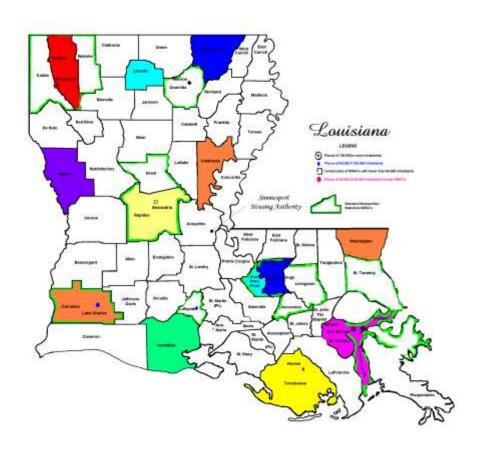
# HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF SIMMESPORT, LOUISIANA

**Annual Financial Statements** 

**December 31, 2024** 



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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Housing Authority of the Town of Simmesport, Louisiana

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

### **Opinions**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of the Housing Authority of the Town of Simmesport, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the housing authority's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities of the Housing Authority of the Town of Simmesport, as of December 31, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Basis for Opinions**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Housing Authority of the Town of Simmesport and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the 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 audit opinions.

### 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; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of 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 the Housing Authority of the Town of Simmesport's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

### **Auditor's 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 auditor's report that includes our opinions. 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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 aggregate, they would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgement 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 on the
  effectiveness of the Housing Authority of the Town of Simmesport 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 judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Housing Authority of the Town of Simmesport '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.

### **Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic

financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### **Supplementary Information**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Housing Authority of the Town of Simmesport's basic financial statements. The accompanying Financial Data Schedule, the Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments, and Supplementary Schedules and Statements are not a required part of the basic finical statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Financial Data Schedule, the Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments, and Supplementary Schedules and Statements are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic 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 June 24, 2025, on our consideration of the Housing Authority of the Town of Simmesport '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 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 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 the Housing Authority of the Town of Simmesport's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

### Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In accordance with the requirements of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, we have issued a report, dated June 24, 2025, on the results of our statewide agreed-upon procedures performed in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in Government Auditing Standards. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those control and compliance areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's statewide agreed-upon procedures, and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance.

The Vercher Group
June 24, 2025

As management of the Housing Authority, we offer readers of the Housing Authority of the Town of Simmesport's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Housing Authority for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the Authority's audited financial statements.

### **Financial Highlights**

- The assets of the Housing Authority exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$1,315,541 (*net position*). Of this amount \$173,747 (*unrestricted net position*) may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- The Housing Authority had total revenue of \$648,789, including capital contributions of \$149,934.
- The Housing Authority had total expenses of \$562,213 for the year; all of which were operating expenses. This included depreciation in the amount of \$126,872, which is a non-cash transaction.

#### OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

#### **FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

A *fund* is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Housing Authority, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The Authority has two federally funded programs that are consolidated into a single enterprise fund.

<u>Low Rent Public Housing</u> – The Authority's Low Rent Public Housing rents housing units to low-income families. The Low Rent Public Housing program is operated under an Annual Contribution Contract (ACC) with HUD; HUD provides an operating subsidy to enable the Authority to provide housing at a rent that is based upon 30% of adjusted gross household income.

<u>Capital Fund Program (CFP)</u> – The Low Rent Public Housing Program also includes the CFP as the primary source for the Authority's physical and management improvements. CFP funding is provided by formula allocation and based upon size and age of the Authority's units.

### USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

The Housing Authority's annual report consists of financial statements that show information about the Housing Authority's fund, an enterprise fund.

Our auditor has provided assurance in his independent auditor's report, located immediately preceding this Management's Discussion and Analysis, that the basic financial statements are fairly stated. Varying degrees of assurance are being provided by the auditor regarding the other information included in this report. A user of this report should read the independent auditor's report carefully to ascertain the level of assurance being provided for each of the other parts of this report.

### Reporting the Housing Authority's Most Significant Funds

The Housing Authority's financial statements provided detailed information about the most significant funds. Some funds are required to be established by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). However, the Housing Authority may establish other funds to help it control and manage money for particular purposes or to show that it is meeting legal responsibilities for using grants and other money. The Housing Authority's enterprise fund uses the following account approach:

Proprietary funds – All of the Housing Authority's services are reported in an enterprise fund. They are reported using the full accrual method of accounting in which all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included in the balance sheet. The focus of proprietary funds is on income measurement, which, together with the maintenance of equity, is an important financial indication.

#### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

The table below lists the asset and liability comparisons for the year ended December 31, 2024.

**Statement of Net Position** 

Category	2023	2024	% Change
Current Assets	\$ 183,572	\$ 304,402	65.9
Restricted Assets	7,607	8,657	13.8
Capital Assets-Net of Depreciation	 1,088,740	 1,141,794	4.9
<b>Total Assets</b>	1,279,919	 1,454,853	13.7
Current Liabilities	49,144	135,051	174.8
Non-Current Liabilities	 1,810	 4,261	135.5
Total Liabilities	 50,954	 139,312	173.4
Net Investment In Capital Assets	1,088,740	1,141,794	4.9
Unrestricted Net Position	140,225	173,747	23.9
<b>Total Net Position</b>	\$ 1,228,965	\$ 1,315,541	7.1

- The Housing Authority's net position was \$1,315,541 at December 31, 2024. Of this amount, \$173,747 was unrestricted. The unrestricted net position of the Authority is available for future use to provide program services.
- Current assets increased by \$120,830 or 65.9%. The primary reason for this increase is due to an increase in accounts receivable in the amount of \$114,733.
- Current liabilities increased by \$85,907 or 174.8%. The primary reason for this increase is due to an increase in accounts payable to the amount of \$67,265.

The following table reflects the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position for the year ended December 31, 2024.

		2023		2024	% Change
OPERATING REVENUES:			_		
Tenant Revenue	\$	115,915	\$	103,546	-10.7
HUD Operating Grant		313,379		349,351	11.5
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	_	429,294	-	452,897	5.5
OPERATING EXPENSES:					
Administrative		138,582		135,718	-2.1
Tenant Services		-0-		400	100.0
Utilities		28,106		25,701	-8.6
Ordinary Maintenance & Operations		191,191		179,523	-6.1
General Expenses		74,314		93,999	26.5
Depreciation		111,765	_	126,872	13.6
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	_	543,958	-	562,213	3.4
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	_	(114,664)	_	(109,316)	4.7
Non-operating Revenues:					
Interest Earnings		1,161		882	-24.1
Other Income		212,743		45,076	-78.9
TOTAL NON-OPERATING REVENUES	_	213,904	-	45,958	78.6
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET POSITION					
(BEFORE CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS)		99,240		(63,358)	-163.9
Capital Contributions	_	208,432	_	149,934	-28.1
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position		307,672		86,576	-71.9
BEGINNING NET POSITION		921,293	_	1,228,965	33.4
ENDING NET POSITION	\$	1,228,965	\$	1,315,541	7.1

- Total operating revenues increased \$23,603 or 5.5% due mainly to an increase in HUD operating revenue in the amount of \$35,972.
- Total operating expenses increased by \$18,255 or 3.4% due mainly to increases in general expenses in the amount of \$19,685.
- Capital contributions decreased by \$58,498 or 28.1%.

#### CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

### **Capital Assets**

At December 31, 2024, the Housing Authority had \$1,141,794 invested in a broad range of capital assets, including land, buildings, leasehold improvements, furniture and equipment. This amount represents a net increase (including additions, deductions, and depreciation) of \$133,024 or 13.2% from last year.

### Capital Assets at Year-End

	2023		2024
Land*	\$ 62,612	\$	62,612
Buildings and Improvements	4,002,902		4,169,758
Furniture and Equipment	190,117		203,188
Accumulated Depreciation	 (3,166,891)	_	(3,293,764)
Total	\$ 1,008,740	\$	1,141,794

<sup>\*</sup>Land in the amount of \$62,612 is not being depreciated.

No debt was issued for these additions.

### **Long Term Debt**

Our long-term debt consists of accrued annual leave of \$4,261. We present more details about our long-term liabilities in the notes to the financial statements.

### ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

The authority relies heavily upon HUD operating subsidies. The amount appropriated has not been approved for the FYE 2025 year. Therefore, any results of budget shortfalls cannot be determined.

