

Northwest Louisiana Food Bank

Financial Statements With Auditors' Report

As of and for the Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

Northwest Louisiana Food Bank

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Board of Directors
Northwest Louisiana Food Bank
Shreveport, Louisiana

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Northwest Louisiana Food Bank, (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Northwest Louisiana Food Bank, (a nonprofit organization) as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion of the effectiveness of Northwest Louisiana Food Bank's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Northwest Louisiana Food Bank's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.


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

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, shown on pages 18-19, and the supplemental information schedule presented on page 20, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 16, 2024, on our consideration of Northwest Louisiana Food Bank's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of Northwest Louisiana Food Bank's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Northwest Louisiana Food Bank's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Cook & Morehart
Certified Public Accountants
December 16, 2024

Northwest Louisiana Food Bank
Statements of Financial Position
June 30, 2024 and 2023

Assets

	2024	2023
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,215,176	\$ 5,934,253
Investments	15,431,833	12,847,771
Accounts receivable - grants	647,713	212,009
Accounts receivable - other	3,118	5,483
Prepaid expenses		19,132
Inventory - USDA	685,080	809,625
Inventory - Other	685,770	940,537
Unconditional promises to give	20,000	20,000
Total current assets	<u>22,688,690</u>	<u>20,788,810</u>
Noncurrent assets:		
Unconditional promises to give	36,158	53,169
Operating lease right-of-use assets	5,963	15,293
Depreciable property and equipment, net	8,448,377	6,579,686
Non-depreciable property and equipment	873,733	1,546,497
Total noncurrent assets	<u>9,364,231</u>	<u>8,194,645</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 32,052,921</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 28,983,455</u></u>

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 78,706	\$ 307,591
Accrued liabilities	62,033	65,321
Right-of-use operating lease liabilities, current	5,963	9,330
Refundable advance		116,490
Total current liabilities	<u>146,702</u>	<u>498,732</u>
Right-of-use operating lease liabilities, less current portion		5,963
Total liabilities		<u>5,963</u>
Net assets:		
With donor restrictions	1,549,596	1,437,420
Without donor restrictions	30,356,623	27,041,340
Total net assets	<u>31,906,219</u>	<u>28,478,760</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u><u>\$ 32,052,921</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 28,983,455</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Northwest Louisiana Food Bank
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Revenues, Gains and Other Support:			
Annual campaign	\$ 438,880	\$	\$ 438,880
Contributions of cash and other financial assets - church, corporate, individuals	1,842,370		1,842,370
Contributions of nonfinancial assets - donated food supplies	19,858,302		19,858,302
Grants and contracts			
Government	2,432,295	191,152	2,623,447
Foundation	60,000		60,000
Other	203,671	69,500	273,171
Shared maintenance	531,182		531,182
Adopt a senior program	27,315		27,315
Miscellaneous	83,742		83,742
Interest income	184,024		184,024
Net assets released from restrictions:			
Satisfaction of restrictions	148,476	(148,476)	
Total revenues, gains and other support	<u>25,810,257</u>	<u>112,176</u>	<u>25,922,433</u>
Expenses:			
Program services			
Food Bank	23,254,783		23,254,783
Supporting services			
Management and general	1,050,988		1,050,988
Fund Raising	155,619		155,619
Total expenses	<u>24,461,390</u>		<u>24,461,390</u>
Changes in net assets from operations	1,348,867	112,176	1,461,043
Nonoperating activities			
Investment return, net	1,966,416		1,966,416
Net nonoperating activities	<u>1,966,416</u>		<u>1,966,416</u>
Change in net assets	3,315,283	112,176	3,427,459
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>27,041,340</u>	<u>1,437,420</u>	<u>28,478,760</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u><u>\$ 30,356,623</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,549,596</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 31,906,219</u></u>

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Northwest Louisiana Food Bank
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Revenues, Gains and Other Support:			
Annual campaign	\$ 400,070	\$	\$ 400,070
Contributions of cash and other financial assets - church, corporate, individuals	1,820,289	73,169	1,893,458
Contributions of nonfinancial assets - donated food supplies	15,398,122	36,227	15,434,349
Grants and contracts			
Government	129,300	6,921	136,221
Foundation	218,500	178,600	397,100
Other	871,638		871,638
Shared maintenance	539,451		539,451
Adopt a senior program	58,800		58,800
Miscellaneous	82,873		82,873
Interest income	177,623		177,623
Net assets released from restrictions:			
Satisfaction of restrictions	53,115	(53,115)	
Total revenues, gains and other support	<u>19,749,781</u>	<u>241,802</u>	<u>19,991,583</u>
Expenses:			
Program services			
Food Bank	17,417,697		17,417,697
Supporting services			
Management and general	1,138,216		1,138,216
Fund Raising	172,338		172,338
Total expenses	<u>18,728,251</u>		<u>18,728,251</u>
Changes in net assets from operations	1,021,530	241,802	1,263,332
Nonoperating activities			
Investment return, net	1,245,407		1,245,407
Net nonoperating activities	<u>1,245,407</u>		<u>1,245,407</u>
Change in net assets	2,266,937	241,802	2,508,739
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>24,774,403</u>	<u>1,195,618</u>	<u>25,970,021</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 27,041,340</u>	<u>\$ 1,437,420</u>	<u>\$ 28,478,760</u>

