TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT FEDERAL SINGLE AUDIT REPORT YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023



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Town Council
Town of East Hartford, Connecticut

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

We have audited the Town of East Hartford, Connecticut's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Town of East Hartford, Connecticut's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023. The Town of East Hartford, Connecticut's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the Town of East Hartford, Connecticut complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; 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 Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the Town of East Hartford, Connecticut 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 Town of East Hartford, Connecticut'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 Town of East Hartford, Connecticut's federal programs.

Auditors' 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 Town of East Hartford, Connecticut'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 Town of East Hartford, Connecticut'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 Town of East Hartford, Connecticut'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 Town of East Hartford, Connecticut'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 Town of East Hartford, Connecticut'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 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 Auditors' 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 statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of East Hartford, Connecticut, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of East Hartford, Connecticut's basic financial statements. We have issued our report thereon dated February 26, 2024, which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. 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 basic financial statements. 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 basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, 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 basic financial statements as a whole.

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West Hartford, Connecticut February 26, 2024

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/	Federal Assistance Listing	Pass-Through Entity	Total F		
Program or Cluster Title	Number	Identifying Number	Expend	Expenditures	
United States Department of Agriculture Passed Through the State of Connecticut Department of Education:					
Child Nutrition Cluster:					
National School Lunch Program National School Lunch Program	10.555 10.555	12060-SDE64370-20560 12060-SDE64370-20560	\$ 507,123 3,977,509		
School Breakfast Program	10.553	12060-SDE64370-20508	1,521,170		
Summer Food Service Program for Children	10.559	12060-SDE64370-20540	140,047		
Summer Food Service Program for Children	10.559	12060-SDE64370-20548	13,826		
Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program	10.582	12060-SDE64370-22051	58,338		
Total Child Nutrition Cluster				\$ 6,218,013	
Child and Adult Care Food Program	10.558	12060-SDE64370-20518	10,913		
Child and Adult Care Food Program	10.558	12060-SDE64370-20544	813		
Total Child and Adult Care Food Program				11,726	
State Administrative Expenses for Child Nutrition	10.560	12060-SDE64370-23126		174,323	
P-EBT Local Admin	10.649	12060-SDE64370-29802		11,299	
Child Nutrition Discretionary Grants Limited	10.040	12000 00204070 20002		11,200	
Availability	10.579	12060-SDE64370-22386		13,797	
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Direct:					
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children	10.557		3,623,412		
Passed Through the State of Connecticut					
Department of Public Health:					
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women,					
Infants, and Children	10.557	12060-DPH48872-20892	785,911		
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children	10.557	12060-DPH48872-21915	59,747		
Total Special Supplemental Nutrition Program					
for Women, Infants, and Children				4,469,070	
Total United States Department of Agriculture				10,898,228	
United States Department of Transportation Passed Through the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation: Highway Safety Cluster:					
	20 600	12062-DOT57513-20559		0 025	
State and Community Highway Safety National Priority Safety Programs	20.600 20.616	12062-DOT57513-22600		8,835 29,164	
Direct:					
Highway Safety Cluster - E-Citation Local Law					
Enforce	20.600	0203-0705-AL		29,461	
Total United States Department of Transportation				67,460	

