# BEAUREGARD COUNCIL ON AGING, INC. DERIDDER, LOUISIANA

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WITH INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT JUNE 30, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors Beauregard Council on Aging, Inc. DeRidder, Louisiana

#### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### **Opinions**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Beauregard Council on Aging, Inc. as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Beauregard Council on Aging, Inc.'s basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Beauregard Council on Aging, Inc., as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Basis for Opinions**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Beauregard Council on Aging, Inc. and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the 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 audit opinions.

#### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Beauregard Council on Aging, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

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#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. 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 generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, 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 amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Beauregard Council on Aging, Inc.'s internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial
  doubt about the Beauregard Council on Aging, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period
  of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

#### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, schedule of non-major special revenue funds combining statement of revenues and expenditures, and comparative schedule of general fixed assets and changes in general fixed assets on pages 26 through 33 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Management has omitted management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

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#### Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Beauregard Council on Aging, Inc.'s basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of compensation, benefits and other payments to agency head is presented for purposes of additional analysis 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 compensation, benefits and other payments to agency head is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 15, 2025, on our consideration of the Beauregard Council on Aging, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Beauregard Council on Aging, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Beauregard Council on Aging, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

DeRidder, Louisiana January 15, 2025

John U. Windlam, CPA

# BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# Statement of Net Position June 30, 2024

		vernmental ctivities
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash	\$	432,795
Restitution receivable		21,952
Restricted cash		42,706
Restricted grants receivable		16,977
Total current assets	\$	514,430
Noncurrent Assets:		
Capital assets, net	\$	36,314
Total assets	\$	550,744
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$	47,670
Payroll withholding payable		3,884
Total current liabilities	_\$	51,554
NET POSITION		
Net investment in capital assets	\$	36,314
Unrestricted		403,193
Restricted		59,683
Total net position	\$	499,190
Total current liabilities and net position	\$	550,744

# Statement of Activities For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net

			Program Revenues							Position		
	Expenses		Expenses			Charges r Services		Generated by Indraiser	-	rating Grants Contributions	Progr	ram Services
Program Services:												
General government	\$	16,441	\$	-	\$	7,800	\$	129,250	\$	120,609		
AAA fund		42,963		-		-		42,012		(951)		
Title III C-1 fund		158,855		3,035		-		67,372		(88,448)		
Title III C-2 fund		305,927		7,843		-		122,398		(175,686)		
Utility assistance fund		256		-		-		1,593		1,337		
Title III B fund		111,026		1,498		-		84,697		(24,831)		
Title III D fund		9,145		-		-		7,540		(1,605)		
Title III E fund		38,032		-		-		38,110		78		
Senior center fund		49,580		=		-		75,745		26,165		
Supplemental senior center fund		-		-		-		10,912		10,912		
United Way		-		=		-		45,000		45,000		
NSIP fund		-						38,130		38,130		
Total program services	\$	732,225	\$	12,376	\$	7,800	\$	662,759	\$	(49,290)		
		al revenues:										
		stment income							\$	89		
		dend income								3,644		
		d asset income								26,608		
		tal general reven							\$	30,341		
		nange in net posit							\$	(18,949)		
		sition at beginning		r						518,139		
	Net po	sition at end of y	ear						\$	499,190		

# Balance Sheet Governmental Funds June 30, 2024

ASSETS	Ge	neral Fund	-	al Revenue Funds	 Total
Current Assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	432,795	\$	-	\$ 432,795
Restitution receivable		21,952		-	21,952
Total current assets	\$	454,747	\$	-	\$ 454,747
Restricted Assets:					
Cash	\$	_	\$	42,706	\$ 42,706
Receivables:					
Grants		-		16,977	16,977
Total restricted assets	\$	-	\$	59,683	\$ 59,683
Total assets	\$	454,747	\$	59,683	\$ 514,430
LIABILITIES					
Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$	47,670	\$	_	\$ 47,670
Payroll withholding payable		3,884		-	3,884
Total current liabilities	\$	51,554	\$	-	\$ 51,554
FUND BALANCES					
Fund Balances:					
Unassigned	\$	403,193	\$	_	\$ 403,193
Restricted				59,683	 59,683
Total fund balances	\$	403,193	\$	59,683	\$ 462,876
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$	454,747	\$	59,683	\$ 514,430

# Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to Statement of Net Position June 30, 2024

Total fund balance - total governmental funds	\$ 462,876
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in	
the governmental funds balance sheets.	 36,314
Net position of governmental activities	\$ 499,190

# Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

					Ma	ijor Funds								
			Tit	tle III C-1	Tit	tle III C-2	Ti	itle III B	Sen	ior Center				
	Ge	neral Fund		Fund		Fund		Fund		Fund	Ot	her Funds	To	tal Funds
REVENUES														
Intergovernmental														
Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs	\$	100,000	\$	43,909	\$	88,277	\$	60,082	\$	75,745	\$	116,046	\$	484,059
Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs - ARP		-		23,463		34,121		24,615		-		20,658		102,857
Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs - STPH		9,609		-		-		-		-		-		9,609
Public support														
United Way of America		-		-		-		-		-		45,000		45,000
Public donations		19,641		-		-		-		-		-		19,641
Participant contributions		-		3,035		7,843		1,498		-		-		12,376
Utility assistance		-		-		-		-		-		1,593		1,593
Fundraising		7,800		-		-		-		-		-		7,800
Interest income		89		-		-		-		-		-		89
Dividend income		3,644							-					3,644
Total revenues	\$	140,783	\$	70,407	\$	130,241	\$	86,195	\$	75,745	\$	183,297	\$	686,668
													(C	ontinued)

# Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

					M	ajor Funds								
			Tit	tle III C-1	Ti	itle III C-2	T	itle III B	Ser	ior Center				
	Ge	neral Fund		Fund		Fund		Fund		Fund	O	ther Funds	То	tal Funds
EXPENDITURES														
Program services:														
Health, Welfare and Social Services														
Salaries and benefits	\$	-	\$	26,752	\$	26,752	\$	75,880	\$	25,668	\$	38,388	\$	193,440
Travel		-		12		12		36		12		29		101
Operating services		8,386		7,768		7,768		22,851		20,494		50,205		117,472
Operating supplies		163		722		722		7,032		3,406		1,774		13,819
Fundraising		4,421		-		-		-		-		-		4,421
Other - meals				123,601		270,673		-						394,274
Total expenditures	\$	12,970	\$	158,855	\$	305,927	\$	105,799	\$	49,580	\$	90,396	\$	723,527
Excess (deficiency) of revenues														
over expenditures	\$	127,813	\$	(88,448)	\$	(175,686)	\$	(19,604)	\$	26,165	\$	92,901	\$	(36,859)
Other financing sources (uses)														
Operating transfers in	\$	84,831	\$	92,790	\$	72,765	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	250,386
Operating transfers out		-		-		-		(22,276)		(36,473)		(191,637)		(250,386)
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Total other financing sources (uses)	\$	84,831	\$	92,790	\$	72,765	\$	(22,276)	\$	(36,473)	\$	(191,637)	\$	
Net change in fund balances	\$	212,644	\$	4,342	\$	(102,921)	\$	(41,880)	\$	(10,308)	\$	(98,736)	\$	(36,859)
Fund balances, beginning of year		190,549		(4,342)		102,921		41,880		10,308		158,419		499,735
Fund balances, end of year	\$	403,193	\$		\$		\$	_	\$		\$	59,683	\$	462,876

(Concluded)

# Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ (36,859)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	
Depreciation expense on capital assets is reported in the government-wide statement of activities and changes in net position, but they do not require the use of current financial resources. Therefore, depreciation expense is not reported as an expenditure in governmental funds.	(8,698)
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the government-wide statement of activities and changes in net position, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount of capital assets recorded in the current period.	 26,608
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$ (18,949)

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ending June 30, 2024

# 1. PURPOSE OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### A. Purpose of the Council on Aging

The purpose of the Council is to collect facts and statistics and make special studies of conditions pertaining to the employment, financial status, recreation, social adjustment, mental and physical health or other conditions affecting the welfare of the aging people of Beauregard Parish; to keep abreast of the latest developments in these fields of activity throughout Louisiana and the United States; to interpret its findings to the citizens of the parish; to provide for a mutual exchange of ideas and information on the parish and the state level; to conduct public meetings; to make recommendations for needed improvements and additional resources; to promote the welfare of aging people when requested to do so; to coordinate and monitor services of other local agencies serving the aging people of the parish; and to assist and cooperate with the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs (GOEA) and other departments of state and local government serving the elderly; and to make recommendations relevant to the planning and delivery of services to the elderly of the parish.

