#### REPORT

#### SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

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

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation (a non-profit corporation), which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

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 Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation 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.

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#### 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 Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

#### 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 opinion. 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 Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation'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 Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation'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.

#### Supplementary Information

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Executive Director, Justice System Funding Schedule — Receiving Entity, and the Combining Statements of Activities are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, is also presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements.

The Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Executive Director, Justice System Funding Schedule – Receiving Entity, Combining Statements of Activities, and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the 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 Executive Director, Justice System Funding Schedule – Receiving Entity, Combining Statements of Activities, and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the 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 April 30, 2024, on our consideration of Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation'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 Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation'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 Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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### SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

ACCTTC		2023		<u>2022</u>
CURRENT ASSETS: ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	3,378,505	\$	1,592,675
Cash in escrow - client deposits	ۍ	35,426	.p	20,535
Grants and other receivables		1,388,347		2,276,423
Prepaid expenses and deposits		295,541		187,757
Other assets		13,003		12,003
Total current assets		5,110,822	*********	4,089,393
OTHER ASSETS:				
Operating lease right-of-use assets, net		1,499,259		1,650,393
Total other assets		1,499,259		1,650,393
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT - NET		823,445		840,371
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ _	7,433,526	\$	6,580,157
LIABILITIES AND NET ASS	ETS			
CURRENT LIABILITIES:				
Accounts payable	\$	200,573	\$	236,327
Accrued taxes and expenses	•	234,803	Q*	192,435
Refundable advances		961,888		1,764,628
Current maturities of long-term debt		36,191		32,308
Client escrow funds		35,426		20,535
Operating lease right-of-use liabilities		398,603		317,994
Total current liabilities		1,867,484		2,564,227
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES:				
Long-term debt, non-current portion		281,604		315,046
Operating lease right-of-use liabilities		1,100,656		1,332,399
Compensated absences		551,324		485,648
Total long-term liabilities		1,933,584		2,133,093
Total liabilities	_	3,801,068		4,697,320
NET ASSETS:				
Without donor restrictions		2,916,825		1,256,809
With donor restrictions:		0.00.000		
Other		209,983		133,011
Investment in fixed assets	_	505,650		493,017
Total net assets		3,632,458	_	1,882,837
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ <u>_</u>	7,433,526	\$	6,580,157
See accompanying notes.				

#### SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

DELTE UT AND CUMPORT	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	<u>Total</u>
REVENUE AND SUPPORT:	ø1	e 15 111 150	Ø 15 111 150
Grants and fees	\$ -	\$ 15,111.159	\$ 15,111.159
Interest	1 001 701	8,143	8.143
Donations	1,901,784	-	1,901,784
Other	3,428	15 000 005	3,428
Net assets released from donor restrictions	15,029,697	(15,029,697)	
Total revenue and support	16,934,909	89,605	17,024,514
EXPENSES:			
Personnel:			
Salaries - lawyers	6,524,424	-	6,524,424
Salaries - non-lawyers	3,018,125	-	3.018.125
Fringe benefits	2,445,442	-	2,445.442
Total personnel expenses	11,987,991	-	11,987,991
Contract services	1,083,418	-	1,083,418
Travel and training	263.913	-	263.913
Space costs	607,977	-	607.977
Supplies	159,214	-	159,214
Equipment	109,650	-	109,650
Depreciation	45,950	-	45,950
Litigation	117.223	-	117.223
COVID-19 eviction rental assistance	1.179	-	1.179
Other	898,378	-	898,378
Total expenses	15,274,893		15,274,893
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	1,660.016	89,605	1,749.621
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,256,809	626,028	1,882,837
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 2.916.825	\$ 715,633	\$ 3,632,458

#### SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Without Donor			With Donor		
		Restrictions		Restrictions		<u>Total</u>
REVENUE AND SUPPORT:						
Grants and fees	\$	-	\$	13,426,280	\$	13,426,280
Interest		-		1,499		1.499
Donations		140.181		-		140.181
Other		5,550		-		5,550
Net assets released from donor restrictions		13,388,862		(13,388,862)		-
Total revenue and support		13,534,593	****	38,917		13,573,510
EXPENSES.						
Personnel:						
Sahries - lawyers		5,702,011		-		5,702,011
Salaries - non-lawyers		2,378,949		-		2,378,949
Fringe benefits		2,168.038		-		2,168.038
Total personnel expenses		10,248,998		-	_	10,248,998
Contract services		702,207		-		702,207
Travel and training		265.937		-		265.937
Space costs		539,339		-		539,339
Supplies		139,717		-		139,717
Equipment		107.207		-		107.207
Depreciation		41.794		-		41.794
Litigation		100,036		-		100,036
COVID-19 eviction rental assistance		9.261		-		9.261
Mortgage foreclosure assistance		771,120		-		771,120
Other		716,016		-		716,016
Total expenses	****	13,641,632		-		13,641,632
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		(107,039)		38.917		(68,122)
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR		1,363,848		587,111	=	1,950.959
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$_	1,256,809	<b>S</b> _	626,028	\$_	1,882,837

#### SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Legal <u>Services</u>	Management and General	Fundraising	<u>Total</u>
EXPENSES:				
Personnel:				
Salaries - lawyers	\$ 6.300,990	\$ 182,625	\$ 40.809	\$ 6,524,424
Salaries - non-lawyers	2,335.380	623,027	59,718	3,018,125
Fringe benefits	2,202,938	216,743	25,761	2,445,442
Total personnel expenses	10,839,308	1,022,395	126.288	11,987,991
Contract services	1,075,852	6,762	804	1,083,418
Travel and training	237.742	23,391	2,780	263,913
Space costs	547,686	53,886	6,405	607,977
Supplies	143,426	14,111	1.677	159,214
Equipment	98,777	9,718	1,155	109,650
Depreciation	41,393	4,073	484	45,950
Litigation	117.223	-	-	117,223
COVID-19 eviction rental assistance	1.179	-	-	1,179
Other	827,392	63,445	7.541	898,378
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$13,929,978	\$ 1,197,781	\$ 147,134	\$15,274,893

#### SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Legal Services	Management and General	Fundraising	<u>Total</u>
EXPENSES:				
Personnel:				
Salaries - lawyers	\$ 5.492,253	\$ 175,738	\$ 34.020	\$ 5,702,011
Salaries - non-lawyers	1,759.196	568,364	51,389	2,378,949
Fringe benefits	1,936,363	208,761	22,914	2,168,038
Total personnel expenses	9.187,812	952,863	108.323	10,248,998
Contract services	694,204	7,211	792	702,207
Travel and training	237.519	25,607	2,811	265,937
Space costs	481,705	51,933	5,701	539,339
Supplies	124,787	13,453	1.477	139,717
Equipment	95.751	10,323	1,133	107,207
Depreciation	37,328	4,024	442	41,794
Litigation	100,036	-	-	100,036
COVID-19 eviction rental assistance	9.261	-	-	9,261
Mortgage foreclosure assistance	771,120	-	-	771,120
Other	655,585	54,454	5,977	716,016
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$12,395,108	\$ 1,119,868	\$ 126.656	\$13,641,632

#### SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

		<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:				
Change in net assets	\$	1,749,621	\$	(68,122)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to				
net cash provided (used) by operating activities:				
Depreciation		45.950		41.794
(Increase) decrease in operating assets.				
Grants and other receivables		888,076		(1,180,064)
Prepaid expenses and deposits		(107,784)		(14,462)
Other assets		(1.000)		(6,911)
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:				
Accounts payable		(35,754)		158,553
Accrued taxes and expenses		42,368		156
Refundable advances		(802.740)		(150,564)
Compensated absences		65,676		50,345
Chent escrow funds		14,891		(6,826)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities		1,859,304	-	(1,176,101)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:				
Acquisition of property and equipment		(29,024)		(63,345)
Proceeds from redemption of certificate of deposit		_		56,610
Net cash used by investing activities	*****	(29,024)	-	(6,735)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:				
Principal payment of long-term debt		(29,559)		(23,446)
Net cash used by financing activities	******	(29,559)	*	(23,446)
The call aloca by marieing activities		(2),337)	-	(23.770)
NET (DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		1,800,721		(1,206,282)
Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Restricted Cash - Beginning of Year		1,613,210	-	2,819,492
Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Restricted Cash - End of Year	\$_	3,413,931	\$	1,613,210
Cash paid during the year for interest	\$_	10,876	\$	9,637
Noncash financing and investing activity during the year for				
	\$_	_	\$	370,800

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

#### Nature of Activities:

Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation (the Corporation) is a non-profit corporation organized for the purpose of providing legal assistance in noncriminal proceedings or matters to persons financially unable to afford legal assistance in a twenty-two parish area Tangipahoa, Livingston, St. Helena, St. Tammany, Washington, Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard, St. Charles, Plaquemines, Ascension, Assumption, East Baton Rouge, West Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Lafourche, Pointe Coupee, St. James, St. John the Baptist, Terrebonne, and West Feliciana Parishes.

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of the accompanying financial statements are as follows:

#### Basis of Accounting:

The financial statements of Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation, a non-profit corporation, are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and the requirements of the Legal Services Corporation Accounting Guide.

#### Basis of Presentation:

Net assets, revenues, and expenses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets of the Corporation and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

- a) Net assets without donor restrictions Net assets available for use in general operations and not subject to donor (or certain grantor) restrictions. Revenues are reported as increases in net assets without donor restrictions, unless use of the related assets is limited by donor-imposed restrictions. Expenses are reported as decreases in net assets without donor restrictions.
- b) Net assets with donor restrictions Net assets subject to donor (or certain grantor) imposed restrictions. Some donor-imposed restrictions are temporary in nature, such as those that will be met by the passage of time or other events specified by the donor. Other donor-imposed restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor stipulated that those resources be maintained in perpetuity. Donor-imposed restrictions are released when a restriction expires, that is, when the stipulated time has elapsed, when the stipulated purpose for which the resource was restricted has been fulfilled, or both.

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: (Continued)

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents:

For financial statement purposes, cash equivalents are defined as short-term, highly liquid investments that are both readily convertible to known amounts of cash and having original maturities of three months or less.

#### Client Trust Escrow Funds:

Funds received from clients are deposited into a separate cash account and restricted for the payment of expenses in connection with related litigation.

#### Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are recorded at cost. Donated property and equipment are recorded at fair value at the date of receipt. Individual items of \$5,000 or more are capitalized. Depreciation of building and improvements and furniture and equipment is provided over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets (five to thirty years) using the straight-line method. When items of property or equipment are sold or retired, the related cost and accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts and any gain or loss is included in the statement of activities.

Property and equipment acquired with Legal Services Corporation funds are considered to be owned by Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation while used in the program or future authorized programs. However, Legal Services Corporation has a reversionary interest in those assets and has a right to determine the use of any proceeds from the sale of assets purchased with its funds.

#### Revenue and Support:

The Corporation receives as revenue and support grant revenues which management has determined are contributions. The Corporation recognizes contributions when cash, securities, or other assets, an unconditional promise to give, or a notification of a beneficial interest is received. Conditional promises to give – that is, those with a measurable performance or other barrier and a right of return – are not recognized until the conditions on which they depend have been met. Once the condition is met, contributions are recorded as increases in net assets without donor restrictions or increases in net assets with donor restrictions, depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions. When a restriction expires (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished), net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions, and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from donor restrictions. Contributions received with donor-imposed conditions and restrictions that are met in the same reporting period are reported as support without donor restrictions and increase net assets without donor restrictions.

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: (Continued)

#### Attomey's Fees:

Attorney's fees received are recorded during the accounting period in which the money from the fee award is actually received by the Corporation and is expended for any purpose permitted by the Legal Services Corporation Act.

#### Functional Allocation of Expenses:

The costs of providing programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statements of activities and the statements of functional expenses. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited. Expenses which are easily and directly associated with legal services, management and general, or fundraising are charged directly to that functional area. Certain other expenses have been allocated to legal services, management and general, or fundraising based on time devoted by the Corporation staff.

Program services consists of providing legal assistance in noncriminal proceedings or matters to persons financially unable to afford legal assistance. Supporting services consists of fundraising, marketing and communications, and management and general expenses.

