

MULTICULTURAL CENTER OF THE SOUTH, INC.

SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

DECEMBER 31, 2020

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REVIEWED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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June 29, 2021

To the Board of Directors
Multicultural Center of the South, Inc.
Shreveport, Louisiana

Independent Accountant's Review Report

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of the Multicultural Center of the South, Inc. which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2020, the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of the Center's management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Accountant's Responsibility

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

Accountant's Conclusion

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

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Supplementary Information

The supplementary information included in the Schedule of Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The information is the representation of management. We have reviewed the information and, based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the information in order for it to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have not audited the information and, accordingly, do not express an opinion on such information.

Heard, McElroy & Vestal, LLC

Shreveport, Louisiana

MULTICULTURAL CENTER OF THE SOUTH, INC.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

DECEMBER 31, 2020

ASSETS

Current assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	54,798
Certificates of deposit	<u>65,069</u>
Total current assets	119,867

Fixed assets:

Office furniture and equipment	26,894
Library books	2,822
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(29,528)</u>
Total fixed assets	188

Other assets:

Deposits	5,250
Collection items	<u>111,203</u>
Total other assets	<u>116,453</u>

Total assets	<u>236,508</u>
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LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current liabilities:

Accounts payable	3,537
Payroll tax liability	1,098
Garnishment payable	<u>117</u>
Total current liabilities	4,752

Net assets:

Without donor restrictions	<u>231,756</u>
Total net assets	<u>231,756</u>

Total liabilities and net assets	<u>236,508</u>
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See Accountant's Review Report and accompanying notes to the financial statements.

MULTICULTURAL CENTER OF THE SOUTH, INC.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020

Support and revenue:

City of Shreveport	200,000
State appropriations	50,000
Grants	5,500
Fundraisers	100
Programs	5,320
SBA PPP loan forgiveness	20,900
Rent	1,200
Interest income	1,135
Other	126
Total support and revenue	<u>284,281</u>

Expenses:

Program	118,354
Administrative	<u>142,053</u>
Total expenses	<u>260,407</u>

Change in net assets 23,874

Net assets, beginning of the year 207,882

Net assets, end of the year 231,756

See Accountant's Review Report and accompanying notes to the financial statements.

MULTICULTURAL CENTER OF THE SOUTH, INC.

STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020

<u>Expenses:</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Administrative</u>	<u>Total Expense</u>
Salaries	28,247	55,079	83,326
Payroll taxes	2,358	4,342	6,700
Insurance	2,554	22,987	25,541
Advertising	1,169	-	1,169
Accounting	-	19,750	19,750
Bank charges	110	-	110
Contract labor	9,395	2,349	11,744
Depreciation	285	-	285
Dues and subscriptions	604	-	604
Equipment rental	4,134	-	4,134
Flowers and gifts	887	-	887
Grant expense	472	-	472
Meetings	168	300	468
Miscellaneous	315	-	315
Interest expense	-	139	139
Janitorial	-	824	824
Office supplies	-	4,572	4,572
Postage and delivery	165	-	165
Training	2,233	-	2,233
Rent	55,174	22,869	78,043
Renovations/decorations	281	-	281
Repairs and maintenance	284	-	284
Security	743	318	1,061
Telephone	-	4,860	4,860
Travel	228	-	228
Utilities	8,548	3,664	12,212
	<u>118,354</u>	<u>142,053</u>	<u>260,407</u>
Total expenses	<u>118,354</u>	<u>142,053</u>	<u>260,407</u>

See Accountant's Review Report and accompanying notes to the financial statements.

MULTICULTURAL CENTER OF THE SOUTH, INC.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020

Cash flows from operating activities:

Change in net assets	23,874
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:	
SBA PPP loan forgiveness	(20,900)
Depreciation	285
Decrease in accounts payable	(3,277)
(Decrease) in payroll tax liability	(270)
(Decrease) in garnishment liability	(493)
Total adjustments	<u>(24,655)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	(781)

Cash flows from investing activities:

Proceeds from redemption of long-term certificate of deposit	10,000
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>10,000</u>

Cash flows from financing activities:

SBA PPP loan	20,900
Net cash provided by financing activities	<u>20,900</u>

Net increase in cash and cash equivalents 30,119

Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year 24,679

Cash and cash equivalents at end of year 54,798

See Accountant's Review Report and accompanying notes to the financial statements.