The authority is under a contract through its Capital Fund Program to continue with the work as stated above and incorporate any new work items into its operation.

#### CONTACTING THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Our financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and creditors with a general overview of the Housing Authority's finances and to show the Housing Authority's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or wish to request additional financial information, contact Connie Giovanetti, Executive Director, at the Housing Authority of the Town of Simmesport, PO Box 131, Simmesport, Louisiana, 71319, telephone number (318) 941-2806.

# **Basic Financial Statements**

### Housing Authority of the Town of Simmesport Simmesport, Louisiana Statement of Net Position December 31, 2024

ASSETS	Enterprise Fund	
CURRENT ASSETS		_
Cash	\$ 14,788	
Accounts Receivable HUD	246,926	
Accounts Receivable-Tenants	12,297	
Prepaid Expenses	21,670	
Inventory	8,721	
Restricted Cash (Tenant Security Deposits)	8,657	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	313,059	-
Non-Current Assets		
Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	1,141,794	
Total Non-Current Assets	1,141,794	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	1,171,//7	-
TOTAL ASSETS	1,454,853	_
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	112,647	
Salaries & Payroll Taxes Payable	2,747	
Current Accrued Compensated Absences	3,071	
Accrued PILOT	7,784	
Unearned Revenue	145	
Tenant Security Deposits (Payable From Restricted Assets)	8,657	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	135,051	_
Non-Current Liabilities		
Non-Current Accrued Compensated Absences	4,261	
Total Non-Current Liabilities	4,261	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	7,201	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	139,312	-
NET POSITION		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	1,141,794	
Unrestricted	173,747	
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ <u>1,315,541</u>	- =

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

# **Housing Authority of the Town of Simmesport**

# Simmesport, Louisiana Statement of Revenues, Expenses, & Changes in Net Position Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Enterprise Fund
OPERATING REVENUES	
Tenant Rental Revenue	
HUD PHA Operating Grant	349,351
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	452,897
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Administration:	
Administrative Salaries	68,728
EBC Administrative	7,804
Other Operating – Administrative	59,186
Cost of Sales & Service:	400
Tenant Services	400
Water	10,355
Electricity	11,162
Sewer	4,184
Ordinary Maintenance – Labor	62,359
Materials	38,654
Contract Cost	69,949
EBC Maintenance	8,561
Insurance	67,778
Compensated Absences	5,432
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	7,784
Bad Debt- Tenants	13,005
Depreciation	126,872
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	562,213
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	(109,316)
Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	
Interest Earnings	882
Other Revenue	45,076
TOTAL NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	45,958
CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS	149,934
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	86,576
TOTAL NET POSITION – BEGINNING	1,228,965
TOTAL NET POSITION – ENDING	1,315,541

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

### Housing Authority of the Town of Simmesport Simmesport, Louisiana Statement of Cash Flows Year Ended December 31, 2024

		ENTERPRISE
		FUND
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Receipts from HUD Grants	\$	121,679
Receipts from Customers & Users		112,939
Payments to Suppliers		(210,739)
Payments to Employees		(130,889)
Payments to PILOT	_	(7,784)
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		(114,794)
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL ACTIVITIES		
Other Revenue		45,076
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY NONCAPITAL ACTIVITIES	•	45,076
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL & RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Acquisition & Construction of Capital Assets		(179,927)
Capital Grant		149,934
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY CAPITAL & RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES		(29,993)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Interest and Dividends Received		882
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES		882
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS		(98,829)
CASH, BEGINNING OF YEAR		122,274
CASH, END OF YEAR	į	23,445
RECONCILIATION TO BALANCE SHEET		
Cash and Cash Equivalents		14,788
Tenants' Security Deposits (Restricted Cash)		8,657
TOTAL CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$	23,445
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### Housing Authority of the Town of Simmesport Simmesport, Louisiana Statement of Cash Flows Year Ended December 31, 2024