#### **Income Taxes:**

Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes has been included in the financial statements. However, if the Corporation were to engage in activities unrelated to the purpose for which it was created, taxable income could result. In management's judgment, the Corporation does not have any tax positions that would result in a loss contingency considering the facts, circumstances, and information available at the reporting date.

#### Estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: (Continued)

#### Advertising:

Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation's policy is to expense all advertising fees as incurred. Advertising expense for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, was \$73,553 and \$111,473, respectively.

#### New Accounting Pronouncement

In February 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued ASU 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842) which supersedes existing guidance. This new standard increases transparency and comparability among organizations by requiring the recognition of right-of-use (ROU) assets and lease liabilities on the balance sheet. Leases are classified as either finance or operating, with classification affecting the pattern of expense recognition in the statement of activities. Most prominent among the changes in the standard is the recognition of right-of-use assets and lease liabilities by lessees for those leases classified as operating leases. Under the standard, disclosures are required to meet the objective of enabling users of financial statements to assess the amount, timing, and uncertainty of cash flows arising from leases. The Corporation adopted the requirements of ASU 2016-02 effective January 1, 2022, and elected to apply the provisions of this standard to the beginning of the period of adoption. The Corporation elected to adopt the package of practical expedients available in the year of adoption. As of the date of adoption, a cumulative-effect adjustment was not necessary as the standard had no impact on the classification of any of the Corporation's leases as of January 1, 2022. See below and Note 5 to the financial statements for additional information related to the Corporation's leases.

#### Leases:

The Corporation leases certain office space and equipment. The Corporation determines if an agreement is a lease or contains a lease at the agreement's inception. Under Accounting Standards Codification 842, an agreement is (or contains) a lease if it conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. Control is defined under the standard as having both the right to obtain substantially all of the economic benefits from the use of the asset and the right to direct the use of the asset. The Corporation only reassesses its determination if the terms and conditions of the contract are changed.

Short-term leases, or leases with a term of twelve months or less, that do not contain a purchase option that is reasonably certain to be exercised, are expensed and not capitalized. Operating leases are included in operating lease right-of-use assets and operating lease right-of-use liabilities in the statement of financial position.

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: (Continued)

<u>Leases</u>: (Continued)

Right-of-use assets represent the right to use an underlying asset for the lease term, and lease liabilities represent the obligation to make lease payments. Operating lease right-of-use assets and the corresponding lease liabilities are recorded at the commencement date based on the present value of lease payments over the expected lease term. The Corporation uses the risk-free borrowing rate (U.S. Treasury Rate), available at lease commencement, to calculate the present value of the lease payments for its operating leases, unless there is a rate implicit in the lease. Lease expense for lease payments is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term. The lease term for accounting purposes may include options to extend or terminate the lease when it is reasonably certain that the Corporation will exercise the option.

Leases with a total contract value (the gross (undiscounted) aggregate value of fixed and fixed-in-substance cash flows over the term of the lease, including reasonably certain renewal periods) of \$5,000 or more are evaluated for lease reporting under the lease standard. Leases with a total contract value under \$5,000 are recorded in the same manner as a short-term lease with rent payments recorded as expense in the statement of activities as those payments are due based upon the terms of the lease.

#### 2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS:

At December 31, 2023, the carrying amount of the Corporation's cash deposits was \$3,378,505 and the bank balance was \$3,607,422. At December 31, 2022, the carrying amount of the Corporation's cash deposits was \$1,592,675 and the bank balance was \$1,802,690. Balances for 2023 and 2022 were insured by federal depository insurance or pledged collateral held in joint custody.

#### 3. CLIENT DEPOSITS:

Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation has two client trust accounts belonging to third persons. The accounts consist of money collected from the Corporation's clients to pay litigation expenses such as court costs, money received from clients to settle their cases, and money received from third parties on behalf of clients. These deposits are segregated from the Corporation's funds.

At December 31, 2023 and 2022, the carrying amount of Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation's client deposits was \$35,426 and \$20,535, respectively. At December 31, 2023 and 2022, the bank balances of Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation's client deposits were \$45,920 and \$34,372, respectively.

#### 4. <u>PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT:</u>

The following is a summary of property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation, for the year ended December 31, 2023:

	I	Balance					F	Balance				
	0	1/01/23	_Ad	ditions	De	letions	12	31/2023	LSC		N	on-LSC
Capital assets not being depreciated												
Land	\$	59,200	\$	-	\$	-	\$	59,200	\$	-	\$	59,200
Total capital assets not being depreciated		59,200		-		-		59,200		-		59.200
Capital assets being depreciated:												
Building		959,982		-		-		959.982		-		959,982
Leasehold improvement		53,187		18,953		-		72.140	46.7	68		25.372
Equipment		46,825		10,071		-		56.896	15.7	25		41.171
Total capital assets being depreciated	1	.059,994		29,024		-	1.	089.018	62,4	IJ3	1.	026,525
Less accumulated depreciation	(	(278,823)	(	45,950)		-	(	324,773)	(50,3	34)	Ĺ	274.439)
Total capital assets, net	\$	840,371	\$ (	16,926)	\$	-	\$	823.445	\$ 12,1	59	\$	811.286

The following is a summary of property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation, for the year ended December 31, 2022:

		Balance 1/2022	Additions	De	letions	Balance 12/31/2022	LSC	Non-LSC
Capital assets not being depreciated:	***************************************			***************************************			-	
Land	\$	59,200	\$ -	\$	-	\$ 59,200	\$ -	\$ 59,200
Total capital assets not being deprecated		59,200	-		-	59.200	•	59.200
Capital assets being depreciated:								
Building		547,982	412,000		-	959,982	-	959,982
Leasehold improvement		46,767	6,420		-	53.187	46,768	6,419
Equipment		31,100	15,725		-	46,825	15,725	31.100
Total capital assets being depreciated	***************************************	625,849	434,145	***************************************	-	1.059.994	62,493	997,501
Less, accumulated depreciation	(	(237,029)	(41,794)		-	(278,823)	(42,022)	(236.801)
Total capital assets, net	Ś	448,020	\$ 392,351	\$	-	\$ 840.371	\$ 20,471	\$ 819.900

Depreciation expense for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 was \$45,950 and \$41,794, respectively.

#### 5. <u>LEASES</u>

During the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Corporation maintained several lease agreements for the rental of office space for its operations.

The Corporation maintains a long-term operating lease for its Covington, Louisiana office. The lease commenced on February 1, 2021, and terminates on January 31, 2026, with monthly expenses of \$2,500. There are no variable lease payments under this lease. At the end of the initial term, the Corporation has two options to renew this lease for two additional terms of five years each. The Corporation will have the option to terminate the lease in the event that the Corporation sees its federal funding from all sources decline over one third from its 2021 level. The Corporation is only able to exercise the termination option by certifying that it will not be opening a replacement office in St. Tammany Parish for at least twelve (12) months from the date that it relinquishes the leased premises. The lease agreement did not specify an explicit interest rate; therefore, the Corporation used the risk-free rate of 0.42% (U.S. Treasury Rate) that was available as of the lease commencement date to calculate the right-of-use asset and lease hability. Effective January 1, 2022, the Corporation recognized a right-of-use lease asset and a right-of-use lease liability of \$121,434 and \$121,434, respectively.

The Corporation maintains two long-term operating leases for multiple office suites (suites 520/525 and 135) at its Gretna, Louisiana office. The lease for suite 520/525 commenced on September 1, 2020, and terminates on November 30, 2025, with monthly expenses ranging from \$4,407 to \$4,690 as monthly rent increases throughout the agreement. There are no variable lease payments under this lease. At the end of the initial term, the Corporation has no option to renew this lease. There was no termination option noted in the lease, but in the event that the Corporation's federal funding is reduced by more than thirty-three percent (33%), the Corporation shall have the option to reduce the rentable square footage of the office space by no more than 35%. The lease agreement did not specify an explicit interest rate; therefore, the Corporation used the risk-free rate of 0.26% (U.S. Treasury Rate) that was available as of the lease commencement date to calculate the right-of-use asset and lease liability. Effective January 1, 2022, the Corporation recognized a right-of-use lease asset and a right-of-use lease liability of \$213,410 and \$213,410, respectively. The lease for suite 135 commenced on June 1, 2022, and terminates on May 31, 2025, with monthly expenses ranging from \$2,050 to \$2,153 as monthly rent increases throughout the agreement. There are no variable lease payments under this lease. At the end of the initial term, the Corporation has the option to renew the lease for one additional period through November 30, 2025, the same expiration date as the suite 520/525 lease agreement. There was no termination option noted in the lease. The lease agreement did not specify an explicit interest rate; therefore, the Corporation used the risk-free rate of 2.84% (U.S. Treasury Rate) that was available as of the lease commencement date to calculate the right-of-use asset and lease liability. Upon commencement of the lease, the right-of-use lease asset and the right-of-use lease liability were \$72,397 and \$72,397, respectively.

#### 5. <u>LEASES</u>: (Continued)

The Corporation maintained a long-term operating lease for its Houma, Louisiana office. The lease commenced on January 1, 2019, and terminated on December 31, 2023, with monthly expenses of \$1,705. There were no variable lease payments under this lease. At the end of the initial term, if the Corporation did not provide written notice of its intent to terminate the lease, the lease would have automatically renewed for a period of five years with a ten percent (10%) increase in net rent. The Corporation had the option to terminate the lease had the Corporation lost its funding from the Terrebonne Parish Government or the Legal Services Corporation. The lease agreement did not specify an explicit interest rate; therefore, the Corporation used the risk-free rate of 2.51% (U.S. Treasury Rate) that was available as of the lease commencement date to calculate the right-of-use asset and lease liability. Effective January 1, 2022, the Corporation recognized a right-of-use lease asset and a right-of-use lease liability of \$39,869 and \$39,869, respectively.

The Corporation maintains three long-term operating leases for multiple office suites (Suites 600, 700, and 720) at its New Orleans, Louisiana office. The lease for suite 600 commenced on April 1, 2018, and was due to terminate on September 30, 2023, with monthly expenses ranging from \$13,980 to \$14,463 as monthly rent increased throughout the agreement. In October 2022, the suite 600 lease was amended and the term of the agreement was extended. The extension commenced on October 1, 2023 and terminates on September 30, 2029, with monthly expenses ranging from \$15,547 to \$16,506 as monthly rent increases throughout the extension. There are no variable lease payments under this lease. At the end of the extended term, the Corporation has an option to renew the lease for one two-year period. There was no termination option noted in the lease, but in the event that the Corporation's federal funding is reduced by more than fifty percent (50%), the Corporation shall have the option to reduce the rentable square footage of the office space by 35%. The interest rate implicit in the lease agreement is the prime rate of Bank of America, therefore, the Corporation used the prime rate of Bank of America of 4.25% that was available as of the lease commencement date to calculate the right-of-use asset and lease liability. Effective January 1, 2022, the Corporation recognized a right-of-use lease asset and a right-of-use lease liability of \$1,241,946 and \$1,241,946, respectively.

The lease for suite 720 of the New Orleans, Louisiana office commenced on January 1, 2022, and was due to terminate on December 31, 2024, with monthly expenses ranging from \$4,830 to \$4,991 as monthly rent increased throughout the agreement. In October 2022, the suite 720 lease was amended and the term of the agreement was extended. The extension commences on January 1, 2025 and terminates on September 30, 2029, with monthly expenses of \$5,313 during the extension. There are no variable lease payments under this lease. At the end of the extended term, the Corporation has the option to extend the term of the lease to be coterminous with the suite 600 lease. The interest rate implicit in the lease agreement is the prime rate of Bank of America, therefore, the Corporation used the prime rate of Bank of America of 3.25% that was available as of the lease commencement date to calculate the right-of-use asset and lease liability. Effective January 1, 2022, the Corporation recognized a right-of-use lease asset and a right-of-use lease liability of \$224,073 and \$224,073, respectively.

