

**CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2023**

**PREPARED BY:  
THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

**Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
City of Gretna, Louisiana**

**Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

***Opinions***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Gretna, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended March 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City of Gretna, Louisiana's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to on the previous page present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the City of Gretna, Louisiana, as of March 31, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

***Basis for Opinions***

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the City of Gretna, Louisiana, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of 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 City's ability to continue as a going concern for the twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently know information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

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

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

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

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

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

***Emphasis of Matter***

As discussed in Note A 18 and Note D 4 to the basic financial statements, the City has adopted the provisions of GASB statement No. 87, Leases and a prior year restatement. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, the budgetary comparison information, Schedule of Changes in Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios, Schedule of Employer's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability, and Schedule of the City's Pension contributions, and on pages 4-16 and 68-76 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the

information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

***Supplementary Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Gretna, Louisiana's basic financial statements. The accompanying combining and individual non-major fund financials, the Justice System Funding Schedule-Collecting/Disbursing Entity, the Justice System Funding Schedule-Receiving Entity, the Schedule of Compensation of Paid Elected Officials, the Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards as required by Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and were derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual non-major fund financial statements, the Justice System Funding Schedule-Collecting/Disbursing Entity, the Justice System Funding Schedule-Receiving Entity, the Schedule of Compensation of Paid Elected Officials and the Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

***Other Information***

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the statistical sections but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

***Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 29, 2023, on our consideration of the City of Gretna, Louisiana's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Gretna, Louisiana's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City of Gretna, Louisiana's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Gretna, Louisiana

September 29, 2023

## **MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**



**City of Gretna, Louisiana**  
**Management’s Discussion and Analysis**  
**(Unaudited)**  
**March 31, 2023**

As management of the City of Gretna, Louisiana (the “City”), we offer readers of the City’s financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the City for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023. The purpose of this management discussion and analysis (“MD&A”) is to provide an objective and easy to read analysis of the City’s financial activities based on currently known facts, decisions, or conditions. Therefore, readers should consider the information presented here in conjunction with the City’s Financial Statements and Notes to the Financial Statements.

**Financial Highlights**

- The City’s total net position increased by \$12,226,240 which represents a 13.25 percent increase from fiscal year 2022. This increase can be attributed to an increase in net Capital Assets due to the purchase of land, the completion of LaSafe – Gretna City Park and Downtown Drainage - phase 2, and the construction in progress of the Lafayette Street Fire Station. Net pension liability increased by \$10,713,118. The net position of the governmental activities increased by \$15,087,287 or 23.66% and the net position of the business-type activities decreased by \$2,861,047 or 10.03% due to funds received from the American Rescue Plan.
- Assets and deferred outflows of resources of the City’s governmental activities exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of fiscal year ending 2023 by \$78,843,579 (*net position*). Of this amount \$71,676,434 or 90.91 percent is invested in capital assets, such as facilities, vehicles and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation and related debt. An additional \$24,674,873 or 31.30 percent is restricted for building renovations, a new fire station, contingencies, and emergency preparedness.
- At the end of fiscal year 2023, the City’s total general fund balance was \$9,944,920 compared to \$12,169,507 in fiscal year 2022. This decrease of \$2,224,587 or 18.28 percent can be attributed to the City’s acquisition of property along the 5th Street corridor with the intention to revitalize and redevelop underutilized properties, improve pedestrian and bicycle access, and bring new businesses to serve the surrounding community.

**Overview of the Financial Statements**

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the City’s financial statements. The City’s basic financial statements consist of the following components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information, which is in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

**Government-wide Financial Statements**

Government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the City’s finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The **Statement of Net Position** presents information on all the City’s assets and liabilities, and deferred inflows and outflows of resources, with the difference between the assets plus deferred outflows of resources and liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources reported as *net position*. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of

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the City is improving or weakening. The causes of the change in net position may be the result of many factors, both financial and non-financial in nature. Non-financial factors, which may have an impact on the City’s financial condition include the property and sales tax base or other external factors.

The **Statement of Activities** presents information showing how the government’s net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, *regardless of the timing of related cash flows*. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

Both of the government-wide financial statements are designed to distinguish functions of the City that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (“*governmental activities*”) from other functions that are intended to recover a significant portion of their cost through user fees and charges (“*business-type activities*”). The business-type activities of the City consist of the Municipal Water and Sewer System.

The following is the City’s government-wide financial information for the current and prior years in condensed form. Further details regarding these statements may be found on pages 17 and 18 of this financial report.

**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. The City, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All the funds of the City can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and proprietary 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. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government’s near-term financing requirements.

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. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government’s near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities*. These reconciliations are located on pages 20 and 22.

The City adopts an annual appropriated budget for its General Fund and Other Funds. A budgetary comparison statement for the General Fund and all major funds to demonstrate compliance with the budget is presented on pages 68 through 73.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 19 through 22 of this report.

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**Proprietary funds.** The proprietary funds consist of the Municipal Water & Sewer Funds which are also presented as the business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. Proprietary fund financial statements provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. The proprietary fund financial statements can be found on pages 23 through 25 of this report.

**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 beginning on page 26 of this report.

**Other information.** The *combining statements* referred to earlier in connection with non-major governmental funds are presented immediately following the Required Supplemental Information. Combining statements for non-major governmental funds can be found on pages 76 and 77 of this report. The City maintains fourteen individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the General Fund, Fire Protection Fund, Ambulance Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Debt Service Fund, and the Grant Fund all of which are major funds. Data from the other governmental funds (Garbage Fund, Parks and Recreation Fund, Social Services for The Aged Fund, Street Lights Fund, Tourism Fund, Home Incarceration Fund, Court Security Fund, and Court Security Fund 2<sup>nd</sup>) are combined into a single, aggregated presentation.

## **Government-wide Financial Analysis**

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. The City's assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$104,510,881 (*net position*). The City's net position is comprised of \$78,843,578 from governmental activities and \$25,667,303 from business-type activities as shown on page 17.

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	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
Current and other assets	\$ 36,007,760	\$ 35,274,752	\$ 4,433,427	\$ 6,271,831	\$ 40,441,187	\$ 41,546,583
Capital assets(net)	84,590,322	70,136,773	25,668,740	26,087,436	110,259,062	96,224,209
Total assets	120,598,082	105,411,525	30,102,167	32,359,267	150,700,249	137,770,792
Deferred outflows of resources	8,428,174	3,926,058	1,213,664	716,645	9,641,838	4,642,703
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 129,026,256</u>	<u>\$ 109,337,583</u>	<u>\$ 31,315,831</u>	<u>\$ 33,075,912</u>	<u>\$ 160,342,087</u>	<u>\$ 142,413,495</u>
Current and other liabilities	\$ 4,988,510	\$ 4,352,578	\$ 1,634,797	\$ 305,944	\$ 6,623,307	\$ 4,658,522
Long-term liabilities	42,977,301	33,139,159	3,932,411	3,637,800	46,909,712	36,776,959
Total liabilities	47,965,811	37,491,737	5,567,208	3,943,744	53,533,019	41,435,481
Deferred inflows of resources	2,216,866	8,089,555	81,320	603,818	2,298,186	8,693,373
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	<u>\$ 50,182,677</u>	<u>\$ 45,581,292</u>	<u>\$ 5,648,528</u>	<u>\$ 4,547,562</u>	<u>\$ 55,831,205</u>	<u>\$ 50,128,854</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>						
Net investment in capital assets	71,676,434	59,744,921	16,544,574	16,544,574	88,221,008	76,289,495
Restricted	24,674,873	24,752,942	-	3,292,693	24,674,873	28,045,635
Unrestricted	(17,507,728)	(20,741,572)	9,122,729	8,691,083	(8,384,999)	(12,050,489)
Total net position	<u>78,843,579</u>	<u>63,756,291</u>	<u>25,667,303</u>	<u>28,528,350</u>	<u>104,510,882</u>	<u>92,284,641</u>
Total liabilities, inflows, and net position	<u>\$ 129,026,256</u>	<u>\$ 109,337,583</u>	<u>\$ 31,315,831</u>	<u>\$ 33,075,912</u>	<u>\$ 160,342,087</u>	<u>\$ 142,413,495</u>

A large portion of the City's governmental activities' net position (\$71,676,434 or 90.91 percent) reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, furniture and fixtures, machinery, vehicles and equipment, and infrastructure, acquired since April 1, 2003) less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The City uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. While bonds payable are associated with the capital expenditures for purposes of categorizing net position, the capital assets themselves are not a source of repayment of the bonds. The bonds are serviced primarily by dedicated sales taxes.

Governmental restricted net position decreased to \$24,674,873 from \$24,752,942 resulting in a decrease of \$78,070 or 0.32 percent. The City's governmental unrestricted net position was (\$17,507,728).

Governmental total net position increased to \$78,843,579 from \$63,756,290 representing an increase of \$15,087,288 or 23.66 percent during the current fiscal year. This can be attributed to the increase in unrestricted net position of \$3,233,844.

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**Changes in Net Position**

The following table presents a summary of the changes in net position for 2023, with comparative figures from 2022. Governmental activities increased the City's net position by \$15,087,287 as restated due to GASB 87. The City's assets and deferred outflows of resources exceed total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$12,226,241.

<b>CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA</b>						
<b>CONDENSED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION</b>						
<b>March 31, 2023 and 2022</b>						
	<b>Governmental Activities</b>		<b>Business-type Activities</b>		<b>Total</b>	
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	\$ 4,455,845	\$ 3,988,099	\$ 6,678,596	\$ 6,464,408	\$ 11,134,441	\$ 10,452,507
Operating grants and contributions	1,710,806	831,199	-	-	1,710,806	831,199
Capital grants and contributions	7,932,514	2,746,029	55,550	3,268,709	7,988,064	6,014,738
General revenues:						
Ad valorem	9,753,941	9,154,419	641,107	601,986	10,395,048	9,756,405
Sales	13,177,331	11,926,748	-	-	13,177,331	11,926,748
Franchise	747,831	669,732	-	-	747,831	669,732
Intergovernmental	6,444,005	7,398,888	-	-	6,444,005	7,398,888
Fines and forfeitures	1,880,523	2,562,968	-	-	1,880,523	2,562,968
Licenses and permits	502,463	433,753	-	-	502,463	433,753
Miscellaneous	1,965,295	1,363,832	69,848	66,904	2,035,143	1,430,736
Bond Premium	67,972	67,972	-	-	67,972	67,972
Gain/Loss on disposal of assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	<u>48,638,526</u>	<u>41,143,639</u>	<u>7,445,101</u>	<u>10,402,007</u>	<u>56,083,627</u>	<u>51,545,646</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
Governmental activities:						
General government	3,224,279	3,169,785	-	-	3,224,279	3,169,785
Public safety	20,806,654	21,126,052	-	-	20,806,654	21,126,052
Public works	9,524,611	8,479,426	-	-	9,524,611	8,479,426
Culture and recreation	2,957,675	1,642,546	-	-	2,957,675	1,642,546
Cemetery	75,124	85,399	-	-	75,124	85,399
Interest & issue cost on long-term debt	457,924	484,930	-	-	457,924	484,930
Business-Type activities:						
Water Utility	-	-	3,528,424	3,524,253	3,528,424	3,524,253
Sewer Utility	-	-	3,361,138	3,330,611	3,361,138	3,330,611
Total expenses	<u>37,046,267</u>	<u>34,988,138</u>	<u>6,889,562</u>	<u>6,854,864</u>	<u>43,935,829</u>	<u>41,843,002</u>
Change in net position before special items and transfers	11,592,259	6,155,501	555,539	3,547,143	12,147,798	9,702,644
Transfers	3,455,650	186,585	(3,455,650)	(186,585)	-	-
Change in net position	15,047,909	6,342,086	(2,900,111)	3,360,558	12,147,798	9,702,644
Net position -Beginning of year, as restated	63,795,670	57,414,204	28,567,414	25,167,791	92,363,084	82,581,995
Net position - End of year	<u>\$ 78,843,579</u>	<u>\$ 63,756,290</u>	<u>\$ 25,667,303</u>	<u>\$ 28,528,349</u>	<u>\$ 104,510,882</u>	<u>\$ 92,284,639</u>

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The City's total revenues for the fiscal year 2023 were \$56,083,627 compared to \$51,545,646 for the fiscal year 2022 or an increase of \$4,537,981 or 8.80 percent.

Total program revenue for charges for services represents funds received from the public for garbage fees, licenses and permits, ambulance services, and water and sewer utility fees. Charges for services increased to \$11,134,441 from \$10,452,507 or 6.52 percent. The service charges for the Water and Sewer Utility Funds are up by \$214,188 or 3.31 percent.

Operating grants and contributions increased by \$879,907 or 105.82 percent. This can be attributed to FEMA reimbursements for Hurricane Ida, state funding for the annual Gretna Heritage Festival that was canceled due to COVID in the prior year, and federal funding for police grants.

Capital grants and contributions experienced an increase of \$1,973,326 or 32.81 percent. This can be attributed to the second allocation of American Rescue Plan funds.

Sales taxes increased to \$13,177,331 from \$11,926,748 resulting in an increase of \$1,250,583 or 10.48 percent. The increase in sales tax is a result of the ability to collect taxes on all internet transactions and clean-up and rebuilding efforts resulting from Hurricane Ida.

Ad valorem taxes increased to \$10,395,048 from \$9,756,405 resulting in an increase of \$638,643 or 6.55 percent due to the housing growth City-wide.

Intergovernmental revenues decreased to \$6,444,005 from \$7,398,888 resulting in a decrease of \$954,883 or 12.91 percent. This decrease can be attributed to allocations from Jefferson Parish for various cooperative endeavors including the purchase of a new ambulance in the prior year. Riverboat gaming revenues also decreased.

The City's total expenses increased to \$43,935,829 from \$41,843,002 resulting in an increase of \$2,092,827 or 5.00 percent. This is due to additional expenses as a result of inflationary cost increases. The Water and Sewer Utility Funds expenses remained relatively the same.

## **Governmental Activities**

The Governmental Activities of the City include General Government, Public Safety, Public Works, Cemetery, Culture and Recreation, and Miscellaneous Programs. Sales taxes, ad valorem taxes, franchise taxes, and intergovernmental revenues as well as occupational licenses and fines fund most of these governmental activities.

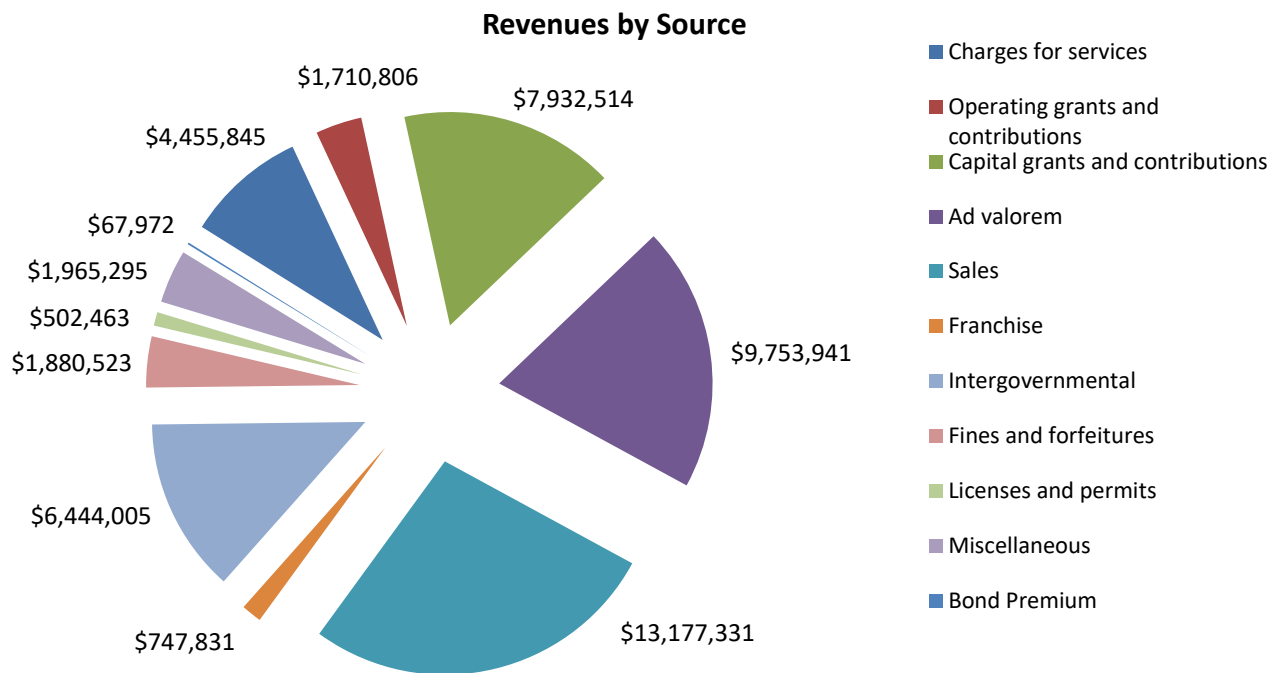
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**General Revenues and Program Revenues**

General revenues and program revenues are those available for the City to use to pay for the governmental activities described above. The following chart shows the City’s general revenues:

**Revenues by Source**  
**Governmental Activities**  
**For the Year Ended March 31, 2023**

<b>Revenues Source</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>% of Total</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease) from 2022</b>	<b>Percentage Change</b>
Charges for services	\$ 4,455,845	9.16%	\$ 467,746	11.73%
Operating grants and contributions	1,710,806	3.52%	879,607	105.82%
Capital grants and contributions	7,932,514	16.31%	5,186,485	188.87%
Ad valorem	9,753,941	20.05%	599,522	6.55%
Sales	13,177,331	27.09%	1,250,583	10.49%
Franchise	747,831	1.54%	78,099	11.66%
Intergovernmental	6,444,005	13.25%	(954,883)	-12.91%
Fines and forfeitures	1,880,523	3.87%	(682,445)	-26.63%
Licenses and permits	502,463	1.03%	68,710	15.84%
Miscellaneous	1,965,295	4.04%	601,462	44.10%
Bond Premiums	67,972	0.14%	-	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 48,638,526</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$ 7,494,886</b>	<b>18.22%</b>



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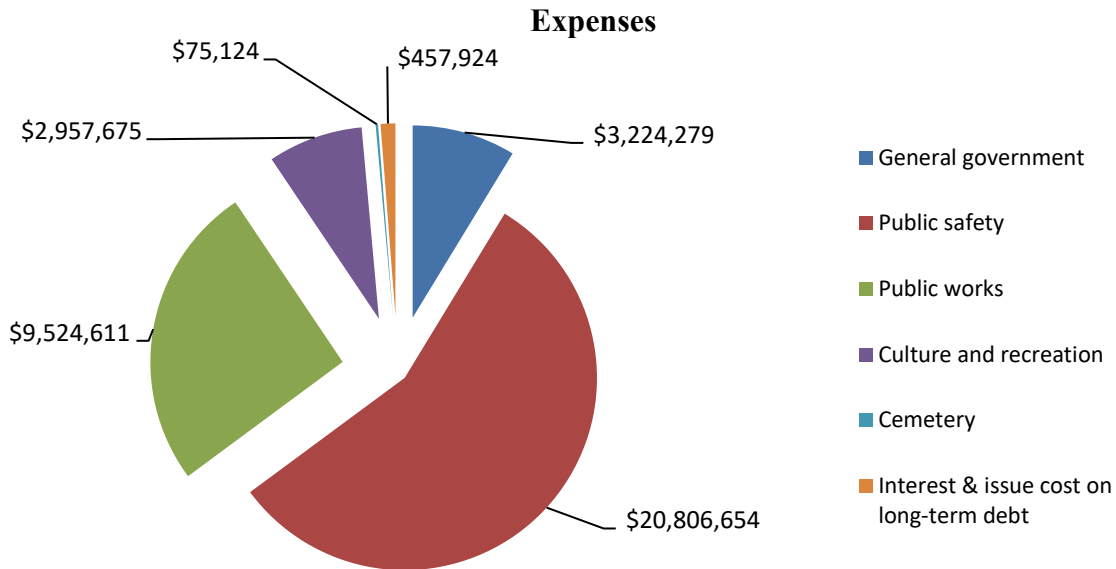
**Sales Taxes**

Sales taxes are the largest recurring revenue source for the City comprising 27.09 percent of total governmental revenue. As previously mentioned, sales tax revenue increased by 10.48 percent.

