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FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND
FEDERAL SINGLE AUDIT REPORT
OF

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY HOUSING CONSORTIUM
ST. JOSEPH COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016



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SCHEDULE OF OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Fiscal Officer	John H. Murphy Jennifer C. Hockenhull	01-01-16 to 07-24-17 07-25-17 to 12-31-18
Chair of the Board	Donald F. Fozo Brian Pawlowski Suzanna Fritzberg	01-01-16 to 09-20-16 09-21-16 to 04-25-17 04-26-17 to 12-31-18
Program Director	Pamela C. Meyer	01-01-16 to 12-31-18



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF THE ST. JOSEPH COUNTY HOUSING
CONSORTIUM, ST. JOSEPH COUNTY, INDIANA

Report on the Financial Statement

We have audited the accompanying financial statement of the St. Joseph County Housing Consortium (Consortium), which comprises the financial position and results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statement as listed in the Table of Contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of this financial statement in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of the Indiana State Board of Accounts as allowed by state statute (IC 5-11-1-6). Management is responsible for and has determined that the regulatory basis of accounting, as established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts, is an acceptable basis of presentation. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Consortium's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Consortium's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
(Continued)

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statement, the Consortium prepares its financial statement on the prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the reporting requirements established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts as allowed by state statute (IC 5-11-1-6), which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the *Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* paragraph, the financial statement referred to above does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position and results of operations of the Consortium for the year ended December 31, 2016.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position and results of operations of the Consortium for the year ended December 31, 2016, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of the Indiana State Board of Accounts described in Note 1.

Other Matters

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the Consortium's financial statement. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, 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 taken as a whole.


Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the Consortium's financial statement. The Combining Schedule of Receipts, Disbursements, and Cash and Investment Balances - Regulatory Basis, as listed in the Table of Contents, is presented for additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statement. It has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied by us in the audit of the financial statement and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
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Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated January 22, 2018, on our consideration of the Consortium's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Consortium's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Consortium's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.


Paul D. Joyce, CPA
State Examiner

January 22, 2018



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

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF THE ST. JOSEPH COUNTY HOUSING
CONSORTIUM, ST. JOSEPH 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 St. Joseph County Housing Consortium (Consortium), which comprises the financial position and results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statement, and have issued our report thereon dated January 22, 2018, wherein we noted the Consortium followed accounting practices the Indiana State Board of Accounts prescribes rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statement, we considered the Consortium's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Consortium's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Consortium'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 Consortium'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, described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as item 2016-001, that we consider to be a material weakness.

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*
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Compliance and Other Matters

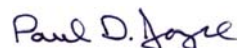
As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Consortium's financial statement is free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material 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 2016-001.

St. Joseph County Housing Consortium's Response to Findings

The Consortium's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Corrective Action Plan. The Consortium'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 Consortium'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 Consortium's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.


Paul D. Joyce, CPA
State Examiner

January 22, 2018

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND ACCOMPANYING NOTES

The financial statement and accompanying notes were approved by management of the Consortium. The financial statement and notes are presented as intended by the Consortium.

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY HOUSING CONSORTIUM
 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
 CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES - REGULATORY BASIS
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

Fund	Cash and Investments 01-01-16	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-16
General Fund	<u>\$ 83,155</u>	<u>\$ 1,331,207</u>	<u>\$ 1,162,727</u>	<u>\$ 251,635</u>

The notes to the financial statement are an integral part of this statement.

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY HOUSING CONSORTIUM
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Reporting Entity

The Consortium was established under the laws of the State of Indiana. The Consortium operates under a governing board.

The accompanying financial statement presents the financial information for the Consortium.

B. Basis of Accounting

The financial statement is reported on a regulatory basis of accounting prescribed by the Indiana State Board of Accounts in accordance with state statute (IC 5-11-1-6), which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The basis of accounting involves the reporting of only cash and investments and the changes therein resulting from cash inflows (receipts) and cash outflows (disbursements) reported in the period in which they occurred.

The regulatory basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, in that receipts are recognized when received in cash, rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid, rather than when a liability is incurred.

C. Cash and Investments

Investments are stated at cost. Any changes in fair value of the investments are reported as receipts in the year of the sale of the investment.