#### 5. <u>LEASES</u> (Continued)

The lease for suite 700 of the New Orleans, Louisiana office commenced on January 1, 2023, and terminates on December 31, 2025, with monthly expenses ranging from \$7,397 to \$7,629 as monthly rent increases throughout the agreement. There are no variable lease payments under this lease. At the end of the lease, the Corporation has the option to extend the term of the lease to be coterminous with the suite 600 lease. The interest rate implicit in the lease agreement is the prime rate of Bank of America; therefore, the Corporation used the prime rate of Bank of America of 7.50% that was available as of the lease commencement date to calculate the right-of-use asset and lease liability. Effective January 1, 2023, the Corporation recognized a right-of-use lease asset and the right-of-use lease liability of \$240,103 and \$240,103, respectively.

During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Corporation entered into three lease agreements for copy machines. The leases commenced in September 2022, and terminate in September 2027 with monthly expenses of \$178 for each lease agreement. There are no variable lease payments under this lease, and the Corporation does not have any right to extend or terminate the lease. The lease agreement did not specify an implicit rate; therefore, the Corporation used the risk-free rate of 3.39% (U.S. Treasury Rate) that was available as of the lease commencement date to calculate the right-of-use assets and lease liabilities. Upon commencement of the leases, the right-of-use assets and lease liabilities were \$29,434 and \$29,434, respectively.

The following summarizes the line items in the statement of financial position for the operating leases as of December 31:

Leases	Classification		2023	2022
Assets:				
Operating	Right-of-use assets - office leases	\$	1,477,193	\$ 1,622,771
	Right-of-use assets - equipment		22,066	27,622
		\$	1,499,259	\$ 1,650,393
Liabilities: Current:				
Operating	Operating lease liability - office leases	Ŝ	392,854	\$ 312,437
-	Operating lease liability - equipment		5,749	5,557
		\$	398,603	\$ 317,994
Non-current.				
Operating	Operating lease liability - office leases	\$	1,084,339	\$ 1,310,334
	Operating lease liability - equipment		16,317	22,065
		<u></u>	1,100,656	\$ 1,332,399

#### 5. <u>LEASES</u> (Continued)

As of December 31, 2023, the weighted average remaining lease term and weighted average discount rate is 4.64 years and 3.89%, respectively. As of December 31, 2022, the weighted average remaining lease term and weighted average discount rate were 5.68 years and 3.02%, respectively.

The maturities of lease liabilities as of December 31, 2023, are as follows:

Year	Lea		
<u>Ended</u>	(	Obligation	
2024	\$	452,345	
2025		445,918	
2026		201,225	
2027		202,347	
2028		198,075	
Thereafter		148,557	
Total Lease Payments		1,648,467	
Less interest		(149,208)	
Present Value of Lease Liabilities	\$	1,499,259	

The following summarizes the line items in the statement of activities for the operating leases as of December 31:

Lease Cost	Classification	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Operating leases	Included in space costs expenses Included in equipment expenses	\$ 453,415 6,408	\$ 350,108
	Included in other expenses	-	2,136
Short-term leases	Included in space costs expenses	10,414	62,013
	Included in equipment expenses	4,545	
	Net Lease Cost	\$ 474,782	\$ 414,257

#### 5. <u>LEASES</u>: (Continued)

The following summarizes the line items in the statement of cash flows for the operating leases as of December 31:

Cash paid for amounts included in measurement of lease liabilities:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Operating cash flows from operating leases	\$ 459,823	\$ 352,244

Lease assets obtained in exchange for lease liabilities.

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Operating lease - office leases	\$ 240.103	\$ 296,470
Operating lease - equipment	\$ -	\$ 29,434

The Corporation's Hammond, Louisiana office entered into a five-year operating lease effective December 1, 2019. In March 2022, the Corporation exercised its option to purchase the Hammond, Louisiana office.

The Corporation entered into a one-year sublease agreement for a second New Orleans, Louisiana office effective June 1, 2021. The lease terminated on May 31, 2022, and was on a month-to-month basis subsequent to the lease termination date.

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Corporation signed a new long-term operating lease agreement which will relocate the Corporation's Houma, Louisiana office. The lease for the new Houma, Louisiana office commences on March 1, 2024, and terminates on February 28, 2029, with monthly expenses ranging from \$5,185 to \$5,835 as monthly rent increases throughout the agreement. There are no variable lease payments under this lease. At the end of the lease, the Corporation has the option to extend the term of the lease for an additional term of sixty months, commencing on March 1, 2029. The interest rate implicit in the lease agreement is 5.00%. Upon commencement of the lease, the right-of-use lease asset and the right-of-use lease liability will be \$285.702 and \$285.702, respectively.

#### 6. <u>LONG-TERM DEBT</u>:

On March 30, 2022. Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation obtained long-term financing in the amount of \$370.800 for an office building in Hammond, Louisiana. The loan accrues interest at a rate of 3.50% per annum based on a year of 360 days, commencing on March 30, 2022, and continuing until the note is paid in full. The note payable is secured by the building costing \$412,000. The note matures on March 30, 2032. At December 31, 2023, the balance on the loan was \$317,795.

#### 6. LONG-TERM DEBT: (Continued)

Future mortgage payments are as follows:

Year Ending December 31,

<u>t</u>
595
431
180
884
559
142
791

Interest expense on the loan was \$10,876 and \$9,637 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

#### 7. COMPENSATED ABSENCES.

An employee commences to earn and accrue annual leave with pay from the first day of employment. Accrual occurs at rates based on the length of employment. An employee may carry up to one year of leave over from one year to the next. Employees with less than five years of service are limited to 150 hours of accrued leave. Employees with five to ten years of service are limited to 187.5 hours of accrued leave. Employees with more than ten years of service are limited to 225 hours of accrued leave. If accrued annual leave above 150 hours, 187.5 hours, or 225 hours, respectively, is not taken by the end of the calendar year, the amounts exceeding the limit will be forfeited. The Corporation has accrued \$551,324 and \$485.648 in compensated absences at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

#### 8. REVENUE AND SUPPORT:

The Corporation's revenue that is derived from cost-reimbursable federal and state contracts and grants, which are conditional upon certain performance requirements and/or the incurrence of allowable qualifying expenses, is recognized when the Corporation has incurred expenditures in compliance with specific contract or grant provisions. Amounts received prior to incurring qualifying expenditures are reported as refundable advances in the statement of financial position.

During the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Corporation received conditional grant funds from various grantors, including Legal Services Corporation and the Louisiana Bar Foundation. The conditional grants are reported as revenue when the performance is met, which includes when qualifying expenses are incurred. Any conditional grant funds received in which the performance has not been met is reported as refundable advances in the statement of financial position. In accordance with normal Legal Services Corporation and Louisiana Bar Foundation policies, the Corporation may use unspent funds in future periods as long as expenses incurred are in compliance with specified terms of the grant.

#### 8. <u>REVENUE AND SUPPORT</u> (Continued)

The Corporation receives "one-time" grants from Legal Services Corporation to support a specific event or project. These "one-time" grants are infusions for the Legal Service Corporation's annualized grant and are recorded as revenue as eligible costs are incurred during the period specified in the grant. Until eligible expenses are incurred, "one-time" grants are recorded as refundable advances on the Corporation's statement of financial position. When a "one-time" grant or contract expires, the unexpended amount is to be returned to Legal Services Corporation. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Corporation had refundable advances of \$-0- and \$627,172, respectively, related to its "one-time" grants with Legal Services Corporation.

The Corporation reported refundable advances as of December 31, 2023, from the following grants:

<u>Grant</u>	Grant Number/Description	(da	nt Amount	Grant Period	2023
LA Bar Foundation	Disaster Fund	5	16.(80)	H 1 21 - 10/31 22	\$ 12,000
LA Bar Foundation	Capital Area Community Partnership Panel	S	3,000	11 1 21 - 10/31 22	3,000
LA Bar Foundation	Greater Orleans Community Partnership Panel	\$	3.000	11 1/21 - 10/31 22	3 000
LA Bar Foundation	Bayon Region Community Partnership Panel	S	3,000	11/1/21 - 10/31/22	3,( <b>x</b> )()
LA Bar Foundation - IOLTA	2022-002 LSC	5	1 435,815	7 1/23 - 6/30 24	278 313
LA Bar Foundation - Wills for Heroes	Jock Scott Community Partnership Panel	2	4.815	2 1/23 - 1/31 24	1 600
LA Bai Foundation - LHC	LBF - LHC Grant	\$	118.023	8 15 23 - 6 30/24	20,652
LA Bar Foundation - CTNC Supplemental	2023 CTNC Supplemental Funding	5	250),(800)	7/1/23 - 6/30/24	74.71n
American College of Bankruptcy Foundation	2023 DEI Grant	S	10,675	6/24/23 - 12/31/24	10,675
Enterprise Housing Advocacy Work	22NG2564	\$	25,000	12/15/22 - 12/31/23	7 381
Equal Justice Works	Equal Justice Fellowships 2022-2024	S	50,000	9 1/22 - 8/1/24	7.128
FHLB Dallas Hetts Property	Heirs' Property Program	5	75,000	1/1/24 - 12/31/24	75 (x)()
Gillis Long - Social Justice Fellow	Social Justice Fellowship	S	30,000	10 17 23 - 10 16 24	3 972
Cleater N.O. Foundation	Healthy Justice Partnership - Cert Town	\$	10,000	9 19 19 - 8 31 20	5,440
Greater N O Foundation	COVID-19 Legal Helpline	5	25,000	N/A	7 456
Humana 2023	Humana Healthy Honzous	5	150,000	1.1 23 - 12/31/23	58 651
JRI St. Taumony LAPRI	St. Tamurany - SLLS - CIG 2022 2023	\$	55,000	12/1/22 - 11/30/23	27.5(x)
Pennington DV BR & Wilson	Keeping Fandlies Safe	5	20),(800)	N A	9,897
St. John Disaster	United Healthcare Louisiana Fund	S	148,516	11 16/21 - 11/16/23	4.012
Start Corporation	Legal Services for Veterans in SSVF	S	20,000	10.1/20 - 9/30/21	6.511
Start Corporation	Legal Services for Veterans in SSVF	S	20,000	10/1/21 - 9/30/22	21),(x)()
Start Corporation	Legal Services for Veterans in SSVF	5	20,000	10/1/22 - 9/3(123	20 (100
Start Corporation	Legal Services for Veterans in SSVF	\$	2(4)(0)	10/1/23 - 9/3(124	20 (4)0
The Hope Center	Legal Support for Veterans in SSVF	\$	30,000	10 1 21 - 9 30/22	26.304
The Hope Center	Legal Support for Veterans in SSVF	5	30),(80)	10 1 22 - 9/30/23	15,000
UW Capital Area Disaster Line	Domestic Violence Legal Aid	S	10,000	7/1/23 - 6/30/24	10,000
Wells Fargo 2022	Keeping People Housed Legal Assistance	\$	350,000	10/1/22 - 11/30/24	157 496
Wilson Foundation Recutty	Huey and Angelina Wilson Foundation	S	73,300	11/9/23 - 12/31/24	73.124
·	-				\$ 961 888

#### 8. REVENUE AND SUPPORT (Continued)

The Corporation reported refundable advances as of December 31, 2022, from the following grants:

