

FINANCIAL REPORT
ASCENSION COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.
DONALDSONVILLE, LOUISIANA

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Ascension Council on Aging, Inc.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis of the Ascension Council on Aging, Inc.'s (the Council) financial performance presents a narrative overview and analysis of the Council's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2022. This document focuses on the current year's activities, resulting changes, and currently known facts. Please read this document in conjunction with basic financial statements, which follow this section.

Funding sources for the COA remain stable with the expected 2013 10- year renewal of the 1.5% Parish millage tax. **This millage tax** has helped expand services and to decrease waiting lists for core services such as meals and transportation. This past fiscal year we also received additional funding from the **Federal Cares Act** to help support home delivered meals and **the American Rescue Act** funding to help combat social isolation. Client donations remain lower due to COVID issues. Staffing is also an issue post COVID and Seniors have still not returned to the centers at the same levels as pre-COVID.

The Gonzales wellness center opened in July of 2021 with additional programs and services. It houses a fully functional cardio equipment room with treadmills, seated ellipticals and recumbent bicycles for seniors. There is also space for group exercise and dance exercise and other classes on health and wellness.

Ascension COA has also received a \$1 million appropriation from the State of Louisiana to purchase land to build a **new Senior Center in Prairieville, LA**. The new center will be a meal site and wellness center.

Our mission since 1972 is to provide directly or coordinate the full range of services available through State and Federal Agencies to the elderly of Ascension Parish and to create an atmosphere of respect for human life and affirm the dignity and self- worth of the older adult by providing a richer and more comfortable life and assisting them in remaining self- sufficient. We continue this commitment.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Council's assets exceeded its liabilities at the close of fiscal year 2022 by \$5,697,117 (net assets) which represents a 8.5% increase from last fiscal year.

Cash and investments were \$4,068,974 at June 30, 2022 compared to \$3,656,919 at June 30, 2021. This is an increase of \$412,055.

The Council's total revenue increased only \$690 in 2022. Property tax collections increased by \$104,846. DOTD grants decreased \$61,995; Federal grants decreased \$22,468; other revenue decreased \$11,499.

The Council's total expenditures decreased (\$320,016) (or 11%). Salaries and fringe benefits increased \$143,581; capital outlay decreased by (\$438,435) with Gonzales renovations completed. Operating services and supplies increased \$38,599 and other costs increased \$58,120. Meal expenditures decreased (\$116,236).

As a result of subtracting total expenditures from total revenue, the Council's net assets increased by \$448,289 this fiscal year.

SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

Congregate meals showed a decrease in the number of meals served this year due to COVID-19. Home Delivered meals increased this year because of COVID-19. Homemaker units have decreased. Personal Care Attendant (PCA) units have decreased .

Transportation service to elderly and handicapped riders showed a decrease this year due to COVID-19. We reopened transportation services on May 4, 2020 and we have seen a reluctance by seniors to ride.

During this fiscal year, 1,924 Ascension parish senior citizens received one or more services from the Ascension Council on Aging. Major services are meals and transportation.

Transportation

Transportation units of service were provided as follows:

	Passenger Trips	Passenger Miles	Vehicle Miles
III-B	16,626		52,875
Disabled	635		2,023
Escorts	86		274
No shows	-		1,306
Total	<u>17,347</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56,478</u>
 Last Year	 6,736		 41,717

In addition, meal vans traveled approximately 58,820 miles for the "meals on wheels program".

Meals

Meals served totaled 163,968 in 2022 vs 168,015 in 2021. Home delivered meals are based on 365 serving days a year. Congregate meals are based on 250 serving days a year.

Home Delivered Meals

Meals – 145,048 Last Year – 168,015
People Served – 915

Congregate Meals

Meals – 18,920 Last Year – none
People Served – 319 (COVID 19)

OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Council's basic financial statements. The Council's annual report consists of five parts: (1) management's discussion and analysis (this section) (2) basic financial statements (3) required supplementary information, and (4) the optional section that presents combining statements for non-major governmental funds and other supplementary information and (5) various governmental compliance reports and schedules by certified public accountants and management.

The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the Council:

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (see Exhibits A and B) are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Council's finances, in a manner similar to a private sector business. The **statement of net assets** presents information on all of the Council's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Council is improving or deteriorating. The **statement of activities** presents information showing how the Council's net assets change during each fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs regardless of the timing of the related cash flows.

Revenues and expenses are reported in this statement from some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods. The governmental activity of the Council is health and welfare which is comprised of various programs that include supportive services, nutritional services, utility assistance, disease prevention, caregiver support and multipurpose senior centers in Donaldsonville, and Gonzales, Louisiana.

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. All of the funds of the Council are governmental funds.

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for

governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities. (Exhibit D and E)

The Council has presented the General Fund, Title III B – Supportive Services Fund, Title III C-1- Congregate Meals Fund, Title III C-2 – Home Delivered Meals Fund, Millage Fund and Senior Center Fund as major funds. (Exhibit C & D) All non-major governmental funds are presented in one column, titled “Total Non-Major Funds”. Combining financial statements of the non-major funds can be found in the Combining Fund Statements that follow the basic financial statements (Page 35).

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found in Exhibit F of this report.

Other Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information that further explains and supports the information in the financial statements. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34 requires budgetary comparison schedules for the General Fund and each major Special Revenue Fund that has a legally adopted budget (Pages 28 to 33). In addition to these required elements, the Council has a section of supplementary information. The Governor’s Office of Elderly Affairs (GOEA) has required the Council to present combining statements that provide details about our non-major governmental funds and details about capital assets and the changes in capital assets. This information will be used by GOEA to verify the accuracy of information submitted to them during the year and to help monitor certain compliance requirements set forth in the grants that it has with the Council (Page 35 and 36).

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) through its Circular A-133 requires a Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards. This schedule will present required information about the Council’s federally funded programs in a manner that can facilitate financial and compliance analysis by the agencies that have granted federal money. (Page 38)

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted earlier, net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of the Council’s financial position. As of June 30, 2022, assets exceeded liabilities by \$5,697,117. A large portion of the Council’s net assets (71 %) reflects its cash and investment in certificates of deposit. The Council has strong liquidity.

Special Revenue Fund Budgetary Highlights

The budget was amended once during the year. The primary reasons for amending the budget are to prevent compliance violations under the Council's grants for GOEA due to unanticipated changes in revenue and expenditures. There were no major differences between the original Special Revenue Fund budget and the anticipated results.

Required supplementary information budgetary comparisons schedules were prepared for the General Fund and each major Special Revenue Fund (Pages 28 to 33).