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Northwest Louisiana Food Bank
Statement of Functional Expenses
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Program Services	Support Services			
	Food Bank	Management & General	Fund Raising	Total	Total
Expenses					
Accounting	\$ 25,743	\$ 39,526	\$	\$ 39,526	\$ 65,269
Auto	143,240				143,240
Advertising			53,892	53,892	53,892
Computer expense	24,123	11,601	4,467	16,068	40,191
Depreciation	227,702	128,040		128,040	355,742
Food costs	21,845,319				21,845,319
Freight	81,998				81,998
Fringe		298,584		298,584	298,584
Insurance		110,647		110,647	110,647
Postage		720	1,320	2,040	2,040
Repairs & maintenance	33,996	31,584		31,584	65,580
Salaries	715,420	299,799	92,540	392,339	1,107,759
Supplies	115,307	10,393	25	10,418	125,725
Telephone	5,137	8,674	1,140	9,814	14,951
Training	6,425	6,232	643	6,875	13,300
Travel	2,453	8,127		8,127	10,580
Utilities	13,529	74,166		74,166	87,695
Waste disposal	1,648	5,336		5,336	6,984
Miscellaneous	12,743	17,559	1,592	19,151	31,894
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 23,254,783</u>	<u>\$ 1,050,988</u>	<u>\$ 155,619</u>	<u>\$ 1,206,607</u>	<u>\$ 24,461,390</u>

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Northwest Louisiana Food Bank
Statement of Functional Expenses
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Program Services	Support Services			
	Food Bank	Management & General	Fund Raising	Total	Total
Expenses					
Accounting	\$ 10,914	\$ 36,328	\$	\$ 36,328	\$ 47,242
Auto	34,810	86,133		86,133	120,943
Advertising			49,820	49,820	49,820
Computer expense	8,813	15,949	1,382	17,331	26,144
Depreciation	155,081	204,378		204,378	359,459
Dues & subscriptions	114				114
Food costs	16,498,103	2,388		2,388	16,500,491
Freight	82,824				82,824
Fringe		251,901		251,901	251,901
Insurance		95,598		95,598	95,598
Postage		1,613	1,000	2,613	2,613
Repairs & maintenance	22,032	28,476		28,476	50,508
Salaries	566,050	265,915	114,002	379,917	945,967
Supplies	9,390	12,082		12,082	21,472
Telephone	3,870	8,646	900	9,546	13,416
Travel	12,247	8,574	1,693	10,267	22,514
Utilities		85,603		85,603	85,603
Waste disposal		5,028		5,028	5,028
Miscellaneous	13,449	29,604	3,541	33,145	46,594
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 17,417,697</u>	<u>\$ 1,138,216</u>	<u>\$ 172,338</u>	<u>\$ 1,310,554</u>	<u>\$ 18,728,251</u>

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Northwest Louisiana Food Bank
Statements of Cash Flows
For the Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

Operating Activities

	2024	2023
Change in net assets	\$ 3,427,459	\$ 2,508,739
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation	355,742	359,459
Amortization on operating leases	12,697	9,068
Realized & unrealized (gain) loss on investment	(1,753,150)	(1,008,297)
Donation of stock	(14,971)	(4,925)
(Increase) decrease in operating assets:		
Accounts receivable	(433,339)	(56,377)
Inventory - USDA	124,545	(36,227)
Inventory - other	254,767	144,167
Prepaid expenses	19,132	(19,132)
Unconditional promises to give	17,011	(73,169)
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:		
Repayments of operating lease liabilities	(12,697)	(9,068)
Accounts payable	33,456	26,017
Accrued liabilities	(3,288)	7,271
Refundable advance	(116,490)	82,671
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>1,910,874</u>	<u>1,930,197</u>

Investing Activities

Purchase of investments	(2,587,854)	(2,467,431)
Sale of investments	1,771,913	
Payments for property and equipment	(1,814,010)	(623,741)
Net cash (used) in investing activities	<u>(2,629,951)</u>	<u>(3,091,172)</u>