<u>Grant</u>	Grant Number Description	<u>un</u>	int Amount	Grant Period		<u> 2022</u>
LSc` - Disaster	GT-21DSA-00005	8	6.471.368	7/1/22 - 6/30/25	\$	627 172
LA Bar Foundation	Disaster Fund	\$	16,000	11 1 21 - 10 31 22		[6,0(X)
LA Bar Foundation	Capital Area Community Partnership Panel	\$	3,000	11 1/21 - 10/31 22		3,000
LA Bar Foundation	Greater Orleans Community Partnership Panel	\$	3,000	11 1/21 - 10/31 22		3 (XXX)
LA Par Foundation	Bayon Region Constitution Partnership Panel	\$	3,000	11/1/21 - 10/31/22		3.(1(*)
LA Bar Foundation	Access to Justice Fund	\$	24.550	6 1/20 - 6/1/21		2,500
LA Bar Foundation	Access to Justice Fund	\$	7.500	8/1/22 - 7/31/23		7,500
LA Bar Foundation - IOLTA	2022-002 LSC	\$	1.052.931	7/1/22 - 6/30/23		152,227
AARP	DIS-2021-11-001	\$	470,000	11/5/21 - 11/30/23		239,120
Baptist Community Ministries	960(x)18	\$	21,023	10/1/18 - 3/31/19		1.096
Bob Woodruft 2022	Veterans Awards	\$	[1](0,1)(0)	10/24/22 - 11/18/23		96.185
BRAF BR DV	Domestic Violence Survivors & Abused Children	\$	30,000	7/1/22 - 12/31/22		10 34;
City of NO Nota Re-entry	K18-1209	\$	35,000	9 30 19 - 9/30/20		14,274
Enterprise Housing Advocacy Work	228G2564	\$	25,000	12 15/22 - 12/31 23		25,000
Equal Justice Works	2022 Rural Summer Legal Corps	8	25,000	4/12/22 - 9/1/22		10,553
Callis Long - Social Justice Fellow	Social Justice Fellowship	\$	25,000	12 13/21 - 12/13 22		12 859
Creater NO. Foundation	Healthy Justice Partnership - Gert Town	\$	10.000	9.19/19 - 8.31-20		5,440
Greater N.O. Foundation	Humcane Ida Disaster Response & Restoration	\$	100,000	8/27/21 - 5/27/22		363
Greater N.O. Foundation	COVID-19 Legal Helpline	\$	25,(xx)	N/A		7.456
The Hope Center	Legal Support for Veterans in SSVF	\$	30 <u>,0</u> 00	101 18 - 9/30/19		6.045
The Hope Center	Legal Support for Veterans in SSVF	\$	30,000	10/1/20 - 9/30/21		30,000
The Hope Center	Legal Support for Veterans in SSVF	\$	30,000	10 1/21 - 9 30 22		30,000
JRI St. Tammany LAPRI	St. Tanmany - SLLS - CIG 2022/2023	\$	45.000	5 1/22 - 11 30 22		43,682
Kresge Foundation	R-2103-290545	8	257,000	5/1/21 - 10/31/22		52,257
Northshore Community Foundation	Northshore Hurncane Ida Rebef	\$	35,700	N A		5.255
OLAP - Nursing Home	Social Services Contract	\$	65,000	7 1/22 - 6 30/23		10,693
Pennington DV BR & Wilson	Keeping Families Safe	\$	20,000	N/A		20,000
St. John Disaster	United Healthcare Louisiana Fund	\$	148,510	11 16 21 - 11 16/23		65,248
Start Corporation	Legal Services for Veterans in SSVF	\$	20,000	10/1/20 - 9/30/21		11.511
Start Corporation	Legal Services for Veterans in SSVF	\$	20,000	10 [/2] - 9 30/22		20,000
Start Corporation	Legal Services for Veterans in SSVF	\$	20,000			20,000
Wells Fargo 2022	Keeping People Housed Legal Assistance	\$	350,000	10/1/22 - 11/30/24		168,094
Wilson Foundation Reentry	Huey and Angelma Wilson Foundation	\$	35,750	10/1/22 - 9/30/23	_	35,750
					5	1 764,628

The Corporation recognized greater than 10% of its revenue from each of the following grantors in the years ended December 31:

	2023	2022
Legal Services Corporation	42%	39%
Louisiana Bar Foundation	15%	17%
City of New Orleans	12%	19%
Chicago Community Foundation	11%	0%

#### 9. PRIVATE ATTORNEY INVOLVEMENT:

One of the general grant conditions of the Legal Services Corporation Basic Field grant is that the recipient shall allocate a substantial amount of its annualized basic field award to provide the opportunity for the involvement of private attorneys in the delivery of legal assistance to eligible clients. A substantial amount has been defined as twelve and one-half percent (12.5%) of the recipient's annualized basic field grant award. The Corporation is in compliance with this grant condition.

A schedule of private attorney involvement expenses across all funds for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 is listed below:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Personnel:		
Salaries - lawyers	\$ 508,863	\$ 346,013
Salaries - non-lawyers	372,644	114,635
Fringe benefits	188,140	124,789
Contract services	302,557	200,801
Travel and training	17,302	15,160
Space costs	39,859	30,745
Supplies	10,438	7,965
Equipment	6,470	6,111
Litigation	7,763	6,230
Other	56.264	38,872
Total Private Attorney Involvement	·	
(PAI) Expenses	\$ 1,510,300	\$ 891,321

#### 10. BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMPENSATION:

The Board of Directors is a voluntary board, therefore, no compensation was paid to any board member during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

#### 11. SUBGRANT AGREEMENTS – LSC FUNDS:

The Corporation entered into several subgrant agreements with the Pro Bono Project and the Baton Rouge Bar Foundation using funding received from Legal Services Corporation. The subgrant agreement with the Pro Bono Project is to provide attorney representation - pro bono. The contract period for the Pro Bono Project for the year ended December 31, 2023, was for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. The contract period for the Pro Bono Project for the year, ended December 31, 2022, was for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. The subgrant agreements, approved by Legal Services Corporation, totaled \$83,000 for each of the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

#### 11. <u>SUBGRANT AGREEMENTS – LSC FUNDS</u> (Continued)

The subgrant agreement with the Baton Rouge Bar Foundation is to provide attorney representation - pro bono. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the subgrant agreement was for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. The subgrant agreement for the year ended December 31, 2022, was for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. The subgrant agreements approved by Legal Services Corporation, totaled \$52,000 for each of the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022. The expenditures for all subgrant agreements were used to satisfy part of the private attorney involvement condition of the Legal Services Corporation basic field grant.

During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Corporation also entered into a disaster grant subgrant agreement with the Pro Bono Project using funding received from Legal Services Corporation to provide pro bono legal services to low-income people who have disaster-related succession matters. The disaster grant subgrant agreement is for the period November 1, 2022 through April 30, 2025. The disaster grant subgrant agreement totals \$250,000 for the term of the agreement. There were \$100,000 and \$-0- expenses incurred related to the disaster grant subgrant agreement during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The expenditures for the subgrant agreement were used to satisfy part of the private attorney involvement condition of the Legal Services Corporation basic field grant.

#### 12. DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN:

Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation maintains a deferred compensation plan pursuant to Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code. Employees are eligible to participate in the plan upon employment, but the employer's contribution is not allocated to the employee participant accounts until after one year of service. Full vesting of benefits occurs after four years of employment. Covered employees may voluntarily contribute up to the IRS limit: \$22,500 (\$30,000 over 50 years of age) for the year ended December 31, 2023, and \$20,500 (\$27,000 over 50 years of age) for the year ended December 31, 2022. The 2023 and 2022 employer contribution rate remained unchanged from the prior years at 3%. The employer contribution for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, totaled \$196,399 and \$154,621, respectively.

#### 13. FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS:

The Corporation's participation in federal and state grant programs is governed by various rules and regulations of the grantor agencies. Costs charged to the respective grant programs are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor agencies; therefore, to the extent that the Corporation has not complied with the rules and regulations governing the grants, refund of monies received may be required and the collectability of any related receivables at December 31, 2023 and 2022 may be impaired. In the opinion of the management of the Corporation, there are no significant contingent liabilities relating to compliance with the rules and regulations governing the respective grants; therefore, no provision has been recorded in the accompanying financial statements for such contingencies.

#### 14. LIMITATION OF FEDERAL CARRYOVER FUNDS.

The Legal Services Corporation limits the federal Legal Services Corporation (LSC) carryover to 10% of the annualized grant award. Any excess carryover must be returned to the Legal Services Corporation. This percentage may be increased to 25% if a waiver of the restriction is submitted and approved. Recipients may request a waiver to retain funds in excess of 25% of a recipient's LSC support only for extraordinary and compelling circumstances, such as when a natural disaster or other catastrophic event prevents the timely expenditure of LSC funds, or when the recipient receives an insurance reimbursement, the proceeds from the sale of real property, a payment from a lawsuit in which the recipient was a party, or a payment from an LSC-funded lawsuit, regardless of whether the recipient was a party to the lawsuit. The Corporation did not have any excess carryover funds for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

#### 15. NET ASSETS DEFICIT BALANCES:

The following funds had deficit net assets without donor restrictions, as of December 31:

	2023		2022	
BRAF Alma Fund Pointe Coupee 2024	\$	2,601	\$	-
City of New Orleans > 6 mo 50-80 ESG		-		8,790
City of New Orleans NHIF		-		4,460
Equal Justice Works Disaster Resilience Fellow		39,282		21,039
Jefferson Parish COVID		-		<b>7</b> 7
Louisiana Bar Foundation Child in Need of Care		132,166		6,290
LSC - IDA Disaster		310,315		-
LSC - PBIF BR Eviction		13,614		-
LSC - PBIF Sustainability Grant		19,513		19,338
LSC - TIP Technology Award		1,284		6,648
Lutz/CINC Supplemental 2023-24 GB		2,692		-
Lutz WF 2023-24		12,019		-
New Orleans Office of Community Development ESG		-		5,990
OLAP Nursing Home		7		-
United Way Capital Area		2,181		-
United Way - Rental Assistance Donation		-		573
VA Legal Services for Veterans		626		-
VOCA Washington 5804.6477		-		2,765
VOCA New Orleans 6257/6731		-		86
Wells Fargo		-		580
Wilson Foundation Reentry		-		176
	\$	536,300	\$	76,812

The Corporation intends to cover these deficit balances with future operating revenues.

#### 16. <u>NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS</u>.

Net assets with donor restrictions are available for the following purposes at December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	2023		2022
American College of Bankruptcy Foundation	\$ 3.089	S	3,089
Ascension Parish Rental Assistance Fund CAUW	9,281		-
ATJ Disaster Court Costs Appleseed	-		845
ATJ Succession Fees	419		3,774
Baptist Community Ministries	-		4,282
Bayou Community Foundation	482		20,137
Capital One	9.897		15,834
Client Assistance Fund	1,780		4,791
City of New Orleans IV-A	-		7,500
Delgado Single Stop	-		3,522
First Horizon Appleseed Succession Fee	1.875		5,500
Greater New Orleans Flood Proof	3,070		3,419
Greater New Orleans Foundation	3.792		4.994
Greater New Orleans Foundation - Title Clearing	2,147		2,495
Hancock Whitney HW Outreach	6.130		-
Hope Center	15,000		-
JRI St. Tammany LAPRI	4.584		-
Louisiana Bar Foundation - CPP Houma	2,203		2,203
Louisiana Bar Foundation - CPP Northshore	4.483		4,483
Louisiana Bar Foundation - CPP Southshore	3,173		3,173
Louisiana Bar Foundation - State Appropriation	34.907		-
MacArthur Foundation X Grant	945		12,037
Pennington DV BR & Wilson	20.000		-
Restore Louisiana OCD Title Clearing	804		-
SLLS4US	1.000		1,000
Start Corporation	6,171		22,650
United Way New Orleans	15.942		-
Vawa 10.1/21 P13	5,633		2,716
VOA SELA SSVF	34.459		-
VOA SSVF Greater Baton Rouge	18,491		2,500
Wilson Heir Property Appleseed	226		2,067
Total	209,983		133,011
Investment in Fixed Assets	 505.650		493,017
Total With Donor Restrictions	\$ 715,633	S	626,028
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#### 17. LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF FINANCIAL ASSETS.