CAPITAL ASSETS

The Council's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2022, amounts to \$1,533,548 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes office furniture, fixtures, vehicles, machinery and equipment (see table below).

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Office furniture, fixtures and equipment	\$ 262,132	\$ 203,892
Building Improvements	1,435,596	1,330,257
Vehicles	704,371	661,907
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Sub Total	2,402,099	2,196,056
Less accumulated depreciation	(868,551)	(714,316)
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Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 1,533,548</u>	<u>\$ 1,481,740</u>

Major capital asset events during the current fiscal year included the following:

Purchased two new vans, bought several new office computers.

The Council also continued with new furniture and equipment as part of renovating of the Gonzales Senior Center. Also completed renovation projects for Donaldsonville Center.

Additional information on the Council's capital assets can be found in the Note 8, Exhibit F of this report.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET AND RATES

The Council receives most of its funding from federal and state agencies and local taxes. Because of this, the source of income for the Council is rather steady. However, some of the Council's grants and contracts are contingent upon the level of service provided by the Council, and therefore, revenues may vary from year to year. Despite COVID-19 issues, there have been no significant

changes to the funding levels or terms of the grants and contracts. The Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs (GOEA) has approved the Council's budget for fiscal year 2022-2023. There are no plans to add or delete any significant programs for next fiscal year.

The Board of Directors considered COVID-19 issues and the following factors and indicators when setting next year's budget, rates, and fees. These factors and indicators include:

- Actual expenditures from previous fiscal year in relation to expected needs in the current year.
- Consideration of funding to be received from GOEA and CAAA.
- The Ad Valorem Tax Revenue budgeted represents the estimated amount of the November 2022 assessment, which the Council will receive, for the most part, in March 2023.
- Interest revenues have been budgeted with anticipation of no increase in interest rates.
- Salaries and benefits are based on the number of employees needed to perform necessary services and the related benefits.
- Travel rates in accordance with state Travel regulations.
- Services the Council will provide along with estimated service costs.
- Estimate of operation supplies needed to perform necessary services.
- Detail plan of equipment and vehicles needed to be purchased.

Condensed Statement of Net Assets

	June 30,		Dollar
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Change</u>
Current and other assets	\$ 4,230,108	\$ 3,817,101	\$ 413,007
Capital assets	<u>1,533,548</u>	<u>1,481,740</u>	<u>51,808</u>
Total assets	<u>5,763,656</u>	<u>5,298,841</u>	<u>\$ 464,815</u>
Short-term liabilities outstanding	1,407	-	1,407
Other liabilities	<u>65,132</u>	<u>50,113</u>	<u>15,019</u>
Total liabilities	<u>66,539</u>	<u>50,113</u>	<u>16,426</u>
Net Assets:			
Invested in capital assets, net	1,533,548	1,481,740	51,808
Restricted	3,451,307	3,043,457	407,850
Unrestricted	<u>712,262</u>	<u>723,531</u>	<u>(11,269)</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 5,697,117</u>	<u>\$ 5,248,728</u>	<u>\$ 448,389</u>

Governmental Activities

Governmental activities increased the Council net assets by \$448,389. Key elements of this increase are as follows:

Condensed Changes in Net Assets				
	June 30,		Dollar	Total
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Percent</u> <u>Change</u>
Revenues:				
Program revenues:				
Capital grants and contributions	\$ -	\$ 61,995	\$ (61,995)	-100.0%
Operating grants and contributions	422,327	512,907	(90,580)	9.33%
General revenues:				
Property taxes	2,317,431	2,212,585	104,846	0.68%
Grants and contributions not restricted	170,300	112,418	57,882	0.0%
Unrestricted investment earnings	702	9,213	(8,511)	-42.0%
Miscellaneous	3,048	4,000	(952)	-94.0%
Total revenues	<u>2,913,808</u>	<u>2,913,118</u>	<u>690</u>	<u>0.02%</u>
Expenses:				
Health and welfare	2,465,419	2,294,029	171,390	4.4%
Total expenses	<u>2,465,419</u>	<u>2,294,029</u>	<u>171,390</u>	
Increase (decrease) in net assets	448,389	619,089	(170,700)	-27.6%
Net assets beginning of year	5,248,728	4,629,639	619,089	
Net assets end of year	<u>\$ 5,697,117</u>	<u>\$ 5,248,728</u>	<u>\$ 448,389</u>	<u>8.5%</u>

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S FUNDS

As noted earlier, the Council uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds

The focus of the Council's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Council's financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year. As of the end of the current fiscal year, the Council's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$4,228,701 an increase of \$411,600 in comparison with the prior year. An unreserved fund balance of \$777,394 is available for spending at the Council's discretion. The remainder of fund balance is reserved to indicate that it is not available for new spending because it has already been committed. This is reflected on Page 17.

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the Council. At the end of the current fiscal year, unreserved fund balance of the general fund was \$777,394, while total fund balance reached \$4,228,701(Page 17). As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unreserved fund balances and total fund expenditures. The fund balance of the Council's General Fund increased by \$3,750 during the current fiscal year. (Page 18)

Other major funds, including Title III B – Supportive Services Fund and Title III C-2 – Home Delivered Meals Fund and Title III C-1 Congregate Meals, and Senior Center had no change in fund balances. These funds are reimbursed by federal grants and expenditures that are not covered by the grants are covered by transfers from the General Fund and Millage Fund.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Council's finances for all those with an interest in the Council's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to:

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Donaldsonville, Louisiana.70346
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors,
Ascension Council on Aging
Donaldsonville, Louisiana

Opinion

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Ascension Council on Aging, Donaldsonville, Louisiana, (the Council) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Council's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Ascension Council on Aging as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022 in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

I conducted my 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 of the United States. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. We are required to be independent of Ascension Council on Aging and to meet my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to my audit. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Council'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

My 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 my 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 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, including omissions, are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, I:

- Exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council'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 my judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Council's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable time.

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

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis (pages 1 through 9) and budgetary comparison information (pages 30 through 33) be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. I have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to my inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge I obtained during my audit of the basic financial statements. I do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide me with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Supplementary Information

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Council's basic financial statements. The accompanying Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance – Non Major Governmental Funds and the Comparative Schedule of Capital Assets and Changes in Capital Assets are presented for purposes of additional analysis by the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs (GOEA). In addition, Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 (A)(3), as amended, requires the Council to present a supplemental schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments Made to the Council's Executive Director for the fiscal year. These schedules are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Uniform Guidance, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations and is also not a required part of the financial statements.