Net (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(719,077)	(1,160,975)
Cash and cash equivalents as of beginning of year	<u>5,934,253</u>	<u>7,095,228</u>
Cash and cash equivalents as of end of year	<u>\$ 5,215,176</u>	<u>\$ 5,934,253</u>

Supplemental Cash flow Disclosures:

Noncash Investing Transactions:

Donated stock	<u>\$ 14,971</u>	<u>\$ 4,925</u>
Acquisition of property		
Cost of property and equipment	\$ 1,814,010	\$ 886,082
Trade account payable		(262,341)
Cash down payment for property and equipment	<u>\$ 1,814,010</u>	<u>\$ 623,741</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Northwest Louisiana Food Bank
Notes to Financial Statements
June 30, 2024 and 2023

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Nature of Activities

The Northwest Louisiana Food Bank (the Food Bank) was organized in Shreveport during 1996 for the purpose of distributing food and commodities to various group feeding centers and food pantries in the parishes of Caddo, Bossier, Red River, Webster, Desoto, Claiborne, and Bienville in North Louisiana.

The Organization receives United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) donated food commodities for use in feeding needy households under the Food Bank Program. The Organization assumes full responsibility for all matters pertinent to the receipt, handling, storage, protection, accountability, and use of donated food commodities. The Organization also receives funding for administrative costs to support product maintenance.

The Northwest Louisiana Food Bank is the regional certified affiliate of America's Second Harvest, a national food bank organization located in Chicago, Illinois that links over 200 affiliated food banks with donations from over 250 major donors.

The Organization relies heavily on community volunteers or individuals doing community services as a condition of probation. The Organization relies on food donations from Second Harvest and related affiliates as well as donations from the United States Department of Agriculture, churches, benevolent trusts, corporations, and United Way to fund the daily operations.

B. Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Food Bank have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

C. Basis of Presentation

Financial statement presentation follows the recommendations of the Financial Accounting Standards Board in its Statement of Financial Accounting Standards. Under those standards, the Organization is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets:

Net assets without donor restrictions: Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions and may be expended for any purpose in performing the primary objective of the organization. These net assets may be used at the discretion of Food Bank's management and the board of directors.

Net assets with donor restrictions: Net assets subject to stipulations imposed by donors and grantors. Some donor restrictions are temporary in nature; those restrictions will be met by actions of Food Bank or by the passage of time. Other donor restrictions are perpetual in nature, whereby the donor has stipulated the funds be maintained in perpetuity.

Donor restricted contributions are reported as increases in net assets with donor restrictions. When a restriction expires, net assets are reclassified from net assets with donor restrictions to net assets without donor restrictions in the statement of activities. The Food Bank has adopted a policy to classify donor restricted contributions as without donor restrictions to the extent that donor restrictions were met in the year the contribution was received.

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D. Income Tax Status

The Food Bank is a tax-exempt organization as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and therefore, is not subject to income taxes. However, income from certain activities not directly related to the Food Bank's tax-exempt purpose is subject to taxation as unrelated business income. The Food Bank had no such income for this audit period. The Organization's Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, for the years ended June 30, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 are subject to examination by the IRS, generally three years after they were filed.

E. Use of Estimates

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities and the reported revenues and expenses. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

F. Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the Statements of Cash Flows, the Food Bank considers all highly liquid investments with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

G. Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are carried at cost or, if donated, at the approximate fair value at the date of donation. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of each asset. The Federal government has a reversionary interest in property purchased with federal funds. Its disposition as well as the ownership of any proceeds there from is subject to federal regulations. The Food Bank has adopted a policy to capitalize expenditures for property and equipment with a unit cost of \$5,000 or more.

H. Contributions

Contributions received are recorded as increase in net assets without donor restrictions or net assets with donor restrictions depending on the existence and/or nature or any donor restrictions. When restrictions expire (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished), net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. In the absence of donor restrictions to the contrary, restrictions on contributions of property or equipment or on assets restricted to acquiring property or equipment expire when the property or equipment is placed in service.

I. Contributed Nonfinancial Assets

Contributed nonfinancial assets are comprised of donated food inventory received from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and from other organizations. Donated food from USDA is valued at fair market value and is reflected as with donor restrictions until restrictions are met. Donated inventory received from other organizations is valued at the average price per pound as determined by the National Office of Feeding America. The Food Bank distributes donated food to local pantries as part of their ongoing operations.

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J. Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of providing the various programs and activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of activities and the statement of functional expense. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited. Costs are directly charged to the function they benefit. Indirect or shared costs, including personnel, facility costs, and other are allocated among the programs and support services by a method that best measures the relative degree of benefit, based upon management's estimates.