The following reflects the Corporation's financial assets as of the statement of financial position date, reduced by amounts not available for general use because of contractual or donor-imposed restrictions within one year of the statement of financial position date. Amounts available include donor-restricted amounts that are available for general expenditure in the following year:

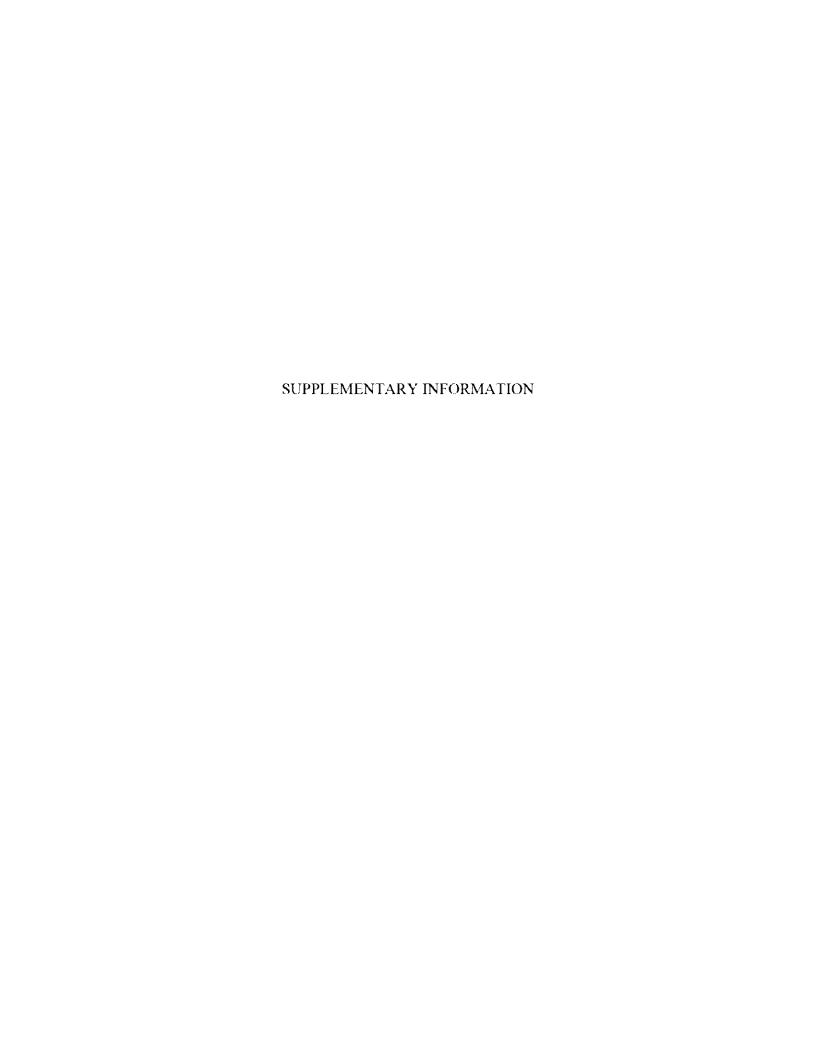
	2023	2022
Financial assets, at year-end:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,378.505	\$ 1,592,675
Grants and other receivables	1,388,347	2,276,423
Cash in escrow - client deposits	35.426	20,535
Total financial assets at year-end	4.802.278	3,889,633
Less contractual or donor-imposed restrictions:		
Client escrow funds	(35,426)	(20,535)
Operating lease right-of-use liabilities - current portion	(398.603)	(317,994)
Refundable advances for legal services (Legal Service Corporation)	-	(627,172)
Refundable advances for legal services (Louisiana Bar Foundation)	(396,341)	(187,227)
Refundable advances for legal services (All Other Grants)	(565,547)	(950,229)
Donor-restricted for legal services (Louisiana Bar Foundation)	(44,766)	(9,859)
Donor-restricted for legal services (All Other Grants)	(165,217)	(123,152)
Total contractual or donor-imposed restrictions	(1,605,900)	(2,236,168)
Financial assets available to meet cash needs for general expenditures		
within one year	\$ 3,196,378	\$ 1,653,465

#### 18. <u>ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY</u>:

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, approximately 57% and 56%, respectively, of the Corporation's funding is provided through grants administered by the Legal Services Corporation and the Louisiana Bar Foundation. If significant budget cuts are incurred by either of the aforementioned grantors, the amount of funds received by the Corporation could be significantly reduced and adversely affect the Corporation's operations.

#### 19. <u>SUBSEQUENT EVENTS</u>:

Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, which was April 30, 2024.



# SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DECEMBER 31, 2023

#### Agency Head Name: Laura Tuggle, Executive Director

Purpose	<u>Amount</u>		
Salary	\$	116,999	
FICA		8,950	
Benefits - insurance		10,659	
Benefits - retirement		3,510	
Reimbursements		4,894	
	\$	145,012	

### SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

### JUSTICE SYSTEM FUNDING SCHEDULE - RECEIVING ENTITY AS REQUIRED BY ACT 87 OF THE 2021 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Cash Basis Presentation	First Six Month Period Ended 6/30/2023		Second Six Month Period Ended 12/31/2023	
Receipts From:				
24th Judicial District Court / Civil Fees	\$	-	S	85,865
Baton Rouge 19th District Family Court / Crvil Fees		2,782		-
Baton Rouge 19th District Court / Civil Fees		5,000		12,000
Orleans Parish Clerk of Court / Civil Fees		60,020		73,431
Livingston Parish Clerk of Court / Civil Fees		5,721		7,679
Tangipahoa Parish Clerk of Court / Civil Fees		6,931		7,749
St. Helena Parish Clerk of Court / Civil Fees		405		513
St. Tammany Parish Clerk of Court / Civil Fees		30,205		42,938
Washington Parish Clerk of Court / Civil Fees		5,880		5,760
Baton Rouge City Court / Civil Fees		-		13,284
Louisiana Bar Foundation / Civil Fees		-		49,196
St. Bernard Parish Clerk of Court / Civil Fees		4,073	***************************************	7,582
Subtotal Receipts	\$	121.017	\$	305,997
Ending Balance of Amounts Assessed but Not Received	s	-	S	-

## SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION COMBINING STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

		Legal Services Corporation - LA 13 <u>Basic Field Grant</u>			
REVENUE AND SUPPORT: Grants and fees Interest Donations Other		\$ 4,831,319 8,143			
Total revenue and support		3,028 4,842,490			
EXPENSES: Personnel					
Salaries - lawyers Salaries - non-lawyers Fringe benefits Total personnel expenses		1,803,317 1,191,641 908,208 3,903,166			
Contract services Travel and training Space costs Supplies Equipment Depreciation Litigation COVID-19 eviction rental assistance Other Total expenses		181,256 68,222 315,216 51,191 35,810 - 45,251 - 242,378 4,842,490			
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		-			
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR					
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS		-			
INVESTMENT IN FIXED ASSETS					
NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTEND OF YEAR	ΠONS -	\$			
NET ASSETS - WITH DONOR RESTRICTION END OF YEAR	NS	\$			

#### SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION COMBINING STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

		Legal Services Corporation								
	LSC PBIF	LSC	TIP							
	Sustainability	IDA	Technology	PBIF BR Eviction						
	<u>Grant</u>	<u>Disastei</u>	<u>Award</u>							
REVENUE AND SUPPORT:										
Grants and fees	\$ 74.842	\$ 2,245,014	\$ 6,642	<b>S</b> -						
Interest	-	-	-	-						
Donations	-	-	-	-						
Other				-						
Total revenue and support	74.842	2.245.014	6,642	_						
EXPENSES										
Personnel:										
Salaries - lawyers	42.626	701.316	981	8.492						
Salaries - non-lawyers	-	557,000	=	=						
Fringe benefits	12,788	373,714	297	2,463						
Total personnel expenses	55,414	1,632 030	1,278	10,955						
Contract services	<u>-</u>	184.000	-	_						
Travel and training	11.774	48,516	-	135						
Space costs	-	_	-	_						
Supplies	122	32,931	-	300						
Equipment	-	49,805	-	965						
Depreciation	-	-	-	-						
Litigation	-	2,311	=	=						
COVID-19 eviction rental assistance	-	-	-	-						
Other	7.707	605,736	-	1.259						
Total expenses	75.017	2,555,329	1.278	13.614						
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(175)	(310,315)	5.364	(13,614)						
NET ASSETS AT										
BEGINNING OF YEAR	(19,338)	-	(6,648)	-						
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS	-	-	-	-						
INVESTMENT IN FIXED ASSETS				<u>-</u>						
NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR										
RESTRICTIONS - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ (19.513)</u>	\$ (310.315)	\$ (1.284)	\$ (13.614)						
NET ASSETS WITH DONOR										
RESTRICTIONS - END OF YEAR	<u> </u>	<u>s</u> -	<u>\$</u>	<u>s -</u>						

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	LBF Capital <u>Area</u>	<u>LBF GNO</u>	LBF Bayou <u>Region</u>	LBF Capital Area CPP <u>2023</u>	LBF - Access to Justice Fund
REVENUE AND SUPPORT:					
Grants and fees	s -	٠ \$ -	<b>s</b> -	\$ 20,000	\$ 10,000
Interest	-		-	-	-
Donations			-	-	-
Other		<u> </u>			
Total revenue and support	-	-	_	20.000	10.000
EXPENSES					
Personnel:					
Salaries - lawyers			-	20.000	-
Salaries - non-lawyers	-	-	-	-	-
Fringe benefits			-	-	-
Total personnel expenses	-	-	-	20,000	
Contract services	_	_	_	_	10.000
Travel and training			-	_	-
Space costs			-	-	_
Supplies		. <u>-</u>	-	-	_
Equipment			-	-	-
Depreciation			-	-	_
Lingation			-	-	-
COVID-19 eviction rental assistance			-	-	-
Other			-	-	_
Total expenses		-	-	20.000	10.000
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		· -	-	-	-
NET ASSETS AT					
BEGINNING OF YEAR			-	-	-
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS			-	-	-
INVESTMENT IN FIXED ASSETS		<u> </u>	<u> </u>		
NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS - END OF YEAR	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>s</u> -	<u> </u>	<u>s</u> -
NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS - END OF YEAR	<u>s</u>	<u>s</u> -	<u>s -</u>	<u>s</u> -	<u>s -</u>