**Property Taxes**

Property taxes are the second largest recurring revenue source for the City comprising 20.05 percent of governmental revenue. For the year ended March 31, 2023, taxes of 60.22 mills were levied on property inside of the City limits remaining the same as the previous year.

**General Program Expenses**



**Major Funds**

The City has presented the following as major funds.

- General Fund
- Fire Protection Fund
- Ambulance Fund
- Capital Projects Fund
- Debt Service Fund
- Grant Fund



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All other governmental funds are presented in one column, titled Total Nonmajor Funds.

- The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the City. The General Fund ended fiscal year March 31, 2023, with an unassigned fund balance of \$8,208,051. This represents an increase of the unassigned fund balance of \$372,754 or 4.76 percent. The fund balance of the City's General Fund decreased by \$2,224,587 or 18.28 percent during the current fiscal year. The following factors highlight the changes.

The City's land assets increased by \$4,853,930. The City acquired property along the 5<sup>th</sup> Street corridor with the intention to revitalize and redevelop underutilized properties, improve pedestrian and bicycle access, and bring new businesses to serve the surrounding community.

The City's General Fund sales tax revenue increased by \$926,615 or 8.62 percent. This can be attributed to inflationary effects on products and service costs throughout the City.

- The Fire Protection Fund reported a fund balance of \$3,794,959 compared to \$7,780,590 in 2022 representing a \$3,985,621 decrease or 51.23 percent. The Fire Protection Fund bonded \$7,000,000 in 2020 for the construction of a new Lafayette Street Fire Station. The construction on the Lafayette Street Fire Station began in the summer of 2021 with an expected completion in early 2024.
- The Ambulance Fund reported a fund balance of \$2,153,961 compared to \$1,670,831 in 2022 representing a \$483,130 increase or 28.92 percent. This increase is due to additional opportunities for charges for services.
- The Capital Projects Fund reported a fund balance of \$11,169,534 compared to \$5,536,001 in 2022 representing a \$5,633,533 increase or 101.76 percent. Several City projects are funded with grant funds which require matching funds. Such projects included the LA Safe improvement project, which provided flood mitigation to the Gretna City Park, and phase 2 of the Downtown Drainage project. The increase in fund balance also includes a transfer of ARPA funds from the Utility Funds.
- The Debt Service Fund reported a fund balance of \$1,578,065 compared to \$1,540,479 in 2022 representing a slight change in the fund balance. This fund balance represents the required reserve funds due to debt issuance and the balance in the debt sinking fund.
- The Grant Fund reported a fund balance of \$139,204 compared to \$180,302 in 2022 representing a \$41,098 decrease or 22.79 percent. These funds represent prior year grant revenues spent in the current fiscal years.
- The Nonmajor Governmental Funds reported an increase in fund balance of \$391,750 or 10.56 percent for the fiscal year with a fund balance of \$4,102,280 at March 31, 2023.

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**Business-Type Activities**

The Business-Type Activities of the City are those that the City charges a fee to customers to help cover all or most of the cost of certain services it provides. The City's water and sewer departments are reported here.

**General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

In accordance with the provisions of the Lawrason Act, the City Administration submits the annual budget for the City by the end of the prior year. The budget is adopted by Councilmanic action.

Over the course of the year, the City Council revises the City's budget numerous times. These amendments are based on changing needs and additional information to prevent budget overruns and better meet the needs of the City.

The following table presents the favorable variance for the General Fund as compared to the revised budget.

CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA  
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule  
 General Fund  
 For the Year Ended March 31, 2023

	<b>Original</b>	<b>Revised</b>		<b>Variance</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Favorable</b>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>(Unfavorable)</u>
Revenue	\$ 19,884,919	\$ 22,160,585	\$ 23,757,361	\$ 1,596,776
Expenditures	19,553,400	25,124,457	25,923,259	(798,802)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(224,000)</u>	<u>(286,270)</u>	<u>( 58,687)</u>	<u>(227,583)</u>
Net change in fund balance	107,519	(3,250,142)	(2,224,586)	1,467,164
Fund balance - beginning	<u>12,169,507</u>	<u>12,169,507</u>	<u>12,169,507</u>	-
Fund balance - ending	<u><u>\$ 12,277,025</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 8,919,365</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 9,944,921</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,467,164</u></u>

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**Capital Asset and Debt Administration**

**Capital Assets**

The City's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business type activities as of March 31, 2023, amounts to \$108,926,771 (net of accumulated depreciation) compared to \$96,224,211 at March 31, 2022, representing an increase of \$12,702,560 or 13.20 percent. This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and system improvements, machinery, vehicles and equipment, park facilities, etc. and infrastructure assets.

The following is the City's capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation) for the years ended March 31, 2023 and 2022.

CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA  
Comparative Statement of Capital Assets  
March 31, 2023 and 2022

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
Land	\$ 11,398,786	\$ 6,544,857	\$ 299,988	\$ 299,988	\$ 11,698,774	\$ 6,844,845
Construction in process	9,237,121	8,333,650	86,583	23,136	9,323,704	8,356,786
Building and improvements	79,301,794	68,659,599	16,762,716	16,762,716	96,064,510	85,422,315
Equipment and furniture, fixtures	12,047,534	12,177,287	25,951	25,951	12,073,485	12,203,238
Vehicles and road machinery	6,580,793	6,562,211	40,215,613	39,556,353	46,796,406	46,118,564
Historical Infrastructure	17,273,617	17,273,617	-	-	17,273,617	17,273,617
	<u>135,839,645</u>	<u>119,551,221</u>	<u>57,390,851</u>	<u>56,668,144</u>	<u>193,230,496</u>	<u>176,219,365</u>
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(52,355,520)</u>	<u>(49,414,446)</u>	<u>(31,948,205)</u>	<u>(30,580,708)</u>	<u>(84,303,725)</u>	<u>(79,995,154)</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 83,484,125</u>	<u>\$ 70,136,775</u>	<u>\$ 25,442,646</u>	<u>\$ 26,087,436</u>	<u>\$ 108,926,771</u>	<u>\$ 96,224,211</u>

Additional information on the City's capital assets can be found in Note C-4 on pages 41 through 43 of this financial report.

**Long-Term Debt**

Total long-term debt for the year ended March 31, 2023, is \$49,395,995 compared to \$39,075,404 for the year ended March 31, 2022. Long-term debt increased by \$10,320,591 or 26.41 percent during this fiscal year. Total bonds indebtedness for governmental activities was \$14,597,000 compared to \$15,907,000 in fiscal year 2022. This decrease of \$1,310,000 can be attributed to the annual scheduled debt payment requirements. Net pension liability increased by \$10,713,118.

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The following table presents a summary comparison of the outstanding long-term obligations for the fiscal years ended March 31, 2023 and 2022.

CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA  
Comparative Statement of Long-Term Debt  
March 31, 2023 and 2022

**Governmental Activity**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Tax Bonds	\$ 6,647,000	\$ 7,632,000
Revenue Bonds	7,950,000	8,275,000
Premiums	1,155,525	1,223,497
EPA Brownsfield Loan	488,500	488,500
Compensated Absences	1,885,697	1,784,638
Other Post Employment Benefits OPEB	421,875	708,640
Pension Liability	25,406,067	14,692,949
Lease Liability	1,117,617	883,386
	<u>45,072,281</u>	<u>35,688,610</u>

**Business Type Activity**

Water fund 2015 Bond Issue	112,500	165,000
Sewer Fund 2015 Bond Issue	112,500	165,000
Water Fund Lease Liability	84,372	84,251
Sewer Fund Lease Liability	145,229	97,433
Compensated Absences	178,974	153,233
Pension Liability	3,690,139	2,721,877
	<u>4,323,714</u>	<u>3,386,794</u>
Total Long-term Debt	<u>\$ 49,395,995</u>	<u>\$ 39,075,404</u>

Additional information on long-term debt can be found in Note C-5 on pages 43 through 46 of this financial report.

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## **Economic Factors and Next Year’s Budget**

### **Economic Factors**

The City of Gretna’s fiscal position remains strong regardless of increased expenditures due to inflationary costs. This can be directly attributed to the City’s conservative budgeting practices and long-term planning. Despite the City successfully establishing stable revenue sources, uncertain economic trends may affect the budget. However, the City remains well-positioned to weather the projected volatile economic climate. The projected budget is the best estimate of revenues and expenditures amid strained fiscal challenges. Public safety, quality of life, infrastructure investments, and economic development remain priorities for the City in the budgeting process.

The City continues to outpace neighboring communities with strategic capital projects funded through a combination of state, federal, and local sources. This year saw the completion of Phase 2 of the Downtown Drainage Improvements Project, funded by Capital Outlay. In addition, despite supply chain and weather delays, the \$6M state-funded Gretna City Park Kickstart Project and the new Fire Station will be completed this Spring. Outside funding has also been secured for additional vital projects, including renovation of the Gretna Farmers Market, neighborhood playground revitalization, and BMX track improvements.

The recent surge in federal grant availability combined with rising interest in public- private partnerships for vital redevelopment projects translates to an all-time high level of opportunity – to capitalize on this, we must continue prioritizing funding for local match requirements. This administration is committed to ensuring the City’s fiscal stability while proactively confronting the future.

Looking forward, the Gretna 2030 Plan (launching this coming fiscal year) lays out a bold vision for catalyst projects that will shape our community’s future – from riverfront development to workforce housing and a Citywide drainage master plan. These strategic projects position the City as the premier community of choice.

### **Budgets**

The City’s budget for the fiscal year April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2024, was introduced in open session on February 8, 2023, and adopted by Ordinance 4977 on March 8, 2023. The total City Budget anticipates revenues of \$43,608,904 and expenditures of \$46,367,038.

### **Requests for Information**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the City’s finances for all those with an interest in the government’s finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or request for additional financial information should be addressed to Raylyn Stevens, CPA, Finance Director, P.O. Box 404, Gretna, Louisiana 70054-0404

## **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA  
Statement of Net Position  
March 31, 2023

	Primary Government		Total
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 26,138,946	\$ 3,052,197	\$ 29,191,143
Investments	129,174	-	129,174
Receivables, net	1,537,161	1,125,716	2,662,877
Due from other governments	2,872,479	-	2,872,479
Lease receivables	19,706	6,050	25,756
Prepaid expenditures	461,268	-	461,268
Restricted Cash	4,637,427	-	4,637,427
Total current assets	<u>35,796,159</u>	<u>4,183,963</u>	<u>39,980,123</u>
Noncurrent assets:			
Lease receivables	211,600	249,463	461,063
Right of use leased assets (net)	1,106,199	226,094	1,332,293
Capital Assets (net)	83,484,123	25,442,646	108,926,769
Total noncurrent assets	<u>84,801,922</u>	<u>25,918,203</u>	<u>110,720,125</u>
Total assets	<u>120,598,081</u>	<u>30,102,166</u>	<u>150,700,248</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Deferred Outflows-Pension Plan	8,158,184	1,213,664	9,371,848
Deferred Outflows-Other Post Employment Benefits	269,990	-	269,990
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>8,428,174</u>	<u>1,213,664</u>	<u>9,641,838</u>
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 129,026,255</u>	<u>\$ 31,315,830</u>	<u>\$ 160,342,086</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 2,715,114	\$ 439,592	\$ 3,154,706
Current portion of long-term debt	1,346,000	110,000	1,456,000
Accrued liabilities	178,416	-	178,416
Lease liability	416,466	89,693	506,159
Current Compensated absences	332,514	51,702	384,216
Total current liabilities	<u>4,988,510</u>	<u>690,987</u>	<u>5,679,497</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Customer deposits	-	591,196	591,196
Lease liability	701,151	139,908	841,059
Other post employment benefit	421,875	-	421,875
Non-current portion of long-term obligations	14,895,025	115,000	15,010,025
Non-current portion of net pension liability	25,406,067	3,690,139	29,096,206
Non-current Compensated Absences	1,553,183	127,272	1,680,455
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>42,977,301</u>	<u>4,663,515</u>	<u>47,640,816</u>
Total liabilities	<u>47,965,811</u>	<u>5,354,502</u>	<u>53,320,313</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Deferred Inflows-Lease related	191,924	212,706	404,630
Deferred Inflows-Pension related	1,518,950	81,320	1,600,270
Deferred Inflows-Other Post Employment Benefits	505,992	-	505,992
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>2,216,866</u>	<u>294,026</u>	<u>2,510,892</u>
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resource	<u>50,182,678</u>	<u>5,648,528</u>	<u>55,831,205</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	71,676,434	16,544,574	88,221,008
Restricted for:			
Capital projects	11,410,399	-	11,410,399
Debt service	1,578,065	-	1,578,065
Other purposes	11,686,408	-	11,686,408
Unrestricted	(17,507,728)	9,122,729	(8,384,999)
Total net position	<u>\$ 78,843,578</u>	<u>\$ 25,667,303</u>	<u>\$ 104,510,881</u>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA  
Statement of Activities  
March 31, 2023

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Primary Government		
					Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
<b>Primary government:</b>							
Governmental activities:							
General government	\$ 3,224,279	\$ 1,157,634	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,066,645)	\$ -	\$ (2,066,645)
Public safety	20,806,654	1,384,922	732,853	-	(18,688,878)	-	(18,688,878)
Public works	9,524,611	1,710,216	17,150	7,932,514	135,269	-	135,269
Culture and recreation	2,957,675	184,023	960,802	-	(1,812,850)	-	(1,812,850)
Cemetery	75,124	19,050	-	-	(56,074)	-	(56,074)
Interest & issue cost on long-term debt	457,924	-	-	-	(457,924)	-	(457,924)
Total governmental activities	<u>37,046,267</u>	<u>4,455,845</u>	<u>1,710,806</u>	<u>7,932,514</u>	<u>(22,947,102)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(22,947,102)</u>
Business-type activities:							
Water Utility	3,528,424	3,412,418	-	55,550	-	(60,456)	(60,456)
Sewer Utility	3,361,138	3,266,177	-	-	-	(94,960)	(94,960)
Total business-type activities	<u>6,889,562</u>	<u>6,678,596</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,550</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(155,416)</u>	<u>(155,416)</u>
Total primary government	<u>\$ 43,935,829</u>	<u>\$ 11,134,441</u>	<u>\$ 1,710,806</u>	<u>\$ 7,988,064</u>	<u>\$ (22,947,102)</u>	<u>\$ (155,416)</u>	<u>\$ (23,102,518)</u>
General revenues:							
Ad valorem taxes					9,753,941	641,107	10,395,048
Franchise taxes					747,831	-	747,831
Sales taxes					13,177,331	-	13,177,331
Occupational licenses					502,463	-	502,463
Intergovernmental revenues					6,444,005	-	6,444,005
Fines and forfeitures					1,880,523	-	1,880,523
Investment earnings					1,002,204	-	1,002,204
Gain (loss) on sale of capital assets					38,739	-	38,739
Miscellaneous					924,352	69,848	994,200
2020 Bond Premium					67,972	-	67,972
Transfers					3,455,650	(3,455,650)	-
Total general revenues, special items, and transfers					<u>37,995,010</u>	<u>(2,744,695)</u>	<u>35,250,316</u>
Change in net position					15,047,909	(2,900,111)	12,147,798
Net position - beginning					63,756,291	28,528,349	92,284,640
Prior period adjustment					39,382	39,064	78,447
Net position - restated beginning					<u>63,795,670</u>	<u>28,567,414</u>	<u>92,363,084</u>
Net position - ending					<u>\$ 78,843,579</u>	<u>\$ 25,667,303</u>	<u>\$ 104,510,881</u>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.



CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA  
Balance Sheet  
Governmental Funds  
March 31, 2023

	GENERAL FUND	FIRE PROTECTION	AMBULANCE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	DEBT SERVICE	POLICE GRANT FUND	Total Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,408,583	\$ 4,048,468	\$ 2,105,456	\$ 8,276,105	\$ -	\$ 9,420	\$ 3,290,912	\$ 26,138,946
Investments	129,174	-	-	-	-	-	-	129,174
Receivables, net	1,011,766	54,818	23,213	-	93,490	-	353,875	1,537,161
Lease receivable	231,306	-	-	-	-	-	-	231,306
Due from other funds	295,401	-	-	-	-	-	-	295,401
Due from other governments	747,766	-	71,911	587,955	-	265,286	1,199,561	2,872,479
Restricted assets: Cash and cash equivalents	-	53,022	-	3,099,829	1,484,575	-	-	4,637,427
Prepaid items (principally insurance)	461,268	-	-	-	-	-	-	461,268
Total assets	<u>\$ 11,285,264</u>	<u>\$ 4,156,309</u>	<u>\$ 2,200,580</u>	<u>\$ 11,963,890</u>	<u>\$ 1,578,065</u>	<u>\$ 274,706</u>	<u>\$ 4,844,347</u>	<u>\$ 36,303,161</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>								
Accounts payable	\$ 930,621	\$ 361,350	\$ 46,619	\$ 794,356	\$ -	\$ 114,811	\$ 467,358	\$ 2,715,114
Accrued liabilities	178,416	-	-	-	-	-	-	178,416
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-	-	20,691	274,710	295,401
Total liabilities	<u>1,109,037</u>	<u>361,350</u>	<u>46,619</u>	<u>794,356</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>135,502</u>	<u>742,068</u>	<u>3,188,932</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>								
Deferred Inflows-Lease related	191,924	-	-	-	-	-	-	191,924
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	<u>1,300,961</u>	<u>361,350</u>	<u>46,619</u>	<u>794,356</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>135,502</u>	<u>742,068</u>	<u>3,380,856</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)</b>								
Nonspendable								
Prepaid expenditures	461,268	-	-	-	-	-	-	461,268
Leases	39,382	-	-	-	-	-	-	39,382
Restricted								
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	1,578,065	-	-	1,578,065
Committed								
Capital projects	-	240,865	-	11,169,534	-	-	-	11,410,399
Emergency preparation	271,908	-	-	-	-	-	-	271,908
Contingencies	227,840	-	-	-	-	-	-	227,840
Separation and settlement	209,162	-	-	-	-	-	-	209,162
Assigned								
Court management	240,551	-	-	-	-	-	-	240,551
Property seizure	326,142	-	-	-	-	-	-	326,142
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,362,310	1,362,310
Public safety	-	3,554,094	2,153,961	-	-	-	784,244	6,492,299
Public works	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,955,726	1,955,726
Subsequent year expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	139,204	-	139,204
Unassigned	8,208,051	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,208,051
Total fund balances (deficits)	<u>9,984,302</u>	<u>3,794,959</u>	<u>2,153,961</u>	<u>11,169,534</u>	<u>1,578,065</u>	<u>139,204</u>	<u>4,102,280</u>	<u>32,922,305</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	<u>\$ 11,285,264</u>	<u>\$ 4,156,309</u>	<u>\$ 2,200,580</u>	<u>\$ 11,963,890</u>	<u>\$ 1,578,065</u>	<u>\$ 274,706</u>	<u>\$ 4,844,347</u>	<u>\$ 36,303,161</u>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**CITY OF GRETN, LOUISIANA**  
**RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**March 31, 2023**

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Total Fund Balance at March 31, 2023-Governmental Funds	<u>\$ 32,922,305</u>
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Total net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position is different because:

Capital assets and right of use leased assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. These assets consist of the following:

Cost of capital assets and right of use leased assets at March 31, 2023:	137,849,856	
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization as of March 31, 2023:	<u>(53,259,534)</u>	84,590,322

The deferred outflows of expenditures for the OPEB and various pensions are not a use of current resources, and therefore, are not reported in the funds

Pension plan	8,158,184	
Other post employment benefits	<u>269,990</u>	8,428,174

Some liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds. These liabilities consist of the following:

Long-term liabilities at March 31, 2023:		
Bonds payable	(15,085,500)	
Lease payable	(1,117,617)	
Unamortized bond premium	(1,155,525)	
Other post employment benefits	(421,875)	
Net pension liability	(25,406,067)	
Compensated absences	<u>(1,885,697)</u>	(45,072,281)

The deferred inflows of contributions for the OPEB and various pensions are not available resources and therefore, are not reported in in the funds

Deferred inflows of resources - pension plan	(1,518,950)	
Deferred inflows of resources - other post employment benefits	<u>(505,992)</u>	(2,024,942)

Net position-March 31, 2023	<u><u>\$ 78,843,578</u></u>
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The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances  
Governmental Funds  
For the Year Ended March 31, 2023

	GENERAL FUND	FIRE PROTECTION	AMBULANCE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	DEBT SERVICE	POLICE GRANT FUND	Total Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>								
Ad valorem	\$ 4,224,927	\$ 2,754,205	\$ 1,182,095	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,592,714	\$ 9,753,941
Sales	11,680,325	-	-	-	1,121,878	-	375,129	13,177,331
Franchise	747,831	-	-	-	-	-	-	747,831
Intergovernmental	2,276,926	186,026	-	9,057,957	-	766,474	3,740,291	16,027,675
Charges for services	371,427	-	1,384,922	-	-	-	1,894,238	3,650,587
Fines and forfeitures	1,880,523	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,880,523
Licenses and permits	1,307,721	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,307,721
Miscellaneous	1,267,681	91,358	60,868	-	37,340	552	106,609	1,564,408
Total revenues	<u>23,757,361</u>	<u>3,031,589</u>	<u>2,627,885</u>	<u>9,057,957</u>	<u>1,159,218</u>	<u>767,026</u>	<u>7,708,982</u>	<u>48,110,017</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>								
Current:								
General government	3,340,594	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,340,594
Public safety	11,696,538	2,246,360	1,939,112	-	-	846,187	2,661,689	19,389,885
Public works	3,727,304	-	-	1,801,785	-	21,420	2,159,614	7,710,123
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	-	-	2,090	2,495,840	2,497,930
Cemetery	75,124	-	-	-	-	-	-	75,124
Debt service:								
Principal retirement	343,767	-	-	-	1,310,000	-	-	1,653,767
Interest	28,897	-	-	-	457,924	-	-	486,821
Capital Outlay	6,711,035	4,311,509	205,643	5,291,347	-	25,113	150,089	16,694,736
Total expenditures	<u>25,923,259</u>	<u>6,557,869</u>	<u>2,144,755</u>	<u>7,093,132</u>	<u>1,767,924</u>	<u>894,809</u>	<u>7,467,232</u>	<u>51,848,981</u>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>(2,165,899)</u>	<u>(3,526,281)</u>	<u>483,130</u>	<u>1,964,825</u>	<u>(608,706)</u>	<u>(127,783)</u>	<u>241,750</u>	<u>(3,738,963)</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>								
Transfers in	-	710	-	4,216,660	646,292	86,685	197,000	5,147,347
Transfers out	(636,685)	(460,060)	-	(547,952)	-	-	(47,000)	(1,691,697)
Lease liabilities issued	577,998	-	-	-	-	-	-	577,998
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(58,687)</u>	<u>(459,350)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,668,708</u>	<u>646,292</u>	<u>86,685</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>4,033,648</u>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>(2,224,586)</u>	<u>(3,985,631)</u>	<u>483,130</u>	<u>5,633,533</u>	<u>37,586</u>	<u>(41,098)</u>	<u>391,750</u>	<u>294,685</u>
Fund balances - beginning	12,169,507	7,780,590	1,670,831	5,536,001	1,540,479	180,302	3,710,530	32,588,238
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ 9,944,920</u>	<u>\$ 3,794,959</u>	<u>\$ 2,153,961</u>	<u>\$ 11,169,534</u>	<u>\$ 1,578,065</u>	<u>\$ 139,204</u>	<u>\$ 4,102,280</u>	<u>\$ 32,882,923</u>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA**  
**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN**  
**FUND BALANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**For The Year Ended March 31, 2023**

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Total net change in fund balances - governmental funds		\$ 294,685
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The change in net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.

Capital outlays and equipment purchases which are considered expenditures on the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance	\$ 16,694,736	
Depreciation expense	<u>(3,347,383)</u>	13,347,353

Right to use leased assets which are considered expenditures on the statement of revenues expenditures and changes in fund balance	577,998	
Amortization expense for intangible assets	<u>(357,163)</u>	220,835

Repayment of principal of long-term debt is recorded as expenditures in the governmental funds but reduces the liability in the statement of net position. Also governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities over multiple periods.

Principal portion of debt service payments	1,310,000	
Change in bond premiums	<u>67,972</u>	1,377,972

Expenses reported in the statement of activities are recognized when liabilities are incurred; while expenditures are recognized at the fund level when cash payments are made. The amounts below represent the difference between the expenses incurred at the government-wide level and the current financial resources expended at the fund level.

Pension	11,311	
Other post employment benefits	129,065	
Compensated absences	(101,059)	
Leases	<u>(232,253)</u>	(192,936)

Change in net position - governmental activities		<u>\$ 15,047,909</u>
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CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA  
Statement of Net Position  
Proprietary Funds  
March 31, 2023

	Business-type Activities		Total Enterprise Funds
	WATER UTILITY	SEWER UTILITY	
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,392,755	\$ 1,659,442	\$ 3,052,197
Receivables, net	572,607	553,109	1,125,716
Lease receivables	6,050	-	6,050
Total current assets	<u>1,971,412</u>	<u>2,212,551</u>	<u>4,183,963</u>
Noncurrent assets:			
Lease receivables	249,463	-	249,463
Right of use leased assets (net)	82,881	143,213	226,094
Capital assets, net	8,602,305	16,840,342	25,442,646
Total noncurrent assets	<u>8,934,649</u>	<u>16,983,555</u>	<u>25,918,203</u>
Total assets	<u>10,906,061</u>	<u>19,196,105</u>	<u>30,102,166</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Pensions related	730,399	483,265	1,213,664
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>730,399</u>	<u>483,265</u>	<u>1,213,664</u>
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 11,636,460</u>	<u>\$ 19,679,370</u>	<u>\$ 31,315,830</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 157,691	\$ 281,901	\$ 439,592
Lease liability	39,847	49,846	89,693
Accrued compensated absences	30,828	20,873	51,702
Bonds Payable	55,000	55,000	110,000
Total current liabilities	<u>283,367</u>	<u>407,620</u>	<u>690,987</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Lease liability	44,525	95,384	139,908
Customer deposits	591,196	-	591,196
Accrued compensated absences	74,992	52,280	127,272
Bonds Payable	57,500	57,500	115,000
Pension Liability	2,199,365	1,490,774	3,690,139
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>2,967,578</u>	<u>1,695,938</u>	<u>4,663,515</u>
Total liabilities	<u>3,250,945</u>	<u>2,103,557</u>	<u>5,354,502</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Pension related	51,029	30,291	81,320
Lease related	212,706	-	212,706
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>263,735</u>	<u>30,291</u>	<u>294,026</u>
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	<u>3,514,679</u>	<u>2,133,848</u>	<u>5,648,528</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	6,693,959	9,850,615	16,544,574
Unrestricted	1,427,822	7,694,907	9,122,729
Total net position	<u>\$ 8,121,781</u>	<u>\$ 17,545,522</u>	<u>\$ 25,667,303</u>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA  
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position  
Proprietary Funds  
March 31, 2023

	Business-type Activities		Total Enterprise Funds
	WATER UTILITY	SEWER UTILITY	
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>			
Charges for services	\$ 3,412,418	\$ 3,266,177	\$ 6,678,596
Miscellaneous	6,239	-	6,239
Total operating revenues	<u>3,418,657</u>	<u>3,266,177</u>	<u>6,684,835</u>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
Building and maintenance expenses	240,231	255,316	495,547
Depreciation	503,891	863,606	1,367,497
General expenses	369,523	252,179	621,703
Operating supplies and purchases	372,697	343,398	716,095
Outside service	114,079	522,494	636,573
Personnel expense	1,748,792	1,047,434	2,796,226
Rentals and leases	1,491	2,016	3,507
Service charges	69,501	-	69,501
Transportation	104,837	71,312	176,149
Total operating expenses	<u>3,525,041</u>	<u>3,357,755</u>	<u>6,882,797</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>(106,384)</u>	<u>(91,578)</u>	<u>(197,962)</u>
<b>NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)</b>			
Lease revenue	16,643	-	16,643
State grant	55,550	-	55,550
Interest expense	(3,383)	(3,383)	(6,765)
Ad valorem	-	641,107	641,107
Intergovernmental	28,894	-	28,894
Miscellaneous	-	18,072	18,072
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>97,705</u>	<u>655,797</u>	<u>753,501</u>
Income (loss) before contributions and transfers	<u>(8,679)</u>	<u>564,219</u>	<u>555,539</u>
Transfers out	<u>(1,634,354)</u>	<u>(1,821,296)</u>	<u>(3,455,650)</u>
Change in net position	<u>(1,643,033)</u>	<u>(1,257,077)</u>	<u>(2,900,111)</u>
Total net position - beginning as restated	<u>9,764,814</u>	<u>18,802,599</u>	<u>28,567,414</u>
Total net position - ending	<u>\$ 8,121,781</u>	<u>\$ 17,545,522</u>	<u>\$ 25,667,303</u>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA  
Statement of Cash Flows  
Proprietary Funds  
March 31, 2023

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds		
	WATER UTILITY	SEWER UTILITY	Total Enterprise Funds
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Cash receipts from customers	\$ 3,376,778	\$ 3,225,165	\$ 6,601,943
Payments to employees	(1,760,016)	(1,061,724)	(2,821,740)
Payments to suppliers	(1,199,188)	(1,136,715)	(2,335,903)
Other payments	6,239	-	6,239
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>423,813</u>	<u>1,026,726</u>	<u>1,450,539</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Ad valorem taxes	-	645,189	645,189
Transfers out	(1,634,354)	(1,821,296)	(3,455,650)
Net cash provided (used) by noncapital financing activities	<u>(1,634,354)</u>	<u>(1,176,107)</u>	<u>(2,810,461)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Lease revenue	12,900	-	12,900
Purchases of capital assets	(418,755)	(303,952)	(722,707)
Interest paid on capital debt & leases	(3,383)	(3,383)	(6,765)
Principal paid on capital debt & leases	(100,556)	(105,035)	(205,591)
Intergovernmental - pension	28,894	18,072	46,966
State grants	55,550	-	55,550
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	<u>(425,350)</u>	<u>(394,297)</u>	<u>(819,647)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	<u>(1,635,891)</u>	<u>(543,678)</u>	<u>(2,179,569)</u>
Balances - beginning of year	3,028,646	2,203,120	5,231,766
Balances - end of the year	<u>\$ 1,392,755</u>	<u>\$ 1,659,442</u>	<u>\$ 3,052,197</u>
<b>Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:</b>			
Operating Income	\$ (106,384)	\$ (91,578)	\$ (197,962)
Adjust for Depreciation expense	503,891	863,606	1,367,497
Amortization of Lease	49,547	54,551	104,098
Changes in assets and liabilities:			
Accounts Payable - Other	5,614	-	5,614
Accounts Payable - Supplier	23,569	255,450	279,019
Compensated absences	20,308	5,433	25,741
Customer Receivables	(48,720)	(41,012)	(89,733)
Customer meter deposits payable	7,520	-	7,520
Pension related	(31,532)	(19,723)	(51,255)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>\$ 423,813</u>	<u>\$ 1,026,726</u>	<u>\$ 1,450,539</u>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

## **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**



**CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**MARCH 31, 2023**

**NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**1. General Statement**

The City of Gretna, Louisiana (the City) was incorporated in June 1913, under the provisions of the Lawrason Act. The City operates under a Mayor and City Council form of government and provides the following services as authorized by its charter: public safety (police and fire), streets, drainage, sanitation, health, social services, recreation, public improvements, planning and zoning, and general administrative services.

The accounting and reporting policies of the City conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:517 and to the guidelines set forth in the *Louisiana Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide*, and the industry audit guide, *Audits of State and Local Governmental Units* and by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (when applicable). As allowed in Section P80 of GASB's Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, the City has elected not to apply Financial Accounting Standards Board Statements and Interpretations, Accounting Principles Board Opinions, and Accounting Research Bulletins of the Committee of Accounting Procedure issued after November 30, 1989. The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared in conformity with GASB 34, Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments. The more significant accounting policies of the City are described below.

**2. Financial Reporting Entity**

The City's basic financial statements include the accounts of all City operations. The criteria for including organizations as component units within the City's reporting entity, as set forth in Section 2200 of GASB's Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, include whether:

- the organization is legally separate (can sue and be sued in their own name)
- the City holds the corporate powers of the organization
- the City appoints a voting majority of the organization's board
- the City can impose its will on the organization
- the organization has the potential to impose a financial benefit/burden on the City
- there is fiscal dependency by the organization on the City

Based on the aforementioned criteria, the City has no component units.

**3. Basis of Presentation**

The government-wide financial statements (the statement of net position) report information on all of the activities of the City. The effect of interfund activity, within the governmental and business-type activities columns, has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

**CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**MARCH 31, 2023**

**NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**3. Basis of Presentation (Continued)**

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given program are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific program. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given program and 2) operating or capital grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues. Interest on general long-term debt is considered an indirect expense and is reported separately on the Statement of Activities.

**Fund Financial Statements**

The City segregates transactions related to certain functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Separate statements are presented for governmental and proprietary activities. These statements present each major fund as a separate column on the fund financial statements; all non-major funds are aggregated and presented in a single column.

Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions typically are financed. The measurement focus of governmental funds is on the sources, uses and balance of current financial resources. The City has presented the following major governmental funds:

**General Fund**

The General Fund is the main operating fund of the City. This fund is used to account for all financial resources not accounted for in other funds. All general tax revenues and other receipts that are not restricted by law or contractual agreement to some other funds are accounted for in this fund. General operating expenditures, fixed charges and capital improvement costs that are not paid through other funds are paid from the General Fund.

**Fire Protection Fund**

The Fire Protection Fund is used to account for 17.27 mills in ad valorem tax specifically dedicated for the purchase and maintenance of fire fighting equipment and to provide for payment of contractual obligations to the City's volunteer fire company to provide fire protection to the City and its citizens.