Specific services provided by the Council to the elderly residents of Beauregard Parish include providing congregate and home delivered meals, nutritional education, personal care, information and assistance, outreach, material aid, utility assistance, homemakers, recreation, legal assistance, disease prevention, health promotion, and transportation.

#### **B.** Reporting Entity

In 1964, the State of Louisiana passed Act 456, which authorized the charter of voluntary councils on aging for the welfare of the aging people in their respective parishes. However, before a council on aging can begin operations in a specific parish, its application for a charter must receive approval from the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs pursuant to LA R.S. 46:1602. The functions of each council on aging in Louisiana must comply with the objectives of state laws and each council is governed by policies and regulations established by GOEA.

The Beauregard Council on Aging, Inc. is a legally separate, non-profit, quasi-public corporation. It received its charter and began operations on September 17, 1973.

A board of directors, consisting of 15 voluntary members, who serve three-year terms, governs the Council. The board of directors is comprised of, but not limited to, representatives of the parish's elderly populations, general public, private businesses, and elected public officials. Board members are elected annually from general elections.

Membership in the Council is open at all times, without restriction, to all residents of Beauregard Parish who have reached the age of majority and who expresses an interest in the Council and wish to contribute to or share in its programs. Membership fees are not charged.

Based on the criteria set forth in GASB Statement 17, the Beauregard Council is not a component unit of another primary government nor does it have any component units that are related to it. In addition, based on criteria set forth in GASB Codification Section 2100, the Council has presented its financial statements as a primary government, because it is a special-purpose government that has a separately elected governing body, is legally separate, and is fiscally independent of other state and local governments. As used in GASB Statement 14, the term fiscally independent means that the Council may, without approval or consent of another governmental entity, determine or modify its own budget, levy its own taxes or set rates or charges, and issued bonded debt. As previously mentioned, GOEA establishes the policies and

#### Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

regulations that all councils must follow. Included in its policies is a provision that the Council's budget is approved by GOEA. However, this approval process is part of GOEA's general oversight responsibility for the Council and is more ministerial or compliance oriented than substantive.

Accordingly, the Council is viewed as being fiscally independent for purposes of applying the reporting entity criteria of GASB Statement 14.

#### C. Presentation of Statements

The Council's statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted (GAAP) in the United States of America as applicable to governmental entities. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations).

The more significant accounting policies established in GAAP and used by the Council are discussed below.

In June 1999, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) unanimously approved Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments*. Certain significant changes in the Statement include the following:

For the first time the financial statements include:

Governmental-Wide Financial Statements prepared using full accrual accounting for all the Council's activities.

A change in the fund financial statements to focus on the major funds.

These and other changes are reflected in the accompanying financial statements (including notes to financial statements).

#### D. Basic Financial Statements – Government-Wide Statements

The Council's basic financial statements include both Government-Wide (reporting the Council as a whole) and fund financial statements (reporting the Council's major funds). Both the Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements categorize primary activities as either governmental or business type. The Council's functions and programs have been classified as governmental activities. The Council does not have any business-type activities, fiduciary funds, or any component units that are fiduciary in nature. Accordingly, the Government-Wide financial statements do not include any of these activities or funds.

In the Government-Wide Statement of Net Position, the governmental type activities is reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. The Council's net positions are reported in three parts – net investment in capital assets; restricted net position; and unrestricted net position. Net investment in capital assets of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those capital assets. Restricted net position consist of net position with constraints placed on their use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Unrestricted net position includes all other net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets."

#### Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

The Council's policy is to use restricted resources first to finance its activities except for nutrition services. When providing nutrition services, revenues earned by the Council under its USDA contract with GOEA can only be used to pay for the raw food component of each meal that is bought and served to a person eligible to receive a meal under one of the nutrition programs. The Council's management has discretion as to how and when to use the USDA revenues when paying for nutrition program costs. Quite often unrestricted resources are available for use that must be consumed or they will have to be returned to GOEA. In such cases it is better for management to elect to apply and consume the unrestricted resources before using the restricted resources. As a result, the Council will depart from its usual policy of using restricted resources first.

The Government-Wide Statement of Activities reports both gross and net cost of each of the Council's functions and significant programs. Many functions and programs are supported by general government revenues like intergovernmental revenues, and unrestricted investment income, particularly if the function or program has a net cost. The Statement of Activities begins by presenting gross direct and indirect expenses that include depreciation, and then reduces the expenses by related program revenues, such as operating and capital grants and contributions, to drive the net cost of each function or program. Program revenues must be directly associated with the function or program to be used to directly offset its cost. Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants, while the capital grants column reflects capital-specific grants. The Council did not receive any capital-specific grants this year.

The Council allocates its indirect costs among various functions and programs in accordance with Circular A-87. In addition, GOEA provides grant funds to help the Council pay for a portion of its indirect costs. As a result, only the indirect costs in excess of the GOEA funds are allocated to the Council's other functions and programs.

The Government-Wide Statements focus upon the Council's ability to sustain operations and the change in its net position resulting from the current year's activities.

#### E. Basic Financial Statements - Fund Financial Statements

The financial transactions of the Council are reported in individual funds in the Funds Financial Statements. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, equity, revenues, and expenditures. Resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purpose for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The various funds are reported by generic classification within the financial statements.

The Council uses governmental fund types. The focus of the governmental funds' measurement (in the fund statements) is on determination of financial position and changes in financial position (sources, uses, and balances of financial resources) rather than on net income. An additional emphasis is placed on major funds within the governmental fund types. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the Council or if its total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures are at least 10% of the corresponding total for all funds of that category or type.

Governmental fund equity is called the fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as restricted and unassigned. Restricted means that the fund balance is not available for expenditures because resources have already been expended (but not consumed), or a legal restriction has been placed on certain assets that makes them only available to meet future obligations.

The Council has not established a policy for use of the unrestricted fund balance, therefore it considers committed fund balances to be used first, then assigned fund balances to be used next and finally the unassigned fund balance will be used.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

The following is a description of the governmental funds of the Council:

- **General Fund** is the general operating fund of the Council. It is used to account for all financial resources except those in another fund.
- Special Revenue Funds are used to account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditures for specified purposes other than debt service and capital projects. A large percentage of the Council's special revenue funds are Title III funds. These funds are provided by the United States Department of Health and Human Services Administration on Aging to the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs, which in turn "passes through" the funds to the Council.

The Council has established several special revenue funds. The following is a brief description of each special revenue fund's purpose:

#### **Major Special Revenue Funds**

#### Title III C-1 Congregate Meals Fund

The Title III C-1 Fund is used to account for funds, which are used to provide nutritional, congregate meals to the elderly in strategically located centers. During the fiscal year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, the Council serviced approximately 11,086 congregate meals.