Delgado Single <u>Stop</u>	LBF CPP <u>Houna</u>			Louisiana Bai Foundation <u>IOLTA</u>	Irene W. and C B Pennuigton Foundation	GOEA <u>COA</u>	GNOF Flood <u>Proof</u>
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REVENUE AND SUPPORT:										
Grants and fees	S	-	\$	37.500	S	10.000	\$	-	S	10.818
Interest		-		-		-		-		-
Donations		-		-		-		-		-
Other	•	-		-	-	-		-	-	
Total revenue and support		-		37.500		10.000		_		10.818
EXPENSES										
Personnel:										
Salaries - lawyers		-		37.500		-		-		7,559
Salaries - non-lawyers		-		-		-		=		-
Fringe benefits				-		<u> </u>				2,274
Total personnel expenses		-		37,500		-		-		9,833
Contract services		_		_		_		_		_
Travel and training		_		-		_		_		_
Space costs		_		-		_		-		_
Supplies		-		_		_		-		-
Equipment		-		-		_		-		_
Depreciation		_		-		_		_		_
Lingation		(580)		_		719		-		-
COVID-19 eviction rental assistance		-		-		-		-		-
Other		-		-		_		-		985
Total expenses		(580)		37.500		719		-		10.818
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		580		-		9.281		-		-
NET ASSETS AT										
BEGINNING OF YEAR		(580)		-		-		3,089		-
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS		-		-		-		-		-
INVESTMENT IN FIXED ASSETS										
NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS - END OF YEAR	<u> </u>	-	<u>s</u>	_	<u>\$</u>	-	<u> </u>	_	<u>s</u>	-
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S	7,172	<b>s</b> -	\$ -	s -	\$ 75,698	\$ 661	\$ 32,700	\$ 2.450
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REVENUE AND SUPPORT:										
Grants and fees	S	239,120	S	822,403	S	3,739	8	42	S	6,500
Interest		-		-		-		-		-
Donations		-		-		-		-		-
Other	***************************************	-		-		-	-	-		-
Total revenue and support		239.120		822,403		3,739		42		6,500
EXPENSES										
Personnel:										
Salaries - lawyers		86,372		615,597		2.215		24		3,850
Salaries - non-lawyers		16.997		69.957		-		-		-
Fringe benefits		26,510		129,855		641		7		1,118
Total personnel expenses		129,879		815,409		2.856		31		4,968
Contract services		86.318		54,400		86		į.		150
Travel and training		578		20.949		107		ı		186
Space costs		8,029		33,200		-		-		-
Supplies		-		4,999		-		-		-
Equipment		1.866		974		-		-		-
Depreciation		-		-		-		-		-
Litigation		3,718		-		58		1		100
COVID-19 eviction rental assistance		-		-		-		-		-
Other		8,732		18.348		632		<u> </u>		1.096
Total expenses		239.120		948.279		3,739		42		6,5(X)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		-		(125.876)		-		-		-
NET ASSETS AT										
BEGINNING OF YEAR		-		(6,290)		-		-		-
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS		-		-		-		-		-
INVESTMENT IN FIXED ASSETS								_		
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S	1.192	\$	1,507	S	55,496	s	1.957	5	363	s	61.236	S	157,383	s	5,255
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	206	_	259		11,490		337		<u> </u>		12,396		21,417		1,102
	912		1.152		49,791		1.496		-		53,715		174,404		4,777
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REVENUE AND SUPPORT:										
Grants and fees	S	91.349	\$	10.000	\$	476	\$	48.597	S	3.155
Interest		-		-		-		-		-
Donations		-		-		-		-		-
Other	***************************************			-		-		-	•	-
Total revenue and support		91.349		10.000		476		48,597		3,155
EXPENSES										
Personnel:										
Salaries - lawyers		62.181		6,993		259		23.649		2.501
Salaries - non-lawyers		-		=		=		12.480		=
Fringe benefits		18,654		2,098		69		12,318		725
Total personnel expenses		80,835		9.091		328		48,447		3,226
Contract services		-		-		-		-		-
Travel and training		-		-		-		-		165
Space costs		-		-		-		-		-
Supplies		-		-		-		-		(236)
Equipment		1,941		-		-		-		-
Depreciation		-		-		-		-		-
Litigation		-		-		105		150		-
COVID-19 eviction rental assistance		-		-		-		-		-
Other		K.573		909		43		-		-
Total expenses		91.349		10.000		476		48,597		3.155
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		-		-		-		-		-
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR		-		-		-		-		-
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS		-		-		-		-		-
INVESTMENT IN FIXED ASSETS		<u>-</u>								
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REVENUE AND SUPPORT:										
Grants and fees	S	-	\$	50.000	S	1.096	\$	20.000	S	211.109
Interest		-		-		-		-		_
Donations		-		-		-		-		-
Other		-		-		-		-		-
Total revenue and support		-		50.000		1,096		20.000		211.109
EXPENSES										
Personnel:										
Salaries - lawyers		-		9.194		-		18.071		110.517
Salaries - non-lawyers		-		1.674		=		-		_
Fringe benefits		_		3,260		-		5,421		30,383
Total personnel expenses		-		14,128		-		23,492		140,900
Contract services		_		_		_		_		46,924
Travel and training		_		_		_		_		2.266
Space costs		_		_		_		_		2.216
Supplies		_		_		-		51		_
Equipment		_		-		_		-		_
Depreciation		_		-		_		-		_
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COVID-19 eviction rental assistance		-		-		-		-		_
Other		-		1.413		-		2.394		15.790
Total expenses		-		15.541		5.378		25,937		208.192
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		-		34.459		(4.282)		(5.937)		2.917
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR		-		-		4,282		15,834		2,716
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS		-		-		-		-		-
INVESTMENT IN FIXED ASSETS						-				<u>-</u>
NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS - END OF YEAR	\$	_	S	_	S	-	<u>\$</u>	-	<u>s</u>	-
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Wilson Foundation <u>Reentry</u>	Foundation Parish Reentry COVID		City of New Orleans <u>IV-A</u>	City of New Orleans <u>NHIF</u>	City of New Orleans > 6 mo 50-80 ESG	New Orleans Office of Community Development <u>ESG</u>	City of New Orleans Foreclosure	
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	Greater New Orleans Foundation	Greater New Orleans Foundation <u>Title Clearing</u>	Start <u>Corporation</u>	GNOF <u>Disaster</u>	Misko Donation Medical <u>Records</u>
REVENUE AND SUPPORT:					
Grants and fees	<b>S</b> -	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ -	<b>S</b> -
Interest	-	-	-	-	-
Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Other Total revenue and support	-		5,000	-	-
EXPENSES					
Personnel:					
Salaries - lawyers	-	-	6.564	-	-
Salaries - non-lawyers	-	-	7,202	-	-
Fringe benefits	-	-	4,130	-	-
Total personnel expenses	-	-	17,896	-	
Contract services	-	90	-	-	-
Travel and training	-	-	4	-	-
Space costs	-	-	-	-	-
Supplies	-	-	=	-	-
Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-
Litigation	1,202	258	-	-	47
COVID-19 eviction rental assistance	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-		3,579	-	-
Total expenses	1.202	348	21.479		47
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(1.202)	(348)	(16.479)	-	(47)
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	4,994	2,495	22,650	-	47
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS	-	-	-	-	-
INVESTMENT IN FIXED ASSETS					
NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS - END OF YEAR	\$ -	\$ -	<u>\$</u>	\$ -	<u>\$</u> -
NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS - END OF YEAR	\$ 3.792	<u>\$</u> 2.147	\$ 6,171	<u>\$</u> -	<u>s</u> -

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	<u>52,956</u>		99.298		334,744		34.058		-		65,24		50,128		101,233
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	VOCA Washington <u>6477/7099</u>		VOCA New Orleans <u>6731.7322</u>		Umted Way St. Charles		ATJ Succession <u>Fees</u>		First Horizon Appleseed Succession <u>Fee</u>	
REVENUE AND SUPPORT:										
Grants and fees	\$	154,170	\$	48.377	S	32.583	\$	-	S	-
Interest		-		-		-		-		-
Donations		-		-		-		-		-
Other	***************************************	-		-		-	***************************************	-		-
Total revenue and support		154,170		48.377		32.583				-
EXPENSES										
Personnel:										
Salaries - lawyers		92,545		33,772		12.738		-		-
Salaries - non-lawyers		16.886		2.115		-		-		-
Fringe benefits		10,406		7,798		3,821		-		-
Total personnel expenses		119,837		43,685		16,559		-		-
Contract services		-		-		-		-		_
Travel and training		303		-		2.120		-		-
Space costs		-		-		3.726		-		-
Supplies		2,737		-		-		-		-
Equipment		7,255		-		-		-		-
Depreciation		-		-		-		-		-
Litigation		-		-		-		3,355		3,625
COVID-19 eviction rental assistance		-		-		-		-		-
Other		11.202		4,606		-		-		
Total expenses		141.334		48.291		22.405		3,355		3,625
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		12.836		86		10.178		(3.355)		(3,625)
NET ASSETS AT										
BEGINNING OF YEAR		(2,765)		(ā6)		693		3,774		5,500
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS		-		-		-		-		-
INVESTMENT IN FIXED ASSETS		(10.071)				-				<u>-</u>
NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS - END OF YEAR	<u> </u>	_	\$	_	*	10.871	Š	-	<u>\$</u>	_
NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS - END OF YEAR	<u>s</u>	_	<u>\$</u>		<u>s</u>	_	\$	419	<u>s</u>	1,875

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s	53.425	\$ -	\$ 5,000	s 35.750	\$ 19.343	\$ 1.978.001	\$ 254,878	<b>s</b> -
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	53.484	_	_	25,000	17.968	624.115	118,242	17,909
	22.484	- -	- -	-	-	332,499	54,745	-
	_	_	-	7.500	1,375	275,440	52,234	1,746
	53,484			32,500	19,343	1,232 054	225,221	19,655
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	Wells <u>Fargo 2022</u>		Enterprise Housing Advocacy <u>Work</u>		BR DV HAWF <u>Penn</u>		Bob Woodruff 2022		JRI St Tammany <u>LAPRI</u>	
REVENUE AND SUPPORT:										
Grants and fees	S	185,598	\$	17.619	S	30.103	\$	96.185	S	71.182
Interest		-		-		-		-		-
Donations		-		-		-		-		-
Other	•	-		-		-		-		-
Total revenue and support		185,598		17.619		30.103		96.185		71.182
EXPENSES										
Personnel:										
Salaries - lawyers		116.791		12.416		6,247		47.805		10.111
Salaries - non-lawyers		-		=		-		15,729		-
Fringe benefits		33,869		3,601		1,874		19,097		3,032
Total personnel expenses		150,660		16,017		8,121		82,631		13,143
Contract services		_		-		-		-		52.141
Travel and training		2,236		-		-		3.535		-
Space costs		-		-		-		-		-
Supplies		2,744		-		_		1,609		-
Equipment		970		-		970		-		-
Depreciation		-		-		-		-		-
Litigation		3,722		-		-		-		-
COVID-19 eviction rental assistance		-		-		-		-		-
Other		25.266		1.602		1.012		8,410		1.314
Total expenses		185,598		17.619		10.103		96.185		66,598
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		-		-		20.000		-		4.584
NET ASSETS AT										
BEGINNING OF YEAR		-		-		-		-		-
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS		-		-		-		-		-
INVESTMENT IN FIXED ASSETS										
NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS - END OF YEAR	S	_	<u> </u>	_	<u>\$</u>	_	\$	-	<u>\$</u>	_
NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS - END OF YEAR	<u> </u>	_	<u>\$</u>	_	5	20.000	\$		<u> </u>	4.584

SLLS4US Donations		VOA SSVF Greater Baton Ronge	Women United DV UW SELA	Clucago Community Foundation	American College of Bankriptcy Foundation	BRAF Alma Fund Pointe Coupee 2024	<u>General</u>	Investment in Fixed Assets Other
s -	\$	17,500	s -	\$ -	\$ -	S -	\$ 492,032	\$ -
-		-	- -	1 800.000	-	-	101,197	-
-		17,500		1,800,000			593,229	
_		1,055	-	-	-	1.819	65,677	-
-		-	-	-	-	-	447,673	-
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							65,439	
- -		-	-	-	-	-	18,961	-
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-		-	-	-	-	-	124	-
-		137	-	15.908	-	236	- (464.293)	-
-		1,509		15.908		2,601	221.862	13.951
_		15,991	-	1,784,092	_	(2.601)	371,367	(13.951)
1,000		2 500	-	-	-	-	1,305,708	34,316
-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
				(18,953)			(29,559)	29.024
<u>s</u> -		-	<u>\$</u>	\$ 1,765,139	\$ -	\$ (2.601)	\$ 1,647,516	\$ -
\$ 1,000	<u> </u>	18,491	<u>s -</u>	<u>s -</u>	<u>s -</u>	<u>s -</u>	<u> </u>	\$ 49.389

	Investment in Fixed Assets <u>Buildings</u>	<u>Total</u>
REVENUE AND SUPPORT:		
Grants and fees	<b>S</b> -	\$ 15,111,159
Interest	-	£ 143
Donations	<u>-</u>	1.901 784
Other	<del>-</del>	3 428
Total revenue and support		17,024,514
EXPENSES		
Personnel:		
Salaries - lawyers	-	6,524,424
Salaries - non-lawyers	<del>-</del>	3,018,125
Fringe benefits		2,445,442
Total personnel expenses	-	11.987.991
Contract services	-	1,083,418
Travel and training	-	263,913
Space costs	<u>-</u>	607,977
Supplies	-	159 214
Equipment	-	109 650
Depreciation	31 999	45 950
Litigation	<del>-</del>	117 223
COVID-19 eviction rental assistance	<u>-</u>	1 179
Other	-	898,378
Total expenses	31.999	15,274,893
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(31,999)	1,749,621
NET ASSETS AT		
BEGINNING OF YEAR	458.701	1.882 837
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS	-	-
INVESTMENT IN FIXED ASSETS	29,559	
NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR		
RESTRICTIONS - END OF YEAR	<u>s - </u>	\$ 2,916,825
NET ASSETS WITH DONOR		
RESTRICTIONS - END OF YEAR	\$ 456,261	\$ 715,633

# SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION NOTES TO SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION DECEMBER 31, 2023

# NOTE 1. PRIVATE ATTORNEY INVOLVEMENT COSTS

Private attorney involvement costs were generated from the following programs:

Legal Services Corporation	\$ 1,172,771
Louisiana Bar Foundation	238,285
Other Grants	99,244
	\$ 1,510,300

# NOTE 2. <u>NET ASSETS – WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS</u>

Net Assets without donor restrictions consists of interest income, unrestricted contributions, and court filing fees.