The information in these three schedules is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America.

In my opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated October 28, 2022 on my consideration of the Council's internal control over financial reporting and on my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on 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 the Council's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana,
October 28, 2022



Michael R. Choate & Company, CPAs

GOVERNMENT WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GOVERNMENT WIDE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

ASCENSION COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.
DONALDSONVILLE, LOUISIANA

June 30, 2022

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Assets	
Cash	\$ 363,760
Investments	3,705,214
Grants and contracts receivable	41,098
Prepaid expenses:	
Insurance	120,036
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>1,533,548</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 5,763,656</u></u>
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 1,407
Payroll liabilities	-
Accrued compensated absences	<u>65,132</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>66,539</u>
Net Position	
Invested in Capital Assets	1,533,548
Restricted for:	
Utility Assistance	(217)
MIPPA	5,060
Title III E	(365)
Millage	3,446,829
Unrestricted	<u>712,262</u>
Total Net Position	<u><u>\$ 5,697,117</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

GOVERNMENT WIDE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
ASCENSION COUNCIL ON AGING
DONALDSONVILLE, LOUISIANA

For the year ended June 30, 2022

	Program Revenues					Net (Expense) Revenue and Increases (Decreases) in Net Assets
	Direct Expenses	Indirect Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Total Governmental Activities
Functions / Programs						
Governmental Activities						
Health, Welfare & Social Services						
Supportive Services:	\$ 604,635	\$ 91,956		\$ 195,879	\$ -	(500,712)
Personal Care	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Services	-	-	-	-	-	-
Homemaker	-	-	-	-	-	-
Information and Assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legal Assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-
Outreach	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transportation				161		161
Nutrition Services:						
Congregate Meals	73,541	15,662	-	38,358		(50,845)
Home Delivered Meals	621,253	101,534	-	85,237		(637,550)
Utility Assistance	29,344	-	-	-		(29,344)
National Family Caregiver Support	7,812	-	-	6,077		(1,735)
Multipurpose Senior Centers	-	158,200	-	92,315		(65,885)
Administration	394,704	346,778	-	1,200	-	(740,282)
Total governmental activities	\$ 1,731,289	\$ 714,130	\$ -	\$ 419,227	\$ -	\$ (2,026,192)
General Revenues:						
Ad Valorem Taxes						2,317,431
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs						173,400
Unrestricted Investment Income						702
Miscellaneous						3,048
Total general revenues						2,494,581
Increase in net position						468,389
Net position - beginning of the year						5,248,728
Net position - end of the year						\$ 5,717,117

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
Ascension Council on Aging, Inc.

June 30, 2022

	General Fund	Millage	Title III B	Title III C-1	Title III C-2	Senior Center	Total Non Major Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets								
Cash	\$ (28,987)	\$ 404,858	\$ (8,101)	\$ (3,447)	\$ 3,290	\$ -	\$ (3,853)	\$ 363,760
Investments	778,801	2,921,935	-	-	-	-	4,478	3,705,214
Grants and Contracts Receivable	28,987	-	8,101	3,447	(3,290)	-	3,853	41,098
Prepaid Insurance	-	120,036	-	-	-	-	-	120,036
Total Assets	\$ 778,801	\$ 3,446,829	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,478	\$ 4,230,108
Liabilities and Fund Balance								
Liabilities								
Payroll liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accounts Payable	1,407	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,407
Total Liabilities	1,407	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,407
Fund Balances								
Reserved For:								
Prepaid Expenditures	-	120,036	-	-	-	-	-	120,036
Unassigned:								
General Fund	777,394	-	-	-	-	-	-	777,394
Restricted:								
Special Revenue Fund	-	3,326,793	-	-	-	-	4,478	3,331,271
Total Fund Balances	777,394	3,446,829	-	-	-	-	4,478	4,228,701
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 778,801	\$ 3,446,829	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,478	

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:

Compensated absences are not paid for out of current financial resources and therefore are not reported funds	(65,132)
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds	1,533,548
Net position of Governmental Activities	\$ 5,697,117

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
Ascension Council on Aging, Inc.
Baton Rouge, LA
For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

	General Fund	Millage	Title III B	Title III C-1	Title III C-2	Senior Center	Total Non-Major Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES								
Advalorem Taxes	\$ -	\$ 2,317,431	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,317,431
Intergovernmental								
Capital Area Agency on Aging	-	-	63,169	22,311	27,065	-	5,088	117,633
Department of Transportation - Grant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs	100,001	-	-	-	-	92,315	4,300	196,616
American Rescue Plan	70,299	-	-	-	-	-	-	70,299
Public Support								
Contributions-other restricted	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Participant Contributions	-	161	742	2,705	3,734	-	-	7,342
Investment Income	702	-	-	-	-	-	-	702
Miscellaneous	3,048	-	5,220	-	-	-	-	8,268
Inkind Contributions	-	-	126,748	13,342	54,438	-	989	195,517
Total Revenues	174,050	2,317,592	195,879	38,358	85,237	92,315	10,377	2,913,808
EXPENDITURES								
Health, Welfare, & Social Services								
Current:								
Personnel	-	361,253	379,499	55,919	189,661	-	1,950	988,282
Fringe	-	124,648	76,008	15,651	50,294	-	155	266,756
Travel	-	6,459	5,992	-	-	-	-	12,451
Operating Services	-	3,059	59,130	2,396	24,020	125,143	-	213,748
Operating Supplies	-	11,247	29,843	44	15,536	23,863	-	80,533
Other Costs	-	68,473	19,371	-	4,104	9,194	4,718	105,860
Meals	-	106,986	-	1,851	277,748	-	-	386,585
Utility Assistance	-	29,344	-	-	-	-	-	29,344
Capital Outlay	-	223,132	-	-	-	-	-	223,132
Inkind	-	-	126,748	13,342	54,438	-	989	195,517
Total Expenditures	-	934,601	696,591	89,203	615,801	158,200	7,812	2,502,208
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	174,050	1,382,991	(500,712)	(50,845)	(530,564)	(65,885)	2,565	411,600
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								
Transfers In	-	-	500,712	50,845	530,564	65,885	1,715	1,149,721
Transfers Out	(170,300)	(976,321)	-	-	-	-	(3,100)	(1,149,721)
Total other Financing Sources and Uses	(170,300)	(976,321)	500,712	50,845	530,564	65,885	(1,385)	-
Net Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balances	3,750	406,670	-	-	-	-	1,180	411,600
FUND BALANCES								
Beginning of the Year	773,644	3,040,159	-	-	-	-	3,298	3,817,101
End of the Year	\$ 777,394	\$ 3,446,829	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,478	\$ 4,228,701

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental
Funds to the Statement of Activities
Ascension Council on Aging, Inc.
Donaldsonville, Louisiana

Year Ended June 30, 2022

Net Increase in fund balances – total governmental funds	\$ 411,600
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Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the **Statement of Activities** the cost of these assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlay is more than depreciation expense.

