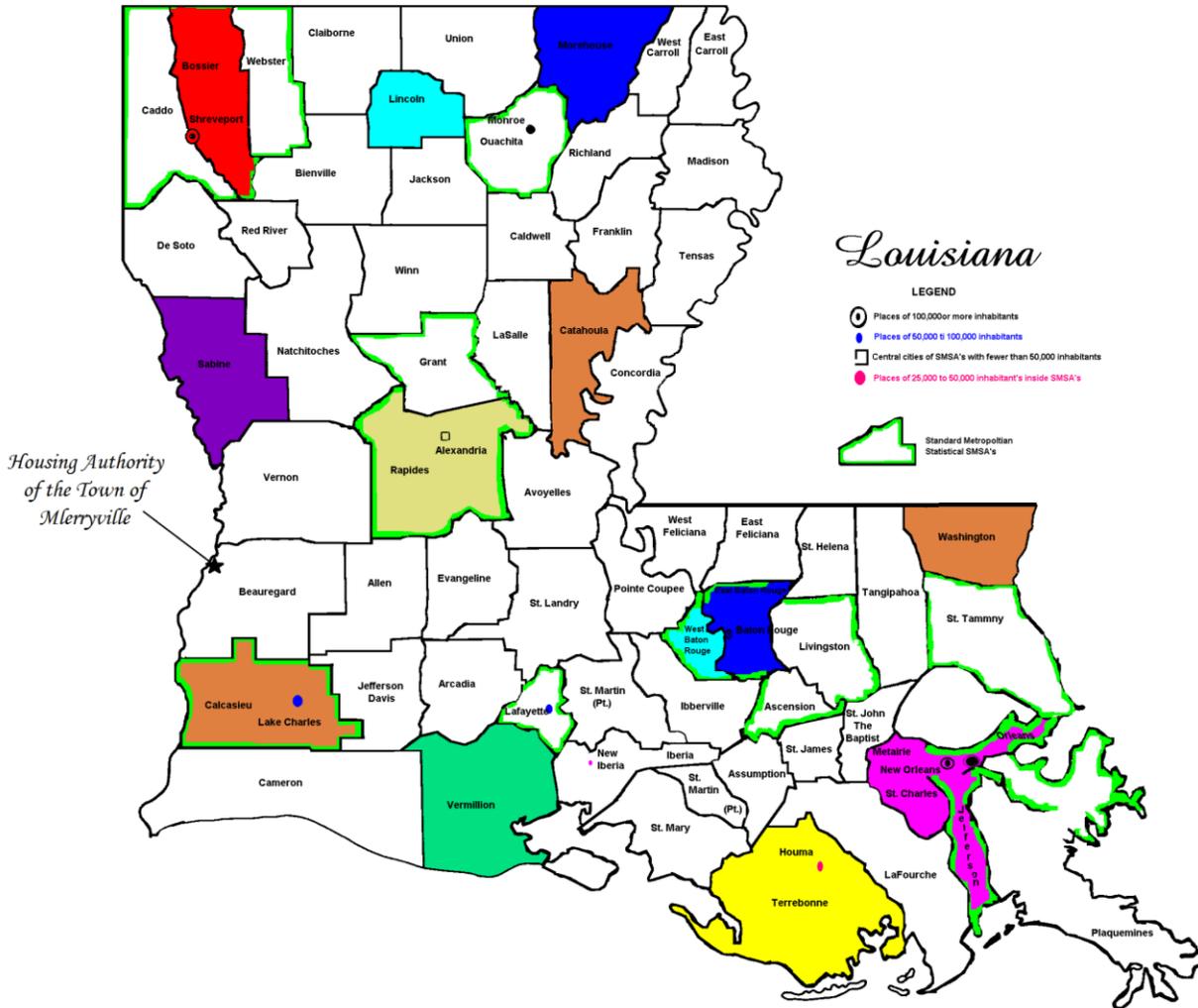


**HOUSING AUTHORITY
OF THE
TOWN OF MERRYVILLE, LOUISIANA
Annual Financial Statements
December 31, 2023**

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF MERRYVILLE MERRYVILLE, LOUISIANA



