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FEDERAL COMPLIANCE AUDIT REPORT

OF

RIPLEY COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021



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### SCHEDULE OF OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
County Auditor	Amy Copeland	01-01-21 to 12-31-22
County Treasurer	Lisa Vestal	01-01-21 to 12-31-22
Clerk of the Circuit Court	Ginger J. Bradford	01-01-21 to 12-31-22
County Sheriff	Jeff Cumberworth	01-01-21 to 12-31-22
County Recorder	Mary Ann McCoy	01-01-21 to 12-31-22
President of the Board of County Commissioners	Mark A. Horstman	01-01-21 to 12-31-22
President of the County Council	Ron J. Decker	01-01-21 to 12-31-22



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 RIPLEY 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 Ripley County (County), for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statement, which collectively comprise the County's financial statement and have issued our report thereon dated September 19, 2022, wherein we noted the County followed accounting practices the Indiana State Board of Accounts prescribes rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies, and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as items 2021-001 and 2021-002, 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 County's financial statement is free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as item 2021-002.

***Ripley County's Response to Findings***

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

***Purpose of This Report***

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the County's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Beth Kelley, CPA, CFE  
Deputy State Examiner

September 19, 2022



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 RIPLEY COUNTY, INDIANA

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

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

We have audited Ripley 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, 2021. 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, 2021.

**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 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 County, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statement. We issued our report thereon dated September 19, 2022, 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

September 19, 2022

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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.

RIPLEY COUNTY  
 SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

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>					
COVID-19 - Community Development Block Grants/State's program and Non-Entitlement Grants in Hawaii COVID Economic Rec	Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs	14.228	CV-CVI-224	\$ -	\$ 250,000
Community Development Block Grants/State's program and Non-Entitlement Grants in Hawaii OCRA Grant FS Regional IHCDA Grant	Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority	14.228	WW-20-104 HD-019-002	290,901 -	290,901 108,501
Total - Community Development Block Grants/State's program and Non-Entitlement Grants in Hawaii				<u>290,901</u>	<u>399,402</u>
Total - Department of Housing and Urban Development				<u>290,901</u>	<u>649,402</u>
<u>Department of Justice</u>					
COVID-19 - Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program CESF - Coronavirus Grant	Indiana Criminal Justice Institute	16.034	2020-VD-BX-0244	-	48,493
Crime Victim Assistance Ripley County Prosecutor Victims Services	Indiana Criminal Justice Institute	16.575	VOCA-2021-00052	-	84,491
Violence Against Women Formula Grants Ripley County STOP Deputy Prosecutor	Indiana Criminal Justice Institute	16.588	STOP-2021-00044	-	67,509
Total - Department of Justice				-	<u>200,493</u>
<u>Department of Transportation</u>					
Highway Planning and Construction Cluster Highway Planning and Construction Bridge Inspection	Indiana Department of Transportation	20.205	DES#1500213	-	71,336
Total - Highway Planning and Construction Cluster				-	<u>71,336</u>
E-911 Grant Program 911 Project Grant	Indiana Statewide 911 Board	20.615	NHSTA-NTIA-911-Grant-Program-2018	-	43,398
Total - Department of Transportation				-	<u>114,734</u>
<u>Department of the Treasury</u>					
COVID-19 - Coronavirus Relief Fund COVID-19 Community Testing	Indiana State Department of Health	21.019	45993	-	43,852
Total - Department of the Treasury				-	<u>43,852</u>

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 For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

Federal Grantor Agency Cluster Title/Program Title/Project Title	Pass-Through Entity or Direct Grant	Assistance Listings Number	Pass-Through Entity (or Other) Identifying Number	Passed Through to Subrecipient	Total Federal Awards Expended
<b>Department of Health and Human Services</b>					
Public Health Emergency Preparedness Bioterrorism Grant	Indiana State Department of Health	93.069	NU90TP922052	-	16,785
Environmental Public Health and Emergency Response Exhale Asthma	Indiana State Department of Health	93.070	21143	-	2,200
COVID-19 - Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Disease (ELC) Covid/Vaccine Clinic/Health Department	Indiana State Department of Health	93.323	NU50CK000503	-	32,391
Child Support Enforcement Indirect Cost	Indiana Department of Child Services	93.563	2021	-	58,096
Clerk Expenditures			2021	-	23,957
Prosecutor Expenditures			2021	-	102,793
Title IV-D Incentive			2021	-	11,262
Clerk IV-D			2021	-	15,179
Prosecutor IV-D			2021	-	9,065
<b>Total - Child Support Enforcement</b>				<b>-</b>	<b>220,352</b>
Opioid STR IN Supreme Court	Indiana Supreme Court	93.788	22-5JC89-C69-001	-	7,459
IN Supreme Court - B			21-5JC89-C69-002	-	54,785
<b>Total - Opioid STR</b>				<b>-</b>	<b>62,244</b>
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant to the States Ripley County Safe Sleep Program	Indiana State Department of Health	93.994	B04MC32539	-	6,097
<b>Total - Department of Health and Human Services</b>				<b>-</b>	<b>340,069</b>
<b>Department of Homeland Security</b>					
Emergency Management Performance Grants Emergency Management Performance Grants	Indiana Department of Homeland Security	97.042	EMC-2019-EP-00003	-	8,730
Homeland Security Grant Program County Generator Project	Indiana Department of Homeland Security	97.067	EMW-2019-SS-00013	-	150,000
<b>Total - Department of Homeland Security</b>				<b>-</b>	<b>158,730</b>
<b>Total federal awards expended</b>				<b>\$ 290,901</b>	<b>\$ 1,507,280</b>

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

RIPLEY 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, 2021. 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.