K. Investments

Investments in equity securities are presented in the financial statements at fair value using level 1 fair value measures (quoted prices in active markets). For contributed investments, fair value of the gift is determined by the market value at the date of donation. Realized and unrealized gains and losses are included in investment return, along with interest and dividends, in the statement of activities. Investments are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit risk. Due to the level of risk associated with the investments, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of the investments will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the financial statements. Recent market conditions have resulted in an unusually high degree of volatility and increased the risks and may affect the short-term liquidity associated with certain investments held by the Food Bank which could impact the value of investments after the date of these financial statements. Because the values of individual investments fluctuate with market conditions, the amount of gains or losses that will be recognized in subsequent periods, if any, cannot be determined.

L. Fair Value Measurements

Generally accepted accounting principles establish a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. This hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities ("Level 1") and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs ("Level 3"). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

Level 1: quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Organization has the ability to access as of the measurement date.

Level 2: significant other observable inputs than Level 1 prices such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.

Level 3: significant unobservable inputs that reflect a reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability.

The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

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M. Inventory

Purchased inventory is carried at cost, while inventory acquired from the United States Department of Agriculture is valued at fair market value. Donated inventory is based on the average price per pound as determined by the National Office of Feeding America. This price was \$1.97 for 2024 and \$1.57 for 2023.

(2) Concentrations of Credit Risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Food Bank to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash and cash equivalents, investments, grants receivable, accounts receivable, and promises to give receivables. Concentrations of credit risk with respect to grant receivables are limited due to these amounts being due from funding sources under contractual terms. As of June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Food Bank had no significant concentrations of credit risk in relation to grant receivables. Concentrations of credit risk with respect to accounts receivable are limited due to the receivables being small in nature and from several different entities. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insures accounts up to \$250,000 at financial institutions and investment brokers. Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC) insures funds on deposit with investment brokers up to \$500,000. SIPC covers losses from fraud and negligence of the registered securities dealer, but not against market losses or investments returns. The Food Bank had uninsured cash and investments of \$4,466,237 and \$4,669,486 at June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Promises to give for the capital campaign at June 30, 2024 and 2023 were from one donor.

(3) Investments

Investments in equity securities are presented in the financial statements at fair value using level 1 fair value measures (quoted prices in active markets). The fair value of certificates of deposit is determined by using a discounted cash flow calculation that applies interest rates currently being offered for deposits of similar remaining maturities to a schedule of expected maturities on the certificates. This results in a level 2 fair value measurement. Investments as of June 30, 2024 and 2023 consisted of the following:

	2024		2023	
	Fair Value	Cost	Fair Value	Cost
Fixed income	\$ 2,457,896	\$ 2,456,525	\$ 1,857,013	\$ 1,893,747
Mutual funds	11,704,531	11,252,481	9,775,104	10,863,029
Alternative investments	299,962	305,331	304,420	301,526
Certificates of deposit	780,780	765,654	746,690	745,000
Equities	188,664	163,407	164,544	113,862
Totals	<u>\$15,431,833</u>	<u>\$14,943,398</u>	<u>\$12,847,771</u>	<u>\$ 13,917,164</u>

For the year ended June 30, 2024, net investment return was \$1,966,416, which consisted of realized and unrealized gains of \$1,753,150 and interest and dividends of \$213,266. For the year ended June 30, 2023, net investment return was \$1,245,407, which consisted of realized and unrealized gains of \$1,008,297 and interest and dividends of \$237,110.

(4) Accounts Receivable – Grants

Various funding sources provide reimbursement of allowable costs under contracts or agreements. These balances represent amounts due from funding sources at June 30, 2024 and 2023, but received after those dates.

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June 30, 2024 and 2023
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(5) Accrued Liabilities

Accrued liabilities consisted of the following at June 30, 2024 and 2023:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Accrued leave payable	\$ 21,682	\$ 21,682
Accrued payroll	34,913	38,944
Payroll taxes and other related benefits payable	<u>5,438</u>	<u>4,695</u>
	<u>\$ 62,033</u>	<u>\$ 65,321</u>

(6) Property and Equipment

Property and equipment consisted of the following at June 30, 2024 and 2023:

	Estimated Depreciable Life	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Buildings and improvements	7-39 years	\$ 8,269,724	\$ 6,170,602
Furniture and equipment	5-10 years	834,794	709,482
Vehicles	5-10 years	1,094,402	1,117,315
Land		873,733	873,733
Construction in process			672,764
Accumulated depreciation		<u>(1,750,543)</u>	<u>(1,417,713)</u>
Net investment in property and equipment		<u>\$ 9,322,110</u>	<u>\$ 8,126,183</u>

Depreciation expense for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 was \$355,742 and \$359,459, respectively.