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**Housing Authority of the Town of Merryville
Merryville, Louisiana**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Housing Authority of the
Town of Merryville, 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 Merryville, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, 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 Merryville, as of December 31, 2023, 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 Merryville 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 Merryville'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 Merryville 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 Merryville'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 Merryville’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 financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the 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 March 15, 2024 on our consideration of the Housing Authority of the Town of Merryville’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 Merryville’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 March 15, 2024, 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

Jena, Louisiana
March 15, 2024

Housing Authority of Merryville, Louisiana

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A)

December 31, 2023

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF MERRYVILLE, LOUISIANA

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (MD&A)

DECEMBER 31, 2023

Housing Authority of Merryville, Louisiana
Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A)
December 31, 2023

As management of the Housing Authority of the Town of Merryville, we offer readers of the authority's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the authority for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the authority's financial statements, which are attached.

Financial Highlights

- The assets of the authority exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$1,493,855 (net position).
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the authority's ending unrestricted net position was \$598,984.
- The authority's cash balance at December 31, 2023, was \$512,931, of which \$16,236 is restricted for tenant security deposits.
- The authority had total revenue of \$574,837, of which \$548,735 were operating revenues and \$26,102 were nonoperating revenues.
- The authority had total expenses of \$639,529, of which all were for operating expenses.

Overview of the Financial Statements

The discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the authority's basic financial statements. The authority's basic financial statements consist of the Statement of Net Position, Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position, Statement of Cash Flows, and the notes to the financial statements. This report also contains the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards as supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all of the housing authority's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases and decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the housing authority is improving or deteriorating, or otherwise changing in a significant manner.

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position presents information detailing how the housing authority's net position changed during the fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some times that will only result in cash flows in the future fiscal periods (e.g., earned but not used vacation leave).

Housing Authority of Merryville, Louisiana

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A)

December 31, 2023

The Statement of Cash Flows provides information about the housing authority's cash receipts and cash payments during the fiscal year. The statement reports cash receipts, cash payments, and net changes in cash resulting from operations, financing and investing activities.

The authority has only one fund type, namely a proprietary fund. The Statement of Net Position includes all of the authority's assets and liabilities. This fund type is unused for activities which are financed and operated in a manner similar to those in the private sector.

Housing Authority's Significant Programs

The housing authority has two programs which are consolidated into a single enterprise fund. The housing authority's programs consist of the following:

Low-Income Public Housing

Under the Conventional Public Housing Program, the housing authority rents units it owns to low-income families. The Conventional Public Housing Program is operated under an Annual Contribution Contract with HUD, and HUD provides an Operating Subsidy to enable the housing authority to provide housing to low-income individuals and families.

Capital Fund Program

The Conventional Public Housing Program also includes the Capital Fund Program, the primary funding source for the housing authority's physical and management improvements. The funding calculation is based on the size and age of the housing authority's units.

Reporting on the Housing Authority as a Whole

One of the most important questions asked about the Authorities finances is, "Is the housing authority as a whole, better off, or worse off, as a result of the achievements of the fiscal year 2020?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position report information about the housing authority as a whole and about its activities in a way that helps answer this question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

Housing Authority of Merryville, Louisiana
 Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A)
 December 31, 2023

The table below lists the asset and liability comparisons for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Statement of Net Position			
Category	2022	2023	% Change
Current Assets	\$ 611,754	\$ 650,028	6.3
Restricted Assets	15,543	16,236	4.5
Capital Assets-Net of Depreciation	995,064	894,871	-10.1
Total Assets	1,622,361	1,561,135	-3.8
Current Liabilities	54,577	53,175	-2.6
Non-Current Liabilities	9,237	14,105	52.7
Total Liabilities	63,814	67,280	5.4
Net Investment In Capital Assets	995,064	894,871	-10.1
Unrestricted Net Position	563,483	598,984	6.3
Total Net Position	\$ 1,558,547	\$ 1,493,855	-4.2

- Current assets increased by \$38,274 or 6.3% from last year. The primary reason for this increase is due to an increase in cash and cash equivalents of \$38,274.
- Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, decreased by \$100,193 or 10.1%.
- Current liabilities decreased by \$1,402 or 2.6%. The primary reason for this change is because of a decrease in accounts payable.
- Non-current liabilities increased by \$4,868 or 52.7%. The reason for this change is because non-current accrued compensated absences increased.