MULTICULTURAL CENTER OF THE SOUTH, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2020

1. Nature of Business

The Multicultural Center of the South, Inc. (the Center) is a nonprofit corporation governed by a board of directors and administered by a professional staff. The Center's goal is to provide a resource by which the area youth can become better and more successful citizens of the twenty-first century through enhanced knowledge of the peoples of the world with whom they live and work. The Center further exists to promote the understanding and awareness of the many cultures, which have been a part of the heritage of the City of Shreveport, the State of Louisiana and surrounding states and the South in general.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation - The financial statements of the Center are prepared on the accrual basis.

The Center is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets.

Net assets, revenues, expenses, gains, and losses are classified based upon the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. The Center is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities based on the absence or existence of donor or grantor-imposed restrictions as follows:

Net assets without donor restrictions – Net assets that are not subject to donor or grantor restrictions. Some net assets without donor restrictions may be designated by the Board for specific purposes.

Net assets with donor restrictions – Net assets subject to donor or grantor restrictions that may or will be met by actions of the Center and/or by the passage of time. As of December 31, 2020, there were no net assets with donor restrictions.

Contributions received are recorded as with donor restrictions depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor-imposed restrictions. Contributions are recognized when the donor makes a promise to give to the Center that is, in substance, unconditional. Contributions that are restricted by the donor are reported as increases in net assets without donor restrictions if the restrictions expire in the fiscal year in which the contributions are recognized. All other donor-restricted contributions are reported as increases in net assets with donor restrictions, depending on the nature of the restrictions. When a restriction expires, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions.

Use of Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Federal Income Taxes - As a nonprofit, privately supported organization, the Center is exempt from income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, but must file an annual return with the Internal Revenue Service that contains information on its financial operations. The Center is required to review various tax positions it has taken with respect to its exempt status and determine whether in fact it continues to qualify as a tax-exempt entity. The Center does not expect its tax position to change significantly over the next twelve months. Any penalties related to late filing or other requirements would be recognized as penalties expense in the Center's accounting records.

Fixed Assets - Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method. The building is depreciated over an estimated useful life of thirty-nine years. Office furniture is depreciated over an estimated useful life of seven years. Equipment, library books and signs are depreciated over an estimated useful life of five years. Collection items are stated at cost and are not depreciated. See Note 6 for a further discussion of the Center's collection items.

Cash - For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Center considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Donated Services - During the year the value of contributed services meeting the requirements for recognition in the financial statements was not material and has not been recorded. However, many individuals volunteer their time and perform a variety of tasks that assist the organization.

Revenue and Revenue Recognition - The Center recognizes revenue from services at the time the work is performed and satisfies The Center's performance obligation.

Revenues from contract services derive from the provision of specific services that customarily include educational programs. The contracts generally are for one year, with automatic renewals that allow termination notice by either party without penalty. The performance obligations under these contracts are satisfied upon completion of each specific measure, at which point the related revenue is recognized and billed.

Advertising Costs - The Center expenses advertising costs as incurred. Total advertising recorded for the year ended December 31, 2020 amounted to \$1,169.

Functional Expenses - The financial statements report certain categories of expenses that are attributable to more than one program or supporting function. Therefore, these expenses require allocation on a reasonable basis that is consistently applied. The expenses that are allocated include facility related expenses, which are allocated on a square-footage basis, as well as salaries and benefits, which are allocated on the basis of estimates of time and effort. Substantially all other expenses are directly charged to applicable programs or administrative functions.

Liquidity - The Center has \$119,867 of financial assets available within one year of the balance sheet date, consisting of cash of \$54,798 and certificates of deposit of \$65,069. None of the financial assets subject to donor restrictions that make them unavailable for general expenditure within one year of the balance sheet date. Management has a goal to maintain cash and short-term investments on hand to meet six months of normal operating expenses.

New Accounting Guidance Adopted - The Center adopted Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2014-09, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers," as amended, as management believes the standard improves the usefulness and understandability of its financial reporting. It also adopted ASU No. 2018-08, "Not-for-Profit Entities: Clarifying the Scope and the Accounting Guidance for Contributions Received and Contributions Made." Together, these standards replace a wide range of

2. **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies** (Continued)

industry-specific rules with a broad, principles-based framework for recognizing and measuring revenue from contracts with customers and help distinguish contributions from revenue contracts. The core principle of the new guidance is that an entity should recognize revenue to reflect the transfer of goods and services to customers in an amount equal to the consideration the entity receives or expects to receive. ASU 2020-05 deferred effective dates for “Revenue from Contract with Customers” for one year to fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019. The Center adopted this standard for the year ended December 31, 2020. Analysis of the provisions of these standards resulted in no significant changes in the way the Organization recognized revenue; however, presentation and disclosures of revenue have been enhanced in accordance with these standards.

