

**TWENTY-EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
INDIGENT DEFENDER FUND  
LaSalle Parish, Louisiana**

**Financial Statements  
June 30, 2025**

**TWENTY-EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
INDIGENT DEFENDER FUND  
LaSalle Parish, Louisiana**

**For the Year Ended June 30, 2025**

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## **INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT**

Twenty-Eighth Judicial District  
Indigent Defender Fund  
Jena, Louisiana

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities of the Twenty-Eighth Judicial District Indigent Defender Fund, Jena, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of the management of the Twenty-Eighth Judicial District Indigent Defender Fund. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

The management of the Twenty-Eighth Judicial District Indigent Defender Fund 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; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

### **Accountant's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to conduct the review engagement in accordance with *Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services* promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether we are aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion.

We are required to be independent of Twenty-Eighth Judicial District Indigent Defender Fund and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements to our review.

## **Accountant's Conclusion**

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) and Budget to Actual Statement 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 the financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. The information is the representation of management. We have not audited or reviewed such required supplementary information, and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on it.

## **Supplemental Information**

The Supplemental Information has not been subjected to the inquiry and analytical procedures applied in the review of the basic financial statements, but it 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, a conclusion, or provide any form of assurance on such supplementary information.

## **Other Reporting Requirements**

In accordance with the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide* and the provisions of the state law, we have issued a report dated September 13, 2025, on the results of our agreed-upon procedures on pages 31 through 33. Pages 34 through 36 present the Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire.

*The Vercher Group*

Jena, Louisiana  
September 13, 2025

**Twenty-Eighth Judicial District  
Indigent Defender Fund**

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**Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A)  
June 30, 2025**

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As management of the Twenty-Eighth Judicial District Indigent Defender Fund, we offer readers of the District's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the District's financial statements, which are attached.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- The assets exceeded the liabilities of the District for the current fiscal year by \$233,008 (net position).
- The District's cash balance at June 30, 2025, was \$46,858.
- The District had total revenue of \$269,811, and total expenditures of \$266,458, which increased the fund balance by \$3,353.

**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The 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 the Statement of Net Position, Statement of Activities, Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances, Balance Sheet, and the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

The District's overall financial position and operations for the past two years are summarized below based on the information in the current and prior financial statements.

<b>Statement of Net Position</b>				
<b>Category</b>		<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$	31,550	\$ 46,858	48.6
Receivables (Net of Allowance)		203,312	191,190	-6.0
Capital Assets, Net		-0-	-0-	0.0
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u>234,862</u>	<u>238,048</u>	1.4
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Accounts Payable		5,205	5,040	3.2
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<u>5,205</u>	<u>5,040</u>	-3.2
<b>Net Position</b>				
Net Investment in Capital Assets		-0-	-0-	0.0
Unrestricted		229,655	233,008	1.5
<b>Total Net Position</b>	\$	<u>229,655</u>	\$ <u>233,008</u>	1.5

- Total Assets increased by \$3,186 or 1.4% and receivables decreased by \$12,122.
- Total net position increased by \$3,353 or 1.5%.

See independent accountant's review report.

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**Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A)  
June 30, 2025**

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances**

Category	2024	2025	% Change
<b>Revenues</b>			
Grants	\$ 230,393	\$ 220,174	-4.5
Court Costs	22,990	45,213	96.7
Other	24,896	4,424	-82.3
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>278,279</u>	<u>269,811</u>	-3.1
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Personnel Services & Benefits	88,699	93,810	5.8
Operating Costs	155,852	172,648	10.8
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>244,551</u>	<u>266,458</u>	9.0
<b>Net Change in Fund Balance</b>	33,728	3,353	-90.1
<b>Fund Balance-Beginning</b>	195,927	229,655	17.3
<b>Fund Balance-Ending</b>	<u>\$ 229,655</u>	<u>\$ 233,008</u>	1.5

- Total revenue decreased by \$8,468 or 3.1% in the current year. The main cause for this decrease is due to a decrease in grants in the amount of \$10,219.
- Total expenditures increased by \$21,907 or 9.0% in the current year. The main cause for this increase is due to an increase in operating costs in the amount of \$16,796.

