TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT FEDERAL SINGLE AUDIT REPORT YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022



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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, 2022. 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, 2022.

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

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 and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we did identify certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

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. We consider the deficiencies in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2022-001 and 2022-002, to be significant deficiencies.

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.

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Town of East Hartford, Connecticut's response to the internal control over compliance findings identified in our audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The Town of East Hartford, Connecticut's response was not subjected to the other 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.

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, 2022, 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 December 23, 2022, 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 January 13, 2023

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/ Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Assistance Listing Pass-Through Entity		Total Federal Expenditures	
Department of Agriculture					
Passed Through the State of					
Connecticut Department of Education: Child Nutrition Cluster:					
National School Lunch Program	10.555	12060-SDE64370-20560		\$ 3,944,933	
National School Lunch Program	10.555	12060-SDE64370-23085		433,287	
School Breakfast Program Summer Food Service Program	10.553	12060-SDE64370-20508		1,175,248	
for Children	10.559	12060-SDE64370-20540		539,532	
Summer Food Service Program					
for Children	10.559	12060-SDE64370-20548		45,575	
Fresh Fruit and Vegetable					
Program	10.582	12060-SDE64370-22051		30,873	
Total Child Nutrition Cluster					\$ 6,169,448
Child and Adult Care Food					
Program	10.558	12060-SDE64370-20518		17,395	
Child and Adult Care Food	. 5.555			,000	
Program	10.558	12060-SDE64370-20544		1,568	
Child and Adult Care Food	10.000	12000 02201070 20011		1,000	
Program	10.558	12060-SDE64370-23089		26,455	
Total Child and Adult Care	10.000	12000 02201070 20000		20,100	
Food Program					45,418
Chata Administrativa Funciona for					
State Administrative Expenses for Child Nutrition	10.560	12060 SDE64270 22126			100.050
Child Nutrition	10.560	12060-SDE64370-23126			122,853
P-EBT Local Admin	10.649	12060-SDE64370-29802			13,494
Direct:					
Special Supplemental Nutrition					
Program for Women, Infants,					
and Children	10.557			3,392,624	
Passed Through the State of					
Connecticut Department of Public Health:					
Special Supplemental Nutrition					
Program for Women, Infants,	10.557	12060-DPH48872-20892		809,628	
and Children	10.557	12000-D1 1140012-20032		003,020	
Special Supplemental Nutrition					
Program for Women, Infants,					
and Children	10.557	12060-DPH48872-21915		68,409	
Total Special Supplemental					
Nutrition Program for Women,					
Infants, and Children				-	4,270,661
Total Department of Agriculture					10,621,874

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/ Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Passed Through to Subrecipients		Federal ditures
Department of Transportation Passed Through the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation: Highway Safety Cluster: State and Community Highway	20.600	12062-DOT57513-20559		\$ 4,461	
Safety National Priority Safety Programs Total Highway Safety Cluster	20.616	12062-DOT57513-22600		\$ 4,461 6,008	\$ 10,469
Highway Planning and Construction Cluster: Highway Planning and					
Construction	20.205	12062-DOT57124-22108			378
Total Department of Transportation					10,847
Department of Education Passed Through the State of Connecticut Department of Education: Special Education Cluster (IDEA):					
Special Education Grants to States	84.027	12060-SDE64370-20977-2022		1,754,113	
Special Education Grants to States	84.027	12060-SDE64370-20977-2021		306,291	
Special Education Grants to States Total Special Education Cluster	84.027	12060-SDE64370-20977-2020		18,885	2,079,289
Direct:					
Special Education Preschool Grants	84.173			655,685	
Passed Through the State of Connecticut Department of Education:					
Special Education Preschool Grants	84.173	12060-SDE64370-20983-2022		58,774	
Special Education Preschool Grants	84.173	12060-SDE64370-20983-2021		4,987	
Total Special Education Preschool Grants				,	719,446
COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund: American Rescue Plan Special					
Education Grants	84.425U	12060-SDE64370-23083-2022		54,735	
American Rescue Plan - Emergency					
Funding Preschool Grants - American	84.425U	12060-SDE64370-29636-2021		2,187,311	
Rescue Plan Act	84.425U	12060-SDE64370-29684-2022		1,635	
ESSER K-12 Fund	84.425D	12060-SDE64370-29571-2021		1,015,948	
ESSER K-12 Fund	84.425D	12060-SDE64370-29571-2020		725,934	
Elementary and Secondary School Total COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund	84.425W	12060-SDE64370-29650-2021		39,576	4,025,139