#### Title III C-2 Home Delivered Meals Fund

Title III C-2 Fund is used to account for funds, which are used to provide nutritional, home delivered meals to homebound older persons. During the fiscal year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, the Council served approximately 39,145 home delivered meals.

# Title III-B Supportive Services Fund

Title III-B Supportive Services Fund is used to account for funds which are to provide a variety of social services; such as, information and assistance, assess services, in-home services, community services, legal assistance, and outreach for people age 60 and older.

#### Senior Center Fund

The Senior Center fund is used to account for the administration of Senior Center Program funds appropriated by the Louisiana Legislature to the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs, which "passes through" the funds to the Council. This program provides community service centers at which older persons receive supportive services and participate in activities which foster their independence, enhance, and encourage their dignity, and encourage their involvement in and with the community. The Council operates one senior center in Beauregard Parish, Louisiana.

#### Non-Major Special Revenue Funds

#### N.S.I.P. Fund

The N.S.I.P. (National Services Incentive Program) Fund is used to account for the administration of Nutrition Program for the Elderly funds provided by the United States Department of Agriculture through the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs, which in turn "passes through" the funds to the Council. This program reimburses the service provider about forty cents for each congregate and home-delivered meal serviced to an eligible participant so that United States food and commodities may be purchased to supplement these programs. Net positions of the N.S.I.P. Fund are restricted for the purposes stated above.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

#### <u>United Way – Homemaker/Sitter</u>

Homemaker assistance is a program designed to help maintain normal household functioning when the family's life is threatened with disruptions by long or short-term illness, disability, social maladjustment, or other problems, which require assistance in the home to sustain independent living. Under this program, trained homemakers working under agency supervision and the supervision of social workers go into homes as substitute homemakers and assume responsibility for routine household activities such as menu planning, budgeting, shopping, child care, meal preparation, and general household management, including some light housekeeping.

#### Title III-D Preventive Health Fund

The Title III-D Fund is used to account for funds used for disease prevention and health promotion activities or services, such as: (1) equipment and materials (scales to weigh people, educational material, and exercise equipment), (2) home injury control, (3) medication management, (4) mental health, and (5) nutrition (assessment/screening, counseling, and education). The law directs the state agency administering this program to "give priority to areas of the state which are medically underserved and in which there are a large number of older individuals who have the greatest economic and social need."

#### Supplemental Senior Center Fund

The Louisiana Legislature appropriated additional money for various councils on aging through the state to be used to supplement the primary state grant for senior centers. Beauregard Council on Aging, Inc. was one of the parish councils to receive a supplemental grant. These funds are "passed through" the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs.

#### Title III-C Area Agency Administration (AAA) Fund

The Title III-C Area Agency Administration Fund is used to account for some of the administration cost associated with operating the Special Programs for the Aging.

#### Utility Assistance Fund

The Utility Assistance Fund is used to account for the administration of programs that are sponsored by local utility companies. The companies collect contributions from service customers and employees and remit the funds directly to the Council or to the Louisiana Association of Councils on Aging (LACOA), which in turn remits funds relating to Beauregard Parish to the Council. These funds are used to provide financial assistance to the elderly for the payment of their utility bill.

#### Title III-E National Family Caregiver Support Fund

The Title III-E Fund is used to account for funds used to provide multifaceted systems of support services for family caregivers and for grandparents or older individuals who are relative caregivers, including inhome respite and respite care. In-home respite provides personal care in the home of the qualifying individual in order to provide a brief period of relief or rest for the client. Respite care provides temporary or periodic services for frail elderly or individuals with developmental disabilities including Adult Day Care/Adult Day Health, Group Respite, In-Home Respite, and Institutional Respite.

#### F. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues or expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. It relates to the timing of the measurements made regardless of the measurement focus applied.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

#### 1. Accrual Basis – Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities display information on all the nonfiduciary activities of the Council as a whole. Both of these statements have been prepared using the economic measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenditures, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place.

#### 2. Modified Accrual Basis – Fund Financial Statements (FFS)

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. Governmental fund types use the flow of current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual; i.e., when they are both measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The Council considers all revenues "available" if they are collected within 60 days after year-end. Expenditures are generally recorded under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related liability is incurred. The exceptions to this general rule are that (1) unmatured principal and interest on long-term debt, if any, are recorded when due and (2) claims and judgments and compensated absences are recorded as expenditures when paid with expendable available financial resources.

#### **G.** Interfund Activity

Interfund activity is reported as either loans or transfers. Loans between funds are reported as interfund receivables and payables as appropriate and are subject to elimination upon consolidation. All other interfund transactions are treated as transfers. Transfers represent a permanent reallocation of resources between funds. Transfers between funds are netted against one another as part of the reconciliation of the change in fund balances in the fund financial statements to the change in net position in the Government-Wide Financial Statements.

#### H. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, and petty cash. Cash equivalents include amounts in time deposits and those investments with original maturities of 90 days or less. Cash and cash equivalents are reported at their carrying amounts that equal their fair values.

#### I. Capital Assets

The accounting and reporting treatment applied to the capital assets associated with a fund are determined by its measurement focus. Capital assets are long-lived assets that have been purchased or acquired with an original cost of at least \$1,000 and that have an estimated useful life of greater than one year. When purchased or acquired, these assets are recorded as capital assets in the Government-Wide Statement of Net Position. In contrast, in the Fund Financial Statements, capital assets are recorded as expenditures of the fund that provided the resources to acquire the asset. If the asset was purchased, it is recorded in the books at its cost. If the asset was donated, then it is recorded at its estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

For capital assets recorded in the Government-Wide Financial Statements, depreciation is computed and recorded using the straight-line method for the asset's estimated useful life. The estimated useful lives of the various classes of depreciable capital assets are as follows:

#### Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

Building Improvements	20-40 years
Equipment	5-15 years
Vehicles	5 years
Computers	5 years

Salvage values have not been estimated by management when calculating how much of an asset's cost needs to be depreciated.

Depreciation is not computed or recorded on capital assets for purposes of the Fund Financial Statements.

#### J. Unpaid Compensated Absences

Sick leave granted by this agency is vested. It is time off with pay for periods of illness or incapacity resulting from non-occupational injury, as well as for medical, dental, or optical examinations or treatment that cannot be arranged after hours. The Executive Director may request a physician's statement regarding any sick leave, at his/her discretion. Full-time employees accrue sick leave at a rate of one (1) day per month; twelve (12) days per year. Sick time earned begins to accrue with the first full month of employment. While sick leave accrues and is an aggregate total, no payment will be paid for sick leave not taken upon termination of employment.

Annual Leave/Vacation is based on the number years of service and is earned as follows:

	<u>Days</u>
One to Five years	12
Five to Ten years	15
Ten years and over	21

The employee's hire date will become the employee's anniversary date. No annual leave may be taken until after the first full year of employment, and the same applies for all consecutive years.

An employee must submit an Application for Leave form approved by their supervisor and the Executive Director in order to receive annual leave.

Department seniority will be adhered to for all annual leave taken (especially, during the holidays).

Full-time employees will be able to carry over ten (10) days annual leave to the following year. No pay will be granted in lieu of annual leave. All hours over 80 must be taken before January 31<sup>st</sup> of the New Year.

Payment will be made for any eligible accrued leave upon separation from employment.

The rate of pay for annual leave is the employee's current regular rate of pay.