**CAPITAL ASSETS**

***Capital Assets***

At June 30, 2025, the Twenty-Eighth Judicial District Indigent Defender Fund had \$-0- invested in capital assets, including furniture and equipment.

**Capital Assets at Year-End**

	2024	2025
Furniture & Equipment	\$ 11,427	\$ 11,427
Accumulated Depreciation	(11,427)	(11,427)
<b>Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation</b>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>

See independent accountant's review report.

**Twenty-Eighth Judicial District  
Indigent Defender Fund**

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**Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A)  
June 30, 2025**

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**CONTACTING THE FUND'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

The financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances for all those with an interest. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the following address:

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See independent accountant's review report.

**Basic Financial Statements**

**TWENTY-EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
INDIGENT DEFENDER FUND  
LaSalle Parish, Louisiana  
Governmental Fund Type – General Fund  
Statement of Net Position  
June 30, 2025**

<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 46,858
Accounts Receivables	191,190
Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	<u>-0-</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>238,048</u>
 <b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accounts Payable	<u>5,040</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>5,040</u>
 <b>NET POSITION</b>	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	-0-
Unrestricted	<u>233,008</u>
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>	<u>\$ 233,008</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.



**TWENTY-EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
INDIGENT DEFENDER FUND  
LaSalle Parish, Louisiana  
Governmental Fund Type – General Fund  
Balance Sheet  
June 30, 2025**

<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 46,858
Accounts Receivable	<u>191,190</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>238,048</u>
 <b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accounts Payable	<u>5,040</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>5,040</u>
 <b>FUND BALANCES</b>	
Unassigned	<u>233,008</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCE</b>	<u>\$ 238,048</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

**TWENTY-EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
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LaSalle Parish, Louisiana  
Reconciliation of the Government Funds Balance Sheet  
to the Government-Wide Financial Statement of Net Position  
June 30, 2025**

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

Fund Balance, Total Governmental Funds (Statement C)	\$ 233,008
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.	-0-
Net Position of Governmental Activities (Statement A)	\$ <u>233,008</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

**TWENTY-EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
INDIGENT DEFENDER FUND  
LaSalle Parish, Louisiana  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, &  
Changes in Fund Balances  
Governmental Fund Type – General Fund  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025**

<b>REVENUES</b>	
Grants	\$ 220,174
Court Cost on Fines	45,213
Other Income	4,424
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u>269,811</u>
 <b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
Personnel Services and Benefits	93,810
Operating Costs	172,648
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>266,458</u>
 <b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	 3,353
 <b>FUND BALANCES--BEGINNING</b>	 <u>229,655</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES--ENDING</b>	<u>\$ 233,008</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

**TWENTY-EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
INDIGENT DEFENDER FUND  
LaSalle Parish, Louisiana  
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,  
& Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds  
To the Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025**

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Net Change in Fund Balances, Total Governmental Funds, Statement E	\$	3,353
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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 by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.

Capital Outlay	-0-		
Depr. Exp.	-0-		
		-0-	
			3,353

Changes in Net Position of Governmental Activities, Statement B	\$	<u>3,353</u>
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See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

**Notes to the Basic  
Financial Statements**

**TWENTY-EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
INDIGENT DEFENDER FUND  
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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**INTRODUCTION**

The Twenty-Eighth Judicial District Indigent Defender Fund is established in compliance with Louisiana Revised Statutes 15:144-149 to provide and compensate counsel appointed to represent indigents in criminal and quasi-criminal cases on the district court level. The judicial district encompasses the Parish of LaSalle, Louisiana.

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The accompanying basic financial statements of the Twenty-Eighth Judicial Indigent Defender Fund have been prepared in conformity with governmental accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared in conformity with GASB Statement 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments*, issued in June 1999.