**Ambulance Fund**

The Ambulance Fund is used to account for 6.65 mills in ad valorem tax specifically dedicated for the salaries and purchases of medical supplies and equipment necessary to operate the City's EMT department which provides emergency medical services to the City and its citizens.

**CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**MARCH 31, 2023**

**NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**3. Basis of Presentation (Continued)**

**Capital Projects Fund**

The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for all resources and expenditures in connection with the acquisition of capital facilities and major capital improvements.

**Debt Service Fund**

The Debt Service Fund is used to account for the collection of Sales Tax revenues and the payment of principal and interest on the Series 2009A Sales Tax Bonds, 2014 and 2016 Refunding Bonds, and the Series 2020 Bonds.

**Grant Fund**

The Grant Fund is used to account for grant revenues and expenses received by both City services as well as the Gretna Police Department. Any fund balances represent grant revenues to be expended in future years.

**Proprietary Funds**

Proprietary Funds are accounted for using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. The accounting objectives are determinations of net income, financial position and cash flow. All assets and liabilities are included on the Statement of Net Position. The City has presented the following major proprietary funds:

**Municipal Waterworks System Fund**

The Municipal Waterworks System Fund is used to account for the provision of water services to the residents of the City. All activities necessary to provide such services are accounted for in this fund, including, but not limited to, administration, operations, maintenance, financing, and related debt service and billing.

**Municipal Sewer System Fund**

The Municipal Sewer System Fund is used to account for the provision of sewer services to the residents of the City. All activities necessary to provide such services are accounted for in this fund, including, but not limited to, administration, operations, maintenance, financing, and related debt service billing.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. Operating expenses for the proprietary funds include the cost of personnel and contractual services, supplies and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

**CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**MARCH 31, 2023**

**NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**4. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting**

Measurement focus refers to what is being measured; basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurement made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The government-wide statements and fund financial statements for proprietary funds are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. The economic resources measurement focus means all assets and liabilities (whether current or non-current) are included on the statement of net position and the operating statements present increases (revenues) and decreases (expenses) in net total assets. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned, including unbilled water and sewer services which are accrued. Expenses are recognized at the time the liability is incurred.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual; i.e., when they become both measurable and available. “Measurable” means the amount of the transaction can be determined and “available” means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. The City considers property taxes as available if they are collected within 60 days after year end. A one-year availability period is used for recognition of all other Governmental Fund revenues. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences are recorded only when payment is due.

The revenues susceptible to accrual are property taxes, franchise fees, charges for service, interest income and intergovernmental revenues. Sales taxes collected and held by the Parish at year end on behalf of the government are also recognized as revenue. All other governmental fund revenues are recognized when received.

**5. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting**

The procedures used by the City in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements are as follows:

- a. Not less than 30 days before the end of the fiscal year, the Mayor recommends to the City Council a proposed operating budget for the ensuing fiscal year. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- b. The proposed budget is summarized and advertised, and the public notified that the proposed budget is available for inspection and that within 10 days thereafter public hearings are conducted to obtain taxpayer comments.
- c. The budget is then legally enacted through Councilmanic ordinance.

**CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**MARCH 31, 2023**

**NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**5. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting (Continued)**

- d. Any revisions that alter the total expenditures of a department or line item changes within the department greater than \$10,000 must be approved by the City Council. Any revisions less than \$10,000 can be changed by the finance director for city departments with approval of the Mayor or for police department with approval of the Chief of Police.
- e. The level of budget control is at the division, department, or project level; and expenditures/encumbrances may not exceed appropriations until additional appropriations have been provided. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, and Enterprise Funds. Effective control of cost is, therefore, maintained by Councilmanic action that approves a budget for each project and is controlled on a project life basis.
- f. Budgets for the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds and Enterprise Funds are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), except those encumbrances are treated as budgeted expenditures in the year of incurrence of the commitment to purchase. Budgetary comparisons presented for the General Fund, Major Special Revenue Funds, and Capital Projects Fund (for presentation purposes only) in the accompanying financial statements are on this non-GAAP budgetary basis. Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted or as finally amended by the City Council.
- g. All unencumbered appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.

**6. Cash and Investments**

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, and money market accounts. Under state law, the City may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana. Under state law, the City may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes, or certificates. These are classified as investments if their original maturities exceed 90 days; however, if the original maturities are 90 days or less, they are classified as cash. Investments are stated at cost.

The City maintains a cash investment pool (Central Depository Account) that is used by all of the City's funds. Each fund's portion of this cash pool is displayed on the combined balance sheet as cash. Investments are separately held by several of the City's funds.

Cash and cash equivalents, for cash flow statement purposes, include investments in highly liquid debt instruments with maturities of three months or less, including amounts whose use is limited by board designation.

**7. Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts**

The City calculates its allowance for uncollectible accounts using historical collection data and, in certain cases, specific account analysis.

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**8. Interfund Receivables and Payables**

Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as “due from or to other funds”.

**9. Transactions Between Funds**

Legally authorized transfers are treated as interfund transfers and are included in the results of operations of both Governmental and Proprietary Funds. For purposes of the statement of activities, all interfund transfers between individual governmental funds have been eliminated.

**10. Restricted Assets**

Restricted Assets include cash and investments in the General, Capital Projects, Sales Tax and Proprietary Funds which are restricted as to their use. These restrictions are principally related to requirements of bond issues, utility meter deposits, and funds dedicated for future needs or obligations. It is the City’s policy to use restricted assets before unrestricted assets for their intended purpose.

**11. Capital Assets**

Capital assets, which include property, plant and equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements and in the fund financial statements for proprietary funds. All capital assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Donated assets are valued at their fair market value on the date donated. Repairs and maintenance are recorded as expenses. Renewals and betterments are capitalized. Interest has not been capitalized during the construction period on property, plant and equipment.

Assets capitalized have an original cost of \$5,000 or more and over one year of useful life. Depreciation has been calculated on each class of depreciable property using the straight-line method. Estimated useful lives are as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Life In Years</u>
Buildings	25-40
Water and Sewer Systems	40
Infrastructure	20-40
Machinery and Equipment	5-20
Improvements	20-30

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**12. Compensated Absences**

Employees are allowed to accrue annual leave. In addition, employees are allowed to accrue up to 45 days of sick leave. The balance accumulated is paid to employees upon termination. The current and non-current portion of this obligation in the governmental funds is recorded in the government-wide financial statements. The current and non-current balance of this obligation in the proprietary funds is recorded in the fund financial statements.

**13. Long Term Debt**

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are recognized as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities Statement of Net Position. Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond issuance costs during the current period. The face amount of debt issued as well as bond premiums are reported as other financing sources. Payments of principal and interest are recorded as expenditures only when due.

**14. Fund Equity**

**Equity Classifications**

***Government-Wide Financial Statements***

In the Government-Wide Financial Statements equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

- a. Invested in capital assets, net of related debt** – Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- b. Restricted net position** – Consists of assets with constraints placed on the use either by:
  - 1. external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or
  - 2. law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- c. Unrestricted net position** – All other net position that do not meet the definition of “restricted” or “invested in capital assets, net of related debt”.

Proprietary fund equity is classified the same as in the government-wide statements.

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**14. Fund Equity (Continued)**

*Fund Financial Statements*

During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2013, the City implemented GASB 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*. This statement provides more clearly defined fund balance categories to make the nature and extent of the constraints placed on a government's fund balances more transparent. The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints:

- a. **Nonspendable** – This component includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- b. **Restricted** – This component consists of amounts that have constraints placed on them either externally by third parties (creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments) or by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Enabling legislation authorizes the City to assess, levy, charge or otherwise mandate payment of resources (from external resource providers) and includes a legal requirement (compelled by external parties) that those resources be used only for the specific purposes stipulated in the legislation.
- c. **Committed** – This component consists of amounts that can only be used for specific purposes determined by a formal decision of the City Council, which is the highest level of decision making authority for the City. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the City Council removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (ordinance or resolution) it employed to commit those amounts.
- d. **Assigned** – This component consists of amounts that are constrained by the City Council Members' intent to be used for specific purposes but are neither restricted nor committed. The authority for assigning fund balance is expressed by the City Council.
- e. **Unassigned** – This classification represents amounts that have not been restricted, committed or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the City's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources (committed, assigned and unassigned) as they are needed. When unrestricted resources (committed, assigned and unassigned) are available for use it is the City's policy to use committed resources first, then unassigned as they are needed. The City does not have a formal minimum fund balance policy.

**15. Revenues and Expenditure Recognition**

- a. **Ad Valorem Taxes.** Ad Valorem taxes are recognized in the fiscal year in which the taxes are levied. Taxes are due and become an enforceable lien on property on the first day of the month following the filing of the tax rolls by the assessor with the Louisiana Tax Commission (usually December 1). City taxes are billed and collected by the City.



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**15. Revenues and Expenditure Recognition (Continued)**

**a. Ad Valorem Taxes. (Continued)**

Taxes become delinquent on January 1st in the year after levy. Taxes are levied on property values determined by the Jefferson Parish Assessor's Office. All land and residential improvements are assessed at 10 percent of its fair market value and other property at 15 percent of its fair market value. Ad valorem taxes are levied (per \$1,000 assessed value) in varying amounts for maintenance and operation, debt service and capital improvements for the City and are distributed to its funds as follows:

<u>FUND</u>	2022	
	MILLAGE	
	City of Gretna	Timberlane Subdivision
General Fund	23.32	23.32
Fire Protection Fund	17.27	-
Recreation Fund	4.49	4.49
Street Light Improvements Fund	3.98	3.98
Ambulance Fund	6.65	6.65
Social Services For The Aged Fund	0.49	0.49
Municipal Sewer System Fund	4.02	-
	60.22	38.93

**b. Sales and Use Tax.** For the year ended March 31, 2023, 4.75% local sales and use tax was levied and collected within the City of Gretna by the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office of which 3.25% was received by the City of Gretna and dedicated for the following purposes:

1/4 percent is levied by law enforcement

1954     ½ percent sales tax collected solely for the purpose of constructing and maintaining public roads, highways and bridges within the city

1966     ½ percent sales tax collected for general purposes determined by the Council

1981     ½ percent sales tax is collected and distributed as follows:

1/3 of ½ percent collected parishwide is dedicated for operation and maintenance of city drainage facilities

2/3 of ½ percent collected for operation, maintenance, and capital improvements of drainage and sewerage facilities

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**15. Revenues and Expenditure Recognition (Continued)**

**b. Sales and Use Tax. (Continued)**

1984 1 percent sales tax is collected and distributed as follows:

7/8 percent was dedicated to the purchase, construction, acquisition and improvement of the Sewer Capital Program. In 1998, a rededication and extension of this tax was approved to dedicate revenues to the cost of maintenance and replacement of sewerage facilities, and the construction, improvement or maintenance of public roads, streets, or highways located in the city, including the cost of reconstruction, rehabilitation, base stabilization, drainage, adjustments and related sidewalks and curbs. The proceeds of the tax collected within the boundaries, as presently constituted, of each municipality within the Parish shall be returned to each municipality to be used for any lawful purpose. The remaining 1/8 percent of tax collected is to provide funds for law enforcement purposes.

**c. Revenues Susceptible to Accrual.** Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, some revenues are susceptible to accrual while others are not. Major revenues treated as susceptible to accrual are property taxes, sales taxes, franchise fees, charges for services, and certain state shared revenues such as beer tax.

**16. Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources**

In addition to assets and liabilities, the statement of financial position reports separate sections for deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources. The City currently reports a deferred inflow on deferred revenue as well as deferred outflows and inflows related to its participation in a defined pension plan and other postemployment benefits.

**Deferred Outflows of Resources-** Represents consumption of resources that are applicable to future reporting periods that will be reported in a separate section after assets.

**Deferred Inflows-Deferred Revenue-** Represents acquisition of resources that are applicable to a future reporting period that will be reported in separate section after liabilities.

**17. Right to Use Assets**

The City has recorded right to use lease assets as a result of implementing GASB 87. The right to use assets are initially measured at an amount equal to the initial measurement date of the related lease liability plus any lease payments made prior to the lease term, less lease incentives, and plus ancillary charges necessary to place the lease into service. The right to use assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the life of the related lease.

**18. Leases**

GASB Statement No. 87. *Leases* – The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by improving accounting and financial reporting for leases by governments. This Statement increases the usefulness of governments' financial statements by requiring recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that previously were classified as operating leases and recognized as inflows of resources or outflows of resources based on the

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**18. Leases (Continued)**

payment provisions of the contract. It establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. Under this Statement, a lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources, thereby enhancing the relevance and consistency of information about governments' leasing activities. This Statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2021, and, as a result, was adopted by the City during the year ended March 31, 2023. The City uses the daily treasury par yield curve rates published by the U.S. Department of the Treasury to apply discount rates to leases with no stated rate. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 87 resulted in a restatement of previously reported net position of \$78,447.

**NOTE B – STEWARDSHIP AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

**1. Budgets and Budget Monitoring**

The City adopts annual budgets for its governmental and enterprise funds on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. Details of the budget adoption process are presented at Note A-5.

The City was in compliance with Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1301 in regard to the adoption of its budget.

- a. The Capital Projects Fund is presented with budgetary information for presentation purposes only. Capital projects are budgeted on a project basis as opposed to a fiscal year basis.

**2. Deposits and Investment Laws and Regulations**

In accordance with state law, all uninsured deposits of municipal funds in financial institutions must be secured with acceptable collateral valued at the lower of market or par. As reflected in Note C-1 regarding cash, cash equivalents, and investments, the City was in compliance with the deposits and investments laws and regulations.

**3. Deficit Fund Equity**

As of March 31, 2023, no City funds had deficit fund equities.

**4. Compliance With Bond and Other Debt Covenants**

As of March 31, 2023, the City was in compliance in all material respects with its various bond and debt covenants.

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**NOTE C – NOTES ON TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS**

**1. Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments**

**a. Cash and Cash Equivalents.**

At March 31, 2023, the City's cash and cash equivalents (book balances) total \$33,828,570 of which \$33,826,182 is in interest-bearing demand deposits, and cash on hand is \$2,388. These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance and/or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. The securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually agreeable to both parties.

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits. At March 31, 2023, the City had \$34,016,918 in deposits (collected bank balances) in two financial institutions. These deposits were fully secured from risk by \$500,000 of federal deposit insurance, pledged securities held by the custodial bank in the name of the fiscal agent bank (GASB Category 3) and through the Promontory Insured Cash Sweep Service.

Cash equivalents consist of the funds in Promontory Insured Cash Sweep accounts. Insured Cash Sweep (ICS) is a trusted, tested service utilized by financial institutions across the United States. Financial institutions that use ICS benefit from the Promontory Network advantage and the confidence of knowing that ICS is endorsed by the American Bankers Association and enjoys strategic marketing alliance with key trade associations across the United States. When a customer submits funds to a Promontory Network member (Gulf Coast Bank and Trust) for placements through ICS, that institution places the funds into deposit accounts at FDIC-insured banks that are also members of the ICS network. This occurs in increments below the standard FDIC insurance maximum (\$250,000) so that both principal and interest are eligible for FDIC insurance. By working directly with just one institution (Gulf Coast Bank and Trust), the City is able to receive FDIC coverage from many financial institutions while only working with a single bank (Gulf Coast Bank and Trust). At March 30, 2023, the City's cash equivalent bank balances held in Promontory Insured Cash Sweep accounts were \$29,455,632.

**b. Investments**

The City's investments in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP) total \$129,174. LAMP is a local government investment pool established as a cooperative effort to enable public entities of the State of Louisiana to aggregate funds for investments.

In accordance with GASB Codification Section 150.165, the investment in LAMP is not categorized in the three risk categories provided by GASB Codification Section 150.165 because the investment is in the pool of funds and thereby not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form. LAMP is administered by LAMP, Inc., a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, and is governed by a board of directors comprised of representatives from various local governments and state-wide professional organizations. Only local governments having contracted to participate in LAMP have an investment interest in its pool of assets. The primary objective of LAMP is to provide a safe

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**1. Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments (Continued)**

environment for the placement of public funds in short-term, high quality investments. The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest. Accordingly, LAMP investments are restricted to securities issued, guaranteed, or backed by the U.S. Treasury, the U.S. Government, or one of its agencies, enterprises, or instrumentalities, as well as repurchase agreements collateralized by those securities. The dollar weighted average portfolio maturity of LAMP assets is restricted to not more than 60 days, and consists of no security with a maturity in excess of 397 days. The fair value of a share in LAMP is the same as the book value (i.e., a share in the pool is always worth \$1.00 per share). LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances.

Interest Rate Risk - Interest Rate Risk is defined as the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The City does not have a formal investment policy that limits maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Custodial Credit Risk - Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction, the City will not be able to fully recover the value of the investment. Investments in external investment pools are not exposed to custodial credit risk because of their natural diversification and the diversification required by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

A copy of the LAMP's audited financial report can be obtained on the LAMP website, [www.lamppool.com](http://www.lamppool.com).

**2. Receivables**

In the government-wide statements, receivables consist of all revenues earned at year-end and not yet received. Allowances for uncollectible accounts receivable are based upon historical trends and the periodic aging of accounts receivable. Major receivable balances for the governmental activities include ad valorem, sales taxes, franchise taxes, and grants. Business-type activities report utilities earnings as their major receivable.

In the fund financial statements, material receivables in governmental funds include revenue accruals such as ad valorem, sales tax, franchise tax, and grants and other similar intergovernmental revenues since they are usually both measurable and available. Non-exchange transactions collectible but not available are deferred in the fund financial statements in accordance with modified accrual, but not deferred in the government-wide financial statements in accordance with accrual basis. Interest and investment earnings are recorded when earned only if paid within 60 days since they would be considered both measurable and available. Proprietary fund material receivables consist of all revenues earned at year-end and not yet received. Utility accounts receivable comprise the majority of proprietary fund receivables. Allowances for uncollectible accounts receivable are based upon historical trends and the periodic aging of accounts receivable.

