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FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

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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

To the County Council of
Union County, South Carolina

Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to the financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Union County, South Carolina (the "County"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 9, 2024. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of the Union County Carnegie Library, as described in our report on the County's financial statements. This report does not include the results of the other auditors' testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported on separately by those auditors.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, 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 opinions on the financial statements, 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 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 County'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*.

To the County Council of
Union County, South Carolina

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.

Halliday, Schwartz & Co.

Spartanburg, South Carolina
February 9, 2024

REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM; REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE; AND REPORT ON SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

To the County Council of
Union County, South Carolina

Independent Auditor's Report

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Union County, South Carolina's (the "County") 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 County's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023. The County's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, Union County, South Carolina 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 (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the audit requirements of the 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 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.

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.

To the County Council of
Union, South Carolina

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 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 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.

To the County Council of
Union, South Carolina

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 Union County, South Carolina, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated February 9, 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 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.

Halliday, Schwartz & Co.

Union, South Carolina
February 9, 2024

**UNION COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

Federal Grantor/Pass Through Grantor/Program Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass- through Grantor's Number	Expenditures
U.S. Department of Agriculture			
Passed through U.S. Forest Service National Forest Foundation	10.682	N/A	\$ 101,920
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			<u>101,920</u>
U.S. Department of Transportation			
Passed through Federal Aviation Administration - Atlanta COVID 19: Airport Improvement Program	20.106	3-45-0056-016-2022	1,310,235
COVID 19: Airport Improvement Program	20.106	3-45-0056-014-2021	15,707
			<u>1,325,942</u>
Total U.S. Department of Transportation			<u>1,325,942</u>
U.S. Department of the Treasury			
Passed through State of South Carolina COVID 19: Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF)	21.027	20 CARES	524,299
Total U.S. Department of the Treasury			<u>524,299</u>
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			
Passed through Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration			
Block Grant for Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse	93.959	BGCMT22	1,306
Block Grant for Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse	93.959	SAPT BG21	19,732
Block Grant for Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse	93.959	SAPT BG22	203,753
Block Grant for Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse	93.959	BGSUP22	153,976
Block Grant for Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse	93.959	BGARP23	45,022
			<u>423,789</u>
Passed through S.C. Department of Social Services Child Support Enforcement - Title IV-D Filing Fees	93.563	N/A	118,373
Passed through Center for Substance Abuse Treatments			
Opioid STR (State Targeted Response)	93.788	SOR 22	11,943
Opioid STR (State Targeted Response)	93.788	SOR 23	89,501
			<u>101,444</u>
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			<u>643,606</u>
U.S. Department of Homeland Security			
Passed through S.C. Emergency Management Division Local Emergency Management Performance Grant	97.042	22EMPG01	64,849
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security			<u>64,849</u>
U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)			
Passed through S.C. Department of Commerce			
Community Development Block Grant	14.228	4-ED-22-001	277,797
Community Development Block Grant	14.228	4-CE-22-013	5,942
			<u>283,739</u>
Total U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)			<u>283,739</u>

**UNION COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS - CONTINUED
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

Federal Grantor/Pass Through Grantor/Program Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass- through Grantor's Number	Expenditures
U.S. Department of the Interior			
Passed through S.C. Department of Natural Resources Fish and Wildlife Cluster			
Sport Fish Restoration Program	15.605	P24012401221	364,266
Total Fish and Wildlife Cluster			<u>364,266</u>
Total U.S. Department of the Interior			<u>364,266</u>
U.S. Department of Justice			
Passed through S.C. Department of Public Safety COVID 19: Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding			
	16.034	1CF20153	51,776
Total U.S. Department of the Justice			<u>51,776</u>
Total Federal Financial Assistance Expended			<u>\$ 3,360,397</u>

See accompanying notes to schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

**UNION COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
JUNE 30, 2023**

NOTE 1 - BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of Union County, South Carolina under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2023. The information in this 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 Union County, South Carolina, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of Union County, South Carolina.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance), wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

NOTE 3 - INDIRECT COST RATE

Union County, South Carolina has elected to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

**UNION COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023:

Financial Statements

Type of Auditor's Report Issued: Unmodified

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting:

Material Weakness(es) Identified? Yes X No

Significant Deficiencies Identified That Are Not
Considered to be Material Weaknesses? Yes X None Reported

Noncompliance Material to Financial Statements Noted Yes X No

Federal Awards

Internal Control Over Major Programs:

Material Weakness(es) Identified? Yes X No

Significant Deficiencies Identified That Are Not
Considered to be Material Weaknesses? Yes X None Reported

Type of Auditor's Report Issued on Compliance
For Major Federal Programs Unmodified

Any Audit Findings Disclosed That Are Required to be
Reported in Accordance with 2 CFR Part 200? Yes X No

Identification of Major Federal Programs:

<u>CFDA Number(s)</u>	<u>Federal Program or Cluster</u>
20.106	COVID-19: Airport Improvement Program

Dollar Threshold Used to Distinguish Between
Type A and Type B Programs: \$ 750,000

Auditee Qualified as Low-Risk Auditee? X Yes No

Section II - Financial Statement Findings
None

Section III - Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs
None

**UNION COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022:

Finding 2022-001 - Noncompliance with State Law

Condition: South Carolina state law requires all deposits consisting of public funds in a financial institution to be adequately secured. Any deposits in excess of FDIC coverage (\$250,000) must be secured with letters of credit or pledged collateral securities.

Cause of Condition: At June 30, 2022, the County had funds in cash deposits held at a financial institution that were not covered by any type of collateral. This is the amount that the County's total cash in bank exceeded both the FDIC Insured portion and the collateralized portion by the financial institution. It is the County's responsibility to ensure that proper communication is made to their financial institutions about any large cash changes to ensure that the County always has fully covered cash deposits, per state law.

Current Status: This finding has been corrected as of June 30, 2023.