1. The purpose of the fund is to oversee operations of the fund.

**B. REPORTING ENTITY**

The Indigent Defender Fund is part of the operations of the district court system. However, the district court system is fiscally dependent on the LaSalle Parish Police Jury for office space and courtrooms. In addition, the police jury's general purpose financial statements would be incomplete or misleading without inclusion of the Indigent Defender Fund. For these reasons, the Indigent Defender Fund was determined to be a component unit of the LaSalle Parish Police Jury, the financial reporting entity.

The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the board and do not present information on the police jury, the general government services provided by that government unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

**C. FUND ACCOUNTING**

The Indigent Defender Fund uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid management by segregating transactions related to certain board functions and activities. A fund is defined as a separate fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**Governmental Funds**

Governmental funds account for all or most of the Indigent Defender Fund's general activities. These funds focus on the sources, uses, and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between a governmental fund's assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. In general, fund balance represents the accumulated expendable resources which may be used to finance future period programs or operations of the board. The following are the board's governmental funds:

**General Fund** - The primary operating fund of the Indigent Defender Fund and it accounts for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in other funds. The General Fund is available for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred in accordance with state and federal laws and according to board policy.

**D. MEASUREMENT FOCUS/BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

**Fund Financial Statements (FFS)**

The amounts reflected in the General Fund 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 reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources.

The amounts reflected in the General Fund 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 Indigent Defender Fund 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:

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**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”.

When an expense is incurred for the purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available, management applies restricted resources first. The policy concerning which to apply first varies with the intended use and legal requirements. The decision is typically made by management at the incurrence of the expense.

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 the purposes for which resources can be used:

- 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.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**Revenues**

Their revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available as net current assets. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay current liabilities.

Court costs on fines and forfeitures imposed by the district court are recorded in the year they are collected by the tax collector.

Fees from indigents are recorded when received.

**Expenditures**

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

**Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)**

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the fund as a whole. These statements include all the financial activities of the Indigent Defender Fund. Information contained in these columns reflects the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from exchange or exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange occurs (regardless of when cash is received or disbursed). Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from nonexchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 33, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions.

**Program Revenues** - Program revenues included in the column labeled Statement of Activities (Statement B) are derived directly from board users as a fee for services; program revenues reduce the cost of the function to be financed from the board's general revenues.

**E. FIXED ASSETS & LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

For the year ended June 30, 2025, 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:

	<u>Life in Years</u>
Equipment	5-10

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**F. CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, & INVESTMENTS**

***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.

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***

All cash and investments (CD's over 90 days) are reported at cost and are on deposit at federally insured banks. At June 30, 2025, the District had cash (bank balances) totaling \$50,322.

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 fiscal year-end. All deposits were secured at the 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.

Amounts on deposit were fully secured as of June 30, 2025, and were secured by the following pledges:

<b>Description</b>	<b>Market Value</b>
FDIC (Category 1)	\$ 50,322
Securities (Category 2)	-0-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 50,322</b>

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**G. ESTIMATES**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require 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, expenditures, and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**2. RECEIVABLES**

The receivables of \$191,190, at June 30, 2025, consisted of court costs and operational grants. Allowance for bad debts, if any, is considered immaterial and is not presented.

Description	Balance 06/30/2025
Accounts Receivable-Grants	\$ 180,286
Accounts Receivable-Fees	10,904
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 191,190</b>

**3. CAPITAL ASSETS**

***Governmental Fund:***

A summary of governmental fund assets at June 30, 2025, is as follows:

	Balance 6-30-2024	Additions	Deletions	Balance 6-30-2025
Equipment	\$ 11,427	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 11,427
Accumulated Depreciation	(11,427)	-0-	-0-	(11,427)
<b>Total Capital Assets, Net</b>	<b>\$ -0-</b>	<b>\$ -0-</b>	<b>\$ -0-</b>	<b>\$ -0-</b>

**4. PAYABLES**

The payables of \$5,040 at June 30, 2025, are as follows:

Class of Payable	General Fund
Utilities	\$ 906
Professional Fees	500
Office Expenses	1,027
Payroll Related Expenses	2,607
<b>Total Payables</b>	<b>\$ 5,040</b>

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**5. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

The Fund followed the practice of accepting invoices for services rendered by lawyers serving as indigent defenders and paid all invoices from funds currently available. Should the amount owed exceed the amount available, indigent defenders were paid on a pro-rated basis until current funds were exhausted. Amounts remaining unpaid to indigent defenders were not considered for payment in subsequent years unless funds become available. These financial statements do not present the amounts owed to indigent defenders from prior periods and these amounts are considered material.

