

**STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS**  
**302 West Washington Street**  
**Room E418**  
**INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204-2769**

FEDERAL COMPLIANCE AUDIT REPORT

OF

CLINTON COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022



**FILED**

08/14/2023



## TABLE OF CONTENTS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Page</u>
Schedule of Officials .....	2
Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statement Performed in Accordance with <i>Government Auditing Standards</i> .....	3-4
Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program; Report on Internal Control over Compliance; and Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance .....	5-7
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and Accompanying Notes:	
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards .....	10-11
Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.....	12
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.....	13-16
Auditee-Prepared Documents:	
Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings.....	18
Corrective Action Plan .....	19
Other Reports.....	20

### SCHEDULE OF OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
County Auditor	Britt A. Ostler	01-01-22 to 12-31-23
County Treasurer	Gina Brettnacher	01-01-22 to 12-31-23
Clerk of the Circuit Court	Rhea A. Harris Stephanie Harshbarger	01-01-22 to 12-31-22 01-01-23 to 12-31-23
County Sheriff	Rich Kelly	01-01-22 to 12-31-23
County Recorder	Elizabeth J. Keeney	01-01-22 to 12-31-23
President of the Board of County Commissioners	Jordan Brewer	01-01-22 to 12-31-23
President of the County Council	Alan Dunn	01-01-22 to 12-31-23



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING  
AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL  
STATEMENT PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF CLINTON COUNTY, INDIANA

We have audited, in accordance with 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 statement of Clinton County (County), for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statement, which collectively comprise the County's financial statement and have issued our report thereon dated August 2, 2023, wherein we noted the County followed accounting practices the Indiana State Board of Accounts prescribes rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

***Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting***

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statement, we considered the County's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the County's financial statement will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or 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, and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, as described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as item 2022-001, that we consider to be material weaknesses.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING  
AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL  
STATEMENT PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*  
(Continued)

***Report on Compliance and Other Matters***

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the County's financial statement is free of 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 instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as item 2022-001.

***Clinton County's Response to Findings***

*Government Auditing Standards* requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the County's response to findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. The County's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Corrective Action Plan. The County's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statement, and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

***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 County'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 County's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Beth Kelley, CPA, CFE  
Deputy State Examiner

August 2, 2023



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM; REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE; AND REPORT ON SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF CLINTON COUNTY, INDIANA

**Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program**

***Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

We have audited Clinton County's (County) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2022. The County's major federal programs are identified in the *Summary of Auditor's Results* section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

In our opinion, the County complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2022.

**Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program**

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance* section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the County and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the County's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

***Responsibilities of Management for Compliance***

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the County's federal programs.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM; REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE; AND REPORT ON SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE  
(Continued)

***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the County's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not absolute assurance, and, therefore, is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually, or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the County's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the County's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the County's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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

**Report on Internal Control over Compliance**

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM; REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE; AND REPORT ON SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE  
(Continued)

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance* section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

**Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance**

We have audited the financial statement of the County, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statement. We issued our report thereon dated August 2, 2023, which contained a dual opinion on the financial statement. An adverse opinion was issued regarding the presentation in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and an unmodified opinion was issued regarding the presentation in accordance with the regulatory basis of accounting. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statement as a whole. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Uniform Guidance and is not a required part of the financial statement. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statement and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement or to the financial statement itself, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statement as a whole.



Beth Kelley, CPA, CFE  
Deputy State Examiner

August 2, 2023

(This page intentionally left blank.)

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS AND ACCOMPANYING NOTES

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and accompanying notes presented were approved by management of the County. The schedule and notes are presented as intended by the County.