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**NOTE C – NOTES ON TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS (Continued)**

**2. Receivables (Continued)**

The following is a summary of receivables for March 31, 2023, net of allowances for uncollectible amounts where applicable:

<u>Class of Receivable</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>	<u>Proprietary Funds</u>
Taxes:			
Ad valorem	\$ 81,110	\$ 109,306	\$ 12,760
Sales and use	930,656	113,252	-
Intergovernmental			
Federal-grant	-	1,052,700	-
State-grant	-	-	-
Other	194,584	1,072,013	-
Other:			
Accounts	-	302,836	1,112,956
Other	553,182	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 1,759,532</u>	<u>\$ 2,650,108</u>	<u>\$ 1,125,716</u>

Uncollectible amounts due for ad valorem taxes and customers' utility receivables are recognized as bad debts through the establishment of an allowance account at the time information becomes available which would indicate the uncollectibility of the particular receivable. The following details the description and amount of the allowance for uncollectible accounts at March 31, 2023.

<u>Class of Receivable</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>	<u>Proprietary Funds</u>
Taxes:			
Ad valorem	\$ 213,019	\$ 316,933	\$ 38,289
Other:			
Accounts	-	7,491	25,426
Total	<u>\$ 213,019</u>	<u>\$ 324,424</u>	<u>\$ 63,714</u>

**3. Right to Use Leased Assets**

The City has recorded right to use leased assets for equipment and leased vehicles. The right to use assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the terms of each related lease.

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**3. Right to Use Leased Assets (Continued)**

	<u>Balance</u> <u>March 31, 2022</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>March 31, 2023</u>
Governmental Activities:				
Lease Assets being amortized:				
Other Lease Assets:				
Right of use leased equipment	\$ 1,432,214	\$ 577,998	\$ -	\$ 2,010,212
Total Other Lease Assets:	<u>1,432,214</u>	<u>577,998</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,010,212</u>
Less: Accumulated Amortization:				
Right of use leased equipment	546,851	357,163	-	904,014
	<u>546,851</u>	<u>357,163</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>904,014</u>
Other Lease Assets-Net	<u>885,363</u>	<u>220,835</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,106,198</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 885,363</u>	<u>\$ 220,835</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,106,198</u>

Governmental activities lease assets net of accumulated amortization at March 31, 2023 are comprised of the following:

General Lease Assets, Net	\$ <u>1,106,199</u>
Total	\$ <u>1,106,199</u>

Amortization expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

General Government	\$ 24,191
Public Safety	241,101
Public Works	81,992
Culture and Recreation	<u>9,879</u>
Total	<u>\$ 357,163</u>

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets for business-type activities for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023:

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**3. Right to Use Leased Assets (Continued)**

	Balance March 31, 2022	Increases	Decreases	Balance March 31, 2023
Business-Type Activities:				
Lease Assets being amortized:				
Right of use leased equipment	\$ 381,080	\$ 143,826	\$ -	\$ 524,906
Total capital assets being amortized	<u>381,080</u>	<u>143,826</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>524,906</u>
Less: Accumulated Amortization for:				
Right of use leased equipment	202,539	96,272	-	298,811
	<u>202,539</u>	<u>96,272</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>298,811</u>
Business-type lease assets-net	<u>\$ 178,541</u>	<u>\$ 47,554</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 226,095</u>

**4. Capital Assets**

The following is a summary of the changes in capital assets for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023:

	Balance March 31, 2022	Increases	Decreases	Balance March 31, 2023
Governmental Activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 6,544,857	\$ 4,853,930	\$ -	\$ 11,398,787
Construction in progress	8,333,650	9,633,317	8,729,845	9,237,122
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>14,878,507</u>	<u>14,487,247</u>	<u>8,729,845</u>	<u>20,635,909</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings & improvements	68,659,599	10,642,195	-	79,301,794
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	12,177,287	72,354	202,107	12,047,534
Vehicles and road machinery	6,562,211	222,786	204,204	6,580,793
Historical Infrastructure	17,273,617	-	-	17,273,617
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>104,672,714</u>	<u>10,937,335</u>	<u>406,311</u>	<u>115,203,738</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings & improvements	21,263,079	2,525,494	-	23,788,573
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	10,773,743	265,862	202,107	10,837,498
Vehicles and road machinery	4,765,378	169,712	204,204	4,730,886
Historical Infrastructure	12,612,247	386,316	-	12,998,563
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>49,414,447</u>	<u>3,347,384</u>	<u>406,311</u>	<u>52,355,520</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated-net	55,258,267	7,589,951	-	62,848,218
Governmental activities capital assets-net	<u>\$ 70,136,774</u>	<u>\$ 22,077,198</u>	<u>\$ 8,729,845</u>	<u>\$ 83,484,127</u>



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**4. Capital Assets (Continued)**

Governmental activities capital assets net of accumulated depreciation at March 31, 2023, are comprised of the following:

General Capital Assets, Net	\$ <u>83,484,126</u>
Total	\$ <u>83,484,126</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

General Government	\$ 392,042
Public Safety	858,528
Public Works	1,646,946
Culture and Recreation	<u>449,867</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,347,384</u>

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets for business-type activities for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023:

Business-Type Activities:	Balance March 31, 2022	Increases	Decreases	Balance March 31, 2023
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 299,988	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 299,988
Construction in progress	<u>23,136</u>	<u>454,338</u>	<u>390,892</u>	<u>\$ 86,583</u>
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>323,124</u>	<u>454,338</u>	<u>390,892</u>	<u>386,571</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings	16,762,716	-	-	16,762,716
Furniture and fixtures	25,951	-	-	25,951
Equipment and vehicles	<u>39,556,353</u>	<u>659,260</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,215,613</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated:	<u>56,345,020</u>	<u>659,260</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>57,004,280</u>
Less: Accumulated Depreciation for:	<u>30,580,708</u>	<u>1,367,497</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,948,205</u>
	<u>30,580,708</u>	<u>1,367,497</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,948,205</u>
Business-type capital assets-net	<u>\$ 26,087,436</u>	<u>\$ (253,899)</u>	<u>\$ 390,892</u>	<u>\$ 25,442,646</u>

Property, plant, and equipment are stated at cost, less an allowance for accumulated depreciation. Depreciation expense is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

Buildings	25-40 years
Equipment	5-20 years
Infrastructure	20-40 years

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**4. Capital Assets (Continued)**

Capital outlays are reported as expenditures in the governmental funds; however, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of capital assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. The adjustment from governmental funds to the government-wide statements is summarized as follows:

Primary Government

Capital outlay	\$ 16,694,736
Gain on sale of assets	-
Depreciation expense	<u>(3,704,547)</u>
Total Adjustment	<u>\$ 12,990,189</u>

**5. Long-Term Debt**

The reporting entity's long-term debt is segregated between the amounts to be repaid from governmental activities and amounts to be repaid from business-type activities.

The following is a summary of changes in long-term debt for the year ended March 31, 2023:

Type of Debt	March 31, 2022	Additions	Reductions	March 31, 2023	Due Within One Year
<b>Governmental Activities, net:</b>					
Tax Bonds	\$ 7,632,000	\$ -	\$ 985,000	\$ 6,647,000	\$ 1,006,000
Revenue Bonds	8,275,000	-	325,000	7,950,000	340,000
Premiums	1,223,497	-	67,972	1,155,525	-
EPA Brownsfield Loan	488,500	-	-	488,500	-
Leases	883,386	577,998	343,767	1,117,617	416,466
Net Pension Liability	14,692,949	10,713,118	-	25,406,067	-
Other Post Employment Benefits OPEB	708,640	-	286,765	421,875	-
Compensated Absences	<u>1,784,638</u>	<u>101,059</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,885,697</u>	<u>332,514</u>
Total General Long-Term Debt	<u>\$ 35,688,610</u>	<u>\$ 11,392,175</u>	<u>\$ 2,008,504</u>	<u>\$ 45,072,281</u>	<u>\$ 2,094,980</u>
<b>Business-Type Activities:</b>					
Water Fund 2015 Bond Issue	\$ 165,000	\$ -	\$ 52,500	\$ 112,500	\$ 55,000
Sewer Fund 2015 Bond Issue	165,000	-	52,500	112,500	55,000
Leases	181,684	143,826	95,908	229,602	89,693
Net Pension Liability	2,721,877	968,262	-	3,690,139	-
Compensated Absences	<u>153,233</u>	<u>25,741</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>178,974</u>	<u>51,702</u>
Total Business Type Activities Debt	<u>\$ 3,386,794</u>	<u>\$ 1,137,829</u>	<u>\$ 200,908</u>	<u>\$ 4,323,715</u>	<u>\$ 251,395</u>

**\*Note: Per GASB 87 the beginning lease liability is restated as of Mach 31, 2022**

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**NOTE C – NOTES ON TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS (Continued)**

**5. Long-Term Debt (Continued)**

Bonded debt as of March 31, 2023, is comprised of the following governmental activities serial bond issues:

Description	Interest Rates	Final Maturity Date	Range of Annual Principal Payment		Amount Outstanding
			From	To	
<b>Sales tax bonds:</b>					
6/8/2010 issue of \$3,228,000	0.45	2/1/2029	174,000	175,000	1,082,000
11/13/2014 refunding of \$6,085,000	2.05	2/1/2024	700,000	715,000	715,000
12/16/2016 refunding of \$5,025,000	1.7	2/1/2029	110,000	980,000	4,850,000
<b>LCDA revenue bonds:</b>					
3/12/2020 issue of \$8,800,000	4.00	3/1/2040	325,000	625,000	7,950,000
Unamortized portion of related bond premium					1,155,525
Subtotal					15,752,525
EPA Brownsfield Loan	0.00	n/a	-	-	488,500
<b>Total</b>					<u><u>\$ 16,241,025</u></u>

**Governmental Activities:**

**Sales Tax Bonds:**

In 2010, the City issued \$3,228,000 of Sales Tax Bonds Series 2009A-State Revolving Fund purchased by “DEQ” for the purpose of wastewater treatment plant upgrades and rehabilitation. The bonds are secured by an irrevocable pledge and dedication of the proceeds of the City’s 1955 1% and 1966 ½% Sales and Use Tax.

In 2014, the City issued \$6,085,000 of Sales Tax Refunding Bonds Series 2014 with a 2.05% interest rate. The City issued the bonds for the purpose of refunding \$6,375,000 aggregate principal amount of the Series 2004 Sales Tax Bonds. The advance refunding reduced total debt service payments over the next 10 years by \$640,679 or an annual average reduction of \$56,699. This results in an economic gain (difference between the present values of the debt service payments on the old and new debt) of \$579,689. The refunded bonds are secured by an irrevocable pledge and dedication of the proceeds of the City’s 1955 1% and 1966 ½% Sales and Use Tax.

In 2016, the City issued \$5,360,000 of Sales Tax Refunding Bonds Series 2016 with a 1.70% interest rate. The City issued the bonds for the purpose of refunding \$4,890,000 aggregate principal amount of the Series 2009B Sales Tax Bonds. The advance refunding reduced total debt service payments over the next 13 years by \$751,302 or an annual average reduction of \$57,793. This results in an economic gain (difference between the present values of the debt service payments on the old and new debt) of \$620,255. The refunded bonds are secured by an irrevocable pledge and dedication of the proceeds of the City’s 1955 1% and 1966 ½% Sales and Use Tax.

In 2020, the City issued \$8,880,000 of Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Revenue Bonds Series 2021 with a 4.00% interest rate. The City issued the bonds for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, replacing, improving and maintaining a fire station and other capital improvements in the City. The bonds are secured by an irrevocable pledge and dedication of the proceeds of the City’s Lawfully Available Funds.

At March 31, 2023, \$1,578,065 was available in the debt service fund for servicing of these bonds.

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**5. Long-Term Debt (Continued)**

Compensated Absences:

Effective December 12, 2012, the City's annual (vacation) and sick leave policy was revised. Each employee shall earn and accumulate sick leave with pay at the rate of 6.5 days per year. After the completion of 3 years of continuous employment each employee shall earn 13 days per year. Employees may never accrue more than 45 days of sick leave.

Full Time employees of the City with less than 5 years of continuous service shall accumulate vacation time at the rate of 10.4 days per year. An employee with more than 5 but less than 10 years of continuous service shall accumulate vacation time at the rate of 13 days per year. Employees with 10 or more years of continuous service shall accumulate vacation time at the rate of 15.6 days per year. Employees having 20 years of continuous service shall accumulate vacation time at the rate of 19.5 days per year. Employees may never accrue more than 60 days of vacation. Therefore, once an employee has accrued 60 days of vacation, vacation hours must be used in order to accrue more hours. Employees may elect an option to sell days at a rate of 50% of their current rate of pay.

Full Time employees of the Police Department with less than 10 years of continuous service shall accumulate vacation time at the rate of 15 days per year. Police Department employees with at least 11 years but less than 15 years shall accumulate vacation time at a rate of 18 days per year. Police Department employees with at least 16 years accumulate vacation time at a rate of 21 days per year. Employees may elect an option to sell days at a rate of 50% of their current rate of pay.

At March 31, 2023, the amount of accumulated annual and sick leave and salary-related cost was \$1,885,697 for all governmental funds with a current liability of 332,514 and \$178,973 for the proprietary funds with a current liability of \$51,702.

Business-Type Activities:

Limited Tax Bonds:

In 2015, the City issued \$1,000,000 of Limited Tax Revenue Bonds Series 2016 for the purpose of making capital improvements and acquiring equipment, including water meter upgrades. The bonds are secured by an irrevocable pledge and dedication of the proceeds derived from the levy and collection of a special tax of 4.03 mills which the Issuer is authorized to impose and collect in each year through the year 2025.

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**NOTE C – NOTES ON TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS (Continued)**

**5. Long-Term Debt (Continued)**

Annual debt service to maturity on bonds, including interest of \$3,517,353 are as follows:

Year Ending Date	Sales Tax Bonds Series 2009A	Sales Tax Refunding Bonds Series 2014	Sales Tax Refunding Bonds Series 2016	Sales Tax Refunding Bonds Series 2020	Utility Limited Tax Bond Series 2015	Total
3/31/2024	186,279	729,657	197,450	653,900	114,613	1,881,899
3/31/2025	186,607	-	995,495	650,300	117,357	1,949,759
3/31/2026	185,916	-	994,940	651,300	-	1,832,156
3/31/2027	186,215	-	999,130	651,700	-	1,837,045
3/31/2028	186,496	-	992,980	652,700	-	1,832,176
3/31/29-3/31/33	186,758	-	996,660	3,262,700	-	4,446,118
3/31/34-3/31/38	-	-	-	3,256,000	-	3,256,000
3/31/39-3/31/40	-	-	-	1,304,200	-	1,304,200
Total debt service to maturity	<u>\$ 1,118,271</u>	<u>\$ 729,657</u>	<u>\$ 5,176,655</u>	<u>\$ 11,082,800</u>	<u>\$ 231,970</u>	<u>\$ 18,339,353</u>
Less amounts representing interest:						
3/31/2024	10,279	14,657	82,450	313,900	4,612	425,898
3/31/2025	8,607	-	80,495	300,300	2,358	391,760
3/31/2026	6,916	-	64,940	286,300	-	358,156
3/31/2027	5,215	-	49,130	271,700	-	326,045
3/31/2028	5,254	-	49,640	252,700	-	307,594
3/31/29-3/31/33	-	-	-	1,057,700	-	1,057,700
3/31/34-3/31/38	-	-	-	576,000	-	576,000
3/31/39-3/31/40	-	-	-	74,200	-	74,200
Total interest	<u>36,271</u>	<u>14,657</u>	<u>326,655</u>	<u>3,132,800</u>	<u>6,970</u>	<u>3,517,353</u>
Total principal	<u>\$ 1,082,000</u>	<u>\$ 715,000</u>	<u>\$ 4,850,000</u>	<u>\$ 7,950,000</u>	<u>\$ 225,001</u>	<u>\$ 14,822,000</u>

There are a number of limitations and restrictions contained in the bond indenture. The City is in compliance with all significant limitations and restrictions, including federal arbitrage regulations.

**6. Segments of Enterprise Activities**

Some services provided by the City of Gretna, Louisiana, are financed by user charges, specifically the City's Municipal Waterworks and Sewer Systems. The significant financial data for these enterprises are as follows:

	Water System	Sewerage	Total
Operating Revenues	\$ 3,418,657	\$ 3,266,177	\$ 6,684,834
Operating Expenses			
Depreciation	503,891	863,606	1,367,497
Other Expenses	3,021,150	2,494,149	5,515,299
Total Operating Expenses	3,525,041	3,357,755	6,882,796
Operating Income (Loss)	(106,384)	(91,578)	(197,962)
Nonoperating Revenues (Expense)	(1,536,649)	(1,165,499)	(2,702,148)
Net Income (Loss)	(1,643,033)	(1,257,077)	(2,900,110)
Change in Net Position	(1,643,033)	(1,257,077)	(2,900,110)
Beginning Net Position, As restated	9,764,814	18,802,599	28,567,413
Ending Net Position	<u>\$ 8,121,781</u>	<u>\$ 17,545,522</u>	<u>\$ 25,667,303</u>

A single revenue stream is not dedicated for the repayment of debt; therefore, the condensed financial information for the statement of net position and cash flows is not presented.

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**7. Interfund Transfers**

The following is a summary of the operating transfers between funds during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023:

	<u>Transfers In</u>	<u>Transfers Out</u>
General Fund:		
Capital Projects Fund	\$ -	\$ 400,000
Grant Fund	-	86,685
Tourism Fund	-	150,000
Total General Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>636,685</u>
Special Revenue Funds:		
Capital Projects Fund	3,668,708	-
Debt Service Fund	646,292	-
Grant Fund	86,685	-
Recreation	47,000	-
Fire Fund	-	459,350
Tourism Fund	150,000	47,000
Total Special Revenue Funds	<u>4,598,685</u>	<u>506,350</u>
Enterprise Fund:		
Water	-	1,634,354
Sewer	-	1,821,296
Total Enterprise Funds	<u>-</u>	<u>3,455,650</u>
Total All Funds	<u>\$ 4,598,685</u>	<u>\$ 4,598,685</u>

The General Fund transfers funds earmarked in prior years and budgeted for specific construction and tourism related activities. Other transfers from the General Fund were made to meet various one-time obligations. The Utility Fund also made a one-time allocation project related funds to the Capital Projects fund.