(7) Retirement Plan

The Food Bank provides a Savings Incentive Match Plan for Employees of Small Employers (SIMPLE) under Section 408(p) of the Internal Revenue Code. The plan covers full-time employees of the Food Bank. The Food Bank contributes a matching contribution equal to the employee's contributions up to a limit of 3% of the employee's compensation for the calendar year. Employees may make contributions to the plan up to the maximum amount allowed by the Internal Revenue Code if they wish. The amount contributed by the Food Bank to retirement plans on the employees behalf for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, was \$24,888 and \$23,153, respectively.

(8) Concentrations and Dependence

The Food Bank entered into an agreement with the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Food Distribution Division, for the operation of a Food Distribution Program. The agreement is permanent, unless terminated by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry for failing to comply with the provisions, instructions, or procedures outlined in the agreement. Under the terms of the agreement, commodities from the United States Department of Agriculture are passed through the Louisiana Department of Agriculture to the Food Bank for distribution. During the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, approximately 26% and 22%, respectively, of the total food donations received by the Food Bank were commodities from the Louisiana Department of Agriculture. During the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, approximately 90% and 86%, respectively, of the total shared maintenance received by the Food Bank was from the Louisiana Department of Agriculture.

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June 30, 2024 and 2023
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During the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Food Bank received contractual revenue from federal, state, local, and other grants in the amount of \$2,956,618 and \$1,404,959, respectively. The continued existence of these funds is based on annual contract renewals with various funding sources.

(9) Net Assets

Net assets at June 30, 2024 and 2023, consisted of the following:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions:		
Undesignated	\$ 21,034,513	\$ 18,915,157
Net investment in property and equipment	<u>9,322,110</u>	<u>8,126,183</u>
Total undesignated net assets	<u>30,356,623</u>	<u>27,041,340</u>
 Total net assets without donor restrictions	 <u>30,356,623</u>	 <u>27,041,340</u>
Net Assets With Donor Restrictions:		
Subject to expenditure for specified purpose –		
Restricted for USDA commodities in inventory	685,080	809,625
Restricted for fundraising and food sourcing staff		
capacity building	369,105	369,105
Restricted for equipment purchase	178,600	178,600
Restricted for mobile pantry	69,500	
Restricted for food purchase	<u>247,311</u>	<u>80,090</u>
Total net assets with donor restrictions	<u>1,549,596</u>	<u>1,437,420</u>
 Total Net Assets	 <u>\$ 31,906,219</u>	 <u>\$ 28,478,760</u>

(10) Liquidity and Availability of Financial Assets

The Food Bank monitors its liquidity so that it is able to meet its operating needs and other contractual commitments while maximizing the investment of its excess operating cash. The Food Bank has the following financial assets that could readily be made available within one year of the balance sheet to fund expenses without limitations:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Financial assets at year-end:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,215,176	\$ 5,934,253
Investments	15,431,833	12,847,771
Grant receivables	647,713	212,009
Other receivables	3,118	5,483
Unconditional promises to give	56,158	73,169
 Total financial assets	 <u>21,353,998</u>	 <u>19,072,685</u>
Less amounts not available to be used within one year:		
Non-current portion of unconditional promises to give	(36,158)	(53,169)
Net assets with donor restrictions (excluding USDA		
Inventory and promises to give)	<u>(808,358)</u>	<u>(554,626)</u>
 Financial assets available to meet cash needs for general		
expenditures within one year	 <u>\$ 20,509,482</u>	 <u>\$ 18,464,890</u>

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Northwest Louisiana Food Bank
Notes to Financial Statements
June 30, 2024 and 2023
(Continued)

In addition to financial assets available to meet general expenditures over the year, the Food Bank operates with a balanced budget and anticipates covering general expenditures using the income generated from contractual agreements with governmental agencies and contributions. The Statement of Cash Flows identifies the sources and uses of the Food Bank's cash and shows positive cash generated by operations of \$1,910,874 and \$1,930,197 for fiscal years ending June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

(11) Right-of-Use Operating Leases

The Food Bank leases two vehicles under long-term, non-cancellable operating leases. The leases expire at various dates through the year ending 2025. The discount rate of 2.85% represents the risk-free discount rate using a period comparable with that of the individual lease term.