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/ Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Passed Through to Subrecipients		Federal ditures
Department of Education (Continued)					
Title I Grants to Local Educational					
Agencies	84.010	12060-SDE64370-20679-2022		\$ 2,265,667	
Title I Grants to Local Educational					
Agencies	84.010	12060-SDE64370-20679-2021		445,969	
Total Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies					\$ 2,711,636
Career and Technical Education - Basic					
Grants to States	84.048	12060-SDE64370-20742-2021			140,855
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	12060-SDE64370-20858-2022		277,982	
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	12060-SDE64370-20858-2021		44,611	
Total Improving Teacher Quality					
State Grants					322,593
Twenty-First Century Community					
Learning Centers	84.287	12060-SDE64370-20863-2022		271,308	
Twenty-First Century Community					
Learning Centers	84.287	12060-SDE64370-20863-2021		69,919	
Total Twenty-First Century					
Community Learning Centers					341,227
Title IV - Student Support	84.424	12060-SDE64370-22854-2022		176,369	
Title IV - Student Support	84.424	12060-SDE64370-22854-2021		27,722	
Total Title IV - Student Support					204,091
English Language Acquisition State					
Grants	84.365	12060-SDE64370-20868-2022		113,193	
English Language Acquisition State					
Grants	84.365	12060-SDE64370-20868-2021		17,164	
English Language Acquisition State					
Grants	84.365	12060-SDE64370-20868-2021		3,394	
Total English Language Acquisition State Grants					133,751
Education for Homeless Children					
and Youth	84.196	12060-SDE64370-20770-2021			30,000
Adult Education - Basic Grants to States	84.002	12060-SDE64370-20784-2022			138,000
Total Department of Education					10,846,027

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/ Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Passed Through to Subrecipients	Total F Expend	
Department of Justice Direct:					
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program	16.738			\$ 16,814	
Passed Through the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice	40.700	40000 ODWOODES 04004		0.004	
Assistance Grant Program	16.738	12060-OPM20350-21921		3,381	
Total Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program					\$ 20,195
Direct: Federal Equitable Sharing	16.902				16,972
Total Department of Justice					37,167
Department of Housing and Urban Development Direct:					
CDBG - Entitlement Grants Cluster: Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement	14.218			496,888	
Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Total CDBG - Entitlement Grants	14.218			193,903	
Cluster					690,791
Total Department of Housing and Urban Development					690,791
Department of Health and Human Services Direct: Head Start Cluster:					
COVID-19 - Head Start CRRSA COVID Head Start Total Head Start Cluster	93.600 93.600	01HE000895-01-01 01CH011933-01-02		83,880 1,837,367	1,921,247

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/ Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Passed Through to Subrecipients	Total Federal Expenditures
Department of Health and Human Services (Continued) Passed Through the State of Connecticut Office of Early Childhood: CCDF Cluster: Child Care and Development Block Grant Child Care and Development Block Grant Total CCDF Cluster	93.575 93.575	12060-OEC64806-22975 12060-OEC64845-29628		\$ 808 17,100 \$ 17,908
Passed Through the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health: Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases (ELC) Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases (ELC) Total Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases (ELC)	93.323 93.323	12060-DPH48551-29654 12060-DPH48557-29582		56,725 170,955 227,680
Passed Through the State of Connecticut Mental Health and Addiction Services: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services_Projects of Regional and National Significance Total Department of Health and Human Services	93.243	12060-MHA53282-22921		18,724
Department of Homeland Security Passed Through the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection: Emergency Management Performance Grants	97.042	12060-DPS32160-21881		25,517
Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)	97.036	12060-DPS32990-21891		716,266
Total Department of Homeland Security				741,783