#### **K.** Allocation of Indirect Expenses

The Council reports all direct expenses by function and programs of functions in the Statement of Activities. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a function or program. Indirect expenses are recorded as direct expenses of the administration function. GOEA provides funds to partially subsidize the Council's administration function. The unsubsidized net cost of the administration function is allocated using a formula that is based primarily on the relationship the direct cost a program bears to the direct cost of all programs. There are some programs that cannot absorb any indirect cost allocation according to their grant or contract limitations.

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

#### L. Management's Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

#### M. Elimination and Reclassifications

In the process of aggregating data for the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, some amounts reported as interfund activity and balances in the funds were eliminated or reclassified. Interfund receivables and payables were eliminated to minimize the "grossing up" effect on assets and liabilities within the governmental activities column.

#### N. Fund Balances

#### Restricted

Amounts that are restricted to specific purposes should be reported as restricted fund balance. Fund balance should be reported when constraints placed on the use of resources are either:

- a. externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or
- b. imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

#### Unassigned

Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund. This classification represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund

#### O. Budget Practices

The financial administrator prepares the proposed budget and submits this to the board of directors for approval. Amended budgets are prepared in the same manner and submitted to the board of directors for approval when a variance greater than five percent exists between budgeted and actual amounts. The proposed budget is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The budget is legally adopted and amended, as necessary, by the board of directors.

Expenditure appropriations lapse at year-end. Unexpended appropriations and any excess of revenues over expenditures are carried forward to the subsequent year as beginning fund balance. Budget amounts included in the accompanying financial statements include the original adopted budget and all subsequent amendments.

#### P. Extraordinary and Special Items

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events within the control of Beauregard Council on Aging, Inc., which are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. Subsequent events have been evaluated through January 15, 2025, the date that the financial statements were available to be issued.

#### 2. REVENUE RECOGNITION

Revenues are recorded in the Government-Wide Statements when they are earned under the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded in the Fund Financial Statements using the modified accrual basis of accounting. In applying the susceptible to accrual concept using this program service fees, and interest

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

income are usually both measurable and available. However, the timing and amounts of the receipts of public support and miscellaneous revenues are often difficult to measure; therefore, they are recorded as revenue in the period received.

#### 3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

At June 30, 2024, the Council had cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$475,501 as follows:

NOW account	\$ 180,065
Demand deposits	295,079
Cash on hand	357
Total	\$ 475,501

The cash and cash equivalents of the Beauregard Council on Aging, Inc. are subject to the following risk:

Custodial Credit Risk: Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the entity will not be able to recover its deposits.

At June 30, 2024, the entity has \$520,132 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits are secured from risk by \$487,609 of federal deposit insurance. The remaining balance of \$32,523 is unsecure and subject to custodial credit risk.

#### 4. RECEIVABLES

The receivables of \$38,929 at June 30, 2024 are as follows:

Class of receivable	
GOEA	\$ 9,219
NSIP	7,758
Restitution	 21,952
Total	\$ 38,929

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

#### 5. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets and depreciation activity as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, for the Council is as follows:

		eginning						Ending	
	1	Balance	1	Increase		crease	Balance		
Capital assets being depreciated									
Buildings	\$	6,200	\$	-	\$	-	\$	6,200	
Machinery and equipment		7,514		26,608		-		34,122	
Vehicles		26,137		-		-		26,137	
Total capital assets being depreciated	\$	39,851	\$	26,608	\$	-	\$	66,459	
Less accumulated depreciation for:									
Building	\$	2,558	\$	310	\$	-	\$	2,868	
Machinery and equipment		2,636		3,161		-		5,797	
Vehicles		16,253		5,227		-		21,480	
Total accumulated depreciated	\$	21,447	\$	8,698	\$	-	\$	30,145	
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	\$	18,404	\$	17,910	\$	-	\$	36,314	

Depreciation expense of \$8,698 for the year ended June 30, 2024, was charged to the following governmental functions:

Title III B	\$ 5,227
General fund	3,471
Total	\$ 8,698

#### 6. NET INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets being depreciated	\$ 66,459
Less: Accumulated depreciation	\$ (30,145)
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 36,314

#### 7. BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMPENSATION

The Board of Directors is a voluntary board; therefore, no compensation has been paid to any member. However, board members are reimbursed for any out-of-pocket costs they might incur on behalf of the Council in accordance with the Council's applicable reimbursement policy.

#### 8. INCOME TAX STATUS

The Council, a non-profit corporation, is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and is an organization that is not a private foundation as defined in Section 509 (a) of the Code. It is also exempt from Louisiana income tax.

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

#### 9. JUDGEMENTS, CLAIMS, AND SIMILAR CONTINGENCIES

There is no litigation pending against the Council at June 30, 2024. Furthermore, the Council's management believed that any potential lawsuits would be adequately covered by insurance.

Subsequent events have been evaluated through the financial statement issuance date.

#### 10. FEDERAL AWARDS PROGRAMS

The Council receives revenues from various federal and state grant programs, which are subject to final review and approval as to allowability of expenditures by respective grantor agencies. Any settlements or expenses arising out of a final review are recognized in the period agreed upon by the agency and the Council. Also, it is management's opinion that any audits or reviews by the grantor agencies would not produce disallowed program costs and liabilities to such an extent that they would materially affect the Council's financial position.

#### 11. ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

The Council receives the majority of its revenue from funds provided through grants administered by the Louisiana Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs. The grant amounts are appropriated each year by the federal and state governments. If significant budget cuts are made at the federal and/or state level, the amount of the funds the Council receives could be reduced significantly and have an adverse impact on its operations. Management is not aware of any actions that will adversely affect the amount of funds the Council will receive in the next year.

#### 12. INTERFUND TRANSFERS

Operating transfers in and out are listed by fund for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024:

	Tr	ansfer in	Transfer out			
General fund	\$	84,831	\$	-		
Title III C-1		92,790		-		
Title III C-2		72,765		-		
Title III B		-		22,276		
Senior Center		-		36,473		
NSIP		-		91,469		
United Way		-		45,000		
Title III D		-		5,649		
Title III E		-		18,854		
AAA		-		19,753		
Supplemental Senior Center				10,912		
Total	\$	250,386	\$	250,386		

Transfers are used to (1) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them, and to (2) use unrestricted revenues collected in the general fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

These transfers were eliminated as a part of the consolidation process in preparing the Government-Wide Financial Statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements (Concluded)

### 13. RETIREMENT COMMITMENTS

Employees of the Council are participants in the social security system and retirement benefits are provided by that system.

#### 14. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Council is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; thefts of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Council has purchased commercial insurance to cover or reduce the risk of loss that might arise should one of these incidents occur. No settlements were made during the year that exceeded the Council's insurance coverage.

#### 15. RESTRICTED FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION

The Special Revenue Funds – Restricted cash of specific revenue sources for specified purposes of the special revenue funds.