The right-of-use operating assets and operating lease liabilities at June 30, 2024 and 2023, are as follows:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Lease Assets		
Operating lease right-of-use assets	<u>\$ 5,963</u>	<u>\$ 15,293</u>
Lease Liabilities		
Operating lease liabilities as June 30	\$ 5,963	\$ 15,293
Less current portion	<u>(5,963)</u>	<u>(9,330)</u>
Operating lease liabilities, non-current	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 5,963</u>
Total lease costs were as follows:		
Operating lease costs	<u>\$ 9,645</u>	<u>\$ 9,645</u>
Weighted-average remaining lease term – months	<u>15</u>	<u>26</u>
Weighted-average discount rate	<u>2.85%</u>	<u>2.85%</u>

Future minimum payments required under operating leases that have an initial or remaining non-cancelable lease term in excess of one year are as follows:

For the Year Ending June 30,	Principle	Interest	Total
<u>2025</u>	<u>\$ 5,963</u>	<u>\$ 69</u>	<u>\$ 6,032</u>
Total lease payments	<u>\$ 5,963</u>	<u>\$ 69</u>	<u>\$ 6,032</u>

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June 30, 2024 and 2023
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(12) Accounts Payable

Accounts payable consisted of the following at June 30, 2024 and 2023:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Accounts payable	\$ 78,706	\$ 55,080
Construction payable		<u>252,511</u>
Total Accounts payable	<u>\$ 78,706</u>	<u>\$ 307,591</u>

(13) Promises to Give

The Food Bank received a promise to give during the year ended June 30, 2023. Promise to give is restricted to payment of costs associated purchasing food. The promise to give is discounted at 4.13%. There is no allowance for uncollectible promises to give recorded.

Unconditional promises to give at June 30, 2024 and 2023 were as follows:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Receivable in less than one year	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Receivable in one to five years	40,000	60,000
Less discount on promises	<u>(3,842)</u>	<u>(6,831)</u>
Net unconditional promises to give	<u>\$ 56,158</u>	<u>\$ 73,169</u>

(14) Prior Period Adjustment

Accounts receivable and grant revenue for the year ended June 30, 2023, were restated in the amount of \$41,782, to record additional grants receivable and grant revenue not previously recognized. As a result of this adjustment, the balances reported as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, in these financial statements differ from those previously reported.

(15) Subsequent Events

Food Bank ordered a refrigerated truck in April 2024 for approximately \$229,792. The truck has not been paid for nor delivered as of the financial statement date.

Subsequent events have been evaluated through December 16, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Northwest Louisiana Food Bank
Shreveport, Louisiana
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Federal Grantor / Pass-Through Grantor / Program Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Grantor's Number	Through to Subrecipients	Expenditures
<u>U.S. Department of Homeland Security</u>				
Passed through a local governing board Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program	97.024	Unknown	\$	<u>45,650</u>
<u>U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development</u>				
Passed through Feeding Louisiana Covid 19 - Community Development Block Grant/State's Program and Non-Entitlement Grants in Hawaii	14.228	Unknown		501,465
Passed through City of Shreveport CDBG - Entitlement/Special Purpose Grants Cluster Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants Total CDBG - Entitlement/Special Purpose Grants Cluster	14.218	Unknown		<u>30,072</u> <u>30,072</u>
Total U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development				<u>531,537</u>
<u>U.S. Department of Agriculture and Forestry</u>				
Passed through the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry Food Distribution Cluster Emergency Food Assistance Program Food Commodities Administrative Costs Total Food Distribution Cluster	10.569 10.568	Unknown Unknown	5,053,075	5,212,238 689,805 <u>5,902,043</u>
Passed through the Louisiana Department of Education Child Nutrition Cluster Summer Food Service Program for Children (SFSP) Total Child Nutrition Cluster	10.559	Unknown		<u>77,989</u> <u>77,989</u>
Pass through Feeding Louisiana: Covid 19 - Pandemic Relief Activities: Local Food Purchase Agreements with States, Tribes, and Local Governments	10.182	Unknown		<u>475,932</u>
Passed through the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services SNAP Cluster State Administrative Matching Grants for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Total SNAP Cluster	10.561	Unknown		<u>97,046</u> <u>97,046</u>
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			<u>5,053,075</u>	<u>6,553,010</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			<u>\$ 5,053,075</u>	<u>\$ 7,130,197</u>

Northwest Louisiana Food Bank
Shreveport, Louisiana
Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

NOTE 1: Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal award activity of Northwest Louisiana Food Bank under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2024. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Northwest Louisiana Food Bank it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of Northwest Louisiana Food Bank.

NOTE 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the 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.

NOTE 3: Indirect Cost Rate

Northwest Louisiana Food Bank does not utilize an indirect cost rate.

NOTE 4: Nonmonetary Assistance

Nonmonetary assistance is reported in the schedule at the fair value of the commodities received and distributed. At June 30, 2024, the Food Bank had USDA Food Commodities in inventory totaling \$685,080.

