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

The Judicial Expense Fund of the Seventh Judicial District Court was established by Act No. 916 of the 1985 Session of the Louisiana Legislature and began operating in November of 1986. The Judicial Expense Fund is controlled by the judge of the Seventh Judicial District Court and was established and may be used for any purpose connected with, incidental to, or related to the proper administration or function of the court or the office of the judge thereof, and is in addition to any and all other funds, salaries, expense, or other monies that were or hereafter will be provided, authorized, or established by law for any of the aforesaid purposes. The Judicial Expense Fund's revenues are derived from court costs assessed in criminal cases of the Seventh Judicial District Court and are collected by the sheriff.

The Seventh Judicial District Court Families in Need of Services (FINS) Program was created July 1, 1994 as set forth in Title VII, Article 726-790 of the Louisiana Children's Code. The Seventh Judicial District Court Families in Need of Services (FINS) Program is comprised of the following judicial components: 7th Judicial District Court.

The FINS program exists in all courts in Louisiana that had juvenile jurisdiction on July 1, 1994. The State of Louisiana designed the program to bring together resources for the purpose of helping families (troubled youths and their parents) to remedy self-destructive behaviors by juveniles and/or other family members. The primary purposes of this program are (a) to use the authority of the courts in providing maximum available services to families in need of services and (b) to use formal court proceedings only after all other alternatives have been exhausted. The goal of the FINS program is to reduce formal juvenile court involvement, while generating appropriate community services to benefit the child and improve family relations.

The Judicial Expense Fund and Families in Need of Services (FINS) Fund are part of the operations of the district court system. The district court system is fiscally dependent on the police jury for office space and courtrooms. The substance of the relationship between the district court system and the police jury is that the police jury has approval authority over its capital budget. In addition, the nature and significance of the relationship between the district court and the police jury is such that exclusion from the police jury's financial statements would render the financial statements incomplete or misleading. Therefore, these funds are component units of the Catahoula Parish Police Jury and the Concordia Parish Police Jury.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(CONTINUED)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. GOVERNMENT-WIDE & FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Changes in Net Position) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the Judicial Expense Fund.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segments are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds. All individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

B. MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING, & FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Fees associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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The Judicial Expense Fund and Families in Need of Services (FINS) Fund report the following governmental funds.

- The General Fund is the District's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the entity, except those required to be accounted for in the FINS fund.
- The Families in Need of Services Fund (FINS) is a special revenue fund and is restricted for activities only related to Families in Need of Services (FINS).

As a general rule the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are payments-in-lieu of taxes and other charges between the government's enterprise operations. Elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions concerned.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the District's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Fund Financial Statements (FFS)

The amounts reflected in the General Fund of the Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances report on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach is then reconciled, through adjustment, to a government-wide view of the District's operations. (See the reconciliation statements).

In the Fund Financial Statements, governmental fund equity is classified as a fund balance. The District has implemented GASB Statement 54 "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions." This Statement provides more clearly defined fund balance categories to make the nature and extent of the constraints placed on a government's fund balance more transparent. The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints placed on the purposes for which resources can be used:

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(CONTINUED)**

- a. Nonspendable fund balance – amounts that are not in a spendable form (such as prepaid expenses) or are required to be maintained intact;
- b. Restricted fund balance – amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders, and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation;
- c. Committed fund balance – amounts constrained to specific purposes by a government itself using its highest level of decision-making authority; to be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the government takes the same highest level action to remove or change the constraint;
- d. Assigned fund balance – amounts a government intends to use for a specific purpose; intent can be expressed by the governing body or by an official or body to which the governing body delegates the authority;
- e. Unassigned fund balance – amounts that are available for any purpose, positive amounts are reported only in the general fund.

The amounts reflected in the General Fund in the FFS use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined and available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The District considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after the fiscal year end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for interest and principal payments on general long-term debt, which is recognized when due, and certain compensated absences and claims and judgments which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources. The governmental funds use the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

Revenues

Revenues are recognized when they become both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current period. “Available” means collectible within the current period or within 60 days after year end. Certain revenues are assessed and collected in such a manner that they can be accrued appropriately.

Commissions on the fines and forfeitures are recorded in the year they are collected by the tax collector and intermediary collecting government.

Intergovernmental revenues are recorded when the District is entitled to the funds.

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Expenditures

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable.

Equity Classifications – In the Government-Wide Financial Statements, equity is classified as Net Position and displayed in three components as applicable. The components are as follows:

Net Investment in Capital Assets – Capital assets including restricted capital assets, when applicable, net of accumulated depreciation.

Restricted Net Position – Net position with constraints placed on their use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted Net Position – All other net position that does not meet the definition of “restricted” or “net investment in capital assets”.

Other Financing Sources (Uses)

Transfers between funds, which are not expected to be repaid, and proceeds from the sale of assets are accounted for as other financing sources (uses).

C. CASH & INVESTMENTS (CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT IN EXCESS OF 90 DAYS)

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the government will not be able to recover its deposits. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent.

These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

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Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the Entity that the fiscal agent bank has failed to pay deposit funds upon demand. Further, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1224 states that securities held by a third party shall be deemed to be held in the Entity’s name.

Deposits

It is the District’s policy for deposits to be 100% secured by collateral at market or par, whichever is lower, less the amount of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insurance. The District’s deposits are categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the District at year-end. The categories are described as follows:

- **Category 1** – Insured or collateralized with securities held by the District or by its agent in the District’s name.
- **Category 2** – Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution’s trust department or agent in the District’s name.
- **Category 3** – Uncollateralized.

