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FEDERAL COMPLIANCE AUDIT REPORT

OF

HANCOCK COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023



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SCHEDULE OF OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
County Auditor	Debra Carnes	01-01-23 to 12-31-24
County Treasurer	Jane Klemme	01-01-23 to 12-31-24
Clerk of the Circuit Court	Lisa Lofgreen	01-01-23 to 12-31-24
County Sheriff	Brad Burkhart	01-01-23 to 12-31-24
County Recorder	Marcia Moore	01-01-23 to 12-31-24
President of the Board of County Commissioners	Bill Spaulding	01-01-23 to 12-31-24
President of the County Council	Jeannine Gray	01-01-23 to 12-31-24



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 HANCOCK 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 Hancock County (County), for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statement, which collectively comprise the County's financial statement and have issued our report thereon dated June 27, 2024, 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. 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 may exist that have not been identified.

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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 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 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

June 27, 2024



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR THE 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 HANCOCK COUNTY, INDIANA

Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program

Opinion on the Major Federal Program

We have audited Hancock 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 its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2023. The County's major federal program is 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 its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on the 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 THE MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM; REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE; AND REPORT ON SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE
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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 THE MAJOR FEDERAL
PROGRAM; REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE; AND REPORT ON SCHEDULE
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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, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statement. We issued our report thereon dated June 27, 2024, 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

June 27, 2024

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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.

HANCOCK COUNTY
 SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

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 Justice</u>					
Crime Victim Assistance VOCA-Grant Victim Assistance	Indiana Criminal Justice Institute	16.575	2020-V2-GX-0011	\$ -	\$ 52,025
Violence Against Women Formula Grants STOP Grant	Indiana Criminal Justice Institute	16.588	2020-WF-AX-0031	-	39,113
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program Hancock Superior Court 1 Problem Solving Court Grant Hancock Circuit Court Drug Court	Indiana Criminal Justice Institute	16.738	22-CSPSC-C30-MH-1 23-CSPSC-C30-DC-1	-	4,618 337
Total - Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program				-	4,955
Total - Department of Justice				-	96,093
<u>Department of Transportation</u>					
Federal Transit Cluster Federal Transit Formula Grants Hancock County Public Transit	Indiana Department of Transportation	20.507	A249-23-G220142	-	446,195
Total - Federal Transit Cluster				-	446,195
Highway Safety Cluster State and Community Highway Safety Hancock County Comprehensive Highway Injury Reduction Program CHIRP OPO	Indiana Department of Transportation	20.600	CHIRP-2023-00082	-	3,517
Total - Highway Safety Cluster				-	3,517
Highway Planning and Construction DES: 20030044 Replacement of Bridge #85 DES: 2003034 Added Travel Lanes DES: 2003043 Replacement of Bridge #146 DES: 2101744 Intersection Improvement Roundabout DES: 1802940 Added Travel Lanes DES: 1600949 Bridge #18 DES: 1702755 Bridge #62 DES: 1702757 School Zone Flashers/Guard Rails DES: 1702754 Bridge #145 DES: 1702756 Road Widening DES: 1902796 Bridge #95 DES: 1902783 Bypass of US 52 DES: 1902793 Bridge #36 DES: 2002460 Bridge Inspections	Indiana Department of Transportation	20.205	62767 62822 62857 67274 A249-18-G180103 A249-19-L180102 A249-19-L190011 A249-19-L190083 A249-20-L090116 A249-20-L190125 A249-21-L200174 A249-21-L200175 A249-21-L210049 A249-22-L210188	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	160,959 191,196 114,467 43,250 717,322 57,142 169,570 2,664 144,289 485,223 78,176 116,193 37,003 101,724
Total - Highway Planning and Construction				-	2,419,178
Minimum Penalties for Repeat Offenders for Driving While Intoxicated Hancock County Comprehensive Highway Injury Reduction Program CHIRP	Indiana Department of Transportation	20.608	CHIRP-2023-00082	-	2,878
Total - Department of Transportation				-	2,871,768
<u>Department of the Treasury</u>					
COVID-19 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds American Rescue Plan Act 2021 (ARPA)	Direct Grant	21.027	FY 2023	-	8,194,725
Total - Department of the Treasury				-	8,194,725

