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FEDERAL COMPLIANCE AUDIT REPORT

OF

CITY OF BEDFORD

LAWRENCE 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>
Clerk-Treasurer	Marsha Pfeiffer (Vacant) Billie Turney	01-01-23 to 02-01-23 02-02-23 to 02-12-23 02-13-23 to 12-31-24
Mayor	Samuel J. Craig	01-01-23 to 12-31-24
President of the Board of Public Works and Safety	Samuel J. Craig	01-01-23 to 12-31-24
President Pro Tempore of the Common Council	Judy Carlisle	01-01-23 to 12-31-24
Utility Office Manager	Misty Adams	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 THE CITY OF BEDFORD, LAWRENCE 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 the City of Bedford (City), for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statement, which collectively comprise the City's financial statement and have issued our report thereon dated August 21, 2024, wherein we noted the City 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 City'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 City's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City'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 City'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 2023-001, that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City'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 2023-001.

***City of Bedford's Response to Findings***

*Government Auditing Standards* requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the City's response to findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. The City's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Corrective Action Plan. The City'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 City'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 City's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Beth Kelley, CPA, CFE  
Deputy State Examiner

August 21, 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 THE CITY OF BEDFORD, LAWRENCE COUNTY, INDIANA

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

***Opinion on the Major Federal Program***

We have audited the City of Bedford's (City) 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 City'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 City 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 City 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 City'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 City's federal programs.

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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 City'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 City'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 City'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 City'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 City'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 OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE  
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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 City, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statement. We issued our report thereon dated August 21, 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

August 21, 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 City. The schedule and notes are presented as intended by the City.

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CITY OF BEDFORD  
 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 Housing and Urban Development</u>					
Community Development Block Grants/State's program and Non-Entitlement Grants in Hawaii Community Development Block Grant	Indiana Office of Community & Rural Affairs	14.228	A192-21CV-CV2-319	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
Total - Department of Housing and Urban Development				<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>
<u>Department of Transportation</u>					
Federal Transit Cluster					
Buses and Bus Facilities Formula, Competitive, and Low or No Emissions Programs ARP/AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN/TASC ARP/AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN/TASC	Indiana Department of Transportation	20.526	IN-2021-031-00 IN-2022-014-00	- -	17,884 <u>8,662</u>
Total - Federal Transit Cluster				<u>-</u>	<u>26,546</u>
Highway Planning and Construction John Williams Blvd Roundabout Sign Replacement	Indiana Department of Transportation	20.205	DES 1902792 DES 2002972	- -	21,181 <u>77,458</u>
Total - Highway Planning and Construction				<u>-</u>	<u>98,639</u>
Formula Grants for Rural Areas and Tribal Transit Program Transit Grant Operating Transit Grant Operating	Indiana Department of Transportation	20.509	IN-2021-031-00 IN-2022-014-00	- -	77,601 <u>202,057</u>
Subtotal - Formula Grants for Rural and Tribal Transit Program				<u>-</u>	<u>279,658</u>
COVID-19 - Formula Grants for Rural Areas and Tribal Transit Program Transit Grant Operating	Indiana Department of Transportation	20.509	IN-2022-014-00	-	<u>25,863</u>
Total - Formula Grants for Rural and Tribal Transit Program				<u>-</u>	<u>305,521</u>
Total - Department of Transportation				<u>-</u>	<u>430,706</u>
<u>Department of the Treasury</u>					
COVID-19 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds ST RD 58 FLOOD MINIMIZATION PROJECT #218	Indiana Finance Authority	21.027	TRSW 220147	-	<u>2,508,452</u>
Total - Department of the Treasury				<u>-</u>	<u>2,508,452</u>
Total federal awards expended				<u>\$ 250,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,189,158</u>

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

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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 City 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 City, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position of the City.

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

**Note 3. COVID-19 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds**

The City was awarded a State Water Infrastructure and Transportation & Storm Water Grant Programs (SWIF/TNSW) grant from the Indiana Finance Authority (IFA). The funding source for the SWIF/TNSW grant awards is the Covid-19 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) grant. As IFA maintained custody of the grant funds and disbursed them on the City's behalf, some of the activity for the SLFRF grant that is presented on the SEFA is not presented as receipts and disbursements in the financial statement of the City.

CITY OF BEDFORD  
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 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**

**FINDING 2023-001**

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

*Repeat Finding*

This is a repeat finding from the immediately prior audit report. The prior audit finding number was 2022-001.

*Condition and Context*

The City is required to file reports not later than 60 days after the close of each fiscal year. The reports are to be filed electronically as prescribed.

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The City filed the required reports; however, the internal controls over the federal award information entered into the Indiana Gateway for Government Units (Gateway) financial reporting system, which was the source of the City's Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA), were not effective.

The City did not properly review the federal grant information prepared and submitted in Gateway. Although the Clerk-Treasurer prepared and entered the federal award information in Gateway, and the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer reviewed and approved the information entered, the internal controls were 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:

- The COVID-19 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds expenditures were overstated by \$154,404.
- Three additional grants had individually immaterial errors that resulted in misstatements of \$98,404 in total.