**6. ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY**

Statement of Financial Accounting Standard (SFAS) No. 14 requires disclosure in financial statements of a situation where one entity provides more than 10% of the audited entity's revenues. The LaSalle Parish Sheriff provided \$45,213, which was collected from fines to the Indigent Defender Fund, which represents approximately 16.8% of the Office of the State Public Defender's revenue for the year. The Indigent Defender Fund also received \$220,174 from the State of Louisiana, which represents approximately 81.6% of the Office of the State Public Defender's revenue for the year.

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**8. GOVERNMENTAL FUND REVENUES & EXPENDITURES**

For the year ended June 30, 2025, the major sources of governmental fund revenues and expenditures were as follows:

**REVENUES:**

**State Government**

Appropriations – General	\$	-0-
Appropriations – Special		-0-
Revenue Sharing		-0-
Grants		220,174
On-Behalf Payments		-0-
Other		-0-
<b>Total</b>		220,174

**Local Government**

Appropriations – General		-0-
Appropriations – Special		-0-
Grants		-0-
Statutory Fines, Forfeitures, Fees, Court Costs, & Other		45,213
Taxes – Millages, Sales, Special, & Other		-0-
Criminal Court Fund		-0-
On-Behalf Payments		-0-
Other		-0-
<b>Total</b>		45,213

**Federal Government**

Grants – Direct		-0-
Grants – Indirect (Passed-Through State)		-0-
<b>Total</b>		-0-

**Other Grants & Contributions**

Non-Profit Organizations		-0-
Private Organizations		-0-
Corporate		-0-
Other		-0-
<b>Total</b>		-0-

**Charges For Services** 4,424

**Investment Earnings** -0-

**Miscellaneous** -0-

**TOTAL REVENUES** \$ 269,811

**TWENTY-EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
INDIGENT DEFENDER FUND  
LaSalle Parish, Louisiana**

**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
CONTINUED**

**EXPENDITURES:**

**Personnel Services & Benefits**

Salaries	\$	86,452
On-Behalf Payments – Salaries		-0-
Retirement Contributions		-0-
On-Behalf Payments – Retirement		-0-
Insurance		-0-
On-Behalf Payments – Insurance		-0-
Payroll Taxes		7,358
Other		-0-
<b>Total</b>		93,810

**Professional Development**

Dues, Licenses, & Regulations		-0-
Travel		-0-
Other		-0-
<b>Total</b>		-0-

**Operating Costs**

Library & Research		-0-
Contract Services – Attorney/Legal		101,990
Contract Services – Other		36,900
Lease – Office		9,300
Lease – Autos & Other		2,220
Travel – Transportation		289
Travel – Other		-0-
Insurance		6,419
Supplies		3,225
Repair and Maintenance		-0-
Utilities & Telephone		12,155
Other		150
<b>Total</b>		172,648

**Debt Service** -0-

**Capital Outlay** -0-

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES** \$ 266,458

**Required Supplemental Information**

**TWENTY-EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
INDIGENT DEFENDER FUND  
LaSalle Parish, Louisiana  
Governmental Fund Type – General Fund  
Statement of Governmental Fund Revenues,  
Expenditures & Changes in Fund Balances  
Budget & Actual  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025**