Housing Authority of Merryville, Louisiana
Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A)
December 31, 2023

The table below lists the revenue and expense comparisons for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position			
Category	2022	2023	% Change
Operating Revenues:			
Tenant Revenue	\$ 225,101	\$ 229,637	2.0
HUD PHA Operating	327,230	319,098	-2.5
Total Operating Revenues	<u>552,331</u>	<u>548,735</u>	-0.7
Operating Expenses:			
Administrative	186,489	201,024	7.8
Tenant Services	1,080	1,080	0.0
Utilities	41,023	41,681	1.6
Maintenance	165,925	152,562	-8.1
General	138,191	141,186	2.2
Depreciation	109,159	101,996	-6.6
Total Operating Expenses	<u>641,867</u>	<u>639,529</u>	-0.4
Net Operating Gain (Loss)	(89,536)	(90,794)	-201.4
Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)			
Investment Income	19	19	0.0
Extraordinary Maintenance	(4,024)	-0-	100.0
Other Income	11,229	26,083	132.3
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	<u>7,224</u>	<u>26,102</u>	261.3
Change in Net Position Before Capital Contributions	(82,312)	(64,692)	178.6
Capital Contributions	104,850	-0-	-100.0
Change in Net Position	22,538	(64,692)	-387.0
Net Position – Beginning	1,536,009	1,558,547	1.5
Net Position – Ending	<u>\$ 1,558,547</u>	<u>\$ 1,493,855</u>	-4.2

- Operating revenues decreased by \$3,596 or 0.7%. The primary reason for this decrease is due to a decrease in HUD operating in the amount of \$8,132.
- Operating expenses decreased by \$2,338 or 0.4%. The primary reason for this decrease is due to a decrease in maintenance expenses in the amount of \$13,363.
- The authority received \$-0- in capital contributions. This is a \$104,850 or 100% decrease from last year.

Housing Authority of Merryville, Louisiana
 Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A)
 December 31, 2023

As of December 31, 2023, the authority's investment in capital assets was \$894,871 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment includes land, building, building improvements, office equipment, dwelling equipment, and maintenance equipment.

	2022	2023
Capital Assets		
Land*	\$ 40,466	\$ 40,466
Buildings & Improvements	5,335,784	5,335,784
Furniture & Equipment	218,174	220,011
Construction in Progress*	-0-	-0-
Total Capital Assets	5,594,424	5,596,261
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(4,599,394)	(4,701,390)
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	\$ 995,030	\$ 894,871

* Land in the amount of \$40,466 is not being depreciated.

Long Term Debt

The authority does not have any long-term liabilities at this time.

Future Events that will impact the Authority

The authority relies heavily upon HUD operating subsidies. The amount appropriated has not currently been approved for the FYE 2024 year. Therefore, any results of budget shortfalls cannot be determined.

Contacting the Authority's Financial Management

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

Housing Authority of the Town of Merryville
 P O Box 577
 Merryville, LA 70653

Basic Financial Statements

**Housing Authority of the Town of Merryville
Merryville, Louisiana
Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2023**

ASSETS	ENTERPRISE FUND
CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 496,695
Receivables, Net of Allowances	117,856
Prepaid Items	27,204
Inventories, Net	8,273
Restricted Cash:	
Tenant Security Deposits	16,236
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>666,264</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS	
Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	894,871
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	<u>894,871</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>1,561,135</u>
LIABILITIES	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	9,034
Accrued Wages/Payroll Taxes Payable	252
Accrued Compensated Absences	6,320
Accrued Pilot	18,122
Accrued Liabilities - Other	2,674
Tenant Security Deposits (Payable From Restricted Assets)	16,236
Unearned Revenue	537
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>53,175</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Accrued Compensated Absences	14,105
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>14,105</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>67,280</u>
NET POSITION	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	894,871
Unrestricted	598,984
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$ 1,493,855</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**Housing Authority of the Town of Merryville
Merryville, Louisiana
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, & Changes in Net Position
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023**