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Some expenses reported in the **Statement of Activities** do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds:

Compensated absences	<u>(15,019)</u>
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Increase of net position of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 448,389</u></u>
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
Ascension Council on Aging, Inc.
Donaldsonville, Louisiana

June 30, 2022

Note 1 - Summary Of Significant Accounting Policies

a. Statement of Presentation:

The accompanying financial statements conform to generally accepted accounting principles for local government units as prescribed by Statement 1, Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Principles published by the National Council on Governmental Accounting, and Audits of State and Local Governmental Units, the industry audit guide issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

The local councils on the aging were created under Act No. 456 of 1964 for the welfare of the aging people in their respective parish.

b. Fund Accounting:

The accounts of the Council are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures.

Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purpose for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The various funds presented in the financial statements in this report are as follows:

Governmental Fund types

Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions of the Council are financed. The acquisition, use and balances of the Council's expendable financial resources and the related liabilities are accounted for through governmental funds. The measurement focus is upon determination of changes in financial position, rather than upon net income determination. The following are the Council's governmental funds:

General Fund - The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Council. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Note 1 - Summary Of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Governmental Fund (continued):

Special Revenue Funds – Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than special assessments and major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes. Most of the Council’s special revenue funds are provided by GOEA.

The Title III funds are provided by the United States Department of Health and Human Services – Administration on Aging through the Governor’s Office of Elderly Affairs which in turn “passes through” the funds to council.

The following are the funds which comprise the Council’s Special Revenue Funds:

Major Special Revenue Funds

A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the Council or if its total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures are at least 10% of the corresponding total for all funds of that category type.

Title III-B Supportive Services Fund

The Title III-B Supportive Services Fund is used to account for funds which are to provide a variety of social services; such as transportation (16,626) information and assistance (1,491), material aid (1,952) homemaker services (5,206), recreation (9,237) utility assistance (219), telephoning (10,243), wellness (19,232) and outreach (21) to people age 60 and older. Total units of service were 49,516.

Title III C-1 Fund

The Title III C-1 Fund is used to account for funds which are used to provide nutritional, congregate meals to the elderly in strategically located centers. The Council served no congregate meals this year because of COVID-19 issues.

Title III C-2 Home Delivered Meals Fund

Title III C-2 Fund is used to account for funds which are used to provide nutritional, home delivered meals to homebound older persons. The Council delivered 168,015 meals this year.

Senior Center Fund

The Senior Center Fund is used to account for the administration of Senior Center program funds appropriated by the Louisiana Legislature to the Governor’s Office of Elderly Affairs, which in turn “passes through” the funds

to the Council. This program provides community service centers at which older persons receive supportive services and participate in activities which foster their independence, enhance their dignity, and encourage their involvement in and with the community.

Millage Fund

The Millage Fund is used to account for the revenue received from the Ascension Parish property tax. These funds significantly finance the Council's budget and activities.

Non Major Special Revenue Funds

Title III-E Fund

The Title III-E Fund is used to account for funds which are used to provide continuing education services and information to assist individuals to acquire knowledge about services and/or care giving role and needs.

Supplemental Senior Center Fund

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

The following are the funds which comprise the Council's **General Fund**:

PCOA Fund – The PCOA fund accounts for the supplemental unrestricted revenues provided through the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs.

Other Local – Other Local funds accounts for interest income and miscellaneous unrestricted revenue.

Capital Assets

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

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

Building Improvements	20 years
Equipment	5 - 7 years
Vehicles	5 years
Computers	3 years

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

c. Transfers:

Advances between funds which are not expected to be repaid are accounted for as transfers. In those cases where repayment is expected, the advances are accounted for as an asset or liability through the various due from and due to accounts.

d. Budget Policy:

Budgets for the programs are prepared by the Council's Executive Director and approved by the grantors and the Council's board of directors.

e. Compensated Absences:

For government wide financial statements, the Council's liability for accumulated unpaid vacation has been recorded. The liability has been determined using the number of vested vacation hours for each employee multiplied by the employee's current wage rate at the end of the year. Accrued vacation benefits will be paid from future years' resources and will be recorded as fund expenditures in the various governmental funds in the year in which they are paid or become due on demand to terminated employees. The Council's sick leave policy does not provide for the vesting of sick leave where payment would have to be made to a terminated employee for any unused portion.

f. Management's Use of Estimates:

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

g. Revenue Recognition

Revenues are recorded in the Government-Wide Statements when they are earned under the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded in the Fund Financial Statements using the modified accrual basis of accounting. In applying the susceptible to accrual concept using this basis of accounting, intergovernmental grant revenues, program service fees, and interest income are usually both measurable and available. However, the timing and amounts of the receipts of public support and miscellaneous revenues are often difficult to measure; therefore, they are recorded as revenue in the period received.

Note 2 - Board of Director's Compensation

The Board of Directors is a voluntary Board; therefore, no compensation has been paid to any member.

Note 3 - In Kind Financial Assistance

The Council receives financial assistance from several local governments in the form of part time manpower, volunteers, vehicles, facilities and certain related operating expenses at no charge. Amounts related to this assistance are recorded in these financial statements as In Kind contributions and expenditures.

The total for the year June 30, 2022 was \$195,317.

Note 4 - Economic Dependency

The Council receives a portion of its revenue from funds provided through grants administered by the Louisiana Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs, Louisiana Department of Social Services and the Capital Area Agency on Aging-District II, Inc. The grant amounts are appropriated each year by the federal and state governments. If significant budget cuts are made at the federal and/or state level, the amount of funds the Council receives could be reduced significantly and have an adverse impact on its operations. Management is not aware of any actions that will adversely affect the amount of funds the Council will receive in the next fiscal year. Also see Note 6.