Restricted assets:	
Cash accounts	\$ 42,706
Grants receivable	 16,977
Total restricted assets	\$ 59,683
Less-liabilities payable from	
restricted assets	
Accounts payable	\$ 
Restricted fund balance/net position	\$ 59,683

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION REQUIRED BY GASB STATEMENT 34

# General Fund Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Budget and Actual For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budgeted	Amoi	unts			Budget to Actual Differences			
	 Original		Final	Acti	ual Amount	Ove	er (Under)		
REVENUES PCOA revenue GOEA - STPH revenue Public donations Fundraising Interest income Dividend income	\$ 100,000 9,609 - - - -	\$	100,000 9,609 - - - -	\$	100,000 9,609 19,641 7,800 89 3,644	\$	- 19,641 7,800 89 3,644		
Total revenues	\$ 109,609	\$	109,609	\$	140,783	\$	31,174		
EXPENDITURES Program services: Health, Welfare and Social services Salaries and benefits Travel Operating services Operating supplies Fundraising Capital outlay Total expenditures	\$ - - - - 15,000 15,000	\$	22,401 14 28,057 712 - 51,184	\$	8,386 163 4,421	\$	22,401 14 19,671 549 (4,421) - 38,214		
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	\$ 94,609	\$	58,425	\$	127,813	\$	69,388		
Other financing sources (uses) Transfers in Transfers out Total other financing sources (uses)	\$ (94,609) (94,609)	\$	(100,000) (100,000)	\$	84,831 84,831	\$	84,831 100,000 184,831		
Net change in fund balances	\$ -	\$	(41,575)	\$	212,644	\$	254,219		
Fund balances, beginning of year	259,000		190,549		190,549				
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 259,000	\$	148,974	\$	403,193	\$	254,219		

# Title III C-1 Fund Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Budget and Actual For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

		Budgeted Original	Amou	ınts Final	Actı	ual Amount	Budget to Actual Differences Over (Under)		
REVENUES GOEA support	\$	43,909	\$	43,909	\$	43,909	\$		
GOEA - ARP	Ψ	15,242	Ψ	43,580	Ψ	23,463	φ	(20,117)	
Participant contributions		2,000		2,700		3,035		335	
In-kind support		193		-,,,,,		-		-	
Total revenues	\$	61,344	\$	90,189	\$	70,407	\$	(19,782)	
EXPENDITURES									
Program services:									
Health, Welfare and Social services									
Salaries and benefits	\$	27,710	\$	27,597	\$	26,752	\$	845	
Travel		338		8		12		(4)	
Operating services		6,733		48,587		7,768		40,819	
In-kind operating services		193		-		-		- (271)	
Operating supplies Other meals		828		451		722		(271)	
Total expenditures	\$	87,788 123,590	\$	115,000 191,643	\$	123,601 158,855	\$	(8,601)	
Total expenditures	Φ	123,390	Ф	191,043	Þ	130,033	Ф	32,788	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues									
over expenditures	\$	(62,246)	\$	(101,454)	\$	(88,448)	\$	13,006	
Other financing sources (uses)									
Transfers in	\$	62,246	\$	105,796	\$	92,790	\$	(13,006)	
Net change in fund balances	\$	-	\$	4,342	\$	4,342	\$	-	
Fund balances, beginning of year		(4,342)		(4,342)		(4,342)		_	
		( .,2)		( .,2)		( .,2)			
Fund balances, end of year	\$	(4,342)	\$		\$	-	\$		

# Title III C-2 Fund Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Budget and Actual For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

		Budgeted	Amou			Budget to Actual Differences			
	(	Original		Final	Act	ual Amount	Ove	er (Under)	
REVENUES GOEA support	\$	88,277	\$	88,277	\$	88,277	\$	<u>-</u>	
GOEA - ARP Participant contributions		39,616 6,000		42,905 7,300		34,121 7,843		(8,784) 543	
Total revenues	\$	133,893	\$	138,482	\$	130,241	\$	(8,241)	
EXPENDITURES Program services: Health, Welfare and Social services									
Salaries and benefits	\$	27,710	\$	27,597	\$	26,752	\$	845	
Travel		338		8		12		(4)	
Operating services		7,333		47,912		7,768		40,144	
Operating supplies		828		451		722		(271)	
Other-meals		303,514		250,000		270,673		(20,673)	
Total expenditures	\$	339,723	\$	325,968	\$	305,927	\$	20,041	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues	_		_		_		_		
over expenditures	\$	(205,830)	\$	(187,486)	\$	(175,686)	\$	11,800	
Other financing sources (uses) Transfers in	\$	205,830	\$	84,565	\$	72,765	\$	(11,800)	
Transfers in	Ф	203,830	Φ	84,303	Φ	72,703	Φ	(11,000)	
Net change in fund balances	\$	-	\$	(102,921)	\$	(102,921)	\$	-	
Fund balances, beginning of year		102,921		102,921		102,921			
Fund balances, end of year	\$	102,921	\$		\$		\$	<u>-</u>	

# Title III B Fund Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Budget and Actual For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

		Budgeted	Amou	nts			Budget to Actual Differences			
	(	Original		Final	Acti	ıal Amount	Ove	er (Under)		
REVENUES GOEA support GOEA - ARP Participant contributions In-kind support	\$	60,082 42,565 2,000 4,838	\$	60,082 55,679 1,500	\$	60,082 24,615 1,498	\$	(31,064)		
Total revenues	\$	109,485	\$	117,261	\$	86,195	\$	(31,066)		
EXPENDITURES Program services: Health, Welfare and Social services										
Salaries and benefits Travel Operating services In-kind operating services	\$	79,490 431 21,586 4,838	\$	75,065 23 69,642	\$	75,880 36 22,851	\$	(815) (13) 46,791		
Operating supplies Total expenditures	\$	3,236	-\$	1,966 146,696	\$	7,032 105,799	\$	(5,066) 40,897		
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	\$	(96)	\$	(29,435)	\$	(19,604)	\$	9,831		
Other financing sources (uses) Transfers in Transfers out Total other financing sources (uses)	\$	96 - 96	\$	(12,445) (12,445)	\$	(22,276) (22,276)	\$	(9,831) (9,831)		
Net change in fund balances	\$	-	\$	(41,880)	\$	(41,880)	\$	-		
Fund balances, beginning of year		41,880		41,880		41,880	-			
Fund balances, end of year	\$	41,880	\$		\$		\$			

# Senior Center Fund Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Budget and Actual For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

		Budgeted	Amou	nts			Budget to Actual Differences			
	(	Original Original		Final	Actı	ıal Amount		er (Under)		
REVENUES	1							,		
GOEA support	\$	75,745	\$	75,745	\$	75,745	\$	-		
In-kind support		3,079				-		-		
Total revenues	\$	78,824	\$	75,745	\$	75,745	\$			
EXPENDITURES										
Program services:										
Health, Welfare and Social services										
Salaries and benefits	\$	28,935	\$	45,619	\$	25,668	\$	19,951		
Travel		236		16		12		4		
Operating services		7,843		8,563		20,494		(11,931)		
In-kind operating services		3,079		-		-		-		
Operating supplies		4,465		8,878		3,406		5,472		
Total expenditures	\$	44,558	\$	63,076	\$	49,580	\$	13,496		
Excess (deficiency) of revenues										
over expenditures	\$	34,266	\$	12,669	\$	26,165	\$	13,496		
Other financing sources (uses)										
Transfers out	\$	(34,266)	\$	(22,977)	\$	(36,473)	\$	(13,496)		
Net change in fund balances	\$	-	\$	(10,308)	\$	(10,308)	\$	-		
Fund balances, beginning of year		10,308		10,308		10,308				
Fund balances, end of year	\$	10,308	\$		\$		\$			