New Accounting Guidance Not Yet Adopted -

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, “Leases” (Topic 842). Under the new guidance, lessees will be required to recognize the following for all leases (with the exception of short-term leases) at the commencement date:

- A lease liability, which is a lessee's obligation to make lease payments arising from a lease, measured on a discounted basis; and
- A right-of-use asset, which is an asset that represents the lessee's right to use, or control the use of, a specified asset for the lease term.

Additional qualitative and quantitative disclosures will be required so that users can understand more about the nature of an entity's leasing activities. Also, the new lease guidance simplified the accounting for sale and leaseback transactions primarily because lessees must recognize lease assets and lease liabilities. Lessees will no longer be provided with a source of off-balance sheet financing.

ASU 2016-02 will be effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2021 and interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2022. Lessees (for capital and operating leases) and lessors (for sales-type, direct financing, and operating leases) must apply a modified retrospective transition approach for leases existing at, or entered into after, the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented in the financial statements. The modified retrospective approach would not require any transition accounting for leases that expired before the earliest comparative period presented. The Center is currently evaluating the potential impact of adopting this guidance on its financial statements.

3. **Commitments and Contingencies**

The Center is a recipient of certain government grants which require the fulfillment of conditions as set forth in the instrument of grant. Failure to fulfill the conditions could result in the return of the funds to grantors. Although that is a possibility, the Board deems the contingency remote, since by accepting the grants and their terms, it has accommodated the objectives of the organization to the provisions of the grant. These conditions include the right to audit the grant usage by the grantor or its designee.

4. **Cash and Certificates of Deposit**

The Center, at times, maintains deposits in federally insured financial institutions in excess of federally insured limits. Management monitors the soundness of these financial institutions and feels the Center's risk is negligible.

4. Cash and Certificates of Deposit (Continued)

At December 31, 2020, cash and certificates of deposit consisted of the following:

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	54,798	54,798
Certificates of deposit-maturity greater than 3 months	<u>65,000</u>	<u>65,069</u>
	<u>119,798</u>	<u>119,867</u>

5. Major Source of Funding

During 2004, the Center entered into an agreement with the City of Shreveport. The agreement stipulates that, in consideration of \$200,000 (approximately 75% of total Center revenue) from the City of Shreveport, the Center shall utilize the funds to maintain and operate a multi-cultural center in downtown Shreveport. The agreement, and the monies received from the City, mirrors that of the prior year; however, the agreement is reviewed for approval on an annual basis. The Center's ability to operate is dependent upon the annual renewal and approval of this agreement with the City of Shreveport. Per the agreement, the funding is required by State law and Management expects this funding to continue.

6. Collection Items

To further promote the understanding of the cultures of the area, the Center has acquired a diverse collection of art and artifacts for public display. During 2003, the City of Shreveport reimbursed the Center for artifacts purchased; however, upon the decision of the City to expend the monies to renovate the Center's new permanent location, the Center was notified that, beginning in 2004, the City would no longer provide reimbursements for such acquisitions. As of December 31, 2003, the Center had purchased, and been subsequently reimbursed by the City, for acquisitions totaling \$118,811. As of December 31, 2020, the Center is still displaying items with a collective value of \$81,213. Per the contractual agreement of both parties, the City of Shreveport maintains full rights of ownership in these items and has granted the Center the exclusive right to use and display the items. The Center has no rights in these items and, accordingly, may not sell, transfer, modify, or exchange the items without the expressed, written consent of the City of Shreveport. Thus, these items are not reflected in the Center's financial statements.

As of December 31, 2020, the Center had acquired \$111,203 of collection items for which the City provided no reimbursement. The Center has full rights in these items, including the right to sell, modify, or exchange. In the event an item is sold, the Center is under no obligation to use the proceeds for the acquisition of other collection items. Accordingly, the Center considers these collection items to be assets and has capitalized them as such.

7. Lease Commitments

On January 1, 2017, the Center signed a rental agreement with Spring Street Rentals, LLC to lease a property located at 520 Spring Street, Shreveport, Louisiana. It stipulates that the Center pay \$6,853 a month for the next thirty-six months. The Center renewed the lease for an additional 36 months beginning January 1, 2020.