Note 5- Transfers

	<u>Transfers Out</u>	<u>Transfers In</u>
<u>SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</u>		
Supplemental Senior Center	\$ 3,100	\$ -
Title III B		
American Rescue Plan	-	42,534
Supplemental Senior Center	-	3,100
Ascension Millage	-	355,078
General Fund	-	100,000
Title III C-1		
Ascension Millage	-	50,845
Title III C-2		
American Rescue Plan	-	27,766
Ascension Millage	-	502,798
Ascension Millage		
Title III B	355,078	-
Title III C-1	50,845	-
Title III C-2	502,798	-
Senior Center	65,885	-
Title II E	1,715	-
Senior Center		
Ascension Millage	-	65,885
III E	-	1,715
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>		
American Rescue Plan	70,300	-
Title III B	100,000	-
Total	<u>\$ 1,149,721</u>	<u>\$ 1,149,721</u>

Note 6 – Property Taxes

Parish Ad valorem taxes are levied on real property in Ascension Parish each year to finance the budget of the Council. Taxes are billed and collected by the Parish of Ascension.

The Parish of Ascension has established separate accounts for the Council on Aging. The activity of the Parish of Ascension/Council on Aging account for the year ended June 30, 2022 includes collection of the ad valorem tax, interest income and the payment of state retirement contributions and a Parish administration fee. The 10 year tax is scheduled to expire December 31, 2023.

Note 7 - General Fixed Assets

The changes in fixed assets are as follows:

	Balance 6/30/2021	Additions	Deletions	Balance 6/30/2022
Furniture & Equipment	\$ 203,892	\$ 70,824	\$ (12,584)	\$ 262,132
Building Improvements	1,330,257	105,339	-	1,435,596
Vehicles	661,907	46,969	(4,505)	704,371
	<u>\$ 2,196,056</u>	<u>\$ 223,132</u>	<u>\$ (17,089)</u>	<u>\$ 2,402,099</u>

Note 8 – Deposits With Financial Institutions

At June 30, 2022, The Council had bank balances totaling \$4,068,974. Bank balances totaling \$250,000 are insured by federal deposit insurance while deposits of \$3,818,974 are collateralized by securities held by the depository bank in the Council's name. This is considered a "Category 1" credit risk in accordance with GASB Statement 3.

GASB Statement 3 categories deposits into three categories of credit risk:

1. Insured by FDIC or collateralized with securities held by the Council or by its agent in the Council's name. (Category 1)
2. Uninsured but collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the Council's name. (Category 2)
3. Uninsured and uncollateralized; or collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution, or by its trust department or agent but not in the Council's name; or collateralized with no written or approved collateral agreement. (Category 3)

Note 9 – Grants & Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable at June 30, 2022 included the following funds:

<u>Special Revenue</u>	
Title III B	\$ 8,101
Title III C-1	3,447
Title III C-2	(3,290)
Title III E	3,853
<u>General Fund</u>	28,987
Total	<u>\$ 41,098</u>

Note 10 – Income Tax Status

The Council, a non-profit corporation, is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(C)3 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Income Tax Status- Ascension Council on Aging, Inc. is a tax-exempt organization as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is classified by the Internal Revenue Service as an organization other than a private foundation. The Council, therefore, is not subject to income taxes. However, income from activities not directly related to the Council's tax-exempt purpose is subject to taxation as unrelated business income. The Council had no such income for the year ended June 30, 2022.

On June 30, 2012, the Council adopted the provisions of the Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes Topic of the FASB ASC, which clarifies the accounting and recognition for income tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the Council's income tax returns. Management evaluated the Council's tax positions and concluded that the Council had taken no uncertain tax positions that required adjustments to the financial statements to comply with the provisions of this guidance. Ascension Council on Aging, Inc. is no longer subject to income tax examinations by the U.S. federal, state, or local tax authorities for tax years prior to June 30, 2019.

Note 11- Retirement Plan

The Council provides a retirement plan to its employees. The plan is a defined contribution plan. Total contributions for the year ended June 30, 2022 were \$33,526 and total plan assets were \$435,378.

Note 12 – Subsequent Events.

On December 10, 2022 Ascension parish citizens voted to renew the 1.5 millage for the Council on Aging for another 10 years.

Management has analyzed subsequent events thru October 28, 2022; the date these financial statements were first made available for distribution. No further disclosures were deemed necessary.

**SCHEDULE OF PROGRAM REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND**

**ASCENSION COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.
DONALDSONVILLE, LOUISIANA
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

	BUDGETS		ACTUAL	FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE) VARIANCE
REVENUES	ORIGINAL	FINAL		
Ad valorem taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Intergovernmental:				
Capital Area Agency on Aging, Inc.	-	-	-	-
Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs	100,000	100,000	100,001	1
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN		70,299	70,299	-
Other:				
Miscellaneous			3,048	3,048
Contributions				-
Investment Income			702	702
Contributions in Kind	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	100,000	170,299	174,050	3,751
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Expenditures in Kind	-	-	-	-
Personnel	-	-	-	-
Operating services	-	-	-	-
and supplies	-	-	-	-
Meals	-	-	-	-
Travel	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-
Utility assistance	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	-	-	-	-
Excess of Revenues over (under)				
Expenditures	100,000	170,299	174,050	3,751
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
USES				
Operating transfers in	-	-	-	-
Operating transfers out	(100,000)	(170,299)	(170,300)	1
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,750	\$ 3,752

SCHEDULE OF PROGRAM REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - TITLE III-B
ASCENSION COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.
DONALDSONVILLE, LOUISIANA
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

REVENUES	BUDGETS		ACTUAL	FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE) VARIANCE
	ORIGINAL	FINAL		
Ad valorem taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Intergovernmental:				
Capital Area Agency on Aging, Inc.	63,169	63,169	63,169	-
State of Louisiana	-	-	-	-
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN	-	-	-	-
Other:				
Miscellaneous	-	-	5,220	5,220
Contributions - participants	12,000	7,000	742	(6,258)
Contributions - restricted	-	-	-	-
Contributions in Kind	126,748	126,748	126,748	-
Total Revenues	201,917	196,917	195,879	(1,038)
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Expenditures in Kind	126,748	126,748	126,748	-
Personnel	628,087	385,043	379,499	5,544
Fringe	179,476	80,232	76,008	4,224
Travel	13,300	6,500	5,992	508
Operating services	77,925	54,315	59,130	(4,815)
Operating supplies	40,785	25,010	29,843	(4,833)
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-
Other	12,518	18,921	19,371	(450)
Total Expenditures	1,078,839	696,769	696,591	178
Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	(876,922)	(499,852)	(500,712)	(860)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
USES				
Operating transfers in	876,922	499,852	500,712	860
Operating transfers out	-	-	-	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

**SCHEDULE OF PROGRAM REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - TITLE III C-1**

**ASCENSION COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.
DONALDSONVILLE, LOUISIANA
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