### Reconciliation

# RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Operating Income (Loss)	\$	(109,316)
Depreciation Expense		126,872
(Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable		9,393
(Increase) Decrease in HUD Accounts Receivable		(227,672)
(Increase) Decrease in Prepaid Items		(3,724)
(Increase) Decrease in Inventories		1,294
Increase (Decrease) in Compensated Absences		2,107
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable		84,978
Increase (Decrease) in PILOT		(1,012)
Increase (Decrease) in Other Current Liablities		2,225
Increase (Decrease) in Salaries & Payroll Taxes Payable		(198)
Increase (Decrease) in Unearned Revenue		(791)
Increase (Decrease) in Tenant Security Deposits		1,050
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS	_	(5,478)
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$ _	(114,794)
LISTING OF NONCASH INVESTING, CAPITAL, & FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	Φ.	0
Contributions of Capital Assets From Government	\$ <u> </u>	-()-

# NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2024

#### INTRODUCTION

The Housing Authority of Simmesport is an apartment complex for persons of low income located in Simmesport, Louisiana. The Authority is chartered as a public corporation for the purpose of administering decent, safe and sanitary dwellings for persons of low-income.

Legal title to the Authority is held by the Housing Authority of the Town of Simmesport, Louisiana, a non-profit corporation. The Authority is engaged in the acquisition, modernization, and administration of low-rent housing. The Authority is administered by a governing Board of Commissioners (the Board), whose members are appointed by the Mayor of Simmesport, Louisiana. Each member serves a four-year term and receives no compensation for their services. Substantially all of the Authority's revenue is derived from subsidy contracts with the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The annual contributions contracts entered into by the Authority and HUD provide operating subsidies for Authority-owned public housing facilities for eligible individuals.

Under the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has direct responsibility for administering low-income housing programs in the United States. Accordingly, HUD has entered into a contract with the entity to make annual contributions (subsidies) for the purpose of funding its programs for low-income families.

GASB Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. Because the Housing Authority is legally separated and fiscally independent, the Housing Authority is a separate governmental reporting entity. The Housing Authority includes all funds, account groups, activities, etc., that are within the oversight responsibility of the Housing Authority.

The Housing Authority is a related organization of the Town of Simmesport because the Town of Simmesport appoints a voting majority of the Housing Authority's governing board. The Town of Simmesport is not financially responsible for the Housing Authority, as it cannot impose its will on the Housing Authority and there is no possibility for the Housing Authority to provide financial benefit to, or impose financial burdens on, the Town of Simmesport. Accordingly, the Housing Authority is not a component unit of the financial reporting entity of the Town of Simmesport.

### **BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

As required by Louisiana State Reporting Law (LSA-R.S. 24:514) and HUD regulations, financial statements are presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The accounts of the PHA are accounted for under the proprietary fund. Accordingly, the accompanying financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America applied to governmental units.

# NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS- (CONTINUED) DECEMBER 31, 2024

**Proprietary Fund Type** – Proprietary fund is accounted for on the flow of economic resources, measurement focus, and uses the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred. The PHA applies all applicable FASB pronouncements in accounting and reporting for its proprietary operations. The PHA's funds include the following type:

Enterprise Fund – Enterprise fund is used to account for those operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business or where the board has decided that the determination of revenues earned, costs incurred and/or net income is necessary for management accountability.

#### 1. SUMMARY OF ORGANIZATION & SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### A. BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The basic financial statements (i.e., the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position) report information on all of the activities of the authority.

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

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

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

Operating revenues and expenses have been reported separately from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with an enterprise fund's principal ongoing operations. The primary operating revenue of the housing authority is derived from tenant revenue. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

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

# NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (CONTINUED) DECEMBER 31, 2024

### C. 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:

<u>Net Investment in Capital Assets</u> - Capital assets including restricted capital assets, when applicable, net of accumulated depreciation.

<u>Restricted Net Position</u> - 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.

<u>Unrestricted Net Position</u> - All other net positions that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets".

#### D. DEPOSITS & INVESTMENTS

The Housing Authority's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. State law and the Housing Authority's investment policy allow the Housing Authority to invest in collateralized certificates of deposits, government backed securities, commercial paper, the state sponsored investment pool, and mutual funds consisting solely of government backed securities.

Investments (bank certificate of deposits in excess of 90 days) for the Housing Authority are reported at fair value.

#### E. RECEIVABLES & PAYABLES

Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year referred to as either "due to/from other funds" (i.e., the current portion of Interfund loans) or "advances to/from other funds" (i.e., the non-current portion of Interfund loans). All other outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds."

Advances between funds, as reported in the accompanying basic financial statements, are offset by a restriction on net position. All trade and other receivables are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible.