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Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/ Program or Cluster Title	Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number		ederal ditures
United States Department of Education				
Passed Through the State of Connecticut Department				
of Education:				
Special Education Cluster (IDEA):				
Special Education Grants to States	84.027	12060-SDE64370-20977-2023	\$ 1,845,933	
Special Education_Grants to States	84.027	12060-SDE64370-20977-2022	232,096	
Special Education_Grants to Glates Special Education_Preschool Grants	84.173	12060-SDE64370-20977-2022	60,094	
Special Education Preschool Grants	84.173	12060-SDE64370-20983-2022	3,202	
Total Special Education Cluster (IDEA)	04.170	12000-00204010-20003-2022	0,202	\$ 2,141,325
Education Stabilization Fund:				
COVID 19 - ARP Special Education Grants	84.425u	12060-SDE64370-23083-2022	324,601	
COVID 19 - American Rescue Plan - Emergen	84.425u	12060-SDE64370-29636-2021	5,264,263	
COVID 19 - Preschool Grants (ARPA)	84.425u	12060-SDE64370-29684-2022	34,346	
COVID 19 - ESSERF K-12 Fund	84.425d	12060-SDE64370-29571-2021	5,533,194	
COVID 19 - ESSERF K-12 Fund	84.425d	12060-SDE64370-29571-2021	130,400	
COVID 19 - Elementary & Secondary School	84.425w	12060-SDE64370-29650-2021	57,399	
Total Education Stabilization Fund				11,344,203
Passed Through Capitol Region Education Council:				
COVID 19 - LEAP	84.425c	12060-SDE64151-29589		78,363
Passed Through the State of Connecticut Department of Education:				
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	12060-SDE64370-20679-2023	2,401,658	
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	12060-SDE64370-20679-2022	338,324	
Total Title I Grants to Local Educational				
Agencies				2,739,982
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants				
to States	84.048	12060-SDE64370-20742-2023	161,281	
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants				
to States	84.048	12060-SDE64370-20742-2021	47,372	
Total Career and Technical Education - Basic				
Grants to States				208,653
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	12060-SDE64370-20858-2023	280,798	
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	12060-SDE64370-20858-2022	9,055	
Total Improving Teacher Quality State Grants				289,853
Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers	84.287	12060-SDE64370-20863-2023	123,914	
Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers	84.287	12060-SDE64370-20863-2022	18,692	
Total Twenty-First Century Community	-	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	-,	
Learning Centers				142,606
Title IV - Student Support	84.424	12060-SDE64370-22854-2023	185,494	
Title IV - Student Support	84.424	12060-SDE64370-22854-2022	24,590	
Total Title IV - Student Support				210,084

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/ Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number		Federal ditures
United States Department of Education (Continued) Passed Through the State of Connecticut Department of Education (Continued): English Language Acquisition State Grants Total English Language Acquisition State Grants	84.365 84.365 84.365 84.365	12060-SDE64370-20868-2023 12060-SDE64370-20868-2022 12060-SDE64370-20868-2023 12060-SDE64370-20868-2022	\$ 108,003 18,980 1,563 13,558	\$ 142,104
Education for Homeless Children and Youth Adult Education - Basic Grants to States	84.196 84.002	12060-SDE64370-20770-2022 12060-SDE64370-20784-2023		24,122 120,000
Total United States Department of Education				17,441,295
United States Department of Justice Passed Through the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program Total Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program	16.738 16.738	12060-OPM20350-21921 12060-OPM20350-21921	16,772 15,307	32,079
Direct:				
Federal Equitable Sharing	16.902			69,555
Total United States Department of Justice				101,634
United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Direct: CDBG - Entitlement Grants Cluster: Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants Total United States Department of Housing and Urban Development	14.218			<u>853,744</u> 853,744
United States Department of Health and Human Services Direct: Head Start Cluster:				000,744
Head Start Head Start Total Head Start Cluster	93.600 93.600		1,859,710 110,109	1,969,819