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

*Criteria*

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. . . ."

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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.
- (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."

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 as set forth in the uniform compliance guidelines. 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](#)."

The Annual Financial Report (AFR) required under IC 5-11-1-4(a) shall be filed with the state examiner not later than sixty (60) days after the close of each fiscal year. (Accounting and Uniform Guidelines Compliance Manual for Cities and Towns, Chapter 1)

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:

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"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. . . ."

*Cause*

Management of the City had internal controls in place over the preparation of the SEFA; however, the internal controls were not effective in identifying material errors identified in the *Condition and Context*.

*Effect*

Without a proper system of internal controls in place that operated effectively, 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 City. The documents are presented as intended by the City.

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Lawrence County, Indiana

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

**FINDING 2022-01**

**Fiscal year in which the finding initially occurred: 2022**

**Current Audit Period: 2023**

**Finding Subject: Preparation of Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards**

**Summary of Finding: Material Weakness, Noncompliance**

"The City had not established internal controls over the federal award information entered into the Indiana Gateway for Government Unites (Gateway) financial reporting system, which was the source of the City's Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA). The Clerk-Treasurer prepared and input the federal award information into Gateway, and the Deputy Clerk Treasurer reviewed the information entered prior to submission; however, there was no evidence of the Deputy Clerk-Treasurers review. As such, the Clerk-treasurer submitted the federal award information entered into Gateway without an oversight or review process in place to prevent, or detect and correct, errors on the SEFA."

**Status of Audit Finding:** Partially Corrected

**Response Comments:**

*The City did establish internal controls over entering the federal award information entered into Gateway. The information of all federal awards was kept on a spreadsheet by the Clerk-Treasurer and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer. The Clerk-Treasurer entered the information into Gateway and the Deputy Clerk Treasurer reviewed the information and is confirmed by the new verification option on Gateway. The grants, spreadsheet and Gateway were also reviewed by consultant Baker Tilly.*

*The City received grant funds from the State that were from ARPA funding. The City entered the grant into the SEFA, due to being told that the funds were from ARPA funds. We now understand that once the Indiana Economic Development Corporation receives the ARPA funds and passes the funds down to the City, they are considered State funds and are not reported on the SEFA. Some of the federal funds were comingled into the local funds by the former Clerk-Treasurer that made the tracking of the federal funds difficult. The federal funds are now being put into their separate fund.*

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Lawrence County, Indiana

**FINDING 2022-02**

**Fiscal year in which the finding initially occurred: 2022**

**Current Audit Period: 2023**

**Finding Subject: Financial Transactions and Reporting**

**Summary of Finding: Material Weakness**

*The City had not established effective internal controls over the financial information entered into the Indiana Gateway for Government Units (Gateway) financial reporting system, which was the source of the City's financial statement. The Clerk-Treasurer and the 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Clerk-Treasurer (1<sup>st</sup> Deputy) prepared the financial information for upload into Gateway. Once the information was uploaded, the Clerk-Treasurer and 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy reviewed and information entered for accuracy; however, there was no evidence of this review. As such, the Clerk-Treasurer submitted the financial information entered into Gateway without an oversight or review process in place to prevent, or detect and correct, errors on the financial statement.*

**Status of Audit Finding:** Partially Corrected

**Response Comments:**

*The City did establish internal controls over entering the financial information entered into Gateway. The Clerk-Treasurer entered the information into Gateway and the Deputy Clerk Treasurer reviewed the information and is confirmed by the new verification option on Gateway. The financial information was also reviewed by consultant Baker Tilly in Gateway. A grant was received by IFA and IFA controlled the funds and funds were disbursed by IFA. Any grants in the future controlled by IFA will have a fund created in our financial software to track the funds and therefore be reported in the financial reporting in Gateway.*

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Lawrence County, Indiana

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

**FINDING 2023-001**

**Finding Subject: Preparation of Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards**

**Summary of Finding:** Auding Findings: Material Weakness, Noncompliance

**Contact Person Responsible for Corrective Action: Billie Tumey**

**Contact Phone Number and Email Address: 812-275-1604 btumey@bedford.in.gov**

**Views of Responsible Officials:**

We concur with the findings and have taken action to correct.

**Description of Corrective Action Plan:**

*The City received grant funds from the State that were from ARPA funding. The City entered the grant into the SEFA due to the funds being from ARPA funds, but now understand that once the State receives the ARPA funds and passes the funds down to the City, they are considered State funds and are not reported on the SEFA.*

*Some of the federal funds were comingled into the local funds by the former Clerk-Treasurer that made the tracking of the federal funds difficult. The federal funds have now been separated into their own fund beginning in 2024 for clear tracking. The error of the funds being included in the local funds was discovered in late 2023 and corrected for 2024.*

*A SRF claim was submitted in December of 2023 but was not disbursed by SRF until 2024 and that payment was incorrectly included in the 2023 report in error.*

*New spreadsheets for all grants are being kept for clearer tracking of federal and state funding.*

**Anticipated Completion Date:**

Corrections have been made in the year 2024.

## OTHER REPORTS

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