**8. Interfund Receivables and Payable**

The following is a summary of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet interfund receivables and payables at March 31, 2023:

	<u>Due From</u>	<u>Due To</u>
General Fund:		
Grant Fund	\$ 20,691	\$ -
Home Incarceration Fund	\$ 274,710	-
Total General Fund	<u>295,401</u>	<u>-</u>
Special Revenue Funds:		
Grant Fund	-	20,691
Home Incarceration Fund	-	274,710
Total Special Revenue Funds	<u>-</u>	<u>295,401</u>
Enterprise Funds:		
Water	-	-
Sewer	-	-
Total Enterprise Funds	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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**NOTE C – NOTES ON TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS (Continued)**

**8. Interfund Receivables and Payable (Continued)**

The special revenue fund balances represent short-term receivables and payables incurred in the normal course of the City operations.

**9. Fund Balances**

The following illustrates the specific purposes of each classification of fund balance in the financial statements:

	General Fund	Major Governmental Funds	Other Governmental Funds	Total
Nonspendable:				
Prepaid items	\$ 461,268	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 461,268
Restricted:				
Debt service	-	1,578,065	-	1,578,065
Committed:				
Capital projects	-	11,169,534	-	11,169,534
Encumbrances	-	-	-	-
Emergency preparation	271,908	-	-	271,908
Contingencies	227,840	-	-	227,840
Separation and settlement	209,161	-	-	209,161
Total Committed:	708,909	11,169,534	-	11,878,443
Assigned:				
Court management	240,551	-	-	240,551
Culture & recreation	-	-	1,362,310	1,362,310
Property Seizure	326,142	-	-	326,142
Public works	-	-	1,955,726	1,955,726
Public safety	-	6,088,124	784,244	6,872,368
Subsequent year expenditures	-	-	-	-
Total Assigned:	566,693	6,088,124	4,102,280	10,757,096
Unassigned:	8,208,051	-	-	8,208,051
Total Fund Balance	<u>\$ 9,944,920</u>	<u>\$ 18,835,723</u>	<u>\$ 4,102,280</u>	<u>\$ 32,882,923</u>

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**NOTE D – OTHER NOTES**

**1. Retirement Plans**

Substantially all employees of the City are required by State law to belong to retirement plans administered by the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (MERS) or the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (MPERS), both of which are administered on a statewide basis. Each plan issues a separate financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. Those reports may be obtained by writing or calling the plan.

Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana  
7937 Office Park Boulevard  
Baton Rouge, LA 70809  
(225) 925-4810  
[www.mersla.com](http://www.mersla.com)

Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana  
7722 Office Park Boulevard, Suite 200  
Baton Rouge, LA 70809-7601  
(225) 929-7411  
[www.lampers.org](http://www.lampers.org)

Disclosures relating to these plans follow:

**Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (MERS)**

**Plan Description.** Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (the System) is the administrator of a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The System was originally established by Act 356 of the 1954 regular session of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana.



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**NOTE D – OTHER NOTES (Continued)**

**1. Retirement Plans (Continued)**

The System provides retirement benefits to employees of all incorporated villages, towns and cities within the State which do not have their own retirement system and which elect to become members of the System. For the year ended June 30, 2022, there were 88 contributing municipalities in Plan A.

**Eligibility Requirements.** Membership is mandatory as a condition of employment beginning on the date employed if the employee is on a permanent basis working at least thirty-five hours per week. Those individuals paid jointly by a participating employer and the parish are not eligible for membership in the System with exceptions as outlined in the statutes.

**Benefits Provided.** The following is a description of the plan and its benefits, and is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the appropriate statutes for more complete information.

Retirement Benefits

Any member of Plan A who was hired before January 1, 2013, can retire providing the member meets one of the following criteria:

1. Any age with twenty-five (25) or more years of creditable service.
2. Age 60 with a minimum of ten (10) years of creditable service.
3. Any age with 20 years of creditable service, exclusive of military service and unused annual and sick leave, with an actuarially reduced early benefit.

Eligibility for retirement for Plan A members hired on or after January 1, 2013, is as follows:

1. Age 67 with seven (7) years of creditable service.
2. Age 62 with ten (10) years of creditable service.
3. Age 55 with thirty (30) years of creditable service.
4. Any age with twenty-five (25) years of creditable service, exclusive of military service and unused annual and sick leave, with actuarially reduced early benefit.

Generally, the monthly amount of the retirement allowance for any member of Plan A shall consist of an amount equal to three percent of the member's final compensation multiplied by his years of creditable service. Final compensation is the average monthly earnings during the highest sixty consecutive months, or joined months if service was interrupted. However, under certain conditions as outlined in the statutes, the benefits are limited to specified amounts.

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**NOTE D – OTHER NOTES (Continued)**

**1. Retirement Plans (Continued)**

Survivor Benefits

Upon death of any member of Plan A with five (5) or more years of creditable service, not eligible for retirement, the plan provides for benefits of the surviving spouse and/or minor children as outlined in the statutes.

Any Plan A member who is eligible for normal retirement at the time of death and who leaves a surviving spouse will be deemed to have retired and selected Option 2 benefits on behalf of the surviving spouse on the date of death. Such benefits will begin only upon proper application and are paid in lieu of any other survivor benefits.

Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP)

In lieu of terminating employment and accepting a service retirement allowance, any member who is eligible to retire may elect to participate in the deferred retirement option plan (DROP) for up to three years and defer the receipt of benefits. During participation in the plan, employer contributions are payable but employee contributions cease. The monthly retirement benefits that would be payable, had the person elected to cease employment and receive a service retirement allowance, are paid into the DROP fund. Interest is earned when the member has completed DROP participation. Interest earnings are based upon the actual rate of return on the investments identified as DROP funds for the period. In addition, no cost-of-living increases are payable to participants until employment which made them eligible to become members of the System has been terminated for at least one full year.

Upon termination of employment prior to or at the end of the specified period of participation, a participant in the DROP may receive, at his option, a lump sum from the account equal to the payments in the account, a true annuity based upon his account balance in that fund, or any other method of payment if approved by the board of trustees. If a participant dies during participation in the DROP, a lump sum equal to the balance in his account shall be paid to his named beneficiary or, if none, to his estate. If employment is not terminated at the end of the three years, payments into the DROP fund cease and the person resumes active contributing membership in the System.

Disability Benefits

For Plan A, a member shall be eligible to retire and receive a disability benefit if he has at least five years of creditable service, is not eligible for normal retirement, and has been officially certified as disabled by the State Medical Disability Board. Upon retirement caused by disability, a member of Plan A shall be paid a disability benefit equal to the lesser (1) an amount equal to three percent of his final compensation multiplied by his years of creditable service, but not less than forty-five percent of his final compensation, or (2) or an amount equal to what the member's normal retirement benefit would be based on the member's current final compensation, but assuming the member remained in continuous service until his earliest normal retirement age and using those retirement benefit computation factors which would be applicable to the member's normal retirement.

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**NOTE D – OTHER NOTES (Continued)**

**1. Retirement Plans (Continued)**

Cost of Living Increases

The System is authorized under state law to grant a cost of living increase to members who have been retired for at least one year. The adjustment cannot exceed 2% of the retiree's original benefit for each full calendar year since retirement and may only be granted if sufficient funds are available from investment income in excess of normal requirements. State law allows the System to grant an additional cost of living increase to all retirees and beneficiaries who are age sixty-five and above equal to 2% of the benefit being received on October 1, 1977, or the original benefit, if retirement commenced after that date.

Deferred Benefit

The plan provides for deferred benefits for members who terminate before being eligible for retirement. Once the member reaches the appropriate age for retirement, benefits will become payable. Benefits are based on statutes in effect at time of withdrawal.

**Contributions.** According to State Statute, contribution requirements for all employers are actuarially determined each year. For the System's year ending June 30, 2022, the actual employer contribution rate was 29.50% and the actual employee rate was 10.00% for Plan A. The City contributes both the employee and employer amounts and takes no deductions from the employees' pay for employees hired prior to April 1, 2013.

In accordance with State Statute, the System receives ad valorem taxes and state revenue sharing funds. These additional sources of income are used as employer contributions and are considered support from non-employer contributing entities, but are not considered special funding situations. The City's proportionate share of these non-employer contributions totaled \$220,393 during the measurement period, of which \$173,427 is for governmental activities and \$46,966 is for business-type activities.

**Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions**

At March 31, 2023, the City reported a liability of \$12,853,366 for its proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability. The Net Pension Liability was measured as of June 30, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the Net Pension Liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The City's proportion of the Net Pension Liability was based on a projection of the City's projected contribution effort to the plan for the next fiscal year as compared to the total of all employers' projected contribution effort to the plan for the next fiscal year actuarially determined. At June 30, 2022, the City's proportion was 3.094785%, which was an increase of 0.107312% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2021.

For the year ended March 31, 2023, the City recognized pension expense of \$2,063,539 plus employers' amortization of change in proportionate share and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions of \$49,173.

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**NOTE D – OTHER NOTES (Continued)**

**1. Retirement Plans (Continued)**

At March 31, 2023, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 15,179	\$ 49,218
Changes in assumptions	124,522	-
Differences between projected and actual investment earnings	2,138,747	-
Changes in proportionate share of the NPL	249,991	45,088
Differences between the City's contributions and proportionate share of contributions	32,782	(19,744)
City's contributions subsequent to the measurement date	1,614,270	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,175,491</b>	<b>\$ 74,562</b>

Deferred outflows of resources of \$1,614,270 related to pensions resulting from the City contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of Net Pension Liability in the year ended March 31, 2023. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Years Ending March 31	Amount of Amortization
2024	\$ 667,496
2025	549,355
2026	204,665
2027	1,025,655
	<u>\$ 2,447,171</u>

**Actuarial Methods and Assumptions.** A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability as of June 30, 2022, are as follows:

Valuation Date	June 30, 2022
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal Cost
Expected Remaining Service Lives	3 years
Investment Rate of Return	6.85% net of investment expense
Inflation Rate	2.5%
Salary Increases, including inflation and merit increases	6.40% -1 to 4 years of service 4.50% - More than 4 years of service
Annuitant and Beneficiary Mortality	PubG-2010(B) Healthy Retiree Table set equal to 120% for males and females, each adjusted using their respective male and female MP2018 scales, -
Employee Mortality	PubG-2010(B) Employee Table set equal to 120% for males and females, each adjusted using their respective male and female MP2018 scales.
Disabled Lives Mortality	PubNS-2010(B) Disable Retiree Table set equal to 120% for males and females with the full generational MP2018 scale.

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**NOTE D – OTHER NOTES (Continued)**

**1. Retirement Plans (Continued)**

Discount Rate

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification.

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the System’s target allocation as of June 30, 2022, are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Asset Allocation	Long-Term Expected Portfolio Real Rate of Return
Public Equity	53%	2.31%
Public Fixed Income	38%	1.65%
Alternatives	9%	0.39%
Totals	100%	4.35%
Inflation		2.60%
Expected Arithmetic Nominal Return		6.95%

The expected discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.85%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from participating employers will be made at the actuarially determined rates approved by PRSAC taking into consideration the recommendation of the System’s actuary. Based on those assumptions, the System’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the Net Pension Liability of the City calculated using the discount rate of 6.85%, as well as what the City’s Net Pension Liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (5.85%) or one percentage point higher (7.85%) than the current rate calculated at June 30, 2022.

	Changes in Discount Rate-Plan A		
	1% Decrease 5.85%	Current Discount Rate 6.85%	1% Increase 7.85%
City’s proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability	\$17,097,484	\$ 12,853,366	\$ 9,267,226

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**1. Retirement Plans (Continued)**

**Payables to the Pension Plan**

At March 31, 2023, the City had no payables due to MERS.

**Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (MPERS)**

**Plan Description.** The Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (the System) is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit plan. Membership in the System is mandatory for any full-time police officer employed by a municipality of the State of Louisiana and engaged in law enforcement, empowered to make arrests, providing he or she does not have to pay social security and providing he or she meets the statutory criteria. The System provides retirement benefits for municipal police officers. The projections of benefit payments in the calculation of the total pension liability includes all benefits to be provided to current active and inactive employees through the System in accordance with benefit terms and any additional legal agreements to provide benefits that are in force at the measurement date.

**Benefits Provided.** Benefit provisions are authorized within Act 189 of 1973 and amended by LRS 11:2211-11:2233. The following is a description of the plan and its benefits and is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the appropriate statutes for more complete information.

Retirement Benefits

Membership prior to January 1, 2013 – A member is eligible for regular retirement after he has been a member of the System and has 25 years of creditable service at any age or has 20 years of creditable service and is age 50 or has 12 years creditable service and is age 55. A member is eligible for early retirement after he has been a member of the System for 20 years of creditable service at any age with an actuarially reduced benefit.

Benefit rates are three and one-third percent of average final compensation (average monthly earnings during the highest 36 consecutive months or joined months if service was interrupted) per number of years of creditable service not to exceed 100% of final salary.

Upon the death of an active contributing member, or disability retiree, the plan provides for surviving spouses and minor children. Under certain conditions outlined in the statutes, the benefits range from forty to sixty percent of the member's average final compensation for the surviving spouse. In addition, each child under age eighteen receives benefits equal to ten percent of the member's average final compensation or \$200 per month, whichever is greater.

Membership Commencing January 1, 2013 – Member eligibility for regular retirement, early retirement, disability and survivor benefits are based on Hazardous Duty and Non Hazardous Duty sub plans. Under the Hazardous Duty sub plan, a member is eligible for regular retirement after he has been a member of the System and has 25 years of creditable service at any age or has 12 years of creditable service at age 55. Under the Non Hazardous Duty sub plan, a member is eligible for regular retirement after he has been a member of the System for 30 years of creditable services at any at, 25 years of creditable service at age 55, or 10 years of creditable service at age 60. Under both sub plans, a member is eligible for early retirement after he has

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**1. Retirement Plans (Continued)**

been a member of the System for 20 years of creditable service at any age, with actuarially reduced benefit from age 55.

Under the Hazardous and Non Hazardous Duty sub plans, the benefit rates are three percent and two and a half percent, respectively, of average final compensation (average monthly earnings during the highest 60 consecutive months or joined months if service was interrupted) per number of years of creditable service not to exceed 100% of final salary.

Upon the death of an active contributing member, or disability retiree, the plan provides for surviving spouses and minor children. Under certain conditions outlined in the statutes, the benefits range from twenty-five to fifty-five percent of the member's average final compensation for the surviving spouse. In addition, each child under age eighteen receives benefits equal to ten percent of the member's average final compensation or \$200 per month, whichever is greater. If deceased member had less than ten years of service, beneficiary will receive a refund of employee contributions only.

Cost-of-Living Adjustments

The MPERS Board of Trustees is authorized to provide annual cost of living adjustments computed on the amount of the current regular retirement, disability, beneficiary, or survivor's benefit, not to exceed 3% in any given year. The Board is authorized to provide an additional 2% COLA, computed on the member's original benefit, to all regular retirees, disability, survivors, and beneficiaries who are 65 years of age or older on the cut-off date which determines eligibility.

No regular retiree, survivor, or beneficiary shall be eligible to receive a cost-of-living adjustment until benefits have been received at least one full year and the payment of such COLA, when authorized, shall not be effective until the lapse of at least one-half of the fiscal year. Members who elect early retirement are not eligible for a cost of living adjustment until they reach regular retirement age.

A COLA may only be granted if funds are available from interest earnings in excess of normal requirements, as determined by the actuary.

Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP)

A member is eligible to elect to enter the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) when he is eligible for regular retirement based on the member's sub plan participation. Upon filing the application for the program, the employee's active membership in the System is terminated. At the entry date into the DROP, the employee contributions cease but employer contributions are payable on the employees' earnable compensation. The amount to be deposited into the DROP account is equal to the benefit computed under the retirement plan elected by the participant at the date of application. The duration of participation in the DROP is thirty-six months or less. If employment is terminated after the three-year period, the participant may receive his benefits by lump sum payment or by a true annuity. If employment is not term-

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**1. Retirement Plans (Continued)**

Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) (Continued)

inated, active contributing membership into the System shall resume and upon later termination, he shall receive additional retirement benefits based on the additional service. For those eligible to enter DROP prior to January 1, 2004, DROP accounts shall earn interest subsequent to the termination of DROP participation at a rate of half of one percentage point below the percentage rate of return of the System’s investment portfolio as certified by the actuary on an annual basis but will never lose money. For those eligible to enter DROP subsequent to January 1, 2004, an irrevocable election is made to earn interest based on the System’s investment portfolio return or a money market investment return. This could result in a negative earnings rate being applied to the account.

If the member elects a money market investment return, the funds are transferred to a government money market account.

Initial Benefit Option Plan

In 1999, the State Legislature authorized the System to establish an Initial Benefit Option (IBO) program. IBO is available to members who are eligible for regular retirement and have not participated in DROP. The IBO program provides both a one-time single lump sum payment of up to 36 months of regular monthly retirement benefit, plus a reduced monthly retirement benefit for life. Interest is computed on the balance based on the same criteria as DROP.

**Contributions.** Contributions for all members are actuarially determined as required by state law but cannot be less than 9% of the employees’ earnable compensation excluding overtime but including state supplemental pay.

For the year ended June 30, 2022, total contributions for the System due from employers and employees were as follows:

	<u>Contributions Rates</u>		
	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Total</u>
Members hired prior to January 1, 2013	10.00%	29.75%	39.75%
Hazardous Duty members hired after January 1, 2013	10.00%	29.75%	39.75%
Non-Hazardous Duty members hired after January 1, 2013	8.00%	29.75%	37.75%
Members whose earnable compensation is less than the poverty guidelines	7.50%	32.25%	39.75%

Non-Employer Contributions

The System also receives insurance premium tax monies as additional employer contributions. The tax is considered support from a non-contributing entity and appropriated by the Legislature each year based on an actuarial study. Non-employer contributions were recognized as revenue during the year ended June 30, 2022 and excluded from pension expense. The City’s proportionate share of these non-employer contributions totaled \$353,486 during the measurement period.



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**1. Retirement Plans (Continued)**

Non-Employer Contributions (Continued)

The City’s contractually required composite contribution rate for the year ended March 31, 2023, was 29.75% of annual payroll from April 1, 2022, to June 30, 2022, and 31.25% from July 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability.