CLINTON COUNTY  
 SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

Federal Grantor Agency Cluster Title/Program Title/Project Title	Pass-Through Entity or Direct Grant	Assistance Listings Number	Pass-Through Entity (or Other) Identifying Number	Passed Through to Subrecipient	Total Federal Awards Expended
<b>Department of Commerce</b>					
Economic Development Cluster INVESTMENTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FACILITIES EDA GRANT	INDIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL	11.300	06-01-06184	\$ -	\$ 214,809
Total - Economic Development Cluster				-	214,809
Total - Department of Commerce				-	214,809
<b>Department of Justice</b>					
COVID-19 - CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING PROGRAM CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING PROGRAM	INDIANA CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE	16.034	0322020VDBX0244	-	11,070
CRIME VICTIM ASSISTANCE VOCA GRANT	INDIANA CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE	16.575	03218V2GX003103	-	31,786
VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN FORMULA GRANTS VICTIM ADVOCATE GRANT	INDIANA CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE	16.588	03220WFAX003103	-	16,256
Total - Department of Justice				-	59,112
<b>Department of Transportation</b>					
Highway Planning and Construction Cluster HIGHWAY PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION CUM BRIDGE BRIDGE INSP/CUM BRIDGES	INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	20.205	800160076900LC1	-	378,824
Total - Highway Planning and Construction Cluster				-	378,824
Federal Transit Cluster BUSES AND BUS FACILITIES FORMULA, COMPETITIVE, AND LOW OR NO EMISSIONS PROGRAMS	INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	20.526	800FTAIN2021031	-	5,211
Total - Federal Transit Cluster				-	5,211
Highway Safety Cluster State and Community Highway Safety State and Community Highway Safety	INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	20.600	032NHTSA4022021	-	2,039
Total - Highway Safety Cluster				-	2,039
FORMULA GRANTS FOR RURAL AREAS AND TRIBAL TRANSIT PROGRAM PAUL PHILLIPPEE OPERATING ASSISTANCE GRANT	INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	20.509	800200156800LC7	338,000	338,000
MINIMUM PENALTIES FOR REPEAT OFFENDERS FOR DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED DUI TASKFORCE	INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	20.608	032NHT164AL2021	-	2,745
Total - Department of Transportation				338,000	726,819

CLINTON COUNTY  
 SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

Federal Grantor Agency Cluster Title/Program Title/Project Title	Pass-Through Entity or Direct Grant	Assistance Listings Number	Pass-Through Entity (or Other) Identifying Number	Passed Through to Subrecipient	Total Federal Awards Expended
<u>Department of the Treasury</u>					
COVID-19 - CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS	INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	21.027			
Lead Case Management Fund			400ARPHLTHISSCH	-	3,597
Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds			FY 22	-	423,246
				-	426,843
Total - COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds				-	426,843
Total - Department of the Treasury				-	426,843
<u>Department of Health and Human Services</u>					
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS	INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	93.069			
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS			40093069PHEPA22	-	20,873
IMMUNIZATION COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS	INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	93.268			
COVID-VFC SUPPLEMENTAL			40093268COVIM21	-	59,958
EPIDEMIOLOGY AND LABORATORY CAPACITY FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES (ELC)	INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	93.323			
COVID TESTING GRANT II			40093323ECVDP20	-	93,990
			NU50CK000503	-	28,947
				-	122,937
Total - Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases (ELC)				-	122,937
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY RESPONSE: COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE: PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE	INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	93.354			
			40093354CPHWS22	-	9,341
PPHF Capacity Building Assistance to Strengthen Public Health Immunization Infrastructure and Performance financed in part by Prevention and Public Health Funds PPHF CAPACITY	INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	93.539			
			40093539PPHF022	-	37,685
CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT	INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES	93.563			
INDIRECT COST			502IVD66CNTYF22	-	39,878
PROSECUTOR IV-D INCENTIVE			502IVDINCENF21	-	11,744
CHILD SUPPORT COURT EXPENDITURES			502IVDCSESADF22	-	188,586
				-	240,208
Total - Child Support Enforcement				-	240,208
OPIOID STR	INDIANA SUPREME COURT	93.788			
PROBATION OPIOID GRANT			20-5JC89-C12-032	-	80,567
				-	571,569
Total - Department of Health and Human Services				-	571,569
<u>Department of Homeland Security</u>					
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANTS	INDIANA DEPT OF HOMELAND SECURITY	97.042			
EMA SALARY REIMBURSEMENT			38521EMPG000000	-	44,827
				-	44,827
Total - Department of Homeland Security				-	44,827
Total federal awards expended				<u>\$ 338,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,043,979</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

CLINTON COUNTY  
NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

**Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

*A. Basis of Presentation*

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) includes the federal grant activity of the County under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2022. The information in the SEFA is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the SEFA presents only a select portion of the operations of the County, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position of the County.