		<u>ENTERPRISE FUND</u>
OPERATING REVENUES		
Tenant Rental Revenue	\$	222,896
Tenant Revenue Other		6,741
HUD PHA Operating Grant		319,098
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES		<u>548,735</u>
 OPERATING EXPENSES		
<i>Administration:</i>		
Administrative Salaries		130,364
EBC Administrative		23,174
Other Operating - Administrative		47,486
<i>Cost of Sales & Service:</i>		
Tenant Services		1,080
Water		14,220
Electricity		9,318
Gas		671
Sewer		17,472
Ordinary Maintenance – Labor		69,914
Materials		27,699
Contract Cost		32,421
EBC Maintenance		22,528
Insurance		92,962
Payment in Lieu of Taxes		18,122
Compensated Absences		11,551
Bad Debt		18,551
<i>Depreciation</i>		<u>101,996</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		<u>639,529</u>
 OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)		 <u>(90,794)</u>
 NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)		
Other Revenue		26,083
Interest Earnings		19
TOTAL NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)		<u>26,102</u>
 CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS		 <u>-0-</u>
 CHANGE IN NET POSITION		 (64,692)
 TOTAL NET POSITION – BEGINNING		 <u>1,558,547</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION – ENDING	\$	<u>1,493,855</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**Housing Authority of the Town of Merryville
Merryville, Louisiana
Statement of Cash Flows
Year Ended December 31, 2023**

	ENTERPRISE FUND
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Receipts from HUD Grants	\$ 319,098
Receipts from Customers & Users	156,496
Payments to Suppliers	(317,876)
Payments to Employees	(200,530)
Payments to Local Governments (PILOT)	(18,122)
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(67,520)
 CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Other Revenue	26,083
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	26,083
 CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL & RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Acquisition/Deletion of Capital Assets	1,837
Capital Grant	-0-
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY CAPITAL & RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	1,837
 CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Interest and Dividends Received	19
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	19
 NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS	(39,581)
 CASH, BEGINNING OF YEAR	552,512
CASH, END OF YEAR	512,931
 RECONCILIATION TO BALANCE SHEET	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	496,695
Tenants' Security Deposits	16,236
TOTAL CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$ 512,931

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**Housing Authority of the Town of Merryville
Merryville, Louisiana
Statement of Cash Flows
Year Ended December 31, 2023**

Reconciliation

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

Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (90,794)
Depreciation Expense	101,996
(Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable	(73,168)
(Increase) Decrease in Prepaid Insurance	(3,293)
(Increase) Decrease in Inventories	(5,727)
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable	5,174
Increase (Decrease) in Accrued Wages/Payroll Taxes Payable	252
Increase (Decrease) in Accrued Liabilities-Other	33
Increase (Decrease) in PILOT	478
Increase (Decrease) in Compensated Absences	4,701
Increase (Decrease) in Tenant Security Deposits	693
Increase (Decrease) in Unearned Revenue	(7,865)
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS	23,274
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$ (67,520)

LISTING OF NONCASH INVESTING, CAPITAL, & FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Contributions of Capital Assets From Government	\$ <u>-0-</u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**NOTES TO THE BASIC
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Housing Authority of the Town of Merryville
Merryville, Louisiana**

**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

INTRODUCTION

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

Legal title to the authority is held by the Housing Authority of Merryville, 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 Merryville, 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 Merryville because the Town of Merryville appoints a voting majority of the housing authority's governing board. The Town of Merryville 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 Merryville. Accordingly, the housing authority is not a component unit of the financial reporting entity of the Town of Merryville.

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 Changes in Net Position) report information on all of the activities of the primary government. For the most part, the effect of the Interfund activity has been removed from these statements. The housing authority uses enterprise funds to account for its activities.

**Housing Authority of the Town of Merryville
Merryville, Louisiana**

**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (CONTINUED)
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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.

The accompanying financial statements include the activities of several housing programs subsidized by HUD. A summary of each significant program is provided below.

- **Low Income Housing Program** – The purpose of the low-income housing program is to provide decent and affordable housing to low income families at reduced rents. The developments are owned, maintained, and managed by the authority. The developments are acquired, developed, and modernized under HUD’s capital funds programs. Funding of the program operations is provided via federal annual contribution contracts (operating subsidies) and tenant rents (determined as a percentage of family income, adjusted for family composition).
- **Capital Fund Program** – The objective of these programs is to improve the physical condition of the Low-Income Public Housing units and upgrade the management of the program.

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 nonoperating 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 revenues and operating grants. 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 nonoperating revenues and expenses.