	<u>Budget Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts Budgetary Basis</u>	<u>Budget Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Grants	\$ 231,400	\$ 231,400	\$ 220,174	\$ (11,226)
Court Cost on Fines	44,900	44,900	45,213	313
Other	5,000	5,000	4,424	(576)
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u>281,300</u>	<u>281,300</u>	<u>269,881</u>	<u>(11,489)</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Operating Costs	169,900	169,900	172,648	(2,748)
Personnel Services and Benefits	93,000	93,000	93,810	(810)
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>\$ 262,900</u>	<u>\$ 262,900</u>	<u>266,458</u>	<u>\$ (3,558)</u>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	18,400	18,400	3,353	(15,047)
<b>FUND BALANCE – BEGINNING</b>			<u>229,655</u>	
<b>FUND BALANCE – ENDING</b>			<u>\$ 233,008</u>	

See independent accountant's review report.

**Supplemental Information**

**TWENTY-EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
INDIGENT DEFENDER FUND  
LaSalle Parish, Louisiana**

**Schedule of Compensation Benefits and Other Payments  
to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025**

Derrick Carson- Chief Public Defender

Purpose	Amount
Salary	\$ 36,906
Benefits-Insurance	-0-
Benefits-Retirement	-0-
Benefits (List any other here)	-0-
Car Allowance	-0-
Vehicle Provided by Government	-0-
Per Diem	-0-
Reimbursements	-0-
Travel	-0-
Registration Fees	-0-
Conference Travel	-0-
Continuing Professional Education Fees	-0-
Housing	-0-
Un-vouchered Expenses*	-0-
Special Meals	\$ -0-

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

See independent accountant's review report.

**TWENTY-EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
INDIGENT DEFENDER FUND  
Justice System Funding Schedule – Receiving Entity  
Year Ended June 30, 2025**

	<b>First Six Months Ended 12/31/2024</b>	<b>Second Six Months Ended 06/30/2025</b>
<b>Receipts From:</b>		
Criminal Fees	\$ 13,750	\$ 19,369
Criminal Court Costs	4,651	2,495
Other	290	160
LaSalle Parish Bond Fees	8,016	6,307
<b>Subtotal Receipts</b>	<b>26,707</b>	<b>28,331</b>
<b>Ending Balance of Amounts Assessed but Not Received</b>	<b>\$ -0-</b>	<b>\$ -0-</b>

See independent accountant's review report.

**Other Reports**

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### **Management Letter Comments**

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No items to report.

**TWENTY-EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
INDIGENT DEFENDER FUND**

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

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

The management of the Twenty-Eighth Judicial District Indigent Defender Fund has provided the following action summaries relating to findings brought to their attention as a result of their financial review for the year ended June 30, 2024.

**PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS**

No items to report.

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### **INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES**

To the Twenty-Eighth Judicial District Indigent Defender Fund

We have performed the procedures included in the *Louisiana Government Audit Guide* and enumerated below, which were agreed to by the management of the Twenty-Eighth Judicial District Indigent Defender Fund and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, solely to assist the users in evaluating management's assertions about the Twenty-Eighth Judicial District Indigent Defender Fund's compliance with certain laws and regulations during the year ended June 30, 2025, included in the accompanying *Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire*. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was performed in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of the report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below whether for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

#### *Public Bid Law*

1. Obtain documentation for all expenditures made during the year for materials and supplies exceeding \$30,000, and public works exceeding \$250,000. Compare the documentation for these expenditures to Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 39:1551-39:1775 (the state procurement code) or R.S. 38:2211-2296 (the public bid law), whichever is applicable; and report whether the expenditures were made in accordance with these laws.

\*During our review of expenditures, we found no such expenditures.

#### *Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees*

2. Obtain a list of the immediate family members of each board member as defined by R.S. 42:1101-1124 (the ethics law).

\*The Twenty-Eighth Judicial District Indigent Defender Fund does not have a board.

3. Obtain a list of all employees paid during the fiscal year.

\*Management provided us with the requested information.

4. Report whether any employees' names appear on both lists obtained in Procedures 2 and 3.

\*Not applicable.