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION REQUIRED BY GOEA

### Schedule of Non-Major Special Revenues Funds Combining Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

REVENUES		NSIP Fund	Ur	nited Way Fund		tle III D Fund	T	itle III E Fund		AAA Fund	ior Center oplemental Fund	As	Utility sistance Fund	Total
Intergovernmental Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs - ARP Public support	\$	38,130	\$	- -	\$	4,586 2,954	\$	31,819 6,291	\$	30,599 11,413	\$ 10,912	\$	- -	\$ 116,046 20,658
United Way of America Utility assistance Total revenues	\$	38,130	\$	45,000 - 45,000	-\$	7,540	\$	38,110	\$	42,012	\$ 10,912	\$	1,593 1,593	\$ 45,000 1,593 183,297
EXPENDITURES														
Health and Welfare and Social Services Salaries and benefits Travel	\$	-	\$	-	\$	7,103	\$	4,018	\$	27,267 24	\$ -	\$	-	\$ 38,388 29
Operating services Operating supplies		- -		-		1,847 192		33,904 108		14,198 1,474	- - -		256	50,205 1,774
Total expenditures	\$	-	\$	-	\$	9,145	\$	38,032	\$	42,963	\$ -	\$	256	\$ 90,396
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	\$	38,130	\$	45,000	\$	(1,605)	\$	78	\$	(951)	\$ 10,912	\$	1,337	\$ 92,901
Other financing sources (uses) Operating transfers in Operating transfers out	\$	- (91,469)	\$	- (45,000)	\$	- (5,649)	\$	- (18,854)	\$	- (19,753)	\$ - (10,912)	\$	- -	\$ - (191,637)
Total other financing sources (uses)	\$	(91,469)	\$	(45,000)	\$	(5,649)	\$	(18,854)	\$	(19,753)	\$ (10,912)	\$		 (191,637)
Net change in fund balances	\$	(53,339)	\$	-	\$	(7,254)	\$	(18,776)	\$	(20,704)	\$ -	\$	1,337	\$ (98,736)
Fund balances at beginning of year	_	88,638		10,209		7,254		18,776	_	20,704	 -		12,838	158,419
Residual Equity Transfer		-		-		-		-		-	-		-	-
Fund balances at end of year	\$	35,299	\$	10,209	\$		\$		\$		\$ 	\$	14,175	\$ 59,683

# Comparative Schedule of General Fixed Assets and Changes in General Fixed Assets For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	В				Ending			
	E	Balance	I:	ncrease	D	ecrease	E	Balance
General Fixed Assets				_				
Buildings	\$	6,200	\$	-	\$	=	\$	6,200
Machinery and equipment		7,514		26,608		-		34,122
Vehicles		26,137		-				26,137
Total capital assets being depreciated	\$	39,851	\$	26,608	\$		\$	66,459
Invested in General Fixed Assets								
Property acquired with funds from								
Senior Center	\$	1,165	\$	3,687	\$	-	\$	4,852
Title III C AAA		-		5,363		-		5,363
Title III B		-		8,938		-		8,938
Title III C-1		-		2,809		-		2,809
Title III C-2		-		2,809		-		2,809
Title III D		-		511		-		511
Title III E		-		255		-		255
PCOA Supplement		7,554		1,165		-		8,719
PCOA		-		4,995		_		4,995
Local Funds		31,132		-		3,924		27,208
Total Invested in General Fixed Assets	\$	39,851	\$	30,532	\$	3,924	\$	66,459

# OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

## Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

# Agency Head Name - Sarah Gray

Purpose	Amount	
Salary	\$	47,085
Benefits - insurance		-
Benefits - retirement		-
Deferred compensation		-
Benefits - other (Fringe)		-
Car allowance		-
Vehicle provided by government		-
Cell phone		-
Dues		-
Vehicle rental		-
Per diem		-
Reimbursements		-
Travel		100
Registration fees		-
Conference		-
Housing		-
Unvouchered expenses		-
Special meals		-
Other		-

## OTHER REPORTS

## Schedule of Prior Year Audit Findings Year Ended June 30, 2024

#### Finding - Financial Statement Audit

## Audit Finding No. 2023-1

#### Ethics Requirement Not Met

Condition: Not all of the board members, officials or employees of the Council met the one hour

requirement training on the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Criteria: As of January 1, 2012 all public employees are required by R.S. 42:1170 to complete one

hour per year training on the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Cause and Condition: This was an oversight by the board members, officials and employees that did not get the one

hour ethics course completed during the year, and a lack of monitoring contributed to the

oversight.

Effect of Condition: Violation of R.S. 42:1170.

Recommendation: We recommend that all board members, officials and employees of the Council take the

required one hour ethics training each year and that the Director monitor the board members,

officials and employees' compliance.

Date of Initial Occurrence - June 30, 2022

Corrective Action Taken - Yes

## Audit Finding No. 2023-2

#### Prevention of Sexual Harassment Law Requirement Not Met

Condition: Not all of the board members, officials, or the employees of the Council met the one hour

requirement training on the Prevention of Sexual Harassment Law.

Criteria: As of January 1, 2019 all public servants are required by R.S. 42:343 to complete one hour

per year training on the Prevention of Sexual Harassment Law.

Cause and Condition: This was an oversight by the board members, officials and employees that did not get the one

hour sexual harassment course completed during the year.

Effect of Condition: Violation of R.S. 42:343.

Recommendation: We recommend that all board members, officials and employees of the Council take the

required one hour sexual harassment training each year and that the Director monitor the board members' and employees' compliance and file the proper reporting at year end.

Date of Initial Occurrence - June 30, 2022

Corrective Action Taken - Yes

## Schedule of Prior Year Audit Findings Year Ended June 30, 2024

## Findings - Financial Statement Audit

#### Audit Finding No. 2023-3

#### Audit Report Not Timely Submitted to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor

Condition: The June 30, 2023 audit report of Beauregard Council on Aging, Inc. was not submitted to the

Louisiana Legislative Auditor's office by the statutory deadline of December 31, 2023.

Criteria: Louisiana Revised Statute R.S. 24:513(A)(5)(a)(i) states that the audits of local governments

must be completed within six months of the entity's year end and timely submitted to the

Louisiana Legislative Auditor by the six month deadline.

Cause and Condition: The financial statements to be audited were not submitted to the CPA for audit until late in

December 2023. This did not leave sufficient time for the audit of the financial statements to be completed by the statutory deadline of December 31, 2023. The bookkeeper did not have the financial statements ready for the annual audit due to the death of two family members

and her upcoming retirement. The bookkeeper did retire at December 31, 2023.

Effect of Condition: Violation of R.S. 24:513(A)(5)(a)(i).

Recommendation: We recommend that the Council hire a bookkeeper that can keep the financial statements up

to date throughout the year and have these financial statements ready for audit as soon as possible after the Council's year end. Also, we recommend that the Director monitor the preparation in order to have them available for audit with sufficient time to complete the audit

by the statutory deadline.

Date of Initial Occurrence - June 30, 2023

Corrective Action Taken - No

## Schedule of Prior Year Audit Findings Year Ended June 30, 2024

#### Findings - Financial Statement Audit

## Audit Finding No. 2023-4

#### Bank Accounts Not Reconciled Timely

Condition: Bank accounts for the Council were not reconciled for the last six months of the Council's

year. This created incorrect book balances on the Council's financial statements.

Criteria: Bank accounts should be reconciled within two months of the related statement closing date

and should have evidence that the reconciliation has been reviewed by management.

Cause and Condition: Due to the death of two family members and upcoming retirement, the bookkeeper got behind

on the financial statements preparation and bank reconciliations.

Effect of Condition: Inaccurate cash accounts shown on the financial statements. Errors in the bank accounts

occurred that could have been timely corrected had bank accounts been reconciled.

Recommendation: We recommend that all bank accounts be reconciled within two months of the statement date.

Also management or the board members should monitor the reconciliation process and initial

and date the reconciliations.

Date of Initial Occurrence - June 30, 2023

Corrective Action Taken - No

#### Audit Finding No. 2023-5

## General Fund Budget vs. Actual Variances Greater Than Five Percent

Condition: General fund budget vs. actual expenditures had variances greater than five percent at year

end and no amended budget was prepared.