D. Receipts

Receipts are presented in the aggregate on the face of the financial statement. The aggregate receipts include the following sources:

Intergovernmental receipts. Amounts received from other governments in the form of operating grants, entitlements, or payments in lieu of taxes. Examples of intergovernmental receipts include, but are not limited to, the following: federal grants, state grants, cigarette tax distributions received from the state, motor vehicle highway distributions received from the state, local road and street distributions received from the state, financial institution tax received from the state, auto excise surtax received from the state, commercial vehicle excise tax received from the state, major moves distributions received from the state, and riverboat receipts received from the county.

Other receipts. Amounts received from various sources, including, but not limited to, the following: net proceeds from borrowings; interfund loan activity; transfers authorized by statute, ordinance, resolution, or court order; internal service receipts; and fiduciary receipts.

E. Disbursements

Disbursements are presented in the aggregate on the face of the financial statement. The aggregate disbursements include the following uses:

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY HOUSING CONSORTIUM
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
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Supplies. Amounts disbursed for articles and commodities that are entirely consumed and materially altered when used and/or show rapid depreciation after use for a short period of time. Examples of supplies include, but are not limited to, the following: office supplies, operating supplies, and repair and maintenance supplies.

Other services and charges. Amounts disbursed for services including, but not limited to, the following: professional services, communication and transportation, printing and advertising, insurance, utility services, repairs and maintenance, and rental charges.

Other disbursements. Amounts disbursed for various other purposes including, but not limited to, the following: interfund loan payments; loans made to other funds; internal service disbursements; and transfers out that are authorized by statute, ordinance, resolution, or court order.

F. Fund Accounting

Separate funds are established, maintained, and reported by the Consortium. Each fund is used to account for amounts received from and used for specific sources and uses as determined by various regulations. Restrictions on some funds are set by statute while other funds are internally restricted by the Consortium. The amounts accounted for in a specific fund may only be available for use for certain, legally-restricted purposes. Additionally, some funds are used to account for assets held by the Consortium in a trustee capacity as an agent of individuals, private organizations, other funds, or other governmental units and, therefore, the funds cannot be used for any expenditures of the unit itself.

Note 2. Budgets

The operating budget is initially prepared and approved at the local level. The fiscal officer of the Consortium submits a proposed operating budget to the governing board for the following calendar year. The budget is advertised as required by law. Prior to adopting the budget, the governing board conducts public hearings and obtains taxpayer comments. Prior to November 1, the governing board approves the budget for the next year.

Note 3. Deposits and Investments

Deposits, made in accordance with state statute (IC 5-13), with financial institutions in the State of Indiana, at year end, should be entirely insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation or by the Indiana Public Deposit Insurance Fund. This includes any deposit accounts issued or offered by a qualifying financial institution.

State statutes authorize the Consortium to invest in securities including, but not limited to, the following: federal government securities, repurchase agreements, and certain money market mutual funds. Certain other statutory restrictions apply to all investments made by local governmental units.

Note 4. Risk Management

The Consortium has no capital assets or employees.

OTHER INFORMATION - UNAUDITED

The Consortium's Annual Financial Report information can be found on the Indiana Gateway for Government Units website: <https://gateway.ifionline.org/>.

Differences may be noted between the financial information presented in the financial statement contained in this report and the financial information presented in the Consortium's Annual Financial Report referenced above. These differences, if any, are due to adjustments made to the financial information during the course of the audit. This is a common occurrence in any financial statement audit. The financial information presented in this report is audited information, and the accuracy of such information can be determined by reading the opinion given in the Independent Auditor's Report.

The other information presented was approved by management of the Consortium. It is presented as intended by the Consortium.

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY HOUSING CONSORTIUM
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
 CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES - REGULATORY BASIS
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

	<u>General Fund</u>
Cash and investments - beginning	\$ <u>83,155</u>
Receipts:	
Intergovernmental	876,679
Other receipts	<u>454,528</u>
Total receipts	<u>1,331,207</u>
Disbursements:	
Supplies	250
Other services and charges	68,869
Other disbursements	<u>1,093,608</u>
Total disbursements	<u>1,162,727</u>
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements	<u>168,480</u>
Cash and investments - ending	<u>\$ 251,635</u>

SUPPLEMENTAL AUDIT OF
FEDERAL AWARDS



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR THE MAJOR FEDERAL
PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF THE ST. JOSEPH COUNTY HOUSING
CONSORTIUM, ST. JOSEPH COUNTY, INDIANA

Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program

We have audited the St. Joseph County Housing Consortium's (Consortium) 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, 2016. The Consortium's major federal program is identified in the Summary of Auditor's Results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for the Consortium's major federal program based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; 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). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Consortium's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for the major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Consortium's compliance.