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:

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

**Housing Authority of the Town of Merryville
Merryville, Louisiana**

**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (CONTINUED)
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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

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

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

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 positions. 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.

**Housing Authority of the Town of Merryville
Merryville, Louisiana**

**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (CONTINUED)
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Land Improvements	20 years
Buildings & Building Improvements	20 years
Furniture & Fixtures	5 years
Vehicles	5 years
Equipment	5 years

H. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

At December 31, 2023, employees of the PHA have accumulated and vest \$20,425 of employee leave benefits, computed in accordance with GASB Codification Section C60. The balance of accrued compensated absences at December 31, 2023 was \$6,320 recorded as current obligation and \$14,105 recorded as non-current obligation.

I. 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.

**Housing Authority of the Town of Merryville
Merryville, Louisiana**

**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (CONTINUED)
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

J. 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.

K. 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, 2023, the housing authority has cash and investments (bank balances) totaling \$517,247 as follows:

Demand deposits	\$	478,683
Time deposits		<u>38,564</u>
Total	\$	<u>517,247</u>

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.

**Housing Authority of the Town of Merryville
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DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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

Deposits

It is the 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.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
FDIC (<i>Category 1</i>)	\$ 250,000
Securities (<i>Category 2</i>)	779,252
Total	\$ <u>1,029,252</u>

All deposits were fully secured at year end.

For purposes of the Statement of Net Position, cash and interest-bearing deposits include all demand accounts, savings accounts, and certificates of deposit of Merryville 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. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

The receivables of \$117,856 as of December 31, 2023, are as follows:

Accounts Receivables – Tenants	\$ 430
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	(49)
Accounts Receivable-Other Gov.	<u>117,475</u>
Total	\$ <u>117,856</u>

**Housing Authority of the Town of Merryville
Merryville, Louisiana**

**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (CONTINUED)
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

4. PREPAID ITEMS

The housing authority's prepaid items as of December 31, 2023, consist of the following:

Prepaid Insurance	\$	27,204
Total	\$	<u>27,204</u>

5. INVENTORY

The inventories of \$8,273 as of December 31, 2023, are as follows:

Inventories	\$	8,708
Allowance for Obsolete Inventories		(435)
Total	\$	<u>8,273</u>

6. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets activity for the year ended December 31, 2023, was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Land *	\$ 40,466	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 40,466
Buildings & Improvements	5,335,784	-0-	-0-	5,335,784
Furniture & Equipment, Etc.	218,174	1,837	-0-	220,011
Construction in Progress	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Total	<u>5,594,424</u>	<u>1,837</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>5,596,261</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(4,599,394)</u>	<u>(101,996)</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>(4,701,390)</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u>\$ 995,030</u>	<u>\$ (100,159)</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 894,871</u>

*Land in the amount of \$40,466 is not being depreciated.

**Housing Authority of the Town of Merryville
Merryville, Louisiana**

**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (CONTINUED)
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

7. ACCOUNTS, SALARIES & OTHER PAYABLES

The payables of \$53,175 at December 31, 2023, are as follows:

Accounts Payable	\$	9,034
Accrued Wages/Payroll Taxes Payable		252
Accrued Compensated Absences (Current)		6,320
Accrued Liabilities-Other		37,569
Total	\$	<u>53,175</u>

8. CHANGES IN COMPENSATED ABSENCES PAYABLES

The following is a summary of changes in compensated absences payable at December 31, 2023:

		<u>Current</u>		<u>Noncurrent</u>		<u>Total</u>
Beginning of year	\$	6,487	\$	9,237	\$	15,724
Additions/(Retirements)		(167)		4,868		4,701
End of year	\$	<u>6,320</u>	\$	<u>14,105</u>	\$	<u>20,425</u>

9. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

At December 31, 2023, 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. ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

Statement of Financial Accounting Standard (SFAS) No. 14 requires disclosure in financial statements of a situation where one entity provides more than 10% of the audited entity's revenues. The Department of Housing & Urban Development provided \$319,098 to the Housing Authority, which represents 55.5% 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, March 15, 2024, of the independent auditor's report for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

**Other Supplemental Statements
& Schedules**

**Housing Authority of the Town of Merryville
Merryville, Louisiana
Schedule of Compensation Paid to Board Members
Year Ended December 31, 2023**

Board Member	Title
Beverly Bennett	Chairman
Misti Benoit	Vice-Chairman
Donald Perry	Board Commissioner
Carol Morton	Board Commissioner
Michael Cournoyer	Board Commissioner

Each board member received \$-0- per meeting when present.