7. Lease Commitments (Continued)

The Center incurred a net expense of \$82,236 for both commitments described above for the year ending December 31, 2020. The future minimum rental payments for the next five years are as follows:

2021	82,236
2022	82,236
2023	-
2024	-
2025	-
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	164,472
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8. Conditional Promises

Conditional promises consist of the unfunded portions of governmental awards approved for commencement after December 31, 2020. Because such awards represent conditional promises to the Center, they have not been recognized in the financial statements at December 31, 2020. Such conditional promises amounted to approximately \$50,000 at December 31, 2020.

9. PPP Grant

The Center received a \$20,900 loan, which was entirely forgiven subsequent to year end, from the Paycheck Protection Program administered by the Small Business Administration of the U. S. Government in May 2020 to help sustain the entity's payroll levels during the initial stages of the Covid pandemic. The proceeds may be retained by The Center upon their use for eligible purposes, including payroll, benefits, rent, and utilities. All grant proceeds are being used entirely for eligible purposes.

10. Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19, the disease caused by the novel coronavirus, a pandemic as a result of the global spread of the coronavirus illness. The COVID-19 pandemic has adversely affected, and may continue to adversely affect economic activity globally, nationally, and locally. In response to the outbreak, federal and state authorities in the United States introduced various measures to try to limit or slow the spread of the virus, including travel restrictions, nonessential business closures, stay-at-home orders, and strict social distancing. The full impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is unknown and rapidly evolving. It has caused substantial disruption in international and U.S. economies, markets, and employment.

The COVID-19 pandemic may continue to have a significant adverse impact on certain industries the Foundation serves. Because of the significant uncertainties related to the ultimate duration of the COVID-19 pandemic and its potential effects on customers and prospects, and on the national and local economy as a whole, there can be no assurances as to how the crisis may ultimately affect The Center. It is unknown how long the adverse conditions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic will last and what the complete financial effect will be to the Foundation. It is reasonably possible that estimates made in the financial statements could be materially and adversely impacted in the near term as a result of these conditions.

11. Subsequent Events

The Multicultural Center of the South is required to evaluate events or transactions that may occur after the balance sheet date for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements. The Multicultural Center performed such an evaluation through June 29, 2021, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued and noted no material subsequent events other than PPP loan forgiveness disclosed in Note 7.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

MULTICULTURAL CENTER OF THE SOUTH, INC.
SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

Agency Head: Janice Gatlin, Program Director

Salary	61,200
Benefits-insurance-health	12,793
Cell phone	2,373
Travel	16

OTHER REPORTS

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June 29, 2021

To the Board of Directors
Multicultural Center of the South, Inc.
Shreveport, Louisiana

Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the management of Multicultural Center of the South, Inc. and the Legislative Auditor, (the specified parties), on the organization's compliance with certain laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*. Management of Multicultural Center of the South, Inc. is responsible for its financial records and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified parties. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures enumerated below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

Federal, State and Local Awards

1. Obtain the list of federal, state, and local government grant award expenditures for the fiscal year, by grant and grant year, from the organization's management.

Multicultural Center of the South provided us with the list of expenditures made for grant awards received during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020:

Award	Grant Year	Amount
City of Shreveport	2020	200,000
State of Louisiana Act 2-Cooperative Endeavor Agreement	2020	<u>50,000</u>
Total expenditures		<u>250,000</u>

2. For each of the above awards, randomly select six disbursements from each grant administered during the fiscal year, provided no more than 30 disbursements are selected.

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3. Obtain documentation for the disbursements selected in Procedure 2. Compare the selected disbursements to supporting documentation, and report whether the disbursements agree to the amount and payee in the supporting documentation.

We examined supporting documentation for each of the selected disbursements and found that payment was for the proper amount and made to the correct payee.

4. Report whether the selected disbursements were coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

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

5. Report whether the selected disbursements were approved in accordance with the Organization's policies and procedures.

All items were properly approved.

6. For each selected disbursement made for a state or local grant award, obtain the grant agreement. Compare the documentation for each disbursement to the program compliance requirements or the requirements of the grant agreement relating to activities allowed or unallowed, eligibility, and reporting; and report whether the disbursements comply with these requirements:

Activities allowed or unallowed:

We reviewed the previously listed disbursements for types of services allowed or not allowed.

Eligibility

We reviewed the previously listed disbursements for eligibility requirements.

Reporting

We reviewed the previously listed disbursements for reporting requirements.

No exceptions were noted for the above tests.

7. Obtain the close-out reports, if required, for any program selected in Procedure 2 that was closed out during the fiscal year. Compare the close-out reports, if applicable, with the organization's financial records; and report whether the amounts in the close-out reports agree with the Agency's financial records.