5. Obtain a list of all disbursements made during the year; and a list of outside business interests of board members, employees, and board members' and employees' immediate families. Report whether any vendors appear on both lists.

\*Management provided the requested information. None of the businesses of board members, employees, and board members' and employees' immediate families appeared as vendors on the list of disbursements.

### *Budgeting*

6. Obtain a copy of the legally adopted budget and all amendments.

\*We obtained a copy of the budget. There were no amendments to the budget during the year.

7. Trace documentation for the adoption of the budget and approval of any amendments to the minute book, and report whether there are any exceptions.

\*Not applicable. There is no minute book.

8. Compare the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures. Report whether actual revenues failed to meet budgeted revenues by 5% or more, and whether actual expenditures exceeded budgeted amounts by 5% or more. (For agencies that must comply with the Licensing Agency Budget Act only, compare the expenditures of the final budget to actual expenditures, and report whether actual expenditures exceeded budgeted amounts by 10% or more per category or 5% or more in total).

\*The District had a favorable revenue variance and a favorable expenditure.

### *Accounting and Reporting*

9. Obtain the list of all disbursements made during the fiscal year. Randomly select six disbursements and obtain documentation from management for these disbursements. Compare the selected disbursements to the supporting documentation, and:

(a) Report whether the six disbursements agree to the amount and the payee in the supporting documentation.

\*We examined supporting documentation for the six selected documents, and they all agreed.

(b) Report whether the six disbursements were coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

\*All the payments were properly coded to the correct fund and correct general ledger account.

(c) Report whether the six disbursements were approved in accordance with management's policies and procedures.

\*The selected disbursements were approved by the proper authorities.

### *Meetings*

10. Obtain evidence from management to support that agendas for meetings recorded in the minute book were posted or advertised as required by R.S. 42:11 through 42:28 (the open meetings law); and report whether there are any exceptions.

\*Not applicable. No meetings are conducted.

#### *Debt*

11. Obtain bank deposit slips for the fiscal year and scan the deposit slips in order to identify and report whether there are any deposits that appear to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness. If any such proceeds are identified, obtain from management evidence of approval by the State Bond Commission, and report any exceptions.

\*The District did not enter into any long-term debt this fiscal year.

#### *Advances and Bonuses*

12. Obtain the list of payroll disbursements and meeting minutes of the governing board, if applicable. Scan these documents to identify and report whether there are any payments or approval of payments to employees that may constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

\*We inspected payroll records and minutes for the year and noted no instances which indicated payments to employees which would constitute bonuses, advances, and gifts.

#### *State Audit Law*

13. Report on whether the agency provided for a timely report in accordance with R.S. 24:513.

\* The District's report is due on December 31, 2025, and was submitted in a timely manner.

14. Inquire of management and report whether the agency entered into any contracts that utilized state funds as defined in R.S. 39:72.1 A. (2); and that were subject to the public bid law (R.S. 38:2211, et seq.), while the agency was not in compliance with R.S. 24:513 (the audit law).

\*The District did not enter into any new contracts this fiscal year.

We were not engaged to, and did not perform an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on management's assertions. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the use of management of the Twenty-Eighth Judicial District Indigent Defender Fund and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and taken responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures for their purposes. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

### *The Vercher Group*

Jena, Louisiana

September 13, 2025

**LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE**

September 13, 2025

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In connection with your review of our financial statements as of June 30, 2025, and for the year then ended, and as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, we make the following representations to you. We accept full responsibility for our compliance with the following laws and regulations and the internal controls over compliance with such laws and regulations. We have evaluated our compliance with the following laws and regulations prior to making these representations.

These representations are based on the information available to us as of September 13, 2025 (date of completion/representations).

**Public Bid Law**

It is true that we have complied with the state procurement code (R.S. 39:1551 – 39:1755); the public bid law (R.S. 38:2211-2296), and, where applicable, the regulations of the Division of Administration and the State Purchasing Office.

Yes  No  N/A

**Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees**

It is true that no employees or officials have accepted anything of value, whether in the form of a service, loan, or promise, from anyone that would constitute a violation of R.S. 42:1101-1124.