See independent auditor's report.

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

Merryville Housing Authority
-Debra Doyle, Executive Director

Purpose	Amount
Salary	\$ 80,280
Benefits-Insurance	-0-
Benefits-Retirement	-0-
Benefits (List any other here)	-0-
Car Allowance	-0-
Vehicle Provided by Government	-0-
Per Diem	-0-
Reimbursements	-0-
Travel	-0-
Registration Fees	-0-
Conference Travel	-0-
Continuing Professional Education Fees	-0-
Housing	-0-
Un-vouchered Expenses*	-0-
Special Meals	\$ -0-

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

See independent auditor's report.

**Housing Authority of the Town of Merryville
Merryville, Louisiana**

**Statement and Certification of Actual Modernization Cost
Annual Contribution Contract**

	Complete CFP Project 501-2018	Incomplete CFP Project 501-2019	Incomplete CFP Project 501-2020	Incomplete CFP Project 501-2021	Incomplete CFP Project 501-2022	Incomplete CFP Project 501-2023	Total
The Actual Modernization Costs Are as Follows:							
1. Funds Approved	\$ 186,715	\$ 193,911	\$ 208,558	\$ 219,559	\$ 273,404	\$ 269,387	\$ 1,351,534
Funds Expended	(186,715)	(162,642)	(158,982)	(136,893)	(25,973)	(14,811)	(686,016)
Excess of Funds Approved	-0-	31,269	49,576	82,666	247,431	254,576	665,518
2. Funds Advanced	186,715	162,642	152,982	136,893	25,973	14,811	686,016
Funds Expended	(186,175)	(162,642)	(152,982)	(136,893)	(25,973)	(14,811)	(686,016)
Excess of Funds Advanced	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

See independent auditor's report.



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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 Merryville, 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 Merryville, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Housing Authority of the Town of Merryville’s basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 15, 2024.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Housing Authority of the Town of Merryville’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 Merryville’s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Housing Authority of the Town of Merryville’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 Merryville'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
March 15, 2024

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF MERRYVILLE
MERRYVILLE, LOUISIANA**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COST
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023**

We have audited the basic financial statements which collectively comprise the Housing Authority of Merryville, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated March 15, 2024. 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.

Section I Summary of Auditor’s Results

Our audit of the basic financial statements as of December 31, 2023, 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
For Major Programs Disclaimer

Qualified
 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: \$

Is the auditee a ‘low-risk’ auditee, as defined by OMB Uniform Guidance? Yes No

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF MERRYVILLE
MERRYVILLE, LOUISIANA**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COST
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023**

Section II Financial Statement Findings

No findings to report.

Section III Federal Awards Findings and Questioned Costs

Not applicable.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF MERRYVILLE
MERRYVILLE, 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 Merryville, 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, 2022.

PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

No findings to report.

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Housing Authority of the Town of Merryville
P.O. Box 577
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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, 2023, through December 31, 2023. The Housing Authority of the Town of Merryville's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

The Housing Authority of the Town of Merryville 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, 2023, through December 31, 2023. 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.
- l) **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 to 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 to 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 closing date, if applicable.

Exception: The bank account chosen contains two O/S checks more than 12 months old.

Management: The PHA will investigate the two O/S checks and resend checks if necessary.

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).

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.

No exceptions to the procedures performed.

- 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.
- 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.

No exceptions to the procedures performed.

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 to 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 exception to 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: The Entity has no active cards.

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.

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.

Observation: The Entity has no active cards.

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 exception to 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 exception to 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.
- 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.

No exception to the procedures performed.

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

Exception: Not all employees/officials completed one hour of ethics training during the fiscal period.

Managements Response: All employees/officials will have one hour of ethics training completed during each fiscal period.

Debt Service

- 21) 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.
- 22) 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).

No exception to the procedures performed.

Fraud Notice

- 23) 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.
- 24) 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.

No exception to the procedures performed.

Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

- 25) 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).

No exception to the procedures performed.