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/	Federal Assistance Listing	Pass-Through Entity	Passed Through to	Total Federal
Program or Cluster Title	Number	Identifying Number	Subrecipients	Expenditures
National Endowment for the Humanities				
Passed Through the State of Connecticut State Library:	45 240	40000 001 00044 00040		¢ 2000
National Leadership Grants National Leadership Grants Total National Leadership Grants	45.312 45.312	12060-CSL66011-29642 12060-CSL66051-29642		\$ 3,000 86,875 \$ 89,875
Total National Endowment for the Humanities				89,875
Department of the Treasury Passed Through the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and				
Management: COVID-19 - Coronavirus Relief Fund	21.019	12060-OPM20350-29561		33,439
COVID-19 - American Rescue Plan Act Local Fiscal Recovery	21.027	12060-OPM20600-29669	\$ 62,314	3,085,048
Total Department of the Treasury			62,314	3,118,487
Department of Energy Direct:				
FEMA Assistance	83.523			9,077
Total Department of Energy				9,077
Election Assistance Commission Passed Through the State of Connecticut Secretary of State: Help America Vote Act Requirements				
Payments	90.401	12060-SOS12500-21465		23,102
Total Election Assistance Commission				23,102
Total Federal Expenditures			\$ 62,314	\$ 28,374,589

TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS JUNE 30, 2022

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, 2022. 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 with the exception of Assistance Listing 21.019, which follows criteria determined by the Department of Treasury for allowability of costs. 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 \$479,613 are included in the Department of Agriculture's National School Lunch Program, Assistance Listing #10.555, \$30,873 included in the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program, Assistant Listing #10.582 and \$3,392,624 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, 2022, 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 December 23, 2022.

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 December 23, 2022

TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

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? <u>x</u>___yes _____ none reported 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)? <u>x</u> no ____yes 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 84.425D/U/W COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund 93.600 Head Start Cluster 84.010 Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies Dollar threshold used to distinguish between \$ 851,238 Type A and Type B programs: Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? <u>x</u> yes _____ no

TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONTINUED) YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

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

Finding No. 2022-001 Suspension and Debarment

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of the Treasury

Federal Program Name: COVID-19 American Rescue Plan Act Local Fiscal Recovery

Assistance Listing Number: 21.027

Pass-Through Agency: State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management

Pass-Through Number(s): 12060-OPM20600-29669

Award Period: June 7, 2021 through December 31, 2026

Type of Finding:

Significant Deficiency in Internal Control over Compliance

Criteria

The Town must verify that an entity with which the Town plans to enter into a covered transaction is not debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded.

Condition

The Town does not have formal policies or procedures in place for verification that an entity with which the Town plans to enter into a covered transaction is not debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded.

Questioned Costs

None noted.

Context

Although the Town did not have formal policies or procedures in place in conformity with the federal Uniform Guidance criteria, the entities for which the Town made purchases from were not debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded.

Effect

With the absence of compliant policies and procedures, the Town is at risk of noncompliance as it relates to federal suspension and debarment requirements.

Cause

The Town was not aware of the details surrounding suspension and debarment requirements, and therefore formal policies and procedures were not in place.

TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONTINUED) YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

Recommendation

We recommend that the Town review its formal procurement policies and make necessary revisions to formally include policies and procedures to meet the requirements for verification that an entity with which the Town plans to enter into a covered transaction is not debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions

Management agrees with the auditors' recommendations. Corrective action will be taken to ensure the policy is updated and the correct procurement procedures are followed.

Finding No. 2022-002 Reporting

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of the Treasury

Federal Program Name: COVID-19 American Rescue Plan Act Local Fiscal Recovery

Assistance Listing Number: 21.027

Pass-Through Agency: State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management

Pass-Through Number(s): 12060-OPM20600-29669

Award Period: June 7, 2021 through December 31, 2026

Type of Finding:

• Significant Deficiency in Internal Control over Compliance

Criteria

The Town must have proper controls in place to ensure an independent review is completed by someone other than the report preparer and that this review is formally documented prior to submission to the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

Condition

The Town does not have a control in place to ensure an independent review of financial reports is completed by someone separate from the report preparation process prior to submission to the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

Questioned Costs

None noted.

Context

There is no review of the financial reports being performed by an individual independent of the report preparation process.

Effect

With the absence of this control, the financial reports submitted to the U.S. Department of the Treasury could potentially include incorrect or incomplete data.

TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONTINUED) YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

Cause

The Town's Grants Manager was preparing the financial reports and submitting them to the U.S. Department of the Treasury without an independent review being performed by another individual.

Recommendation

We recommend that the Town implement a control to ensure an independent review of the financial reports is performed by an individual other than the preparer to verify accuracy and completeness prior to submission to the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions

Management agrees with the auditors' recommendations. Corrective action has been taken to implement a control to ensure an independent review of the financial reports takes place prior to submission to the U.S. Department of the Treasury.