Criteria: Louisiana Budget Act states that when actual expenditures exceed budgeted expenditures by

more than five percent, management should be notified and the budget be amended.

Cause and Condition: The Council submits budgets to GOEA (Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs) for only the

money furnished by them and the related expenditures. The local funds expended by the

Council were not budgeted.

Effect of Condition: Violation of the Louisiana Budget Act and variances of forty seven percent of expenditures

over budgeted expenditures.

Recommendation: We recommend that the Council budget all local fund expenditures in addition to funds and

expenditures that GOEA provides. The budget vs. actual expenditures should be monitored and when a variance of greater than five percent exists, management should be notified and

the budget amended.

Date of Initial Occurrence - June 30, 2023

Corrective Action Taken - Yes

## Schedule of Current Year Audit Findings and Management's Response Year Ended June 30, 2024

#### Findings - Financial Statement Audit

#### Audit Finding No. 2024-1

### Sick Leave Policy and State Law Violations

Condition: The board approved severance pay of \$25,000 to the retiring finance director in lieu of

calculated sick leave of some \$23,000 and annual leave of some \$4,000.

Criteria: Severance pay is a violation of Article 7, Section 14 of the Louisiana Constitution and should

not have been paid. Also, the sick leave policy states that "no payment will be paid for sick

leave not taken upon termination of employment".

Cause and Condition: Neither the Council nor the executive director were aware that severance pay was a violation

of law and neither were aware of the sick leave policy not allowing for payment at

termination.

Effect of Condition: Violation of Article 7, Section 14 of the Louisiana Constitution and a violation of the

Council's sick leave policy.

Recommendation: We recommend that the Council should seek restitution of \$21,952.48 from the retiring

finance director which is the amount of sick leave in excess of the \$25,000 payment. The difference of \$3,047.52 is annual leave that is allowed at retirement. Also, we recommend that the board and executive director become aware of the policies of the Council and state law.

## Audit Finding No. 2024-2

#### Audit Report Not Timely Submitted to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor

Condition: The June 30, 2024 audit report of Beauregard Council on Aging, Inc. was not submitted to the

Louisiana Legislative Auditor's office by the statutory deadline of December 31, 2024.

Criteria: Louisiana Revised Statute R.S. 24:513(A)(5)(a)(i) states that the audits of local governments

must be completed within six months of the entity's year end and timely submitted to the

Louisiana Legislative Auditor by the six month deadline.

Cause and Condition: The financial statements to be audited were not submitted to the CPA for audit until late in

December 2024. This did not leave sufficient time for the audit of the financial statements to be completed by the statutory deadline of December 31, 2024. The bookkeeper was hired late in the year and did not have time to get the financial statements ready for the annual audit.

Effect of Condition: Violation of R.S. 24:513(A)(5)(a)(i).

Recommendation: We recommend that the Council hire an outside bookkeeper that can review and keep the

financial statements up to date throughout the year and have these financial statements ready for audit as soon as possible after the Council's year end. Also, we recommend that the Director monitor the preparation in order to have them available for audit with sufficient time

to complete the audit by the statutory deadline.

## Schedule of Current Year Audit Findings and Management's Response Year Ended June 30, 2024

## Findings - Financial Statement Audit

#### Audit Finding No. 2024-3

#### Bank Accounts Not Reconciled Timely

Condition: Bank accounts for the Council were not reconciled for the first six months of the Council's

year. This created incorrect book balances on the Council's financial statements.

Criteria: Bank accounts should be reconciled within two months of the related statement closing date

and should have evidence that the reconciliation has been reviewed by management.

Cause and Condition: Due to the lack of a bookkeeper, the first six months of bookkeeping got behind on the

financial statements preparation and bank reconciliations.

Effect of Condition: Inaccurate cash accounts shown on the financial statements. Errors in the bank accounts

occurred that could have been timely corrected had bank accounts been reconciled.

Recommendation: We recommend that all bank accounts be reconciled within two months of the statement date.

Also management or the board members should monitor the reconciliation process and initial

and date the reconciliations.



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This letter is the Management's Response in regards to Current Year Audit Findings for Year Ended June 30, 2024:

- Audit Finding No. 2024
  - 1. Sick Leave Policy & State Law Violations Response:

Director will become aware of all BCOA policies and procedures and will seek legal guidance from attorney, financial guidance from CPA and Auditor, and GOEA for any and all questions that may arise to ensure proper protocols and actions are taking place. District Attorney is guiding Board of Directors & Executive Director on asking for restitution from finance director and will direct board and director on what next step will be. Director and BCoA Board are formulating updated Employee Handbook, Policies, and Procedures that follow all legal guidelines, have more concise procedures and guidelines regarding annual and sick leave, and any other policies that need to be addressed and updated to follow all labor laws. The updated handbook will be presented to board for final approval and distributed to all current employees.

- Audit Finding No. 2024
  - 2. Audit Report Not Timely Submitted to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor Response:

BCoA hired independent CPA to guide new bookkeeper on preparing financial statements and keeping them up to date. CPA will monitor financial statements, reports, and budgets to ensure accuracy and timeliness. Financial statements will be prepared in advanced for future audit.

- Audit Finding No. 2024
  - 3. Bank Accounts Not Reconciled Timely Response:

Bookkeeper will complete bank reconciliations monthly, review, and initial, consulting independent CPA with any questions that need clarification or review, and then present to director to review, initial & date for final approval.

With Sincere Thanks,

Sarah & Lang

Sarah Gray

Beauregard Council on Aging, Executive Director

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

The Board of Directors
Beauregard Council on Aging, Inc.
DeRidder, Louisiana

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 Beauregard Council on Aging, Inc. (a nonprofit organization) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Beauregard Council on Aging, Inc.'s basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 15, 2025.

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

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Beauregard Council on Aging, Inc.'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 Beauregard Council on Aging, Inc.'s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Beauregard Council on Aging, Inc.'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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of current year audit findings and management's response as item Audit Finding No. 2024-3 that we considered to be significant deficiencies.

## **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Beauregard Council on Aging, Inc.'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

Board of Directors Beauregard Council on Aging, Inc. Page 2

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 current year audit findings and management's response as Audit Finding No. 2024-1 and Audit Finding No. 2024-2.

## Beauregard Council on Aging, Inc.'s Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Beauregard Council on Aging, Inc.'s response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of current year audit findings and management's response. The Beauregard Council on Aging, Inc.'s response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

## **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.

DeRidder, Louisiana January 15, 2025

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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

The Board of Directors
Beauregard Council on Aging, Inc.
DeRidder, Louisiana

To the Beauregard Council on Aging, Inc. and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Beauregard Council on Aging, Inc.'s management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

Beauregard Council on Aging, Inc. has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

#### 1) Written Policies and Procedures

- A. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe whether they address each of the following categories and subcategories if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations:
  - i. **Budgeting**, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.
  - ii. **Purchasing**, including (1) how purchases are initiated, (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list, (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders, (4) controls to ensure compliance with the Public Bid Law, and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.
  - iii. *Disbursements*, including processing, reviewing, and approving.
  - iv. **Receipts/Collections**, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g., periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).
  - v. **Payroll/Personnel**, including (1) payroll processing, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee rates of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.
  - vi. *Contracting*, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.

- vii. *Travel and Expense Reimbursement*, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
- viii. *Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, purchase cards, if applicable)*, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).
- ix. *Ethics*, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.
- x. **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
- xi. *Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity*, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.
- xii. *Prevention of Sexual Harassment*, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.
  - Written policies and procedures obtained and address the functions listed above. The Council follows GOEA guidelines.