Yes  No  N/A

It is true that no member of the immediate family of any member of the governing authority, or the chief executive of the governmental entity, has been employed by the governmental entity after April 1, 1980, under circumstances that would constitute a violation of R.S. 42:1119.

Yes  No  N/A

**Budgeting**

We have complied with the state budgeting requirements of the Local Government Budget Act (R.S. 39:1301-15), R.S. 39:33, or the budget requirements of R.S. 39:1331-1342, as applicable.

Yes  No  N/A

**Accounting and Reporting**

All non-exempt governmental records are available as a public record and have been retained for at least three years, as required by R.S. 44:1, 44:7, 44:31, and 44:36.

Yes  No  N/A

We have filed our annual financial statements in accordance with R.S. 24:514, and 33:463 where applicable.

Yes  No  N/A

We have had our financial statements reviewed in accordance with R.S. 24:513.

Yes  No  N/A

We did not enter into any contracts that utilized state funds as defined in R.S. 39:72.1 A. (2); and that were subject to the public bid law (R.S. 38:2211, et seq.), while the agency was not in compliance with R.S. 24:513 (the audit law).

Yes  No  N/A

We have complied with R.S. 24:513 A. (3) regarding disclosure of compensation, reimbursements, benefits and other payments to the agency head, political subdivision head, or chief executive officer.

Yes  No  N/A

We have complied with R.S. 24:515.2 regarding reporting of pre- and post- adjudication court costs, fines and fees assessed or imposed; the amounts collected; the amounts outstanding; the amounts retained; the amounts disbursed, and the amounts received from disbursements.

Yes  No  N/A

#### **Meetings**

We have complied with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, provided in R.S. 42:11 through 42:28.

Yes  No  N/A

#### **Debt**

It is true we have not incurred any indebtedness, other than credit for 90 days or less to make purchases in the ordinary course of administration, nor have we entered into any lease-purchase agreements, without the approval of the State Bond Commission, as provided by Article VII, Section 8 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, Article VI, Section 33 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, and R.S. 39:1410.60-1410.65.

Yes  No  N/A

#### **Advances and Bonuses**

It is true we have not advanced wages or salaries to employees or paid bonuses in violation of Article VII, Section 14 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, R.S. 14:138, and AG opinion 79-729.

Yes  No  N/A

#### **Prior-Year Comments**

We have resolved all prior-year recommendations and/or comments.

Yes  No  N/A

#### **General**

We acknowledge that we are responsible for the Agency's compliance with the foregoing laws and regulations and the internal controls over compliance with such laws and regulations.

Yes  No  N/A

We acknowledge that we are responsible for determining that the procedures performed are appropriate for the purposes of this engagement.

Yes  No  N/A

We have evaluated our compliance with these laws and regulations prior to making these representations.

Yes  No  N/A

We have provided you with all relevant information and access under the terms of our agreement.

Yes  No  N/A

We have disclosed to you all known noncompliance of the foregoing laws and regulations, as well as any contradictions to the foregoing representations.

Yes  No  N/A

We are not aware of any material misstatements in the information we have provided to you.

Yes  No  N/A

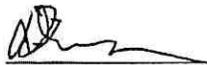
We have disclosed to you any communications from regulatory agencies, internal auditors, other independent practitioners or consultants, and others concerning noncompliance with the foregoing laws and regulations, including communications received during the period under examination; and will disclose to you any such communication received between the end of the period under examination and the date of your report.

Yes  No  N/A

We will disclose to you, the Legislative Auditor, and the applicable state grantor agency/agencies all known noncompliance and other events subsequent to the date of this representation and the date of your report that could have a material effect on our compliance with laws and regulations and the internal controls with such laws and regulations or would require adjustment or modification to the results of the agreed-upon procedures.

Yes  No  N/A

The previous responses have been made to the best of our belief and knowledge.

Signed: 

Title: Chief

Signed: 

Title: Officer Adm