#### F. INVENTORIES & PREPAID ITEMS

All inventories are valued at cost using the first-in/first out method. Inventories are recorded as expenditures when consumed rather than when purchased. Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in the basic financial statements.

# NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – (CONTINUED) DECEMBER 31, 2024

### G. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets, are reported in the applicable columns in the basic financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost. The housing authority maintains a threshold level of \$1,000 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets of business-type activities is included as part of the capitalized value of the assets constructed. The total interest expense included during the current fiscal year was \$-0-. Of this amount, \$-0- was included as part of the cost of capital assets under construction in connection with construction projects.

All capital assets, other than land, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Description	Estimated Lives
Land improvements	15 years
Buildings	40 years
Building improvements	15 years
Furniture and fixtures	5 years
Vehicles	5 years
Equipment	5 years

### H. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

In the basic financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities. Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payables are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs are reported as deferred charges and amortized over the term of the related debt.

### I. EXTRAORDINARY & SPECIAL ITEMS

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events within the control of the Housing Authority, which are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence.

# NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – (CONTINUED) DECEMBER 31, 2024

#### J. 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. CASH & INVESTMENTS (CD'S IN EXCESS OF 90 DAYS)

At December 31, 2024, the Housing Authority has cash and investments (bank balances) totaling \$26,478 as follows:

Demand deposits	\$ 26,478
Time deposits	-0-
Total	\$ 26,478

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximated market. 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.

#### 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.

# NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – (CONTINUED) DECEMBER 31, 2024

### **Deposits**

It is the housing authority'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 housing authority's deposits are categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the housing authority at year end. The categories are described as follows:

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

Amounts on deposit are secured by the following pledges:

Description	 Market Value
FDIC (Category 1)	\$ 26,478
Securities (Category 2)	 -0-
Total	\$ 26,478

Deposits were fully secured as of December 31, 2024.

For purposes of the Statement of Net Position, cash and interest-bearing deposits include all demand accounts, savings accounts, and certificates of deposit of Simmesport Housing Authority. For the purpose of the proprietary fund Statement of Cash Flows, "Cash and Cash Equivalents" include all demand savings accounts and certificates of deposit under 90 days.

### 3. <u>RECEIVABLES</u>

The PHA had the following receivables at December 31, 2024:

Total Net	\$ 259,223
Other Receivables	 12,297
Receivable from HUD	\$ 246,926

#### 4. RESTRICTED CASH

At December 31, 2024, restricted cash consisted of \$8,657 in security deposits received and held on behalf of tenants. These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market.

# NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – (CONTINUED) DECEMBER 31, 2024

### 5. <u>CAPITAL ASSETS</u>

Capital assets activity for the year ended December 31, 2024, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance		Additions	Deletions		Ending Balance
Land *	\$ 62,612	\$	-0-	\$ -0-	\$	62,612
Buildings and Leasehold Improvements	4,002,902		166,856	-0-		4,169,758
Furniture & Equipment, Etc.	 190,117	_	13,071	 -0-	_	203,188
Total	 4,255,631		179,927	-0-		4,435,558
Less Accumulated Depreciation	 (3,166,891)		(126,873)	-0-		(3,293,764)
Net Capital Assets	\$ 1,088,740	\$	53,054	\$ -0-	\$	1,141,794

<sup>\*</sup> Land in the amount of \$62,612 is not being depreciated.

### 6. ACCOUNTS, SALARIES & OTHER PAYABLES

The payables of \$126,394 at December 31, 2024, are as follows:

Accounts Payable Vendors	\$ 112,647
Salaries & Payroll Taxes Payable	2,747
Accrued Compensated Absences (Current)	3,071
Accrued Pilot	7,784
Unearned Revenue	145
Total	\$ 126,394

### 7. CHANGES IN COMPENSATED ABSENCES PAYABLES

The following is a summary of changes in compensated absences payable at December 31, 2024:

		Current	Noncurrent	Total
Beginning of year	\$	3,415	\$ 1,810	\$ 5,225
Additions & Deletions	_	(344)	2,451	2,107
End of year	\$	3,071	\$ 4,261	\$ 7,332

### 8. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

Effective July 1, 2018, the housing authority began participating in a single employer defined contribution plan. The housing authority's retirement plan is authorized and may be amended by the Board of Commissioners. Funding for the plan was through a contribution of 8% by the housing authority and 0% by its employees, respectively. The contribution amount is based on the employee's base salary each month.

# NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – (CONTINUED) DECEMBER 31, 2024

### 9. <u>CONTINGENT LIABILITIES</u>

At December 31, 2024, the Housing Authority is subject to possible examinations made by federal regulators who determine compliance with terms, conditions, laws and regulations governing grants given to the Housing Authority in the current and prior years. These examinations may result in required refunds by the Housing Authority to federal grantors and/or program beneficiaries.

### 10. <u>ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY</u>

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 Department of Housing & Urban Development provided \$499,285 to the Housing Authority, which represents approximately 77.0% of the Housing Authority's revenue for the year.

### 11. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated events and transactions subsequent to the Statement of Net Position date through, June 24, 2025, of the independent auditor's report for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

# Other Supplemental Statements & Schedules

## Schedule of Compensation Paid to Board Members Year Ended December 31, 2024

Board Member	Title	Salary
Ida Robertson	Chairperson	-0-
Debra Dufour	Vice Chairperson	-0-
Wanda Stewart	Commissioner	-0-
John Washington, Jr.	Commissioner	-0-

### Statement of Certification of Actual Modernization Cost Annual Contribution Contract December 31, 2024

		_	Complete 2022-501 CFP	Incomplete 2023-501 CFP	Incomplete 2024-501 CFP	Total
	The Actual Modernization Costs Are As Follows:					
1.	Funds Approved	\$	151,580 \$	152,663	163,006 \$	467,249
	Funds Expended		(151,580)	(152,279)	(75,395)	(379,254)
	Excess of Funds Approved		-0-	384	87,611	87,995
2.	Funds Advanced		151,580	152,279	75,395	379,254
	Funds Expended		(151,580)	(152,279)	(75,395)	(379,254)
	Excess of Funds Advanced	\$	-0- \$	-0- \$	-0- \$	-0-

See independent auditor's report.

### Schedule of Compensation Benefits and Other Payments To Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

### Simmesport Housing Authority

-Candace Firmin, Executive Director (January 2024-September 2024)

Purpose	<u>:</u>	Amount
Salary	\$	28,784
Benefits-Insurance		-0-
Benefits-Retirement		2,362
Benefits (List any other here)		-0-
Car Allowance		-0-
Vehicle Provided by Government		-0-
Per Diem		466
Reimbursements		-0-
Travel		880
Registration Fees		1,110
Conference Travel		562
Continuing Professional Education Fees		-0-
Housing		-0-
Un-vouchered Expenses*		-0-
Special Meals	\$	-0-

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

### Schedule of Compensation Benefits and Other Payments To Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

### Simmesport Housing Authority

-Connie Giovanetti, Executive Director (Assistant Executive Director January 2024-September 2024; Executive Director October 2024-December 2024)

Purpose	_	Amount
Salary	\$	30,081
Benefits-Insurance		-0-
Benefits-Retirement		1,152
Benefits (List any other here)		-0-
Car Allowance		-0-
Vehicle Provided by Government		-0-
Per Diem		-0-
Reimbursements		-0-
Travel		731
Registration Fees		375
Conference Travel		-0-
Continuing Professional Education Fees		-0-
Housing		-0-
Un-vouchered Expenses*		-0-
Special Meals	\$	-0-

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

# **Other Reports**

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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

Housing Authority of the Town of Simmesport, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the business-type activities of the Housing Authority of the Town of Simmesport, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Housing Authority of the Town of Simmesport's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 24, 2025.

### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Housing Authority of the Town of Simmesport's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Housing Authority of the Town of Simmesport's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Housing Authority of the Town of Simmesport's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the 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 have not been identified.

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Housing Authority of the Town of Simmesport'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 determination of financial statement amounts. 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.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, federal awarding agencies and Legislative Auditor's Office and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a public document, and its distribution is not limited.