Additionally, the City contributes both the employee and employer amounts and takes no deductions from the employees’ pay for employees hired prior to April 1, 2013.

**Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions**

At March 31, 2023, the City reported a liability of \$16,242,840 for its proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability. The Net Pension Liability was measured as of June 30, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the Net Pension Liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The City’s proportion of the Net Pension Liability was based on a projection of the City’s projected contribution effort to the plan for the next fiscal year as compared to the total of all employers’ projected contribution effort to the plan for the next fiscal year, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2022, the City’s proportion was 1.589043%, which is a decrease of -0.119067% from its proportion measure as of June 30, 2021.

For the year ended March 31, 2023, the City’s recognized pension expense of \$2,449,617 plus the City’s amortization of change in proportionate share and difference between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions of \$206,213.

At March 31, 2023, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 80,109	\$ 132,385
Changes in assumptions	2,899,858	-
Differences between projected and actual investment earnings	560,287	120,813
Changes in proportionate share of the NPL	-	1,096,684
Differences between the City’s contributions and proportionate share of contributions	154,660	136,341
City’s contributions subsequent to the measurement date	1,501,443	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,196,357</b>	<b>\$ 1,486,223</b>

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**1. Retirement Plans (Continued)**

**Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)**

Deferred outflows of resources of \$1,501,443 related to pensions resulting from the City’s contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the Net Pension Liability in the year ended March 31, 2023. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<b>Years Ending March 31</b>	<b>Amount of Amortization</b>
2024	\$ 266,952
2025	408,498
2026	12,146
2027	1,521,095
	\$ 2,208,691

**Actuarial Methods and Assumptions.** A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability as of June 30, 2022, are as follows:

Valuation Date	June 30, 2022	
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal	
Investment Rate of Return	6.75% net of investment expense	
Expected Remaining Service Lives	4 years	
Inflation Rate	2.50% per annum	
Salary Increases, including Inflation and Merit	Years of <u>Service</u>	Salary Growth <u>Rate</u>
	1-2	12.30%
	Above 2	4.70%

**Mortality** For annuitants and beneficiaries, the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plan Mortality Table for Safety Below-Median Healthy Retirees multiplied by 115% for males and 125% for females, each with full generational projection using the MP2019 scale was used.

For disabled lives, the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Safety Disable Retirees multiplied by 105% for males and 115% for females, each with full generational projection using the MP2019 scale was used.

For employees, the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Safety Below-Median. Employees multiplied by 115% for males and 125% for females, each with full generational projection using the MP2019 scale was used.

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**1. Retirement Plans (Continued)**

Cost-of-Living Adjustments

The present value of future retirement benefits is based on benefits currently being paid by the System and includes previously granted cost-of-living increases. The present values do not include provisions for potential future increases not yet authorized by the Board of Trustees.

The mortality rate assumption used was set based upon an experience study performed by the prior actuary on plan data for the period July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2019, and review of similar law enforcement mortality. The data was assigned credibility weighting and combined with a standard table to produce current levels of mortality. This mortality was then projected forward to a period equivalent to the estimated duration of the System’s liabilities. Annuity values calculated based on this mortality were compared to those produced by using a setback of standard tables. The result of the procedure indicated that the tables used would produce liability values approximating the appropriate generational mortality tables.

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the System’s target allocation as of June 30, 2022, are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Asset Allocation	Long-Term Expected Portfolio Real Rate of Return
Equity	55.50%	3.60%
Fixed Income	30.50%	0.85%
Alternatives	14.00%	0.95%
Totals	100.00%	5.40%
Inflation		2.66%
Expected Arithmetic Nominal Return		8.06%

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.750%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from participating employers will be made at the actuarially determined rates approved by PRSAC taking into consideration the recommendation of the System’s actuary. Based on those assumptions, the System’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity to Changes in the Discount Rate.

The following presents the Net Pension Liability of the City calculated using the discount rate of 6.750%, as well as what the City’s Net Pension Liability would be if it were calculated using a

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**1. Retirement Plans (Continued)**

discount rate that is one percentage point lower (5.750%) or one percentage point higher (7.750%) than the current rate calculated at June 30, 2022.

	1% Decrease 5.750%	Current Discount Rate 6.750%	1% Increase 7.750%
City's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 22,736,866	\$ 16,242,840	\$ 10,818,179

**Payables to the Pension Plan**

At March 31, 2023, the City had no payables due to MPERS.

**2. On Behalf Payments for Salaries**

Supplemental pay which is paid directly to employees of the City of Gretna by the State of Louisiana, Department of Public Safety, is recognized as intergovernmental revenue and salaries expenditure in the year in which paid. For the year ended March 31, 2023, the amount recognized as revenue and expenditure was \$584,285.

**3. Postemployment Health Care and Life Insurance Benefits**

**General Information about the OPEB Plan**

**Plan description** – The City of Gretna (the City) provides certain continuing health care and life insurance benefits for its retired employees. The City of Gretna's OPEB Plan (the OPEB Plan) is a single-employer defined benefit OPEB plan administered by the City. The authority to establish and/or amend the obligation of the employer, employees and retirees rests with the City. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB)

**Benefits Provided** – Medical benefits are provided through a comprehensive medical plan and are made available to employees upon actual retirement. The employees are covered by two retirement systems whose retirement eligibility (D.R.O.P. entry) provisions are similar. We have used the following as representative of that eligibility: 25 years of service at any age, or age 60 and 10 years of service; for Police, 25 years of service at any age; age 50 and 20 years of service; age 55 and 12 years of service.

**Employees covered by benefit terms** – As of the measurement date March 31, 2023, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	4
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefit payments	-
Active employees	231
	<u>235</u>

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**3. Postemployment Health Care and Life Insurance Benefits (Continued)**

**Total OPEB Liability**

The City's total OPEB liability of \$421,875 as of the measurement date March 31, 2023, the end of the fiscal year.

**Actuarial Assumptions and other inputs** – The total OPEB liability in the March 31, 2023, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	2.5%
Salary increases	4.0%, including inflation
Discount rate	2.67% annually (Beginning of Year to Determine ADC) 3.50%, annually (As of End of Year Measurement Date)
Healthcare cost trend rates	5.5% annually for ten years, 4.5% thereafter
Mortality	SOA RP-2000 Table

The discount rate was based on the Bond Buyers' 20 Year General Obligation municipal bond index on the applicable measurement dates.

The actuarial assumptions used in the March 31, 2023 valuation were based on the results of ongoing evaluations of the assumptions from October 1, 2009 to March 31, 2023.

**Changes in the Total OPEB Liability**

Balance at March 31, 2022	\$ 708,640
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	12,458
Interest	18,458
Differences between expected and actual experience	(251,960)
Changes in assumptions	(31,039)
Benefit payments and net transfers	(34,682)
Net changes	(286,765)
Balance at March 31, 2023	\$ 421,875

*Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate* – The following presents the total OPEB liability of the City, as well as what the City's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.50%) or 1-percentage-point higher (4.50%) than the current discount rate:

	<b>1.0% Decrease (2.50%)</b>	<b>Current Discount Rate (3.50%)</b>	<b>1.0% Increase (4.50%)</b>
Total OPEB liability	\$ 509,858	\$ 421,875	\$ 353,963

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**3. Postemployment Health Care and Life Insurance Benefits (Continued)**

*Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates* – The following presents the total OPEB liability of the City, as well as what the City’s total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower (4.5%) or 1-percentage-point higher (6.5%) than the current healthcare trend rates:

	<b>1.0% Decrease (4.5%)</b>	<b>Current Trend (5.5%)</b>	<b>1.0% Increase (6.5%)</b>
Total OPEB liability	\$ 362,506	\$ 421,875	\$ 499,490

**OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB**

For the year ended March 31, 2023, the City recognized OPEB expense of \$-94,383. At March 31, 2023, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 75,757	\$ (481,161)
Changes in assumptions	194,233	(24,831)
Total	\$ 269,990	\$ (505,992)

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Years ending March 31:	
2024	(125,299)
2025	(125,299)
2026	(37,363)
2027	(34,878)
2028	21,722
Thereafter	65,110

**4. Operating Leases**

**Leases-Lessor**

As the lessor, the City applies GASB 87 accounting standard to record lease revenue on the leases noted below. GASB 87 is not applicable to leases that have terms less than twelve months or on a month-to-month basis. Accordingly, no lease receivable or deferred inflows are recorded for these short term leases.

The City entered into a lease agreement for the lease of a building. The lease term is for fifteen years (including all renewal periods), which commenced in November 2019. The annual lease payment beginning November 2019 is \$14,200 increasing to \$14,910 in November 2024 and increasing to \$15,656

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**4. Operating Leases (Continued)**

in November 2029. The City applied a discount rate of 1.62% to recognize the lease revenue under this lease.

The City entered into lease agreement for the lease of a portion of land for a sign. The lease term is for twenty-four years (including all renewal periods), which commenced in February 2007. The annual lease payment beginning February 2007 is \$7,200. The lease included rent increases at the end of each five year period. The annual lease payment beginning in February 2022 is \$11,700 with an increase in February 2027 to \$13,200. The City applied a discount rate of 4.94% to recognize the lease revenue under this lease.

The City entered into lease agreement for structure. The lease term is for thirty years (including all renewal periods), which commenced in May 2016. The annual lease payment beginning February 2016 is \$12,000. The lease included a rent increase of 7.5% at the end of each five year period. The annual lease payment beginning in May 2021 is \$12,900 with an increase in May 2026 to \$13,867. The City applied a discount rate of 2.71% to recognize the lease revenue under this lease.

The City is reporting Leases Receivable of \$486,819 and Deferred Inflows of 404,630 at March 31, 2023. For the year ended March 31, 2023 the City reported lease revenue of \$28,427 and interest revenue of \$13,784 related to the lease payments received as shown below

	<u>Lease</u> <u>Receivable</u>	<u>Deferred</u> <u>Inflow</u>	<u>Lease</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>Interest</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>Lease</u> <u>Payment</u> <u>Received</u>
Building	\$ 159,154	\$ 152,547	\$ 13,170	\$ 2,739	\$ 14,200
Land	72,152	39,377	5,625	4,034	11,700
Structure	255,513	212,706	9,632	7,011	12,900
	<u>\$ 486,819</u>	<u>\$ 404,630</u>	<u>\$ 28,427</u>	<u>\$ 13,784</u>	<u>\$ 38,800</u>

The future lease payments under these agreements are as follows:

The City's future minimum lease commitment under these operating leases as of March 31, 2023, is as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u> <u>Payments</u>	<u>Interest</u> <u>Payments</u>	<u>Total</u>
2024	\$ 25,757	\$ 13,043	\$ 38,800
2025	26,821	12,275	39,096
2026	28,040	11,470	39,510
2027	31,275	10,622	41,897
2028	32,326	9,651	41,977
2029-2033	140,580	34,250	174,830
2034-2038	80,639	20,831	101,470
2039-2043	70,477	11,955	82,432
2044-2048	50,904	2,214	53,118
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$ 486,819</u>	<u>\$ 126,311</u>	<u>\$ 613,130</u>

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**4. Operating Leases (Continued)**

**Leases-Lessee**

The City has entered into agreements to lease certain vehicles and office equipment. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 87, the City recognized a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset for all lease contracts whose terms are for a lease period greater than one year. The lease assets are initially measured at an amount equal to the initial measurement of the related lease liability plus any lease payments made prior to the lease term, less lease incentives, and plus ancillary charges necessary to place the lease into service. The lease assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the useful life of the related lease.

Key assumptions related to leases include the following:

- The discount rate used to determine the present value of expected lease payment.
  - The City was not provided the interest rate charged by the lessor, therefore the City uses the daily treasury par yield curve rates published by the U.S. Department of the Treasury to apply discount rates to leases with no stated rate.
- The lease term
  - The lease terms include the noncancellable period of the lease and optional renewal periods.
- The lease payments
  - Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are composed of fixed payments through the noncancellable term of the lease and renewal periods that administration considers reasonably certain to be exercised.

The City monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its lease and will remeasure the lease asset and liability if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the lease liability. Lease assets are reported with capital assets and lease liabilities are reported with long-term debt on the statement of net position.

A chart summarizes the nature, terms and conditions of the leases are noted below

<u>Type of Lease</u>	<u>Dates Lease Entered Into</u>	<u>Lease Term</u>	<u>Monthly Payment</u>
12 Vehicles	April 2018 - March 2019	60 Months	\$ 7,505.32
Office equipment	April 2018 - March 2019	63 Months	\$ 323.08
9 Vehicles	April 2019 - March 2020	60 Months	\$ 6,409.57
Office equipment	April 2019 - March 2020	60 Months	\$ 731.61
14 Vehicles	April 2020 - March 2021	60 Months	\$ 7,582.03
3 Vehicles	April 2020 - March 2021	48 Months	\$ 1,704.61
Office equipment	April 2020 - March 2021	36 Months	\$ 992.80
9 Vehicles	April 2021 - March 2022	48 Months	\$ 6,395.13
2 Vehicles	April 2021 - March 2022	60 Months	\$ 1,584.47
Office equipment	April 2021 - March 2022	60 Months	\$ 149.14
18 Vehicles	April 2022 - March 2023	60 Months	\$ 11,563.59
Office equipment	April 2022 - March 2023	36 Months	\$ 2,506.87
Office equipment	April 2022 - March 2023	60 Months	\$ 194.65



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**4. Operating Leases (Continued)**

The total of the City’s leased assets are recorded at a cost of \$2,535,118, less accumulated amortization of \$1,202,824. The lease assets are reported under capital assets.

	Beginning <u>4/1/2022</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	Ending <u>3/31/2023</u>
<b>Vehicles</b>				
Cost	\$ 1,697,961	\$ 636,276	-	\$ 2,334,237
Accumulated Amortization	(693,148)	(422,408)	-	(1,115,556)
Net	<u>1,004,813</u>	<u>213,867</u>	-	<u>1,218,680</u>
<b>Office Equipment</b>				
Cost	115,333	85,548	-	200,881
Accumulated Amortization	(56,242)	(31,026)	-	(87,268)
Net	<u>59,091</u>	<u>54,522</u>	-	<u>113,613</u>
<b>Total</b>				
Cost	1,813,294	721,824	-	2,535,118
Accumulated Amortization	(749,390)	(453,434)	-	(1,202,824)
Net	<u>\$ 1,063,904</u>	<u>\$ 268,389</u>	-	<u>\$ 1,332,294</u>

The future lease payments under these agreements are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u> <u>Payments</u>	<u>Interest</u> <u>Payments</u>	<u>Total</u>
2024	\$ 506,159	\$ 24,600	\$ 530,759
2025	363,717	18,341	382,058
2026	251,535	11,090	262,625
2027	153,477	5,349	158,826
2028	72,330	937	73,267
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$ 1,347,219</u>	<u>\$ 60,317</u>	<u>\$ 1,407,536</u>

**5. Contingencies and Commitments**

The City is a defendant in several lawsuits including claims for damages from wrongful deaths, civil rights violations, injuries, property damage and other actions. The City’s attorneys have evaluated the open claims for the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome to the City and an amount of potential loss. In most instances neither the outcome nor the amount of a potential loss could be estimated.

The City carries insurance for general liability coverage in the amount of \$3,000,000 per occurrence \$6,000,000 aggregate, wrongful act liability coverage in the amount of \$3,000,000 per occurrence \$6,000,000 aggregate and auto liability coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

**CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**MARCH 31, 2023**

**NOTE D – OTHER NOTES (Continued)**

**5. Contingencies and Commitments (Continued)**

Deductibles under these coverage's are \$300,000 per occurrence. The City's third-party administrator has actuarially computed the City's liability in all cases as of March 31, 2023, to be \$662,815. The City has not accrued a liability on its financial statements to provide for the estimated amount but it has provided a reserve of fund balance in its General Fund under the caption "Reserve for separation and settlement" in the amount of \$209,162. The remainder is unreserved.