Opinion on the Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the Consortium 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, 2016.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR THE MAJOR FEDERAL
PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE
(Continued)

Report on Internal Control over Compliance


Management of the Consortium is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the Consortium's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on the major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance for the major federal program 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 internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Consortium's 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 a 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 a 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.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance, as described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as item 2016-002, that we consider to be a material weakness.

The Consortium's response to the internal control over compliance findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Corrective Action Plan. The Consortium's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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.


Paul D. Joyce, CPA
State Examiner

January 22, 2018

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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 Consortium. The schedule and notes are presented as intended by the Consortium.

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY HOUSING CONSORTIUM
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

Federal Grantor Agency Cluster Title/Program Title/Project Title	Pass-Through Entity or Direct Grant	Federal CFDA Number	Pass-Through Entity (or Other) Identifying Number	Pass-Through To Subrecipient	Total Federal Awards Expended
Department of Housing and Urban Development					
HOME Investment Partnerships Program	Direct grant	14.239			
St. Joseph County Housing Consortium			M-11-DC-180208	\$ 28,295	\$ 28,295
St. Joseph County Housing Consortium			M-12-DC-180208	156,462	156,462
St. Joseph County Housing Consortium			M-13-DC-180208	465,426	465,426
St. Joseph County Housing Consortium			M-14-DC-180208	74,411	74,411
St. Joseph County Housing Consortium			M-15-DC-180208	83,826	123,718
St. Joseph County Housing Consortium			M-16-DC-180208	-	28,367
				<u>808,420</u>	<u>848,312</u>
Total - HOME Investment Partnerships Program				<u>808,420</u>	<u>848,312</u>
Total - Department of Housing and Urban Development				<u>808,420</u>	<u>876,679</u>
Total federal awards expended				<u>\$ 808,420</u>	<u>\$ 876,679</u>

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

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY HOUSING CONSORTIUM
NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

Note 1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) includes the federal grant activity of the Consortium under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2016. 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 Consortium, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position of the Consortium.

Note 2. Summary of 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. The Consortium has elected not to use the 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY HOUSING CONSORTIUM
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 weakness identified?	yes
Significant deficiency identified?	none reported
Noncompliance material to financial statement noted?	yes

Federal Awards:

Internal control over major program:	
Material weakness identified?	yes
Significant deficiency identified?	none reported
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with section 2 CFR 200.516(a)?	yes

Identification of Major Program and type of auditor's report issued on compliance for it:

CFDA Number	Name of Federal Program or Cluster	Opinion Issued
14.239	HOME Investment Partnerships Program	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 2016-001

Subject: Financial Transactions and Reporting
Audit Findings: Material Weakness, Noncompliance

Repeat Finding

This is a repeat finding from the immediate prior audit regarding Cash and Investments and Receipts. The prior audit finding number was 2015-001.

Condition

There were deficiencies in the internal control system of the Consortium related to Financial Transactions and Reporting for Cash and Investments and Receipts.

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY HOUSING CONSORTIUM
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
(Continued)

Cash and Investments

The Consortium failed to document an oversight or review process over the monthly bank reconcilements.

Receipts

The Consortium did not issue receipts for payments received. Payments received were recorded based on deposits. The same person who prepared the deposit took it to the depository.

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. . . ."

The Green Book identifies a list of control activity categories that are meant only to illustrate the range and variety of control activities; the list is by no means all inclusive, but is reproduced here for reference purposes:

- Accurate and timely recording of transactions. . . ."

Receipts shall be issued and recorded at the time of the transaction. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Special Districts, Chapter 1)

Cause

Management of the Consortium had not established a proper system of internal control.

Effect

The failure to establish controls enabled noncompliance with receipt issuance and could have enabled misstatements or irregularities to remain undetected.

Recommendation

We recommended that the Consortium's management establish controls, including segregation of duties, to ensure that receipts are issued and that Financial Transactions and Reporting are accurate.