	BUDGETS		ACTUAL	FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE) VARIANCE
REVENUES	ORIGINAL	FINAL		
Ad valorem taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Intergovernmental:				
Capital Area Agency on Aging, Inc.	22,311	22,311	22,311	-
State of Louisiana	-	-	-	-
Other:				
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
Contributions	5,000	5,000	2,705	(2,295)
Contributions in Kind	13,342	13,342	13,342	-
Total Revenues	40,653	40,653	38,358	(2,295)
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Expenditures in Kind	13,342	13,342	13,342	-
Personnel	95,982	56,027	55,919	108
Fringe	19,249	15,675	15,651	24
Travel	600	-	-	-
Operating services	3,839	3,339	2,396	943
Operating supplies	1,094	44	44	-
Meals	-	6,549	1,851	4,698
Travel	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-
Utility assistance	-	-	-	-
Other	1,700	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	135,806	94,976	89,203	5,773
Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	(95,153)	(54,323)	(50,845)	3,478
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
USES				
Operating transfers in	95,153	54,323	50,845	(3,478)
Operating transfers out	-	-	-	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

SCHEDULE OF PROGRAM REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - TITLE III C-2
ASCENSION COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.
DONALDSONVILLE, LOUISIANA
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>BUDGETS</u>		<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE) VARIANCE</u>
	<u>ORIGINAL</u>	<u>FINAL</u>		
Ad valorem taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Intergovernmental:				
Capital Area Agency on Aging, Inc.	27,065	27,065	27,065	-
State of Louisiana				-
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN	-	-	-	-
Other:				
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
Contributions	12,000	12,000	3,734	(8,266)
Contributions in Kind	54,438	54,438	54,438	-
Total Revenues	<u>93,503</u>	<u>93,503</u>	<u>85,237</u>	<u>(8,266)</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Current:				
Expenditures in Kind	54,438	54,438	54,438	-
Personnel	227,989	223,019	189,661	33,358
Fringe	47,803	57,225	50,294	6,931
Travel	2,100	-	-	-
Operating services	25,634	29,134	24,020	5,114
Operating supplies	13,675	20,843	15,536	5,307
Meals	249,982	277,748	277,748	-
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-
Other	5,950	5,950	4,104	1,846
Total Expenditures	<u>627,571</u>	<u>668,357</u>	<u>615,801</u>	<u>52,556</u>
Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	(534,068)	(574,854)	(530,564)	44,290
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</u>				
<u>USES</u>				
Operating transfers in	534,068	574,854	530,564	(44,290)
Operating transfers out	-	-	-	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

**SCHEDULE OF PROGRAM REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - SENIOR CENTER**

**ASCENSION COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.
DONALDSONVILLE, LOUISIANA
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>BUDGETS</u>		<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE) VARIANCE</u>
	<u>ORIGINAL</u>	<u>FINAL</u>		
Ad valorem taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Intergovernmental:				
Capital Area Agency on Aging, Inc.	-	-	-	-
Governor's Office of Edlerly Affairs	92,315	92,315	92,315	-
Other:				
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
Contributions	-	-	-	-
Contributions in Kind	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	92,315	92,315	92,315	-
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Current:				
Expenditures in Kind	-	-	-	-
Personnel	-	-	-	-
Fringe	-	-	-	-
Operating services	121,200	121,200	125,143	(3,943)
Operating supplies	29,000	29,000	23,863	5,137
Meals	-	-	9,194	(9,194)
Travel	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-
Utility assistance	-	-	-	-
Other	8,000	8,000	-	8,000
Total Expenditures	158,200	158,200	158,200	-
Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	(65,885)	(65,885)	(65,885)	-
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</u>				-
<u>USES</u>				-
Operating transfers in	65,885	65,885	65,885	-
Operating transfers out	-	-	-	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

**SCHEDULE OF PROGRAM REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND -ASCENSION MILLAGE**

**ASCENSION COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.
DONALDSONVILLE, LOUISIANA
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>BUDGETS</u>		<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE) VARIANCE</u>
	<u>ORIGINAL</u>	<u>FINAL</u>		
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 2,448,632	\$ 2,410,338	\$ 2,317,431	\$ (92,907)
Intergovernmental:				
Department of Transportation - Grant	-	-	-	-
Capital Area Agency on Aging, Inc.	-	-	-	-
Other:				
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
Contributions	-	-	161	161
Contributions in Kind	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	<u>2,448,632</u>	<u>2,410,338</u>	<u>2,317,592</u>	<u>(92,746)</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Current:				
Expenditures in Kind	-	-	-	-
Personnel	230,011	393,784	361,253	32,531
Fringe	53,186	140,824	124,648	16,176
Travel	7,500	12,500	6,459	6,041
Operating services	7,770	11,020	3,059	7,961
Operating supplies	31,000	40,625	11,247	29,378
Other	144,820	137,797	68,473	69,324
Meals	250,018	250,018	106,986	143,032
Utility assistance	-	-	29,344	(29,344)
Renovations	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	215,500	400,500	223,132	177,368
Total Expenditures	<u>939,805</u>	<u>1,387,068</u>	<u>934,601</u>	<u>452,467</u>
Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	1,508,827	1,023,270	1,382,991	359,721
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</u>				
<u>USES</u>				
Operating transfers in	-	-	-	-
Operating transfers out	(1,508,827)	(1,023,270)	(976,321)	46,949
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 406,670	\$ 406,670
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	<u>3,040,159</u>	<u>3,040,159</u>	<u>3,040,159</u>	
ENDING FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ 3,040,159</u>	<u>\$ 3,040,159</u>	<u>\$ 3,446,829</u>	

**Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to the
Council's Executive Director**

**Ascension Council on Aging, Inc.
Donaldsonville, Louisiana
For the year ended June 30, 2022**

Executive Director's (Agency Head) Name: Darlene Schexnayder

Purpose	Amount
Salary	\$ 72,072
Benefits-insurance (health and life)	
Benefits-retirement	875
Benefits-Other (describe)	
Benefits-Other (describe)	
Benefits-Other (describe)	
Car allowance	
Vehicle provided by government (enter amount reported on W-2)	
Per diem	
Reimbursements	
Travel	1,000
Registration fees	
Conference travel	
Housing	
Unvouchered expenses (example: travel advances, etc.)	
Special meals	
Other - Petty Cash Reimbursements	

SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Required by: Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Non-Major Special Revenue Funds
Ascension Council on Aging, Inc.
Baton Rouge, LA
For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