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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 Health and Human Services</u>					
Medical Reserve Corps Small Grant Program NACCHO Grant	Direct Grant	93.008	FY 2023	-	309
Public Health Emergency Preparedness Public Health Emergency Preparedness	Indiana State Department of Health	93.069	NU90TP922052	-	46,226
Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) and Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Aligned Cooperative Agreements Medical Reserve Corp	Indiana State Department of Health	93.074	BHP U90TP000521-01	-	62
Immunization Cooperative Agreements CARES Act (Health)	Indiana State Department of Health	93.268	NH23IP000723	-	101,314
Public Health Emergency Response: Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Response: Public Health Crisis Response CARES Act (Health)	Indiana State Department of Health	93.354	FY 2023	-	331,000
Child Support Services	Indiana Department of Child Services	93.563			
Title IV-D Incentive General Fund			2201INCEST	-	14,241
Prosecutor Title IV-D Incentive			2201INCEST	-	28,642
Clerk Title IV-D Incentive			2201INCEST	-	9,000
Clerk Perpetuation-Title IV-D Reimbursements			2201INCSES	-	189
Prosecutor Title IV-D Incentive			2201INCSES	-	4,554
Prosecutor Direct Reimbursements Title IV-D			2201INCSES	-	217,349
Clerk Direct Reimbursements Title IV-D			2201INCSES	-	12,320
Indirect Costs			2301INCSES	-	61,380
Total - Child Support Services				-	347,675
Foster Care Title IV-E Foster Care Title IV-E	Indiana Public Defender Commission	93.658	FY 2023	-	9,779
Total - Department of Health and Human Services				-	836,365
<u>Department of Homeland Security</u>					
Emergency Management Performance Grants	Indiana Department of Homeland Security	97.042			
Emergency Management			EMC-2021-EP-0004	-	47,940
EMPG Competitive Grant Emergency Management			FFY 2021 Emergency Management	-	9,121
Total - Emergency Management Performance Grants				-	57,061
Homeland Security Grant Program Hancock County Courthouse Surveillance Program	Indiana Department of Homeland Security	97.067	EMW-2021-SS-00032	-	54,981
Total - Department of Homeland Security				-	112,042
Total federal awards expended				\$ -	\$ 12,110,993

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

HANCOCK 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, 2023. 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.

HANCOCK 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?	no
Significant deficiencies identified?	none reported
Noncompliance material to financial statement noted?	no

Federal Awards:

Internal control over major program:	
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 Program and type of auditor's report issued on compliance for it:

Assistance Listings Number	Name of Federal Program or Cluster	Opinion Issued
21.027	COVID-19 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	Unmodified

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

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	no
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Section II - Financial Statement Findings

No matters are reportable.

Section III - Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

No matters are reportable.

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AUDITEE-PREPARED DOCUMENT

The subsequent document was provided by management of the County. The document is presented as intended by the County.

HANCOCK COUNTY AUDITOR

May 28, 2024

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

FINDING 2022-001 (Auditor Assigned Reference Number)

Fiscal year in which the finding initially occurred: 2022.
Current Audit Period: 2023

Finding Subject: Federal Awards

Summary of Finding:

The system of internal controls, as established by management of the County, was not properly implemented to ensure that the policies and procedures in place related to suspension and debarment were appropriately followed.

Status of Audit Finding:

We have established our system of internal controls related to suspension and debarment procedures to ensure entities are neither suspended nor debarred, or otherwise excluded or disqualified prior to entering any covered transactions. All Recipients have been verified that they are not suspended nor debarred or otherwise disqualified from receiving an ARPA disbursement. ***Please see attached internal controls and procedures.***

Response Comments:

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

FINDING 2022-001 (Auditor Assigned Reference Number)

Contact Person Responsible for Corrective Action: Debra A. Carnes

Contact Phone Number: 317.477.1105

We concur with the finding.

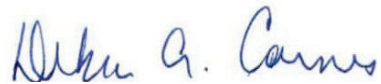
As a pass-through entity for Federal ARPA funds, the Hancock County Auditor will design and implement a system of internal controls related to suspension and debarment

procedures to ensure entities are neither suspended nor debarred or otherwise excluded or disqualified prior to entering any covered transactions.

All current recipients of ARPA funds will be verified and documented as well. These controls will be utilized for all State and Federal grant funds that will be disbursed.

Anticipated Completion Date: July 31,2023

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debra A. Carnes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Debra A. Carnes
Hancock County Auditor

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/>.