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3300 W. Esplanade Ave. Suite 213 Metairie, LA 70002 Phone: (504) 833-3106 Fax: (504) 838-0262 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

April 30, 2024

Board of Directors Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation (a non-profit corporation), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2023, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 30, 2024.

# Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

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

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

# **Purpose of the 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 Corporation'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 Corporation's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

April 30, 2024

Board of Directors Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation

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

#### Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation's (the Corporation) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* and the Legal Services Corporation Audit Guide and Compliance Supplement (the Audit Guide) that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Corporation's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2023. The Corporation's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the Corporation complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2023.

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#### Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200. Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance); and the Legal Services Corporation Audit Guide and Compliance Supplement (the Audit Guide). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the Corporation and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Corporation's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

### Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the Corporation's federal programs.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the Corporation's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, Government Auditing Standards, the Uniform Guidance, and the Audit Guide will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the Corporation's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, the Uniform Guidance, and the Audit Guide, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and
  design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include
  examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the Corporation's compliance with the
  compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we
  considered necessary in the circumstances.

Obtain an understanding of the Corporation's internal control over compliance relevant to the
audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test
and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and
the Audit Guide, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the
Corporation's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

#### Other Matters

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed an instance of noncompliance which is required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and the Audit Guide and which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2023-01. Our opinion on each major federal program is not modified with respect to this matter.

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation's response to the noncompliance finding identified in our audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

#### Report on Internal Control over Compliance

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance and the Audit Guide. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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# SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Assistance	Pass-Through Grantors'		
	Listing	Identifying	Federal	Subrecipient
PROGRAM DEPARTMENT . TITLE	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number</u>	Expenditures	<u>Costs</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING				
AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT				
HUD Eviction Protection Grant	14.537		S 254,878	\$ -
Funds passed through Jefferson Parish:				
Community Development Block Grant	14.218		200	-
Funds passed through State of Louisiana DOA:				
Community Development Block Grant	14.228	B-18-DP-22-001	476	-
Funds passed through Hunt, Guillot, & Associates:				
Community Development Block Grant	14.272		6,776	-
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING				
AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT			262,330	-
LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION				
Basic Field	09.619081	LA-13	4.842.490	135,000
Disaster Supplemental Appropriation	09.619081	GT-21DSA-00005	2,555.329	100,000
PBIF Sustainability	09.619081	GT-PB22S-00002	75,017	-
Tech Improvement	09.619081	AD-TG21T-0015	1,278	-
PBIF BR Eviction	09.619081		13,614	-
Funds passed through Equal Justice Works:				
Equal Justice Works Design			53,525	-
TOTAL LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION			7,541.253	235,000
			***************************************	
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE				
LITC Program	21.008	22-LITC0531-02-00		
TOTAL INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE			114,818	_
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN				
SERVICES ADMINISTRATION ON AGING				
Funds passed through New Orleans Council on Agin	na.			
Title III B Supportive Services	93.044		7.172	_
Funds passed through Capital Area Agency on Agin			7.17.2	
Title III B Supportive Services	g. 93.044		661	_
Funds passed through St. Tammany Council on Agr			601	_
Title III B Supportive Services	93.044		32,700	_
Funds passed through Livingston Council on Aging.			32,700	-
Title III B Supportive Services	93.044		2,450	
The III of Supportive Services	<b>ジン・リナナ</b>		2,430	-

# SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Listing   Identifying   Federal   Subrecipien   Number		Assistance	Pass-Through Grantors'			
Number   Number   Expenditures   Costs					Federal	Subreciment
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN   SERVICES ADMINISTRATION ON AGING (Continued)	PROGRAM DEPARTMENT. TITLE	_				•
SERVICES ADMINISTRATION ON AGING (Continued)						
Funds passed through Lafounche Council on Aging: Title III B Supportive Services   93.044   \$ 3.739   \$ 5						
Title III B Supportive Services   93.044   \$ 3.739   \$ 5     Funds passed through Terrebonne Council on Aging: Title III B Supportive Services   93.044   42   5     Funds passed through East Baton Rouge Council on Aging: Title III B Supportive Services   93.044   6.500   5     Funds passed through St. James Council on Aging: Title III B Supportive Services   93.044   1.192   5     Funds passed through St. Charles Council on Aging: Title III B Supportive Services   93.044   1.507   5     Funds passed through Plaquemine Council on Aging: Title III B Supportive Services   93.044   1.507   5     Funds passed through Plaquemine Council on Aging: Title III B Supportive Services   93.044   1.957   5     Funds passed through GOEA Council on Aging: Title III B Supportive Services   93.044   75.910   5     Total U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ADMINISTRATION ON AGING   133,830   5      U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE   1510VW-21-GG   133,830   5     Legal Assistance for Victims   16.524   00409-LEGA   208.192   46.924   1510VW-23-GG   1510V	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					
Funds passed through Terrebonne Council on Aging:   Title III B Supportive Services   93.044     42   -				\$	3,739	s -
Title III B Supportive Services 93.044 6.500 - Funds passed through East Baton Rouge Council on Aging: Title III B Supportive Services 93.044 1.192 - Funds passed through St. James Council on Aging: Title III B Supportive Services 93.044 1.192 - Funds passed through St. Charles Council on Aging: Title III B Supportive Services 93.044 1.507 - Funds passed through Plaquemine Council on Aging: Title III B Supportive Services 93.044 1.507 - Funds passed through Plaquemine Council on Aging: Title III B Supportive Services 93.044 75.910 - TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ADMINISTRATION ON AGING 133.830 -  U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE Funds passed through Office on Violence Against Women: Legal Assistance for Victims 16.524 00409-LEGA 208.192 46.924 15JOVW-23-GG- Legal Assistance for Victims 16.524 00522-LEGA 35.980 6.755 Funds passed through Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement:  2020-VA-01-02-6476 Crime Victim Assistance 16.575 2021-VA-01 02-6902 130.922 - 2020-VA-02 01-6477 Crime Victim Assistance 16.575 2021-VA-02 01-7099 141.334 - 2021-VA-01 02-6731 Crime Victim Assistance 16.575 2022-VA-01 02-7322 48.291 -	* *	1:				
Funds passed through East Baton Rouge Council on Aging:					42	-
Title III B Supportive Services         93.044         6.500         -           Funds passed through St. James Council on Aging:         11.192         -           Funds passed through St. Charles Council on Aging:         11.192         -           Funds passed through St. Charles Council on Aging:         11.507         -           Funds passed through Plaquemine Council on Aging:         -         -           Title III B Supportive Services         93.044         1.957         -           Funds passed through GOEA Council on Aging:         -         -         -           Title III B Supportive Services         93.044         75.910         -           TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH         -         -         -           AND HUMAN SERVICES ADMINISTRATION         133.830         -           ON AGING         133.830         -           U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE         15JOVW-21-GG-         -           Funds passed through Office on Violence Against Women:         15JOVW-21-GG-         208.192         46.924           Legal Assistance for Victims         16.524         00409-LEGA         208.192         46.924           Legal Assistance for Victims         16.524         00522-LEGA         35.980         6.755           Funds passed through Louisian		Aging:				
Title III B Supportive Services   93.044   1,192   - 1,192   - 1,192   - 1,193   - 1					6,500	-
Title III B Supportive Services         93.044         1,192         -           Funds passed through St. Charles Council on Aging:         3.044         1.507         -           Funds passed through Plaquemine Council on Aging:         1.957         -           Title III B Supportive Services         93.044         1.957         -           Funds passed through GOEA Council on Aging:         75.910         -           Title III B Supportive Services         93.044         75.910         -           TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ADMINISTRATION ON AGING         133,830         -           U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE         16.524         00409-LEGA         208.192         46,924           Legal Assistance for Victims         16.524         00409-LEGA         208.192         46,924           Legal Assistance for Victims         16.524         00522-LEGA         35,980         6,755           Funds passed through Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement:         2020-VA-01/02-6476         130.922         -           Crime Victim Assistance         16.575         2021-VA-02 01-6477         141.334         -           Crime Victim Assistance         16.575         2021-VA-01/02-6731         48.291         -	**					
Title III B Supportive Services   93.044   1.507   -		93.044			1,192	-
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Title III B Supportive Services         93.044         1.957         -           Funds passed through GOEA Council on Aging:         Title III B Supportive Services         93.044         75.910         -           TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ADMINISTRATION ON AGING         133,830         -           U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE Funds passed through Office on Violence Against Women: Legal Assistance for Victims         15JOVW-21-GG-15JOVW-23-GG-15JOVW-23-GG-15JOVW-23-GG-15JOVW-23-GG-16JOS-1					1,507	-
Title III B Supportive Services   93.044   75.910   -   TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ADMINISTRATION ON AGING   133.830   -     U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	Funds passed through Plaquemine Council on Aging	g:				
Title III B Supportive Services       93.044       75.910       -         TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH         AND HUMAN SERVICES ADMINISTRATION         ON AGING       133,830       -         U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE         Funds passed through Office on Violence Against Women:       15JOVW-21-GG-         Legal Assistance for Victims       16.524       00409-LEGA       208.192       46.924         Legal Assistance for Victims       16.524       00522-LEGA       35,980       6.755         Funds passed through Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement:         2020-VA-01/02-6476         Crime Victim Assistance       16.575       2021-VA-01/02-6476       130.922       -         Crime Victim Assistance       16.575       2021-VA-02/01-7099       141.334       -         Crime Victim Assistance       16.575       2021-VA-01/02-6731       48.291       -	Title III B Supportive Services	93.044			1.957	-
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# SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Assistance	Pass-Through Grantors'				
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PROGRAM DEPARTMENT. TITLE	Number	Number		Expenditures		<u>Costs</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN						
SERVICES ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN	AND					
FAMILIES D. F. D.		OBJE13033 403				
Funds passed through Louisiana Bar Foundation:	22.450	CINC 2022-002		07.403	~	
Title IV-E Foster Care	93.658	CINC 2023-002	S_	97.403	. <b>.</b> .	-
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AN						
HUMAN SERVICES ADMINISTRATION FO	)R					
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES			_	97,403		
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS						
Homeless Veterans Legal Services	64.056			54,805		_
Funds passed through Start Corporation:						
Supportive Services for Veteran Families	64.033			21,479		-
Funds passed through The Hope Center, Inc.:						
Supportive Services for Veteran Families	64.033			39.741		-
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS						
AFFAIRS				116,025		-
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY						
Funds passed through East Baton Rouge Parish:						
Emergency Rental Assistance Program	21.023			55,496		-
Funds passed through the City of New Orleans:						
Emergency Rental Assistance Program	21.023	ERA-00003(21)		1,978,001		379,439
Funds passed through St. Tammany						
American Rescue Plan Act	21.027			48,597		-
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY				2,082,094	•	379,439
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TOTAL FEDERAL EXPENDITURES			S_	10.912.472	. \$	668,118

# SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

#### 1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION:

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards includes the federal award activity of Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2023. The information in the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards. Because the schedule of expenditures of federal awards presents only a selected portion of the operations of Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation.

### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards includes the federal grant activity of Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation and is presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Grant revenues are recorded, for financial reporting purposes, when Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation has met the cost of reimbursement or funding qualifications for the respective grants.

#### 3. DE MINIMIS COST RATE:

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Corporation did elect to use the 10% de minimis cost rate covered in §200.414 of the Uniform Guidance.

#### 4. CONTRACT COMPLIANCE – LEGAL SERVICE CORPORATION:

Legal Services Corporation requires that the Corporation expend 12.5% of their funding towards private attorney involvement. The contract compliance condition was satisfied for the year ended December 31, 2023.

# SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

### A. <u>SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS</u>

Financial Statements		
Type of auditor's report issued: Unmodified		
Internal control over financial reporting:		
* Material weakness(es) identified?  * Control deficiencies identified that are not	_Yes	<u>X</u> No
* Control deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?	Yes	X None Reported
* Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	Yes	$\frac{X}{X}$ No
Federal Awards:		
Internal control over major programs:		
* Material weaknesses?	_Yes	<u>X</u> No
* Control deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?	Yes	X None Reported
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Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs:	Cinn	Rodified
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance:	X Yes	_No
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Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance:  Identification of major program:  Name of Program  Legal Services Corporation — Basic Field, Disaster, PBIF Sustainability, PBIF BR Eviction.	X Yes Assistanc Listing N	No e o. <u>Expenditures</u>
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance:  Identification of major program:  Name of Program  Legal Services Corporation — Basic Field, Disaster, PBIF Sustainability, PBIF BR Eviction, Tech Improvement, and Equal Justice Works grants	X Yes  Assistance Listing N  09.61908  21.023	No  e o.

# SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

# B. <u>FINDINGS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED UNDER GOVERNMENT AUDITING</u> <u>STANDARDS GENERALLY ACCEPTED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:</u>

None

### C. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS:

#### 2023-01:

Program: Legal Services Corporation Assistance Listing No.: 09.619081

NONCOMPLIANCE WITH LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION – RETAINER AGREEMENT AND CITIZENSHIP ATTESTATION

#### Condition:

During the performance of the audit, we selected a sample of 71 case files to assess Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation's compliance with the applicable requirements of 45 C.F.R. Parts 1600-1644 and the other applicable statutory mandates identified in Legal Services Corporation's Compliance Supplement for Audits of LSC Recipients. 1 of the 71 case files could not be physically located and could not be provided at the time of testing during the audit. As a result, it could not be determined if the case file selected for testing contained a signed retainer agreement or a signed citizenship attestation form.

#### Criteria:

For each case reported to LSC, grantees shall capture and maintain case and client information necessary for effective case management. LSC grantees must execute a retainer agreement with each client when extended service representation commences or as soon thereafter as is practicable. Cases reported to LSC must comply with the citizenship or alien eligibility requirements of 45 CFR Part 1626.30 The program must document compliance with either § 1626.4 (that the applicant qualifies under specific anti-abuse laws regardless of citizenship or alienage) or § 1626.5 (either the applicant is a U.S. citizen or has a qualifying immigration status). This citizenship attestation may be on a separate document or may be contained within another document (such as an intake sheet or retainer agreement), provided there is a separate signature line tied only to the citizenship attestation.

#### Cause:

The electronic case file information was documented within Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation case file management system, but the physical file including the case's signed retainer agreement and signed citizenship attestation form could not be located at the time of testing.

# SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

#### C. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS: (Continued)

2023-01: (Continued)

Program: Legal Services Corporation Assistance Listing No.: 09.619081

NONCOMPLIANCE WITH LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION – RETAINER AGREEMENT AND CITIZENSHIP ATTESTATION (Continued)

#### Effect<sup>\*</sup>

Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation is not in compliance with the terms and conditions of the LSC Basic Field Award requirement for obtaining a signed retainer agreement and signed citizenship attestation form. Non-compliance with the LSC Basic Field Award could result in reduced awards in subsequent years.

# Recommendation:

We recommend that Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation obtain a signed retainer agreement and signed citizenship attestation form in accordance with the compliance requirements of the Legal Services Corporation.

#### Management Response:

Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation has reviewed these concerns and is in agreement that it should obtain a signed retainer agreement and signed citizenship attestation form in accordance with the compliance requirements of the Legal Services Corporation.

#### Corrective Action Plan

To correct this problem, Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation will require that all retainers and citizenship attestations be uploaded to the electronic case file in our case management system. Legal Server Legal Server has the capability to send out retainers and citizenship attestations electronically to clients. These will automatically be uploaded to the e-signature log in the electronic client file. Hard copies of retainers with wet signatures can also be scanned and uploaded to the case management system. We will provide additional training to all staff on the requirement of obtaining retainers and citizenship attestations as well as how to send retainers and citizenship attestations electronically from Legal Server and how to upload scanned retainers and citizenship attestations to the case management system. The training will be recorded and circulated via email to all staff along with training materials. The training recording and materials will also be uploaded onto our internal "intranet" for all staff to access between quarterly training sessions. The training will also be incorporated into our adult learning management system.

# SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

#### C. <u>FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS</u>: (Continued)

2023-01: (Continued)

Program: Legal Services Corporation Assistance Listing No.: 09.619081

NONCOMPLIANCE WITH LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION – RETAINER AGREEMENT AND CITIZENSHIP ATTESTATION (Continued)

Contact Person Responsible for Corrective Action:

Roxanne Newman, Deputy Director Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation Ph. (985) 345-2130 x708

#### Anticipated Completion Date:

Ongoing. Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation already has written materials on how to send retainers electronically from Legal Server. We will develop additional written materials on how to send citizenship attestations from Legal Server and how to scan and upload retainers and citizenship attestations to Legal Server. Training materials will be completed by May 3, 2024 and training will take place on May 7, 2024 and be repeated quarterly on August 12, 2024. November 4, 2024, and February 10, 2025.

### D. PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS:

FINDINGS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED UNDER GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS GENERALLY ACCEPTED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

None

FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS:

None

### SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

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

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JANUARY 01, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023

# SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

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# INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JANUARY 01, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023

June 28, 2024

Board of Directors Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation and 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 January 01, 2023 through December 31, 2023. Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation 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 the LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period January 01, 2023 through December 31, 2023. Additionally, the 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:

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#### 1) Written Policies and Procedures

- A. <u>Procedure</u>: 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.

#### 2) Board or Finance Committee

- A. <u>Procedure</u>: 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.
  - 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.
  - 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.
  - 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.

## 3) Bank Reconciliations

- A. <u>Procedure</u>: 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):
  - 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
  - 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.

**Results**: We noted no findings as a result of applying the above agreed-upon procedures.

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

A. <u>Procedure</u>: 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. <u>Procedure</u>: 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;
  - 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;

- 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
- 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.

C. <u>Procedure</u>: 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.

**Results**: We noted no findings as a result of applying the above agreed-upon procedures.

- D. <u>Procedure</u>: 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.
  - ii. Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
  - iii. Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
  - 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).
  - v. Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

**Results**: As a result of applying the above agreed-upon procedures, we noted the following:

• We were unable to determine if the receipts included on the 4/12/2023 deposit date were deposited within one business day of receipt at the collection location for 7 of the 7 receipts included on the deposit. The receipt date was not documented on the receipts log.

• We were unable to determine if the receipts included on the 4/24/2023 deposit date were deposited within one business day of receipt at the collection location for 1 of the 1 receipts included on the deposit. The receipt date was not documented on the receipts log.

<u>Recommendations</u>: We recommend that management include all receipts on the receipt log in order to document when receipts were deposited into the Corporation's bank account.

**Response**: Management has provided a plan of corrective action, which is included in Appendix A.

- 5) Non-Payroll Disbursements (excluding card purchases, travel reimbursements, and petty cash purchases)
- A. <u>Procedure</u>: 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).

**Results**: We noted no findings as a result of applying the above agreed-upon procedures.

- B. <u>Procedure</u>: 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;
  - ii. At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors;
  - 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.
  - 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
  - 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.

- C. <u>Procedure</u>: 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
  - 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.

D. <u>Procedure</u>: 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.

**Results**: We noted no findings as a result of applying the above agreed-upon procedures.

## 6) Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/Purchase Cards (Cards)

A. <u>Procedure</u>: 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. <u>Procedure</u>: 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

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

**Results**: We noted no findings as a result of applying the above agreed-upon procedures.

C. <u>Procedure</u>: Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under procedure #6B above, <u>excluding fuel cards</u>, 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.

**Results**: We noted no findings as a result of applying the above agreed-upon procedures.

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

- A. <u>Procedure</u>: 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);
  - ii. If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased;
  - 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
  - iv. Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

#### 8) Contracts

- A. <u>Procedure</u>: 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;
  - 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);
  - 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
  - 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.

**Results**: We noted no findings as a result of applying the above agreed-upon procedures.

#### 9) Payroll and Personnel

A. <u>Procedure</u>: 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.

- B. <u>Procedure</u>: 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).
  - ii. Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials:

- iii. Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records; and
- iv. Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agrees to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.

C. <u>Procedure</u>: 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.

**Results**: We noted no findings as a result of applying the above agreed-upon procedures.

D. <u>Procedure</u>: 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.

**Results**: We noted no findings as a result of applying the above agreed-upon procedures.

#### 10) Ethics

- A. <u>Procedure</u>: 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
  - 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

<u>Results</u>: The Louisiana Code of Ethics is generally not applicable to non-profit entities, but may be applicable in certain situations such as councils on aging. The ethics agreed-upon procedures are not applicable to Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation.

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

<u>Results</u>: The Louisiana Code of Ethics is generally not applicable to non-profit entities, but may be applicable in certain situations such as councils on aging. The ethics agreed-upon procedures are not applicable to Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation

#### 11) Debt Service

A. <u>Procedure</u>: 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.

<u>Results</u>: The debt service agreed-upon procedures category is generally not applicable to non-profit entities. The debt service agreed-upon procedures are not applicable to Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation.

B. <u>Procedure</u>: 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).

<u>Results</u>: The debt service agreed-upon procedures category is generally not applicable to non-profit entities. The debt service agreed-upon procedures are not applicable to Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation.

#### 12) Fraud Notice

A. <u>Procedure</u>: 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.

**Results**: We noted no findings as a result of applying the above agreed-upon procedures.

B. <u>Procedure</u>: 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.

# 13) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

## A. **Procedure**: Perform the following procedures:

- 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.
- 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.
- ini. 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.

<u>Results</u>: We performed the above agreed-upon procedure and discussed the results with management of Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation.

B. <u>Procedure</u>: 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.

**Results**: We performed the above agreed-upon procedure and discussed the results with management of Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation.

- C. <u>Procedure</u>: 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:
  - 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

<u>Results</u>: We performed the above agreed-upon procedure and discussed the results with management of Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation.

## 14) Prevention of Sexual Harassment

A. <u>Procedure</u>: 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.

Results: A private non-profit that is subject to audit by the virtue of the receipt of public funds does not appear to be subject to the sexual harassment law, R.S. 42:341, et seq. However, the non-profit could be subject to the law as part of its agreement to receive the public funds. The sexual harassment agreed-upon procedures are not applicable to Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation.

B. <u>Procedure</u>: 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).

**Results**: A private non-profit that is subject to audit by the virtue of the receipt of public funds does not appear to be subject to the sexual harassment law, R.S. 42:341, et seq. However, the non-profit could be subject to the law as part of its agreement to receive the public funds. The sexual harassment agreed-upon procedures are not applicable to Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation.

- C. <u>Procedure</u>: 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:
  - i. Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
  - ii. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency.
  - iii. Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
  - iv. Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action, and
  - v. Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

<u>Results</u>: A private non-profit that is subject to audit by the virtue of the receipt of public funds does not appear to be subject to the sexual harassment law, R.S. 42.341, et seq. However, the non-profit could be subject to the law as part of its agreement to receive the public funds. The sexual harassment agreed-upon procedures are not applicable to Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation.

We were engaged by Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation 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 Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation 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 results 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 Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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New Orleans, Louisiana

# APPENDIX A MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSE



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This letter is in response to the findings noted in the Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures performed for the fiscal year January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

## Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers) - Procedure 4(D)(iv)

We were unable to determine if the receipts included on the 4/12/2023 deposit date were deposited within one business day of receipt at the collection location for 7 of the 7 receipts included on the deposit. The receipt date was not documented on the receipts log.

We were unable to determine if the receipts included on the 4/24/2023 deposit date were deposited within one business day of receipt at the collection location for 1 of the 1 receipts included on the deposit. The receipt date was not documented on the receipts log.

Management Response: Southeast Louisiana Legal Services (SLLS) has reviewed these concerns and is in agreement to adopt the recommendations made by our auditor to prevent this type of problem from reoccurring.

Corrective Action Plan: Southeast Louisiana Legal Services provides a log to all of our offices that receive funds for the General Operating Account. Southeast Louisiana Legal Services reinforce the importance of documenting the date of receipt of the funds in the logs.

Sincerely,

Laura Tuggle

**Executive Director** 