	Title III E	Utility Asst.	MIPPA	Sup. Senior Center	Total Non- Major Funds
REVENUES					
Intergovernmental					
Capital Area Agency on Aging	\$ 5,088	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,088
Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs	-	-	1,200	3,100	4,300
Public Support					
Contributions-other restricted	-	-	-	-	-
Contributions	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Income	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-
Inkind Contributions	989	-	-	-	989
Total Revenues	6,077	-	1,200	3,100	10,377
EXPENDITURES					
Health, Welfare, & Social Services					
Current:					
Personnel	1,950	-	-	-	1,950
Fringe	155	-	-	-	155
Travel	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Services	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Supplies	-	-	-	-	-
Other Costs	4,718	-	-	-	4,718
Meals	-	-	-	-	-
Utility Assistance	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-
Inkind Expenditures	989	-	-	-	989
Total Expenditures	7,812	-	-	-	7,812
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	(1,735)	-	1,200	3,100	2,565
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers In	1,715	-	-	-	1,715
Transfers Out	-	-	-	(3,100)	(3,100)
Total other Financing Sources and Uses	1,715	-	-	(3,100)	(1,385)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balances	(20)	-	1,200	-	1,180
FUND BALANCES					
Beginning of the Year	(345)	(217)	3,860	-	3,298
End of the Year	\$ (365)	\$ (217)	\$ 5,060	\$ -	\$ 4,478

**COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF GENERAL FIXED ASSETS AND CHANGES IN
GENERAL FIXED ASSETS**

Ascension Council on Aging, Inc.
Donaldsonville, Louisiana

For the year ended June 30, 2022

	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2021</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 202</u>
General Fixed Assets:				
Vehicles	\$ 661,907	\$ 46,969	\$ (4,505)	\$ 704,371
Building improvements	1,330,257	105,339		1,435,596
Office Furniture and Equipment	203,892	70,824	(12,584)	262,132
Total Fixed Assets	<u>\$ 2,196,056</u>	<u>\$ 223,132</u>	<u>\$ (17,089)</u>	<u>\$ 2,402,099</u>
Investment in General Fixed Assets:				
Property acquired with funds from- Millage/ Parish	2,055,768	223,132	(13,489)	2,265,411
State of LA DOTD 5310	131,910			131,910
Senior Center	8,378		(3,600)	4,778
Total Investments in General Fixed Assets	<u>\$ 2,196,056</u>	<u>\$ 223,132</u>	<u>\$ (17,089)</u>	<u>\$ 2,402,099</u>

SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION
REQUIRED BY: OMB CIRCULAR A-133

SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Ascension Council on Aging, Inc.
Donaldsonville, Louisiana

For the year ended June 30, 2022

<u>Grants Passed Through State of Louisiana and Capital Area Agency on Aging</u>	<u>Federal CFDA Number</u>	<u>Program Award Amount</u>	<u>Revenue Recognized</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
Capital Area Agency on Aging- District II, Inc.				
Title III Part C-1	93.045	\$ 18,171	\$ 18,171	\$ 18,171
Title III Part C-2	93.045	16,670	16,670	16,670
Title III Part B	93.044	59,530	59,530	59,530
Title III Part E	93.052	1,579	1,579	1,579
American Rescue Plan		70,299	70299	\$ 70,299
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Totals		<u>\$ 166,249</u>	<u>\$ 166,249</u>	<u>\$ 166,249</u>

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

To the Board of Directors,
Ascension Council on Aging
Donaldsonville, Louisiana

I have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Ascension Council on Aging, Donaldsonville, Louisiana, (the Council) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Council's basic financial statements, and have issued my report thereon dated October 28, 2022.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit of the financial statements, I considered the Council's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing my opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control.

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

My consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during my audit, I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that I consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Council's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I 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 determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit, and accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purposes of this report is solely to describe the scope of my testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana,
October 28, 2022


Michael R. Choate & Company, CPAs

FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Internal Accounting and Administrative Controls and Compliance

Ascension Council on Aging, Inc.
Donaldsonville, Louisiana

June 30, 2022

There were no material weaknesses found in compliance or in the Internal Accounting and Administrative Controls which required corrective action.

PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS

Ascension Council on Aging, Inc.
Donaldsonville, Louisiana

June 30, 2022

MATERIAL WEAKNESSES – JUNE 30, 2021

Last year there were no material weaknesses found in compliance or in internal accounting and administrative controls which required corrective action.

Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

Ascension Council on Aging, Inc.
Donaldsonville, Louisiana, USA

To the Board of Directors of Ascension Council on Aging, Inc. and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by Ascension Council on Aging, Inc. and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor (LLA) on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the LLA's Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. The Entity's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of this report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

Procedures:

1. Determine if the following accounting **policies are in writing** and address the issues described in the attached Appendix.

Budgeting	Payroll/ Personnel	Ethics
Purchasing	Contracting (vendors)	Debt service
Disbursements	Credit cards	Info Technology/ Disaster Recovery
Receipts	Travel and expense reimbursements	Sexual Harassment

2. Test compliance with the above accounting policies using the procedures described in the thirteen AUP categories in the attached Appendix.

Findings:

1. Written policies exist for all the AUP categories except:

Sexual harassment policy and procedures is in process.

2. Testing of all other AUP categories:

Board or Finance committee – no findings

Bank reconciliations – no findings

Collections – no findings

Non payroll disbursements – no findings

Credit cards - no findings

Travel expenditures – no findings

Contracts (vendors) –N/A no findings

Payroll – no findings

Ethics – no finding

Debt service – N/A no findings

Fraud notice – no findings

Information technology/ disaster recovery – no findings

Sexual harassment – N/A/ in process/ not required this year.

We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review, 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.

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

October 28, 2022
Baton Rouge, Louisiana



Michael R Choate & Company CPAs

APPENDIX

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Procedures

Report all exceptions to the following procedures, either after each procedure or after all procedures, within each of the fourteen AUP categories. “Random” selections may be made using Microsoft Excel’s random number generator or an alternate method selected by the practitioner that results in an equivalent sample (e.g., those methods allowed under the AICPA Audit Guide - *Audit Sampling*).

Written Policies and Procedures

1. 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:⁴
 - a) ***Budgeting***, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.
 - b) ***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.
 - c) ***Disbursements***, including processing, reviewing, and approving.
 - d) ***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).
 - e) ***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(s) rate of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.
 - f) ***Contracting***, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.
 - g) ***Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, P-Cards, if applicable)***, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4)

⁴ For governmental organizations, the practitioner may eliminate those categories and subcategories not applicable to the organization’s operations. For quasi-public organizations, including nonprofits, the practitioner may eliminate those categories and subcategories not applicable to public funds administered by the quasi-public.