Prevention of Sexual Harassment

26) 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.

No exceptions to the procedures performed.

27) 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).

28) 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.

No exceptions to the procedures performed.

We were engaged by the Housing Authority of the Town of Merryville 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 Merryville 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

Jena, Louisiana

March 15, 2024

Financial Data Schedule

Housing Authority of the Town of Merryville (LA082)

MERRYVILLE, LA

Entity Wide Balance Sheet Summary

Submission Type: Audited/Non Single Audit Fiscal Year End: 12/31/2023

	Project Total	Subtotal	ELIM	Total
111 Cash - Unrestricted	\$496,695	\$496,695		\$496,695
114 Cash - Tenant Security Deposits	\$16,236	\$16,236		\$16,236
100 Total Cash	\$512,931	\$512,931		\$512,931
124 Accounts Receivable - Other Government	\$117,475	\$117,475		\$117,475
125 Accounts Receivable - Miscellaneous	\$3,591	\$3,591		\$3,591
126 Accounts Receivable - Tenants	\$430	\$430		\$430
126.1 Allowance for Doubtful Accounts - Tenants	-\$49	-\$49		-\$49
126.2 Allowance for Doubtful Accounts - Other	-\$3,591	-\$3,591		-\$3,591
120 Total Receivables, Net of Allowances for Doubtful Accounts	\$117,856	\$117,856		\$117,856
142 Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets	\$27,204	\$27,204		\$27,204
143 Inventories	\$8,708	\$8,708		\$8,708
143.1 Allowance for Obsolete Inventories	-\$435	-\$435		-\$435
150 Total Current Assets	\$666,264	\$666,264		\$666,264
161 Land	\$40,466	\$40,466		\$40,466
162 Buildings	\$5,015,455	\$5,015,455		\$5,015,455
163 Furniture, Equipment & Machinery - Dwellings	\$82,396	\$82,396		\$82,396
164 Furniture, Equipment & Machinery - Administration	\$137,615	\$137,615		\$137,615
165 Leasehold Improvements	\$320,329	\$320,329		\$320,329
166 Accumulated Depreciation	\$4,701,390	\$4,701,390		\$4,701,390
160 Total Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	\$894,871	\$894,871		\$894,871
180 Total Non-Current Assets	\$894,871	\$894,871		\$894,871
290 Total Assets and Deferred Outflow of Resources	\$1,561,135	\$1,561,135		\$1,561,135
312 Accounts Payable <= 90 Days	\$9,034	\$9,034		\$9,034
321 Accrued Wage/Payroll Taxes Payable	\$252	\$252		\$252
322 Accrued Compensated Absences - Current Portion	\$6,320	\$6,320		\$6,320
333 Accounts Payable - Other Government	\$18,122	\$18,122		\$18,122
341 Tenant Security Deposits	\$16,236	\$16,236		\$16,236
342 Unearned Revenue	\$537	\$537		\$537
346 Accrued Liabilities - Other	\$2,674	\$2,674		\$2,674
310 Total Current Liabilities	\$53,175	\$53,175		\$53,175
354 Accrued Compensated Absences - Non Current	\$14,105	\$14,105		\$14,105
350 Total Non-Current Liabilities	\$14,105	\$14,105		\$14,105
300 Total Liabilities	\$67,280	\$67,280		\$67,280
508.4 Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$894,871	\$894,871		\$894,871
511.4 Restricted Net Position	\$0	\$0		\$0
512.4 Unrestricted Net Position	\$598,984	\$598,984		\$598,984
513 Total Equity - Net Assets / Position	\$1,493,855	\$1,493,855		\$1,493,855
600 Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Equity - Net	\$1,561,135	\$1,561,135		\$1,561,135