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY HOUSING CONSORTIUM
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
(Continued)

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

FINDING 2016-002

Subject: HOME Investment Partnerships Program - Reporting

Federal Agency: Department of Housing and Urban Development

Federal Program: HOME Investment Partnerships Program

CFDA Number: 14.239

Federal Award Numbers and Years (or Other Identifying Numbers): M-11-DC-180208, M-12-DC-180208,
M-13-DC-180208, M-14-DC-180208,
M-15-DC-180208, M-16-DC-180208

Compliance Requirement: Reporting

Audit Finding: Material Weakness

Condition

An effective internal control system was not in place at the Consortium in order to ensure compliance with requirements related to the grant agreement and the Reporting compliance requirement. The 60002 Section 3 Summary Report was prepared by one employee without evidence of a review or approval of the financial information before preparation of the report on the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) website. The report was prepared in the SPEARS software system which did not allow for someone to review after preparation, but before submission. HUD reviewed the report after submission.

Context

The lack of controls was a systemic issue, which occurred throughout the audit period.

Criteria

2 CFR 200.303 states in part:

"The non-Federal entity must:

- (a) Establish and maintain effective internal control over the Federal award that provides reasonable assurance that the non-Federal entity is managing the Federal award in compliance with Federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the Federal award. These internal controls should be in compliance with guidance in 'Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government' issued by the Comptroller General of the United States or the 'Internal Control Integrated Framework', issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). . . ."

Cause

The Consortium's management had not developed a system of internal controls that would have segregated key functions.

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Effect

The failure to establish an effective internal control system placed the Consortium at risk of noncompliance with the grant agreement and the compliance requirement. A lack of segregation of duties within an internal control system could have also allowed noncompliance with the compliance requirement and allowed the misuse and mismanagement of federal funds and assets by not having proper oversight, reviews, and approvals over the activities of the program.

Questioned Costs

There were no questioned costs identified.

Recommendation

We recommended that the Consortium's management establish controls, including segregation of duties, to ensure compliance with the Reporting compliance requirement.

Views of Responsible Officials

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

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AUDITEE-PREPARED DOCUMENTS

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



CITY OF SOUTH BEND

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

Finding 2015-001

Fiscal year in which the finding initially occurred – 2015

Pass-Through entity, if pass-through or federal Grantor Agency, if direct: N/A

Contact person responsible for Corrective Action: Pam Meyer

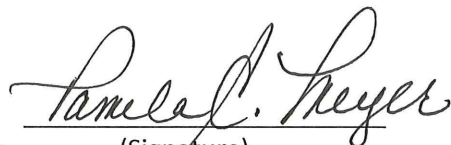


Contact Phone Number: 574-235-5845

Status of Audit Finding

Cash & Investments: The Fiscal Officer and the Controller review and sign off on the bank reconciliation and bank statement.

Receipts: All deposits received in the mail are tracked and kept in the form of a register. While the specific forms noted are not used the register includes the information as required.

SEFA: Starting with 2018 the SBOA definition of sub-recipient will be used in reporting the SEFA.


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(Title)

(Date)



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY

HOUSING CONSORTIUM

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

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FINDING 2016-001 AND 002

Contact Person Responsible for Corrective Action: Pamela C. Meyer
Contact Phone Number: 574-235-5845

Views of Responsible Official:

We understand the findings and have already begun work on both.

Description of Corrective Action Plan:

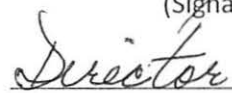
Finding 2016-001 Repeat Finding: This finding is due to the timing of the audit. Based on the 2015 audit and this same finding, a revised process is already in place to record the receipt of deposits received through the mail. All are tracked and recorded in the form of a written register. Additionally, the monthly statements are being reviewed by both the Director of Finance and the Controller.

Finding 2016-002: Contact has been made with the HUD Field Office and our CPD Representative to inquire as to HUD's guidance on this issue. As stated in the finding there is nothing in the SPEARS system that allows for a review to be noted. We will follow HUD's guidance, but at a minimum will keep record of a review by the Consortium Director, of the Form 60002 and its documentation in advance of the annual submission.

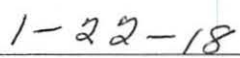
Anticipated Completion Date: Finding 2016-001 is already in place and Finding 2016-002 will begin with the 2018 submission.



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OTHER REPORTS

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