We reviewed an inventory submitted by the Center to the City of Shreveport as required.

Open Meetings

8. Obtain evidence from management that agendas for meetings recorded in the minute book were posted as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 42:11 through 42:28 (the open meetings law), and report whether there are any exceptions.

The Center posts the appropriate advertisement giving notice of meetings where public funds will be discussed.

Budget

9. For each grant exceeding five thousand dollars, obtain the comprehensive grant budgets that the agency provided to the applicable federal, state, or local grantor agency. Report whether the budgets for federal, state, and local grants included the purpose and duration of the grants; and whether budgets for state grants also included specific goals, objectives, and measures of performance.

The Center receives funding from the City of Shreveport and the State of Louisiana. The Center has adopted a budget and submitted to the State of Louisiana. The Center is not required to submit a budget to the City of Shreveport.

State Audit Law

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

The agency's report was submitted to the Legislative Auditor before the statutory due date of June 30, 2021.

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

The organization's management represented that the organization did not enter into any contracts during the fiscal year that were subject to the public bid law.

Prior Comments and Recommendations

12. Obtain and report management's representation as to whether any prior-year suggestions, exceptions, recommendations, and/or comments have been resolved.

No items were noted in prior year.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the standards applicable to attestation engagement contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the United States Comptroller General. We were not engaged to, and did not, perform an examination or review, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the organization's compliance with the foregoing matters. 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.

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of testing performed on the organization's compliance with certain laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide, 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 Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Heard, McElroy & Vestal, LLC

Shreveport, Louisiana

MULTICULTURAL CENTER OF THE SOUTH, INC.
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

I. Summary of Review Results

1. The accountant's review report noted no material modifications to the financial statements of Multicultural Center of the South, Inc.
2. No instances of noncompliance were disclosed during the review or attestation engagement.
3. Multicultural Center of the South, Inc. is not subject to a Federal Single audit for 2020.

II. Findings – Financial Statement Review

None

**LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE
(For Attestation Engagements of Quasi-public Agencies)**

June 4, 2021

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In connection with your engagement to apply agreed-upon procedures to the control and compliance matters identified below, as of December 31, 2020 and for the year then ended, and as required by Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, we make the following representations to you.

Federal, State, and Local Awards

We have detailed for you the amount of federal, state, and local award expenditures for the fiscal year, by grant and grant year.

Yes [] No []

All transactions relating to federal, state, and local grants have been properly recorded within our accounting records and reported to the appropriate state, federal, and local grantor officials.

Yes [] No []

The reports filed with federal, state, and local agencies are properly supported by books of original entry and supporting documentation.

Yes [] No []

We have complied with all applicable specific requirements of all federal, state, and local programs we administer, to include matters contained in the OMB Compliance Supplement, matters contained in the grant awards, eligibility requirements, activities allowed and unallowed, and reporting and budget requirements.

Yes [] No []

Open Meetings

Our meetings, as they relate to public funds, have been posted as an open meeting as required by R.S. 42:11 through 42:28 (the open meetings law). **Note: Please refer to Attorney General Opinion No. 13-0043 and the guidance in the publication "[Open Meeting FAQs](#)," available on the Legislative Auditor's website to determine whether a non-profit agency is subject to the open meetings law.**

Yes [] No []

Budget

For each federal, state, and local grant we have filed with the appropriate grantor agency a comprehensive budget for those grants that included the purpose and duration, and for state grants included specific goals and objectives and measures of performance

Yes [] No []

Reporting

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

Yes [] No []

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

Yes [X] No []

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

Yes [X] No []

Prior-Year Comments

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

Yes [X] No []

General

We are responsible for our compliance with the foregoing laws and regulations and the internal controls over compliance with such laws and regulations.

Yes [X] No []

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

Yes [X] No []

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

Yes [X] No []

We have made available to you all records that we believe are relevant to the foregoing agreed-upon procedures.

Yes [X] No []

We have provided you with any communications from regulatory agencies, internal auditors, other independent practitioners or consultants or other sources concerning any possible noncompliance with the foregoing laws and regulations, including any communications received between the end of the period under examination and the issuance of your report.

Yes [X] No []

We will disclose to you, the Legislative Auditor, and the applicable state grantor agency/agencies any known noncompliance that may occur up to the date of your report.

Yes [X] No []

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

	<i>Janice Gathin, Executive Director</i>	6/30/2021		Date
	Secretary			Date
	Treasurer			Date
	President			Date