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Bank Balance At 12/31/2023</u>
Concordia Bank & Trust Co.	14,027
Total	\$ 14,027

Amounts on deposit are secured by the following pledges:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Total All Banks Market Value</u>
FDIC (Category 1)	\$ 14,027
Securities (Category 2)	-0-
Total	\$ 14,027

Deposits were fully secured as of December 31, 2023.

D. VACATION, SICK LEAVE & COMPENSATED ABSENCES

The Judicial Expense Fund and Families in Need of Services (FINS) Fund have no leave policies.

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E. USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles 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 revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

F. FIXED ASSETS & LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

For the year ended December 31, 2023, no interest costs were capitalized for construction of fixed assets. The District's capitalization policy is \$1,500.

Depreciation of all exhaustible fixed assets is charged as an expense against its operations. Accumulated depreciation is reported on the proprietary fund balance sheet and governmental fund statement of activities. Depreciation has been provided over the estimated useful lives using the straight-line method. The estimated useful lives are as follows:

	Life in Years
Equipment	5-10

2. RECEIVABLES

The receivables at December 31, 2023, are detailed below:

Account Receivables	\$ 5,424
Total	\$ 5,424

Allowance for doubtful accounts, if any, is considered immaterial and is not presented.

3. CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

A summary of change in general fixed assets follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
Furnishings & Equipment	\$ 125,600	-0-	-0-	125,600
Accumulated Depreciation	(124,264)	(317)	-0-	(124,581)
Net Fixed Assets	\$ 1,335	(317)	-0-	1,019

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4. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The accounts payable at December 31, 2023, are detailed below:

Accounts Payable	\$ <u>2,254</u>
Total	\$ <u>2,254</u>

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures & Changes in Fund Balances
Budget and Actual
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023**

	BUDGET AMOUNTS		ACTUAL AMOUNTS BUDGETARY BASIS	BUDGET TO ACTUAL DIFFERENCES FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
	ORIGINAL	FINAL		
REVENUES				
Charges For Services	\$ 90,500	\$ 60,000	\$ 65,755	\$ 5,755
Operating Grants	-	-	20,843	20,843
Other	44,700	15,000	13,263	(1,737)
TOTAL REVENUES	135,200	75,000	99,861	24,861
EXPENDITURES				
Salaries/Personnel Costs	81,000	81,000	47,297	33,703
Office Expense	10,000	10,000	6,902	3,098
Travel & Meals	17,100	17,100	31,294	(14,194)
Insurance	-	-	3,779	(3,779)
Professional Fees	7,500	7,500	6,682	818
Cellular Phone	6,000	6,000	5,400	600
Other Administration	2,475	2,475	431	2,044
Capital Outlay	1,000	1,000	-	1,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	125,075	125,075	101,785	23,290
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	10,125	10,125	(1,924)	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Interest Income	15	15	15	
Capital Grant	-	-	-	
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	15	15	15	
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	\$ 10,140	\$ 10,140	(1,909)	
FUND BALANCES-BEGINNING			27,221	
FUND BALANCES-ENDING			\$ 25,312	

See independent accountant's report.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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**Schedule of Compensation Benefits and Other Payments
to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023**

Honorable Kathy Johnson-Chief Justice

Purpose	Amount
Salary (Note 1)	\$ -0-
Benefits-Insurance (Note 1)	-0-
Benefits-Retirement (Note 1)	-0-
Benefits (List any other here)	-0-
Car Allowance	-0-
Vehicle Provided by Government	-0-
Per Diem	708
Reimbursements	2,100
Travel	861
Registration Fees	-0-
Conference Travel	-0-
Continuing Professional Education Fees	425
Housing	-0-
Un-vouchered Expenses*	-0-
Special Meals	\$ -0-

*An example of an un-vouchered expense would be a travel advance.

Note 1: The Judge is an elected official and is an employee of the Louisiana Supreme Court.
The salary and benefits are paid by the Louisiana Supreme Court.

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**Justice System Funding Schedule – Receiving Entity
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023**

	First Six Months Ended 6/30/2023		Second Six Months Ended 12/31/2023
Receipts From:			
Louisiana Supreme Court	\$ -0-	\$	6,664
Catahoula Parish Clerk of Court, Civil Fines	7,205		1,343
Concordia Parish Clerk of Court, Civil Fines	7,550		3,851
Catahoula/Concordia Misdemeanor Probation	3,744		16,271
Catahoula Parish Sheriff, Bond Fees	2,403		1,300
Concordia Parish Sheriff, Bond Fees	6,649		3,406
LA Supreme Court / FINS	20,843		-0-
Subtotal Receipts	48,394		32,835
 Total: Ending Balance of Amounts Assessed but Not Received	 \$ -0-	 \$	 -0-

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MANAGEMENT LETTER COMMENTS

During the course of our compilation, we observed conditions and circumstances that may be improved. Below are situations that may be improved (if any) and recommendations for improvements.

CURRENT YEAR MANAGEMENT LETTER COMMENTS

There are no current year comments.

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**MANAGEMENT'S SUMMARY
OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS**

Legislative Auditor
State of Louisiana
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9397

The management of the Judicial Expense Fund and Families in Need of Services (FINS) Fund of the Seventh Judicial District Court, Catahoula and Concordia Parishes, Louisiana have provided the following action summaries relating to audit findings brought to their attention as a result of their financial audit for the year ended December 31, 2022.

PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

No findings to report.