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required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).

- h) ***Travel and Expense Reimbursement***, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
- i) ***Ethics***⁵, 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.
- j) ***Debt Service***, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
- k) ***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.
- l) ***Sexual Harassment***, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

Board or Finance Committee⁶

- 2. 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:
 - a) 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.
 - b) 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, at a minimum, on proprietary funds⁷, and semi-annual budget-

⁵ The Louisiana Code of Ethics is generally not applicable to nonprofit entities but may be applicable in certain situations, such as councils on aging. If ethics is applicable to a nonprofit, the nonprofit should have written policies and procedures relating to ethics.

⁶ These procedures are not applicable to entities managed by a single elected official, such as a sheriff or assessor.

⁷ Proprietary and special revenue funds are defined under GASB standards. The related procedure addresses these funds as a way to verify that boards are provided with financial information necessary to make informed decisions about entity operations, including proprietary and special revenue operations that are not required to be budgeted under the Local Government Budget Act.

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to-actual, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds⁷. *Alternately, for those entities reporting on the nonprofit accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included financial activity relating to public funds⁸ if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.*

- c) 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.

Bank Reconciliations

- 3. 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 accounts⁹ (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:
 - a) 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);
 - b) Bank reconciliations include evidence that a member of management/board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged); and
 - c) 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.

Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)¹⁰

- 4. Obtain a listing of deposit sites¹¹ 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).

⁸ R.S. 24:513 (A)(1)(b)(iv) defines public funds.

⁹ Accounts selected may exclude savings and investment accounts that are not part of the entity's daily business operations.

¹⁰ The Collections category is not required to be tested if the entity has a third party contractor performing all collection functions (i.e., receiving collections, preparing deposits, and making deposits).

¹¹ A deposit site is a physical location where a deposit is prepared and reconciled.

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5. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations¹² and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (i.e., 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if no written policies or procedures, 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:
 - a) Employees responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.
 - b) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g., pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit.
 - c) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not 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.
 - d) The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions, are not responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation.
6. Obtain from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe the bond or insurance policy for theft was enforced during the fiscal period.
7. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for procedure #3 under "Bank Reconciliations" above (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). *Alternately, 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:
 - a) Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
 - b) Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
 - c) Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
 - d) Observe 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).
 - e) Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

¹² A collection location is a physical location where cash is collected. An entity may have one or more collection locations whose collections are brought to a deposit site for deposit. For example, in a school district a collection location may be a classroom and a deposit site may be the school office.

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Non-Payroll Disbursements (excluding card purchases/payments, travel reimbursements, and petty cash purchases)

8. 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).
9. For each location selected under #8 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, inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that:
 - a) At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order/making the purchase.
 - b) At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.
 - c) 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.
 - d) 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.

[Note: Exceptions to controls that constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality) should not be reported.]
10. For each location selected under #8 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:
 - a) Observe whether the disbursement matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity.
 - b) Observe whether the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #9, as applicable.

Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/P-Cards

11. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and P-cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons

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who maintained possession of the cards¹³. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.

12. 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:
 - a) 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. [Note: Requiring such approval may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality); these instances should not be reported.]
 - b) Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.
13. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #12 above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (i.e., each card should have 10 transactions subject to testing)¹⁴. For each transaction, observe 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 note whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

Travel and Travel-Related Expense Reimbursements¹⁵ (excluding card transactions)

14. 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, 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:
 - a) If reimbursed using a per diem, observe 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).

¹³ Including cards used by school staff for either school operations or student activity fund operations.

¹⁴ For example, if 3 of the 5 cards selected were fuel cards, only 10 transactions would be selected for each of the 2 credit cards. Conceivably, if all 5 cards randomly selected under procedure #12 were fuel cards, Procedure #13 would not be applicable.

¹⁵ Non-travel reimbursements are not required to be tested under this category.

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- b) If reimbursed using actual costs, observe the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.
- c) Observe 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 policy (procedure #1h).
- d) Observe each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

Contracts

15. 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. *Alternately, 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:
- a) Observe whether the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law¹⁶ (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law.
 - b) Observe whether the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g., Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter).
 - c) If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observe 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, was approval documented).
 - d) 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 the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

Payroll and Personnel

16. Obtain a listing of employees and officials¹⁷ 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.
17. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under #16 above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:

¹⁶ If the entity has adopted the state Procurement Code, replace "Louisiana Public Bid Law" with "Louisiana Procurement Code."

¹⁷ "Officials" would include those elected, as well as board members who are appointed.

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- a) Observe all selected employees or officials¹⁸ documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory). (Note: Generally, officials are not eligible to earn leave and do not document their attendance and leave. However, if the official is earning leave according to a policy and/or contract, the official should document his/her daily attendance and leave.)
 - b) Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials.
 - c) Observe any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records.
 - d) Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agree to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.
18. 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, 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 or officials' cumulative leave records, agree the pay rates to the employee or officials' authorized pay rates in the employee or officials' personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy.
19. 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.

Ethics¹⁹

20. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under "Payroll and Personnel" above obtain ethics documentation from management, and:
- a) Observe whether the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the fiscal period.
 - b) Observe whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.

Debt Service²⁰

¹⁸ "Officials" would include those elected, as well as board members who are appointed.

¹⁹ The Louisiana Code of Ethics is generally not applicable to nonprofit entities but may be applicable in certain situations, such as councils on aging. If ethics is applicable to a nonprofit, the procedures should be performed.

²⁰ This AUP category is generally not applicable to nonprofit entities; however, if applicable, the procedures should be performed.

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21. 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 State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued.
22. 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).

Fraud Notice

23. 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.
24. Observe the entity has posted, on its premises²¹ and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.²²

Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

25. Perform the following procedures, **verbally discuss the results with management, and report "We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management."**
 - a) Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe that such backup occurred within the past week. If backups are stored on a physical medium (e.g., tapes, CDs), observe evidence that backups are encrypted before being transported.
 - b) Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.

²¹ Observation may be limited to those premises that are visited during the performance of other procedures under the AUPs.

²² This notice is available for download or print at www.la.gov/hotline.

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- c) 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.

Sexual Harassment²³

- 26. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under “Payroll and Personnel” above, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year.
- 27. Observe 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).
- 28. 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 it includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:
 - a) Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
 - b) Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
 - c) Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
 - d) Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
 - e) Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

²³ A private non-profit that is subject to audit by 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.