RIPLEY COUNTY  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

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

Financial Statement:

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

Federal Awards:

Internal control over major 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
14.228	COVID-19 - Community Development Block Grant/State's program and Non-Entitlement Grants in Hawaii	Unmodified

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

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? no

**Section II - Financial Statement Findings**

**FINDING 2021-001**

Subject: Internal Control over Financial Transactions and Reporting  
Audit Finding: Material Weakness

*Repeat Finding*

This is a repeat finding from the immediately prior audit report. The prior audit finding number was 2020-001.

*Condition and Context*

There was a deficiency in the internal control system of the County Auditor related to financial transactions and reporting.

RIPLEY COUNTY  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
(Continued)

The County Auditor prepared and submitted the financial information into the Indiana Gateway for Government Units financial reporting system, which was the source of the Annual Financial Report (AFR) and financial statement. There were no documented internal controls in place to prevent, or detect and correct, errors in the financial information prior to submission.

*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. . . ."

*Cause*

Management had not established a system of internal control to ensure proper reporting of the AFR and financial statement.

*Effect*

Without a proper system of internal controls in place that operated effectively, material misstatements or irregularities of the AFR and financial statement could have occurred and remained undetected.

*Views of Responsible Officials*

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

**FINDING 2021-002**

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

*Repeat Finding*

This is a repeat finding from the immediately prior audit report. The prior audit finding number was 2020-004.

RIPLEY COUNTY  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
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*Condition and Context*

The County had not established 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 County's Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA). The County Auditor was solely responsible for entering federal grant award information into Gateway. There was no documented oversight, review, or approval process in place to prevent, or detect and correct, errors on the SEFA.

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

1. The COVID-19 - Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program expenditures were overstated by \$10,198.
2. The E-911 Grant Program expenditures were overstated by \$28,932.
3. The COVID-19 - Coronavirus Relief Fund program expenditures were overstated by \$56,148.
4. The Public Health Emergency Preparedness program expenditures were overstated by \$14,269.
5. The Child Support Enforcement program expenditures were overstated by \$8,919.
6. The Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant to the States program expenditures were understated by \$5,704.

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

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2 CFR 200.303 states in part:

"The non-Federal entity must:

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

2 CFR 200.1 states in part:

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

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

2 CFR 200.508 states in part:

"The auditee must: . . .

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

2 CFR 200.510(b) states:

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

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

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
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- (5) For loan or loan guarantee programs described in § 200.502(b), identify in the notes to the schedule the balances outstanding at the end of the audit period. This is in addition to including the total Federal awards expended for loan or loan guarantee programs in the schedule.
- (6) Include notes that describe that significant accounting policies used in preparing the schedule, and note whether or not the auditee elected to use the 10% de minimis cost rate as covered in § 200.414."

*Cause*

Management had not established a system of internal control that would have ensured proper reporting of the SEFA.

*Effect*

Without a proper system of internal control in place that operated effectively, material misstatements of the SEFA remained undetected. The SEFA included 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.

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#### AUDITEE-PREPARED DOCUMENTS

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

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09/08/2022

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

***FINDING 2020-001***

Fiscal year in which the finding initially occurred:2020

Status of Audit Finding:

The AFR is completed by Amy Copeland, Ripley County Auditor. When 2022 AFR is completed the Deputy Auditor will look over the AFR and send an email stating that it has been double checked. This will take effect immediately.

***FINDING 2020-004***

Fiscal year in which the finding initially occurred:2020

Status of Audit Finding:

The Ripley County Auditor, Amy Copeland, has already started files for the federal grants. Her first federal audit was for 2020. I have learned a lot and I am still learning. The Deputy Auditor is looking over the grant schedule also, so we will have it double checked when the 2022 grant schedule is completed.

LISA VESTAL  
RIPLEY COUNTY TREASURER

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SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

***FINDING 2020-002***

Fiscal year in which the finding initially occurred: 2020

Status of Audit Finding: Corrective action was taken.

***Ginger J. Bradford***  
**Ripley County Clerk of Courts**

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SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

***FINDING 2020-003***

Fiscal year in which the finding initially occurred: 2020

Status of Audit Finding: Corrective action was taken.

**Ripley County Auditor**  
Amy Copeland – Auditor  
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CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

***FINDING 2021-001***

Contact Person Responsible for Corrective Action: Amy Copeland  
Contact Phone Number: (812) 689-6311

Views of Responsible Official: We concur with the finding.

Description of Corrective Action Plan:

The AFR is completed by Amy Copeland, Ripley County Auditor. When 2022 AFR is completed, the Deputy Auditor will look over the AFR and send an email stating that it has been double checked. This will take effect immediately.

Anticipated Completion Date: 09/14/2022

***FINDING 2021-002***

Contact Person Responsible for Corrective Action: Amy Copeland  
Contact Phone Number: (812) 689-6311

Views of Responsible Official: We concur with the finding.

Description of Corrective Action Plan:

The Ripley County Auditor, Amy Copeland, has already started to create files for the federal grants. Her first federal audit was for 2020. I have learned a lot and I am still learning. The Deputy Auditor is looking over the grant schedule also, so we will have it double checked when the 2022 grant schedule is completed.

Anticipated Completion Date: 09/14/2022

## 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/>.