	Federal Assistance		
Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/ Program or Cluster Title	Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Total Federal Expenditures
United States Department of Health and Human Services (Continued) Passed Through the State of Connecticut Mental Health and Addiction Services: Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious			
Diseases (ELC)	93.323	12060-DPH48551-29582	\$ 75,289
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Projects of Regional and National Significance	93.243	12060-MHA53282-22921	15,226
Total United States Department of Health and Human Services			2,060,334
United States Department of Homeland Security Passed Through the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection: Disaster Grants - Public Assistance			
(Presidentially Declared Disasters)	97.036	12060-DPS32990-21891	131,661
Direct: Assistance to Firefighters Grant	97.044	EMW-2021-FG-05187	289,041
Total United States Department of Homeland Security			420,702
United States National Endowment for the Humanities			
Passed Through the Connecticut State Library: National Leadership Grants	45.312	12060-CSL66051-29642	13,127
Total United States National Endowment for the Humanities			13,127
United States Department of the Treasury Passed Through the State of Connecticut Department of Education:			
COVID 19 - ARPA-Learner Engagement LEAP	21.027	12060-SDE64370-28089	28,443
Passed Through the State of Connecticut Judicial Branch: COVID 19 - ARPA-Video Conf for Bail Srvcs	21.027	12060-JUD96114-28206	3,000
Passed Through the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management:			
COVID 19 - ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery EXP	21.027	12060-OPM20600-29669	6,045,708
Total United States Department of the Treasury			6,077,151

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/ Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Total Federal Expenditures
United States Election Assistance Commission Passed Through the State of Connecticut Office of the Secretary of State: Help America Vote Act Requirements Payments Total United States Election Assistance Commission	90.401	12060-SOS12500-21465	<u>\$ 14,382</u>
United States Federal Communications Commission Direct: COVID 19 - Emergency Connectivity Funds Total United States Federal Communications	32.009		975,000
Commission United States Department of Energy Direct: FEMA Assistance	83.523		975,000
Total United States Department of Energy Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$ 38,972,966

TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS JUNE 30, 2023

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of the Town of East Hartford, Connecticut, under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2023. The information in the Schedule 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 Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Town of East Hartford, Connecticut, it is not intended to, and does not, present the financial position, changes in fund balance, changes in net position or cash flows of the Town of East Hartford, Connecticut

Basis of Accounting

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance for all awards. Under these principles certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

NOTE 2 INDIRECT COST RECOVERY

The Town of East Hartford, Connecticut, has elected not to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate provided under Section 200.414 of the Uniform Guidance

NOTE 3 NONCASH AWARDS

Donated commodities in the amount of \$507,123 are included in the Department of Agriculture's National School Lunch Program, Assistance Listing #10.555, \$58,338 included in the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program, Assistant Listing #10.582 and \$3,623,412 included in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, Assistance Listing #10.557. These amounts represent the market value of commodities received.



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Town Council
Town of East Hartford, Connecticut

We have audited, in accordance with the 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 statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of East Hartford, Connecticut, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of East Hartford, Connecticut's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 26, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Town of East Hartford, Connecticut'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 opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of East Hartford, Connecticut's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of East Hartford, Connecticut'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 a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town of East Hartford, Connecticut's financial statements are free from 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 financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity'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 entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Clifton Larson Allen LLP

West Hartford, Connecticut February 26, 2024

TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Section I – Summary of Auditors' Results Financial Statements Unmodified 1. Type of auditors' report issued: 2. Internal control over financial reporting: Material weakness(es) identified? __<u>x</u>__no _____ yes Significant deficiency(ies) identified? ____x none reported _____ yes 3. Noncompliance material to financial ____ yes statements noted? ___<u>x</u>__no Federal Awards 1. Internal control over major federal programs: Material weakness(es) identified? _____ yes <u>x</u> no • Significant deficiency(ies) identified? x none reported ____yes 2. Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for federal programs: Unmodified 3. Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)? ____yes <u>x</u> no Identification of Major Federal Programs Assistance Listing Number(s) Name of Federal Program or Cluster 21.027 COVID-19 - American Rescue Plan Act Local Fiscal Recovery 84.425C/D/U/W COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund 84.027/84.173 **Special Education Cluster** 10.553/10.555/10.559/10.582 Child Nutrition Cluster 32.009 COVID 19 - Emergency Connectivity Fund Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs: \$ 1,169,189

<u>x</u> yes _____no

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?

TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONTINUED) YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Section II – Financial Statement Findings

Our audit did not disclose any matters required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

Section III – Findings and Questioned Costs – Major Federal Programs

Our audit did not disclose any matters required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a).