Housing Authority of the Town of Merryville (LA082)
MERRYVILLE, LA

Entity Wide Revenue and Expense Summary

Submission Type: Audited/Non Single Audit Fiscal Year End: 12/31/2023

	Project Total	Subtotal	ELIM	Total
70300 Net Tenant Rental Revenue	\$222,896	\$222,896		\$222,896
70400 Tenant Revenue - Other	\$6,741	\$6,741		\$6,741
70500 Total Tenant Revenue	\$229,637	\$229,637	\$0	\$229,637
70600 HUD PHA Operating Grants	\$319,098	\$319,098		\$319,098
70700 Total Fee Revenue		\$0	\$0	\$0
71100 Investment Income - Unrestricted	\$19	\$19		\$19
71400 Fraud Recovery	\$14,103	\$14,103		\$14,103
71500 Other Revenue	\$11,980	\$11,980		\$11,980
70000 Total Revenue	\$574,837	\$574,837	\$0	\$574,837
91100 Administrative Salaries	\$130,364	\$130,364		\$130,364
91200 Auditing Fees	\$8,500	\$8,500		\$8,500
91400 Advertising and Marketing	\$410	\$410		\$410
91500 Employee Benefit contributions - Administrative	\$23,174	\$23,174		\$23,174
91600 Office Expenses	\$18,778	\$18,778		\$18,778
91800 Travel	\$1,070	\$1,070		\$1,070
91900 Other	\$18,728	\$18,728		\$18,728
91000 Total Operating - Administrative	\$201,024	\$201,024	\$0	\$201,024
92400 Tenant Services - Other	\$1,080	\$1,080		\$1,080
92500 Total Tenant Services	\$1,080	\$1,080	\$0	\$1,080
93100 Water	\$14,220	\$14,220		\$14,220
93200 Electricity	\$9,318	\$9,318		\$9,318
93300 Gas	\$671	\$671		\$671
93600 Sewer	\$17,472	\$17,472		\$17,472
93000 Total Utilities	\$41,681	\$41,681	\$0	\$41,681
94100 Ordinary Maintenance and Operations - Labor	\$69,914	\$69,914		\$69,914
94200 Ordinary Maintenance and Operations - Materials and Other	\$27,699	\$27,699		\$27,699
94300 Ordinary Maintenance and Operations Contracts	\$32,421	\$32,421		\$32,421
94500 Employee Benefit Contributions - Ordinary Maintenance	\$22,528	\$22,528		\$22,528
94000 Total Maintenance	\$152,562	\$152,562	\$0	\$152,562
96110 Property Insurance	\$68,938	\$68,938		\$68,938
96120 Liability Insurance	\$10,255	\$10,255		\$10,255
96130 Workmen's Compensation	\$9,684	\$9,684		\$9,684
96140 All Other Insurance	\$4,085	\$4,085		\$4,085
96100 Total insurance Premiums	\$92,962	\$92,962	\$0	\$92,962

96200 Other General Expenses				
96210 Compensated Absences	\$11,551	\$11,551		\$11,551
96300 Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$18,122	\$18,122		\$18,122
96400 Bad debt - Tenant Rents	\$18,551	\$18,551		\$18,551
96000 Total Other General Expenses	\$48,224	\$48,224	\$0	\$48,224
96900 Total Operating Expenses	\$537,533	\$537,533	\$0	\$537,533
97000 Excess of Operating Revenue over Operating Expenses	\$37,304	\$37,304	\$0	\$37,304
97400 Depreciation Expense	\$101,996	\$101,996		\$101,996
90000 Total Expenses	\$639,529	\$639,529	\$0	\$639,529
10010 Operating Transfer In	\$40,893	\$40,893	-\$40,893	\$0
10020 Operating transfer Out	-\$40,893	-\$40,893	\$40,893	\$0
10000 Excess (Deficiency) of Total Revenue Over (Under) Total Expenses	-\$64,692	-\$64,692	\$0	-\$64,692
11030 Beginning Equity	\$1,558,547	\$1,558,547		\$1,558,547
11180 Housing Assistance Payments Equity				
11190 Unit Months Available	912	912		912
11210 Number of Unit Months Leased	773	773		773
11270 Excess Cash	\$532,568	\$532,568		\$532,568
11610 Land Purchases	\$0	\$0		\$0
11620 Building Purchases	\$0	\$0		\$0
11630 Furniture & Equipment - Dwelling Purchases	\$0	\$0		\$0
11640 Furniture & Equipment - Administrative Purchases	\$0	\$0		\$0
11650 Leasehold Improvements Purchases	\$0	\$0		\$0
11660 Infrastructure Purchases	\$0	\$0		\$0
13510 CFFP Debt Service Payments	\$0	\$0		\$0
13901 Replacement Housing Factor Funds	\$0	\$0		\$0