*B. Other Significant Accounting Policies*

Expenditures reported on the SEFA are reported on the cash basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following, as applicable, either the cost principles in OMB Circular A-87, *Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments*, or the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowed or are limited as to reimbursement. When federal grants are received on a reimbursement basis, the federal awards are considered expended when the reimbursement is received.

**Note 2. Indirect Cost Rate**

The County has elected not to use the 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

CLINTON COUNTY  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

**Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results**

Financial Statement:

Type of auditor's report issued:	Adverse as to GAAP; Unmodified as to Regulatory Basis
Internal control over financial reporting:	
Material weaknesses identified?	yes
Significant deficiencies identified?	none reported
Noncompliance material to financial statement noted?	yes

Federal Awards:

Internal control over major programs:	
Material weaknesses identified?	no
Significant deficiencies identified?	none reported
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?	no

Identification of Major Programs and type of auditor's report issued on compliance for each:

Assistance Listings Number	Name of Federal Program or Cluster	Opinion Issued
21.027	Economic Development Cluster Highway Planning and Construction Cluster COVID-19 - State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	Unmodified Unmodified Unmodified

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

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	no
--	----

**Section II - Financial Statement Findings**

**FINDING 2022-001**

Subject: Preparation of the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards  
Audit Findings: Material Weakness, Noncompliance

*Repeat Finding*

This is a repeat finding from the immediately prior audit report. The prior audit finding number was 2021-001.

CLINTON COUNTY  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
(Continued)

*Condition and Context*

The County had not established effective internal controls over the federal award information entered in the Indiana Gateway for Government Units (Gateway) financial reporting system, which was the source of the County's Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA). The County failed to properly review the federal grant information prepared and submitted in Gateway. Although one employee prepared and entered the federal award information into Gateway, and another employee reviewed and approved the information entered, the internal control was not effective and did not detect and allow correction of errors prior to submission.

Due to the lack of effective internal controls, the SEFA presented for audit included the following errors:

1. The COVID-19 - Coronavirus Relief Fund expenditures were overstated by \$103,332.
2. The COVID-19 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds expenditures were understated by \$423,246.
3. The Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases (ELC) expenditures were understated by \$76,372.
4. Several additional grants had errors totaling \$94,348.
5. Additionally, some program names, Assistance Listings Numbers, and identifying numbers were incorrect.

Audit adjustments were proposed, accepted by the County, and made to the SEFA presented in this report.

*Criteria*

The Indiana State Board of Accounts (SBOA) is required under Indiana Code 5-11-1-27(e) to define the acceptable minimum level of internal control standards. To provide clarifying guidance, the State Examiner compiled the standards contained in the manual, *Uniform Internal Control Standards for Indiana Political Subdivisions*. All political subdivisions subject to audit by SBOA are expected to adhere to these standards. The standards include adequate control activities. According to this manual:

"Control activities are the actions and tools established through policies and procedures that help to detect, prevent, or reduce the identified risks that interfere with the achievement of objectives. Detection activities are designed to identify unfavorable events in a timely manner whereas prevention activities are designed to deter the occurrence of an unfavorable event. Examples of these activities include reconciliations, authorizations, approval processes, performance reviews, and verification processes.

An integral part of the control activity component is segregation of duties. . . .

There is an expectation of segregation of duties. If compensating controls are necessary, documentation should exist to identify both the areas where segregation of duties are not feasible or practical and the compensating controls implemented to mitigate the risk. . . ."

CLINTON COUNTY  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
(Continued)

Indiana Code 5-11-1-4(a) states:

"The state examiner shall require from every audited entity financial reports covering the full period of each fiscal year. These reports shall be prepared, verified, and filed with the state examiner not later than sixty (60) days after the close of each fiscal year. The reports must be in the form and content prescribed by the state examiner and filed electronically in the manner prescribed under [IC 5-14-3.8-7](#)."

2 CFR 200.303 states in part:

"The non-Federal entity must:

- (a) Establish and maintain effective internal control . . ."