The Vercher Group

Jena, Louisiana June 24, 2025

# SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COST For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

We have audited the basic financial statements which collectively comprise the Housing Authority of the Town of Simmesport, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated June 24, 2025. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Se	ction I Summary of Auditor's Results
Οι	ar audit of the basic financial statements as of December 31, 2024, resulted in an unmodified opinion.
a.	Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Basic Financial Statements
	Internal Control Material Weaknesses  Yes Significant Deficiencies Yes
	Compliance Compliance Material to Basic Financial Statements  Yes
b.	Federal Awards – (Not Applicable)
	Internal Control Material Weaknesses Yes Other Conditions Yes
	Type of Opinion on Compliance Unmodified Qualified For Major Programs Disclaimer Adverse
	Are the findings required to be reported in accordance with Uniform Guidance?
	☐ Yes ☐ No
c.	Identification of Major Programs:
	CFDA Number (s) Name Of Federal Program (or Cluster)
	Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B Programs:   S  Is the auditee a 'low-risk' auditee, as defined by OMB Uniform Guidance?   Yes  No

### SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COST For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Section II Financial Statement Findings	
No items identified.	
Section III Federal Awards Findings and Questioned Costs	

# MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION FOR CURRENT YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS

No items identified.

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### **MANAGEMENT LETTER COMMENTS**

During the course of our audit, we observed conditions and circumstances that may be improved. Below are findings noted for improvement, our recommendation for improvement and the Housing Authority's plan for corrective action.

#### **CURRENT YEAR MANAGEMENT LETTER COMMENTS**

No items identified.

# HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF SIMMESPORT SIMMESPORT, LOUISIANA

### MANAGEMENT'S SUMMARY OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

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

The management of the Housing Authority of the Town of Simmesport, Louisiana has provided the following action summaries relating to audit findings brought to their attention as a result of their financial audit for the year ended December 31, 2023.

#### **PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS:**

No items identified.

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

Housing Authority of the Town of Simmesport P.O. Box 131 Simmesport, LA 71369

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 January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024. The Housing Authority of the Town of Simmesport's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

The Housing Authority of the Town of Simmesport 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 January 1, 2024, through December 31, 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:

#### Written Policies and Procedures

- 1) Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe that they address each of the following categories and subcategories (if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations):
  - a) **Budgeting**, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.
  - b) **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.
  - c) **Disbursements**, including processing, reviewing, and approving.
  - d) 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 fiduciary fund additions (e.g. periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, fiduciary fund forfeiture monies confirmation).

- e) **Payroll/Personnel**, including (1) payroll processing, and (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.
- f) Contracting, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.
- g) Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, P-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).
- h) **Travel and expense reimbursement**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
- i) 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.
- j) **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
- k) 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.
- 1) **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.

No exceptions with the procedures performed.

#### **Board or Finance Committee**

- 2) 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:
  - a) 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.
  - b) For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund and major

special revenue funds, as well as monthly financial statements (or budget-to-actual comparisons, if budgeted) for major proprietary funds. Alternately, for those entities reporting on the non-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.

- c) 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.
- d) 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.

No exceptions with the procedures performed.

#### **Bank Reconciliations**

- 3) Obtain a listing of client 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:
  - a) Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged).
  - b) Bank reconciliations include evidence that a member of management/board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged).
  - c) Management has documentation reflecting that it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement's closing date, if applicable.

No exceptions with the procedures performed.

#### Collections (excluding EFTs)

4) 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).

Observation: We obtained the listing (PHA Office) and management's representation that the listing is complete.

- 5) 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 (i.e. 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if no written policies or procedures, 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:
  - a) Employees that are responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.
  - b) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g. pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit.
  - c) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not 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.
  - d) The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or fiduciary fund additions are not responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee verifies the reconciliation.

6) 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.

# Observation: We obtained a copy of the insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash.

- 7) Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for procedure #3 under "Bank Reconciliations" above (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). Alternately, 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:
  - a) Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
  - b) Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
  - c) Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
  - d) 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).
  - e) Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

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

8) 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).

# Observation: We obtained a listing of the location that process payment (PHA Office) for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete.

- 9) For each location selected under #8 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, inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that:
  - a) At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order/making the purchase.
  - b) At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.
  - c) 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.
  - d) 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.
  - e) 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.

#### No exceptions with the procedures performed.

- 10) For each location selected under #8 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:
  - a) 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.
  - b) Observe that the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #9, as applicable.
  - c) 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.

### No exceptions with the procedures performed.

#### Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/P-Cards

11) Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and P-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.