#### 2) Board or Finance Committee

- A. Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and:
  - i. Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.
    - *No exceptions noted.*
  - ii. For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe whether the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual comparisons, at a minimum, on all proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget-to-actual comparisons, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds. Alternatively, for those entities reporting on the not-for-profit accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included financial activity relating to public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.
    - No exceptions noted.
  - iii. For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unassigned fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unassigned fund balance in the general fund.
    - No exceptions noted.
  - iv. Observe whether the board/finance committee received written updates of the progress of resolving audit finding(s), according to management's corrective action plan at each meeting until the findings are considered fully resolved.
    - No exceptions noted.

#### 3) Bank Reconciliations

- A. Obtain a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:
  - i. Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged);
    - Bank accounts were not reconciled the first six months of the year.
  - ii. Bank reconciliations include written evidence that a member of management or a board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation within 1 month of the date the reconciliation was prepared (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged); and
    - Bank accounts did not have written evidence of review by management.
  - iii. Management has documentation reflecting it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

No exceptions noted.

Management's Response: We will begin making sure monthly reconciliations are completed and reviewed on a timely basis.

#### 4) Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)

- A. Obtain a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5).
- B. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (e.g., 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if there are no written policies or procedures, then inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that
  - i. Employees responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers;
    - No exceptions noted.
  - ii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g., pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit;
    - No exceptions noted.
  - iii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit; and
    - No exceptions noted.
  - iv. The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or custodial fund additions, is (are) not also responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation.
    - No exceptions noted.

C. Obtain from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe that the bond or insurance policy for theft was in force during the fiscal period.

No bonds for theft were noted.

- D. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). Alternatively, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc. Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and
  - i. Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
    - Receipts are not sequentially pre-numbered.
  - ii. Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
    - Related collection documentation was traced to the deposit slip.
  - iii. Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
    - No exceptions noted.
  - iv. Observe that the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer).
    - Deposits were not made within one business day of receipt.
    - Management's Response: Management will make deposits daily.
  - v. Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.
    - Examined two random deposit dates for each account, no exceptions noted.

#### 5) Non-Payroll Disbursements (excluding card purchases, travel reimbursements, and petty cash purchases)

- A. Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).
- B. For each location selected under procedure #5A above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, then inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that:
  - i. At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order or making the purchase;
    - No exceptions noted.
  - ii. At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors;
    - No exceptions noted.
  - iii. The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files;
    - The employee responsible for processing payments can make changes to vendor files.
  - iv. Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments; and
    - No exceptions noted.

v. Only employees/officials authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds, whether through automated clearinghouse (ACH), electronic funds transfer (EFT), wire transfer, or some other electronic means.

[Note: Findings related to controls that constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality) should not be reported.]

No exceptions noted.

- C. For each location selected under procedure #5A above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction, and
  - i. Observe whether the disbursement, whether by paper or electronic means, matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates that deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity, and

No exceptions noted.

ii. Observe whether the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under procedure #5B above, as applicable.

No exceptions noted.

D. Using the entity's main operating account and the month selected in Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A, randomly select 5 non-payroll-related electronic disbursements (or all electronic disbursements if less than 5) and observe that each electronic disbursement was (a) approved by only those persons authorized to disburse funds (e.g., sign checks) per the entity's policy, and (b) approved by the required number of authorized signers per the entity's policy. *Note: If no electronic payments were made from the main operating account during the month selected the practitioner should select an alternative month and/or account for testing that does include electronic disbursements.* 

No exceptions noted.

#### 6) Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/P-Cards

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and purchase cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.
- B. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement). Obtain supporting documentation, and:
  - i. Observe whether there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) were reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved) by someone other than the authorized card holder (those instances requiring such approval that may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials, such as the mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality, should not be reported); and

No exceptions noted.

ii. Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.

No exceptions noted.

C. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under procedure #7B above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (e.g., each card should have 10 transactions subject to inspection). For each transaction, observe that it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased,

(2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For missing receipts, the practitioner should describe the nature of the transaction and observe whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

No exceptions noted.

#### 7) Travel and Travel-Related Expense Reimbursements (excluding card transactions)

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements and obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected:
  - i. If reimbursed using a per diem, observe that the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov);

Not applicable.

ii. If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased;

No exceptions noted.

iii. Observe that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by Written Policies and Procedures procedure #1A(vii); and

No exceptions noted.

iv. Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

No exceptions noted.

#### 8) Contracts

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. *Alternatively, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list.* Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and:
  - i. Observe whether the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law;

Not applicable.

ii. Observe whether the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g., Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter);

No exceptions noted.

iii. If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observe that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment, the documented approval); and

Not applicable.

iv. Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

No exceptions noted.

## 9) Payroll and Personnel

A. Obtain a listing of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees or officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.

No exceptions noted.

- B. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under procedure #9A above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:
  - i. Observe that all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory);

No exceptions noted.

ii. Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials;

No exceptions noted.

iii. Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records; and

No exceptions noted.

iv. Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agrees to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.

No exceptions noted.

C. Obtain a listing of those employees or officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees or officials and obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the entity's policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employee's or official's cumulative leave records, agree the pay rates to the employee's or official's authorized pay rates in the employee's or official's personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy.

Exception: See Audit Finding No. 2024-1.

D. Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts (e.g., payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, garnishments, workers' compensation premiums, etc.) have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

No exceptions noted.

#### 10) Ethics

- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A obtain ethics documentation from management, and:
  - i. Observe whether the documentation demonstrates that each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:1170; and

No exceptions noted.

ii. Observe whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates that each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.

No exceptions noted.

B. Inquire and/or observe whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.

No exceptions noted.

## 11) Debt Service – Not Applicable

- A. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes and other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all debt instruments on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued as required by Article VII, Section 8 of the Louisiana Constitution.
- B. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one bond/note, inspect debt covenants, obtain supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agree actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants (including contingency funds, short-lived asset funds, or other funds required by the debt covenants).

## 12) Fraud Notice

A. Obtain a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all misappropriations on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that the entity reported the misappropriation(s) to the legislative auditor and the district attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled as required by R.S. 24:523.

Not applicable.

B. Observe that the entity has posted, on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

No exceptions noted.

## 13) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

- A. Perform the following procedures, verbally discuss the results with management, and report "We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management."
  - i. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe evidence that such backup (a) occurred within the past week, (b) was not stored on the government's local server or network, and (c) was encrypted.
    - No exceptions noted.
  - ii. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.
    - No exceptions noted.
  - iii. Obtain a listing of the entity's computers currently in use and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.
    - $Computers\ have\ older\ antivirus\ software.$
- B. Randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in Payroll and Personnel procedure #9C. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.
  - No exceptions noted.
- C. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain cybersecurity training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates that the following employees/officials with access to the agency's information technology assets have completed cybersecurity training as required by R.S. 42:1267. The requirements are as follows:

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- Hired before June 9, 2020 completed the training; and
- Hired on or after June 9, 2020 completed the training within 30 days of initial service or employment.

No exceptions noted.

#### 14) Prevention of Sexual Harassment

A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:343.

No exceptions noted.

B. Observe that the entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website (or in a conspicuous location on the entity's premises if the entity does not have a website).

No exceptions noted.

C. Obtain the entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observe that the report includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:

Sexual harassment report not submitted.

- Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
  - All completed the training
- ii. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;

Not applicable.

- iii. Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
  - Not applicable.
- iv. Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and *Not applicable*.
- v. Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

Not applicable.

We were engaged by the Beauregard Council on Aging, Inc. to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of the Beauregard Council on Aging, Inc. and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the LLA as a public document.

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