2 CFR 200.1 states in part:

". . . *Internal controls* for non-Federal entities means:

- (1) Processes designed and implemented by non-Federal entities to provide reasonable assurance regarding the achievement of objectives in the following categories:
  - (i) Effectiveness and efficiency of operations;
  - (ii) Reliability of reporting for internal and external use; . . ."

2 CFR 200.508 states in part:

"The auditee must: . . .

- (b) Prepare appropriate financial statements, including the schedule of expenditures of Federal awards in accordance with § 200.510. . . ."

2 CFR 200.510(b) states:

"*Schedule of expenditures of Federal awards*. The auditee must also prepare a schedule of expenditures of Federal awards for the period covered by the auditee's financial statements which must include the total Federal awards expended as determined in accordance with § 200.502. While not required, the auditee may choose to provide information requested by Federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities to make the schedule easier to use. For example, when a Federal program has multiple Federal award years, the auditee may list the amount of Federal awards expended for each Federal award year separately. At a minimum, the schedule must:

- (1) List individual Federal programs by Federal agency. For a cluster of programs, provide the cluster name, list individual Federal programs within the cluster of programs, and provide the applicable Federal agency name. For R&D, total Federal awards expended must be shown either by individual Federal award or by Federal agency and major subdivision within the Federal agency. For example, the National Institutes of Health is a major subdivision in the Department of Health and Human Services.
- (2) For Federal awards received as a subrecipient, the name of the pass-through entity and identifying number assigned by the pass-through entity must be included.

CLINTON COUNTY  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
(Continued)

- (3) Provide total Federal awards expended for each individual Federal program and the Assistance Listings Number or other identifying number when the Assistance Listings information is not available. For a cluster of programs also provide the total for the cluster.
- (4) Include the total amount provided to subrecipients from each Federal program.
- (5) For loan or loan guarantee programs described in § 200.502(b), identify in the notes to the schedule the balances outstanding at the end of the audit period. This is in addition to including the total Federal awards expended for loan or loan guarantee programs in the schedule.
- (6) Include notes that describe that significant accounting policies used in preparing the schedule, and note whether or not the auditee elected to use the 10% de minimis cost rate as covered in § 200.414."

*Cause*

Management had not established a system of internal controls that would ensure proper reporting of the SEFA.

*Effect*

Without the proper implementation of an effectively designed system of internal controls, the internal control system cannot be capable of effectively preventing, or detecting and correcting, misstatements. As a result, material misstatements of the SEFA remained undetected. The SEFA contained the errors identified in the *Condition and Context*.

*Views of Responsible Officials*

For the views of responsible officials, refer to the Corrective Action Plan that is part of this report.

**Section III - Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs**

No matters are reportable.

#### AUDITEE-PREPARED DOCUMENTS

The subsequent documents were provided by management of the County. The documents are presented as intended by the County.



# *Clinton County*

## *Auditor*

*Britt A. Ostler*  
*225 Courthouse Square*  
*Frankfort, Indiana 46041-1995*  
*765-659-6330*  
*765-659-6391 fax*

### Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings

FINDING 2021-001

Fiscal year in which the finding initially occurred: 2019

Status of Audit Finding:

Partially corrected.

FINDING 2021-002

Fiscal year in which the finding initially occurred: 2021

Status of Audit Finding:

Corrected right away.

All information from the third-party contractor was reviewed by the County Auditor and Council President before submitted by third-party contractor. The EDA Grant has since been completed.



# *Clinton County*

## *Auditor*

*Britt A. Ostler*  
*225 Courthouse Square*  
*Frankfort, Indiana 46041-1995*  
*bostler@clintonco.com*  
*765-659-6330*  
*765-659-6391 fax*

### Corrective Action Plan

Britt A. Ostler  
765-659-6330

Views of Responsible Official: We concur with the finding.

Description of Corrective Action Plan:

Finding 2022-001

All grants will be added to a spreadsheet by Janet Lloyd, First Deputy and double checked by Britt Ostler, Auditor. The amount entered for year 2022 into Gateway wasn't the total of expenditures which needed to be added. We are starting to go over grants quarterly.

All Framework will be followed from this point forward to the best of our ability.

Anticipated Completion Date:  
12/31/2023

## OTHER REPORTS

In addition to this report, other reports may have been issued for the County. All reports can be found on the Indiana State Board of Accounts' website: <http://www.in.gov/sboa/>.