# Observation: We obtained a listing of all active cards and management's representation that the listing is complete.

- 12) 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:
  - a) Observe that 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) was reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved), by someone other than the authorized card holder. [Note: Requiring such approval may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality); these instances should not be reported.)]
  - b) Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.

#### No exceptions with the procedures performed.

13) Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #12 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 (i.e. each card should have 10 transactions subject to testing). 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 note whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

#### No exceptions with the procedures performed.

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

14) 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, 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:

- a) If reimbursed using a per diem, agree the reimbursement rate to those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov).
- b) If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.
- c) 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 policy (procedure #1h).
- d) Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

#### No exceptions with the procedures performed.

#### **Contracts**

- 15) 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. Alternately, 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:
  - a) Observe that the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law.
  - b) Observe that the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g. Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter).
  - c) 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).
  - d) 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.

#### No exceptions with the procedures performed.

#### Payroll and Personnel

16) Obtain a listing of employees/officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees/officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.

#### No exceptions with the procedures performed.

17) Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees/officials selected under #16 above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:

- a) Observe that all selected employees/officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory). (Note: Generally, officials are not eligible to earn leave and do not document their attendance and leave. However, if the official is earning leave according to policy and/or contract, the official should document his/her daily attendance and leave.)
- b) Observe that supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees/officials.
- c) Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records.
- d) Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agrees to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.

18) 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.

#### No exceptions with the procedures performed.

19) Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, and workers' compensation premiums have been paid, and associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

#### No exceptions with the procedures performed.

#### **Ethics**

- 20) Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under "Payroll and Personnel" above, obtain ethics documentation from management, and:
  - a) Observe whether the documentation demonstrates that each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:1170.
  - b) Observe whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates that each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.

Exception: Two of the employees did not complete one hour of ethics training.

Management: The PHA will ensure that all employees complete one hour of ethics training.

21) Inquire and/or observe whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.

#### No exceptions with the procedures performed.

#### **Debt Service**

22) Obtain a listing of bonds/notes and other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all debt instruments on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued as required by Article VII, Section 8 of the Louisiana Constitution.

#### No exceptions with the procedures performed.

23) Obtain a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one bond/note, inspect debt covenants, obtain supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agree actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants (including contingency funds, short-lived asset funds, or other funds required by the debt covenants).

Observation: The entity did not have or enter into any debt.

#### Fraud Notice

24) 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.

Observation: The entity had no reported misappropriations of public funds and/or assets during the fiscal period.

25) 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.

Observation: The entity has the notice posted on its premises.

#### Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

- 26) Perform the following procedures, verbally discuss the results with management, and report "We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management."
  - a) Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe that such backup occurred within the past week. If backups are stored on a physical medium (e.g., tapes, CDs), observe evidence that backups are encrypted before being transported.
  - b) Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.

c) 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 active antivirus software and that the antivirus, operating system, and accounting system software are the most recent versions available (i.e. up-to-date).

### We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

27) Randomly select 5 terminated employees from Payroll. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employee/officials have been removed or disabled from the network.

#### No exceptions with the procedures performed.

- 28) Using the 5 randomly selected employee/officials from Payroll, obtain cybersecurity training documentation 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:
  - Hired before June 9, 2020-completed the training; and
  - Hired on or after June 9, 2020-completed the training within 30 days of initial service of employment.

Exception: None of the employees/officials had one hour of cybersecurity training.

Managements Response: The PHA will ensure all employees/officials have one hour of cybersecurity training each year.

#### Prevention of Sexual Harassment

29) Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under "Payroll and Personnel" above, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:343.

Exception: None of the employees/officials had one hour of sexual harassment training.

Managements Response: The PHA will ensure all employees/officials have one hour of sexual harassment training each year.

30) Observe that the entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website (or in a conspicuous location on the entity's premises if the entity does not have a website).

Observation: The entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaints procedures on the entity's premises.

31) Obtain the entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observe that it includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344.

- a) Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
- b) Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
- c) Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
- d) Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
- e) Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

We were engaged by the Housing Authority of the Town of Simmesport 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 Housing Authority of the Town of Simmesport 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.

The Vercher Group June 24, 2025 Jena, Louisiana

## **Financial Data Schedule**