Northwest Louisiana Food Bank
Shreveport, Louisiana
Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Agency Head: Martha Marak, Executive Director

The following payments were made from public funds:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salary	\$ 13,028

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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

Independent Auditors' Report

To the Board of Directors
Northwest Louisiana Food Bank

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of Northwest Louisiana Food Bank, (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2024, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 16, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Northwest Louisiana Food Bank'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 opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Northwest Louisiana Food Bank's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Northwest Louisiana Food Bank'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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Northwest Louisiana Food Bank'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 entity'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 entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



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December 16, 2024

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Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and Report on Internal Control Over Compliance Required By the Uniform Guidance

Independent Auditors' Report

To the Board of Directors
Northwest Louisiana Food Bank

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Northwest Louisiana Food Bank'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 Northwest Louisiana Food Bank's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. Northwest Louisiana Food Bank's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, Northwest Louisiana Food Bank 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 June 30, 2024.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audits of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibility 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 Northwest Louisiana Food Bank 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 Northwest Louisiana Food Bank'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 Northwest Louisiana Food Bank's federal programs.

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 Northwest Louisiana Food Bank'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 judgement made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about Northwest Louisiana Food Bank'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 judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risk 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 Northwest Louisiana Food Bank'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 Northwest Louisiana Food Bank'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 Northwest Louisiana Food Bank's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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

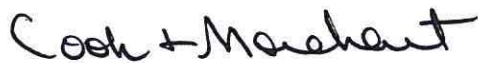
Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the 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 requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



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December 16, 2024

Northwest Louisiana Food Bank
Shreveport, Louisiana
Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings
June 30, 2024

There were no findings or questioned costs for the audit for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
June 30, 2024

A. Summary of Audit Results

Financial Statements

Type of audit report issued : Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting :

Material weaknesses identified : _____ yes v no
Significant deficiencies identified : _____ yes v none reported

Noncompliance material to financial
statements noted :

_____ yes v no

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs :

Material weaknesses identified : _____ yes v no
Significant deficiencies identified : _____ yes v none reported

Type of auditors' report issued on compliance
for major federal programs : Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to
be reported in accordance with 2 CFR section
200.516(a)

_____ yes v no

Identification of major federal programs :

Food Distribution Cluster
Emergency Food Assistance Program -
Federal Assistance Listing #10.569 and #10.568

Covid 19 - Pandemic Relief Activities: Local Food Purchase
Agreements with States, Tribes, and Local Governments
Federal Assistance Listing #10.182

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between
type A and type B programs : \$750,000

Auditee qualified as low risk : v yes _____ no

B. Findings – Financial Statements Audit: None

C. Findings and Questioned Costs – Major Federal Award Programs Audit: None

Northwest Louisiana Food Bank
Shreveport, Louisiana
Summary Schedule of Prior Year Audit Findings
Schedule for Louisiana Legislative Auditor
June 30, 2024

There were no findings or questioned costs for the prior year audit ended June 30, 2023.

Summary Schedule of Current Year Audit Findings
Schedule for Louisiana Legislative Auditor
June 30, 2024

There are no findings or questioned costs for the current year audit period ended June 30, 2024.

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Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

To the Board of Directors
Northwest Louisiana Food Bank
Shreveport, Louisiana
and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. The Northwest Louisiana Food Bank's (Food Bank) management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

The Northwest Louisiana Food Bank has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

1) Written Policies and Procedures

- A. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe whether they address each of the following categories and subcategories if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations:
 - i. **Budgeting**, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.
 - ii. **Purchasing**, including (1) how purchases are initiated, (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list, (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders, (4) controls to ensure compliance with the Public Bid Law, and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.
 - iii. **Disbursements**, including processing, reviewing, and approving.
 - iv. **Receipts/Collections**, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g., periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff

procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).

- v. **Payroll/Personnel**, including (1) payroll processing, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee rates of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.
- vi. **Contracting**, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.
- vii. **Travel and Expense Reimbursement**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
- viii. **Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, purchase cards, if applicable)**, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).
- ix. **Ethics**, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.
- x. **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
- xi. **Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity**, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.
- xii. **Prevention of Sexual Harassment**, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

Procedures performed. No exceptions noted.

2) Board or Finance Committee

- A. Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and
 - i. Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.
 - ii. For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe whether the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds. *Alternatively, for those entities reporting on the not-for-profit accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or*

included financial activity relating to public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.

- iii. For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unassigned fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unassigned fund balance in the general fund.
- iv. Observe whether the board/finance committee received written updates of the progress of resolving audit finding(s), according to management's corrective action plan at each meeting until the findings are considered fully resolved.

Procedures performed. No exceptions noted.

3) Bank Reconciliations

- A. Obtain a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:
 - i. Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged);
 - ii. Bank reconciliations include written evidence that a member of management or a board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged); and
 - iii. Management has documentation reflecting it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

Procedures performed. No exceptions noted.

4) Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)

- A. Obtain a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5).
- B. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (e.g., 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if there are no written policies or procedures, then inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that
 - i. Employees responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers;
 - ii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g., pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit;
 - iii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit; and

- iv. The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions, is (are) not also responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation.
 - C. Obtain from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe that the bond or insurance policy for theft was in force during the fiscal period.
 - D. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). *Alternatively, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc.* Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:
 - i. Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
 - ii. Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
 - iii. Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
 - iv. Observe that the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer).
 - v. Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.
- Procedures performed. No exceptions noted.

5) *Non-Payroll Disbursements (excluding card purchases/payments, travel reimbursements, and petty cash purchases)*

- A. Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).
- B. For each location selected under procedure #5A above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, then inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that
 - i. At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order or making the purchase;
 - ii. At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors;
 - iii. The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files;
 - iv. Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments; and
 - v. Only employees/officials authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds, whether through automated clearinghouse (ACH), electronic funds transfer (EFT), wire transfer, or some other electronic means.

- C. For each location selected under procedure #5A above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction, and
- i. Observe whether the disbursement, whether by paper or electronic means, matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates that deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity, and
 - ii. Observe whether the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under procedure #5B above, as applicable.
- D. Using the entity's main operating account and the month selected in Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A, randomly select 5 non-payroll-related electronic disbursements (or all electronic disbursements if less than 5) and observe that each electronic disbursement was (a) approved by only those persons authorized to disburse funds (e.g., sign checks) per the entity's policy, and (b) approved by the required number of authorized signers per the entity's policy. Note: If no electronic payments were made from the main operating account during the month selected the practitioner should select an alternative month and/or account for testing that does include electronic disbursements.

Procedures performed. No exceptions noted.

6) Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/P-Cards

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and purchase cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.
- B. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement). Obtain supporting documentation, and
- i. Observe whether there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) were reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved) by someone other than the authorized card holder (those instances requiring such approval that may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials, such as the mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality, should not be reported); and
 - ii. Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.
- C. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under procedure #7B above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (e.g., each card should have 10 transactions subject to inspection). For each transaction, observe that it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For missing receipts, the practitioner should describe the nature of the transaction and observe whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

Procedures performed. No exceptions noted.

7) Travel and Travel-Related Expense Reimbursements (excluding card transactions)

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements and obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected
- i. If reimbursed using a per diem, observe that the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov);
 - ii. If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased;
 - iii. Observe that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by Written Policies and Procedures procedure #1A(vii); and
 - iv. Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

Procedures performed. No travel reimbursements noted in current year.

8) Contracts

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. *Alternatively, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list.* Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and
- i. Observe whether the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law;
 - ii. Observe whether the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g., Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter);
 - iii. If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observe that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment, the documented approval); and
 - iv. Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

Procedures performed. No exceptions noted.

9) Payroll and Personnel

- A. Obtain a listing of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees or officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.
- B. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under procedure #9A above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and
 - i. Observe that all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory);
 - ii. Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials;
 - iii. Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records; and
 - iv. Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agrees to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.
- C. Obtain a listing of those employees or officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees or officials and obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the entity's policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employee's or official's cumulative leave records, agree the pay rates to the employee's or official's authorized pay rates in the employee's or official's personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy.
- D. Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts (e.g., payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, garnishments, workers' compensation premiums, etc.) have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

Procedures performed. No exceptions noted.

10) Ethics

Not applicable to nonprofit organizations.

11) Debt Service

Not applicable to nonprofit organizations.

12) Fraud Notice

- A. Obtain a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all misappropriations on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that the entity reported the misappropriation(s) to the legislative auditor and the district attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled as required by R.S. 24:523.

Management provided representation that there were no misappropriations of public funds or assets during the fiscal period.

- B. Observe that the entity has posted, on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

Procedures performed. No exceptions noted.

13) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

- A. Perform the following procedures, verbally discuss the results with management, and report "We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management."
- i. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe evidence that such backup (a) occurred within the past week, (b) was not stored on the government's local server or network, and (c) was encrypted.
 - ii. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.
 - iii. Obtain a listing of the entity's computers currently in use and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.
- B. Randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in procedure #9C. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.
- C. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedures #9A, obtain cybersecurity training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates that the following employees/officials with access to the agency's information technology assets have completed cybersecurity training as required by R.S. 42:1267. The requirements are as follows:
- 1. Hired before June 9, 2020 – Completed the training; and
 - 2. Hired on or after June 9, 2020 – Completed the training within 30 days of initial service or employment.

We performed the procedures and discussed the results with management.

14) Prevention of Sexual Harassment

Not applicable to The Northwest Louisiana Food Bank

We were engaged by The Northwest Louisiana Food Bank, to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on those C/C areas

identified in the SAUPs. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of The Northwest Louisiana Food Bank, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the LLA as a public document.

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Cook & Morehart
Certified Public Accountants
December 16, 2024