**6. Subsequent Events**

Management of the City of Gretna has evaluated subsequent events through September 29, 2023, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued. The City is not aware of any subsequent events which would require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual  
GENERAL FUND  
For the Year Ended March 31, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Ad valorem	\$ 3,975,000	\$ 4,155,000	\$ 4,224,927	\$ 69,927
Sales	9,248,809	11,311,684	11,680,325	368,641
Franchise	682,000	725,500	747,831	22,331
Intergovernmental	1,723,450	1,819,892	2,276,926	457,034
Charges for services	294,500	336,500	371,427	34,927
Fines and forfeitures	2,509,060	1,860,803	1,880,523	19,720
Licenses and permits	1,131,000	1,155,150	1,307,721	152,571
Miscellaneous	321,100	796,056	1,267,681	471,625
Total revenues	<u>19,884,919</u>	<u>22,160,585</u>	<u>23,757,361</u>	<u>1,596,776</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
General government				
Administration	1,367,401	1,480,302	1,567,298	(86,996)
Clerk	191,231	194,778	189,317	5,461
Council	278,001	242,760	214,154	28,606
Attorney	350,000	366,000	528,109	(162,109)
Financial administration	774,828	836,171	841,715	(5,544)
Total general government	<u>2,961,461</u>	<u>3,120,011</u>	<u>3,340,593</u>	<u>(220,582)</u>
Public safety				
City Court	897,831	902,761	893,990	8,771
Police	9,807,123	9,213,489	9,150,635	62,854
City Development/Zoning& Code	1,121,850	1,243,204	1,311,875	(68,671)
Communication	290,248	264,407	292,897	(28,490)
Emergency preparedness	135,000	45,000	47,142	(2,142)
Total public safety	<u>12,252,052</u>	<u>11,668,861</u>	<u>11,696,539</u>	<u>(27,678)</u>
Public works				
Engineering	125,000	150,000	154,578	(4,578)
Streets & drainage maintenance	4,019,287	5,048,779	3,572,726	1,476,053
Total public works	<u>4,144,287</u>	<u>5,198,779</u>	<u>3,727,304</u>	<u>1,471,475</u>
Cemetery	<u>73,100</u>	<u>78,818</u>	<u>75,124</u>	<u>3,694</u>
Debt service				
Principal retirement	-	-	343,767	(343,767)
Interest	-	-	28,897	(28,897)
Capital outlay	<u>122,500</u>	<u>5,057,988</u>	<u>6,711,035</u>	<u>(1,653,047)</u>
Total expenditures	<u>19,553,400</u>	<u>25,124,457</u>	<u>25,923,260</u>	<u>(798,803)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>331,519</u>	<u>(2,963,872)</u>	<u>(2,165,899)</u>	<u>797,973</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Transfers out	(224,000)	(286,270)	(636,685)	(350,415)
Lease liabilities issued	-	-	577,998	577,998
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(224,000)</u>	<u>(286,270)</u>	<u>(58,687)</u>	<u>227,583</u>
Net change in fund balances	107,519	(3,250,142)	(2,224,586)	1,025,556
Fund balances - beginning	12,169,506	12,169,507	12,169,507	-
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ 12,277,025</u>	<u>\$ 8,919,365</u>	<u>\$ 9,944,920</u>	<u>\$ 1,025,556</u>

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CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA  
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual  
FIRE PROTECTION  
For the Year Ended March 31, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Ad valorem	\$ 2,662,000	\$ 2,725,000	\$ 2,754,205	\$ 29,205
Intergovernmental	98,500	186,026	186,026	-
Miscellaneous	750	50,750	91,358	40,608
Total revenues	<u>2,761,250</u>	<u>2,961,776</u>	<u>3,031,589</u>	<u>69,813</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current:				
Public safety	2,237,480	2,313,028	2,246,360	66,668
Capital Outlay	5,463,984	6,750,000	4,311,509	2,438,491
Total expenditures	<u>7,701,464</u>	<u>9,063,028</u>	<u>6,557,869</u>	<u>2,438,491</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(4,940,214)</u>	<u>(6,101,252)</u>	<u>(3,526,281)</u>	<u>2,574,971</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Transfers in	-	-	710	710
Transfers out	(453,350)	(453,350)	(460,060)	(6,710)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(453,350)</u>	<u>(453,350)</u>	<u>(459,350)</u>	<u>(6,000)</u>
Net change in fund balances	(5,393,564)	(6,554,602)	(3,985,631)	2,568,971
Fund balances - beginning	7,780,590	7,780,590	7,780,590	-
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ 2,387,026</u>	<u>\$ 1,225,988</u>	<u>\$ 3,794,959</u>	<u>\$ 2,568,971</u>

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CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA  
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual  
**AMBULANCE**  
For the Year Ended March 31, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Ad valorem	\$ 1,120,000	\$ 1,145,000	\$ 1,182,095	\$ 37,095
Charges for services	950,000	1,025,000	1,384,922	359,922
Miscellaneous	400	39,600	60,868	21,268
Total revenues	<u>2,070,400</u>	<u>2,209,600</u>	<u>2,627,885</u>	<u>418,285</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Public safety	2,056,133	1,996,431	1,939,112	57,319
Capital Outlay	-	205,950	205,643	307
Total expenditures	<u>2,056,133</u>	<u>2,202,381</u>	<u>2,144,755</u>	<u>57,626</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>14,267</u>	<u>7,219</u>	<u>483,130</u>	<u>475,911</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Net change in fund balances	14,267	7,219	483,130	475,911
Fund balances - beginning	<u>1,670,831</u>	<u>1,670,831</u>	<u>1,670,831</u>	-
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ 1,685,098</u>	<u>\$ 1,678,050</u>	<u>\$ 2,153,961</u>	<u>\$ 475,911</u>

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CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA  
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual  
CAPITAL PROJECTS  
For the Year Ended March 31, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Intergovernmental	\$ 5,411,930	\$ 8,646,209	\$ 9,057,957	\$ 411,748
Miscellaneous	160	-	-	-
Total revenues	<u>5,412,090</u>	<u>8,646,209</u>	<u>9,057,957</u>	<u>411,748</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current:				
Public works	30,000	1,360,576	1,801,785	(441,209)
Capital Outlay	7,292,938	7,157,938	5,291,347	1,866,591
Total expenditures	<u>7,322,938</u>	<u>8,518,514</u>	<u>7,093,132</u>	<u>1,425,382</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(1,910,848)</u>	<u>127,695</u>	<u>1,964,825</u>	<u>1,837,130</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Transfers in	1,085,000	4,306,208	4,216,660	(89,548)
Transfers out	(1,065,000)	(1,037,500)	(547,952)	489,548
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>20,000</u>	<u>3,268,708</u>	<u>3,668,708</u>	<u>400,000</u>
Net change in fund balances	(1,890,848)	3,396,403	5,633,533	2,237,130
Fund balances - beginning	5,536,001	5,536,001	5,536,001	-
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ 3,645,153</u>	<u>\$ 8,932,404</u>	<u>\$ 11,169,534</u>	<u>\$ 2,237,130</u>

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CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA  
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual  
DEBT SERVICE  
For the Year Ended March 31, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Sales	\$ 1,121,878	\$ 1,121,878	\$ 1,121,878	\$ (0)
Miscellaneous	5	22,900	37,340	14,440
Total revenues	<u>1,121,883</u>	<u>1,144,778</u>	<u>1,159,218</u>	<u>14,440</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	1,310,000	1,310,000	1,310,000	-
Interest	458,169	458,169	457,924	245
Total debt service	<u>1,768,169</u>	<u>1,768,169</u>	<u>1,767,924</u>	<u>245</u>
Total expenditures	<u>1,768,169</u>	<u>1,768,169</u>	<u>1,767,924</u>	<u>245</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(646,286)</u>	<u>(623,391)</u>	<u>(608,706)</u>	<u>14,685</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Transfers in	640,292	640,292	646,292	6,000
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>640,292</u>	<u>640,292</u>	<u>646,292</u>	<u>6,000</u>
Net change in fund balances	(5,994)	16,901	37,586	20,685
Fund balances - beginning	1,540,479	1,540,479	1,540,479	-
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ 1,534,485</u>	<u>\$ 1,557,380</u>	<u>\$ 1,578,065</u>	<u>\$ 20,685</u>

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CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA  
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual  
GRANT FUND  
For the Year Ended March 31, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Intergovernmental	\$ 707,000	\$ 609,150	\$ 766,474	\$ 157,324
Miscellaneous	125	552	552	-
Total revenues	<u>707,125</u>	<u>609,702</u>	<u>767,026</u>	<u>157,324</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current:				
General government	-	32,000	-	32,000
Public safety	814,410	859,000	846,187	12,813
Public works	-	21,420	21,420	-
Culture and recreation	-	-	2,090	(2,090)
Capital Outlay	-	-	25,113	(25,113)
Total expenditures	<u>814,410</u>	<u>912,420</u>	<u>894,810</u>	<u>17,610</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(107,285)</u>	<u>(302,718)</u>	<u>(127,783)</u>	<u>174,935</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Transfers in	74,000	136,270	86,685	(49,585)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>74,000</u>	<u>136,270</u>	<u>86,685</u>	<u>(49,585)</u>
Net change in fund balances	(33,285)	(166,448)	(41,098)	125,350
Fund balances - beginning	180,302	180,302	180,302	-
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ 147,017</u>	<u>\$ 13,854</u>	<u>\$ 139,204</u>	<u>\$ 125,350</u>

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**CITY OF GRETN, LOUISIANA**  
**SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN NET OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS**  
**For The Year Ended March 31, 2023**

<b>Total OPEB Liability</b>	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Service cost	\$ 22,152	\$ 22,776	\$ 8,666	\$ 8,740	\$ 12,457
Interest	38,429	35,326	26,550	17,252	18,458
Changes of benefit terms	-	-	-	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	(9,180)	113,637	(614,623)	(46,409)	(251,960)
Changes of assumptions	8,403	147,694	174,946	33,983	(31,039)
Benefit payments	112,521	(118,710)	(45,070)	(47,549)	(34,682)
<b>Net change in total OPEB liability</b>	<u>(52,717)</u>	<u>200,723</u>	<u>(449,531)</u>	<u>(33,983)</u>	<u>(286,766)</u>
<b>Total OPEB liability - beginning</b>	<u>1,044,148</u>	<u>991,431</u>	<u>1,192,154</u>	<u>742,623</u>	<u>708,640</u>
<b>Total OPEB liability - ending (a)</b>	<u>\$ 991,431</u>	<u>\$ 1,192,154</u>	<u>\$ 742,623</u>	<u>\$ 708,640</u>	<u>\$ 421,874</u>
Covered-employee payroll	\$ 10,094,467	\$ 10,498,245	\$ 10,202,676	\$ 10,610,783	\$ 10,792,890
Net OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	9.82%	11.36%	7.28%	6.68%	3.91%
<b>Notes to Schedule:</b>					
<i>Benefit Changes:</i>	None	None	None	None	None
<i>Changes of Assumptions:</i>					
<i>Discount Rate:</i>	3.79%	2.27%	2.40%	2.67%	3.50%
<i>Mortality:</i>	RP-2000	RP-2000	RP-2000	RP-2000	RP-2000
<i>Trend:</i>	4.5% to 5.5%	4.5% to 5.5%	4.5% to 5.5%	4.5% to 5.5%	4.5% to 5.5%

This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

**CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA**  
**SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY**  
**Year Ended March 31, 2023\***

Year Ended June 30,	Plan	Employer Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer's Covered Employee Payroll	Employer Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Employee Payroll	Fiduciary Net Position As a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
2022	MERS	3.094785%	\$12,853,366	\$5,811,602	221.17%	67.87%
2021	MERS	2.987473%	\$ 8,309,666	\$5,908,287	140.64%	77.82%
2020	MERS	3.022682%	\$13,068,290	\$5,788,683	225.76%	64.52%
2019	MERS	2.976602%	\$12,438,212	\$5,501,446	226.09%	64.68%
2018	MERS	2.827925%	\$11,709,526	\$5,176,978	226.18%	63.94%
2017	MERS	2.784653%	\$11,649,378	\$5,057,190	230.35%	62.49%
2016	MERS	2.759553%	\$11,310,609	\$4,929,524	229.45%	62.11%
2015	MERS	2.728560%	\$ 9,746,844	\$4,656,998	209.29%	66.18%
2022	MPERS	1.589043%	\$16,242,840	\$4,888,099	332.29%	70.80%
2021	MPERS	1.708110%	\$ 9,105,160	\$5,212,885	174.67%	84.09%
2020	MPERS	1.776460%	\$16,418,631	\$5,489,760	299.08%	70.94%
2019	MPERS	1.840604%	\$16,715,767	\$5,748,011	290.81%	71.01%
2018	MPERS	1.755126%	\$14,837,942	\$5,195,650	285.58%	71.89%
2017	MPERS	1.774431%	\$15,417,028	\$5,270,319	292.53%	70.08%
2016	MPERS	1.774431%	\$16,631,418	\$4,872,952	341.30%	66.04%
2015	MPERS	1.788425%	\$14,010,440	\$4,719,875	296.84%	70.73%

\*The amounts presented have a measurement date of June 30, 2022

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**CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA**  
**SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTIONS**  
**Year Ended March 31, 2023**

Year Ended March 31,	Plan	Contractually Required Contribution	Contributions in Relation to Contractually Required Contribution	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Employer's Covered Employee Payroll	Contributions as a % of Covered Employee Payroll
2023	MERS	\$ 1,890,264	\$ 1,890,264	\$ -	\$ 6,407,673	29.50%
2022	MERS	\$ 1,707,291	\$ 1,707,291	\$ -	\$ 5,787,429	29.50%
2021	MERS	\$ 1,710,624	\$ 1,710,624	\$ -	\$ 5,867,330	29.16%
2020	MERS	\$ 1,560,018	\$ 1,560,018	\$ -	\$ 5,707,885	27.33%
2019	MERS	\$ 1,403,072	\$ 1,403,072	\$ -	\$ 5,453,294	25.73%
2018	MERS	\$ 1,244,310	\$ 1,244,310	\$ -	\$ 5,140,022	24.21%
2017	MERS	\$ 1,143,736	\$ 1,143,736	\$ -	\$ 5,231,646	21.86%
2016	MERS	\$ 961,580	\$ 961,580	\$ -	\$ 4,869,129	19.75%
2023	MPERS	\$ 1,667,660	\$ 1,667,660	\$ -	\$ 5,394,301	30.92%
2022	MPERS	\$ 1,494,891	\$ 1,494,891	\$ -	\$ 4,871,532	30.69%
2021	MPERS	\$ 1,770,160	\$ 1,770,160	\$ -	\$ 5,291,869	33.45%
2020	MPERS	\$ 1,790,214	\$ 1,790,214	\$ -	\$ 5,518,312	32.44%
2019	MPERS	\$ 1,802,415	\$ 1,802,415	\$ -	\$ 5,644,294	31.93%
2018	MPERS	\$ 1,625,751	\$ 1,625,751	\$ -	\$ 5,246,699	30.99%
2017	MPERS	\$ 1,670,238	\$ 1,670,238	\$ -	\$ 5,094,098	32.79%
2016	MPERS	\$ 1,490,376	\$ 1,490,376	\$ -	\$ 4,852,165	30.72%

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**OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA  
Combining Balance Sheet  
Nonmajor Special revenue funds  
March 31, 2023

	GARBAGE	RECREATION	SOCIAL SERV FOR THE AGED	STREET LIGHTS	TOURISM	HOME INCARCERATION	COURT SECURITY 24TH JDC	COURT SECURITY 2ND PARISH	Total Nonmajor Special revenue funds
<b>ASSETS</b>									
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 16,018	\$ 708,764	\$ 272,535	\$ 1,810,716	\$ 106,316	\$ -	\$ 224,307	\$ 152,255	\$ 3,290,912
Receivables, net	298,271	20,211	1,738	13,892	19,763	-	-	-	353,875
Due from other governments	-	-	-	-	449,329	533,492	139,828	76,911	1,199,561
Total assets	<u>314,289</u>	<u>728,976</u>	<u>274,273</u>	<u>1,824,608</u>	<u>575,408</u>	<u>533,492</u>	<u>364,136</u>	<u>229,166</u>	<u>4,844,347</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>									
Accounts payable	150,136	59,890	-	33,035	156,457	26,058	34,602	7,180	467,358
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-	-	274,710	-	-	274,710
Total liabilities	<u>150,136</u>	<u>59,890</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,035</u>	<u>156,457</u>	<u>300,768</u>	<u>34,602</u>	<u>7,180</u>	<u>742,068</u>
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	<u>150,136</u>	<u>59,890</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,035</u>	<u>156,457</u>	<u>300,768</u>	<u>34,602</u>	<u>7,180</u>	<u>742,068</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)</b>									
Assigned	<u>164,154</u>	<u>669,085</u>	<u>274,273</u>	<u>1,791,572</u>	<u>418,951</u>	<u>232,724</u>	<u>329,533</u>	<u>221,986</u>	<u>4,102,280</u>
Total fund balances (deficits)	<u>164,154</u>	<u>669,085</u>	<u>274,273</u>	<u>1,791,572</u>	<u>418,951</u>	<u>232,724</u>	<u>329,533</u>	<u>221,986</u>	<u>4,102,280</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances (deficits)	<u>\$ 314,289</u>	<u>\$ 728,976</u>	<u>\$ 274,273</u>	<u>\$ 1,824,608</u>	<u>\$ 575,408</u>	<u>\$ 533,492</u>	<u>\$ 364,136</u>	<u>\$ 229,166</u>	<u>\$ 4,844,347</u>

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CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA  
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances  
Nonmajor Special revenue funds  
For the Year Ended March 31, 2023

	GARBAGE	RECREATION	SOCIAL SERV FOR THE AGED	STREET LIGHTS	TOURISM	HOME INCARCERATION	COURT SECURITY 24TH JDC	COURT SECURITY 2ND PARISH	Total Nonmajor Special revenue funds
<b>REVENUES</b>									
Ad valorem	\$ -	\$ 796,712	\$ 88,523	\$ 707,479	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,592,714
Sales	-	-	-	-	375,129	-	-	-	375,129
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	1,019,541	893,502	1,527,845	299,402	3,740,291
Charges for services	1,710,216	135,261	-	-	48,762	-	-	-	1,894,238
Miscellaneous	-	13,105	3,450	-	87,529	2,525	-	-	106,609
Total revenues	<u>1,710,216</u>	<u>945,078</u>	<u>91,973</u>	<u>707,479</u>	<u>1,530,961</u>	<u>896,027</u>	<u>1,527,845</u>	<u>299,402</u>	<u>7,708,982</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>									
Current:									
Public safety	-	-	-	-	-	900,871	1,475,230	285,588	2,661,689
Public works	1,740,838	-	-	418,776	-	-	-	-	2,159,614
Culture and recreation	-	827,708	68,474	-	1,599,658	-	-	-	2,495,840
Capital outlay:									
Capital Outlay	-	108,196	-	-	41,893	-	-	-	150,089
Total expenditures	<u>1,740,838</u>	<u>935,904</u>	<u>68,474</u>	<u>418,776</u>	<u>1,641,551</u>	<u>900,871</u>	<u>1,475,230</u>	<u>285,588</u>	<u>7,467,232</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(30,622)</u>	<u>9,173</u>	<u>23,500</u>	<u>288,703</u>	<u>(110,590)</u>	<u>(4,843)</u>	<u>52,616</u>	<u>13,814</u>	<u>241,750</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>									
Transfers in	-	47,000	-	-	150,000	-	-	-	197,000
Transfers out	-	-	-	-	(47,000)	-	-	-	(47,000)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>47,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>103,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>150,000</u>
Net change in fund balances	(30,622)	56,173	23,500	288,703	(7,590)	(4,843)	52,616	13,814	391,750
Fund balances - beginning	194,776	612,912	250,774	1,502,869	426,541	237,568	276,918	208,172	3,710,530
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ 164,154</u>	<u>\$ 669,085</u>	<u>\$ 274,273</u>	<u>\$ 1,791,572</u>	<u>\$ 418,951</u>	<u>\$ 232,724</u>	<u>\$ 329,533</u>	<u>\$ 221,986</u>	<u>\$ 4,102,280</u>

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**CITY OF GRETN, LOUISIANA**  
**Justice System Funding Schedule - Collecting/Disbursing Entity**  
**As Required by Act 87 of the 2020 Regular Legislative Session**  
**For the year Ended March 31, 2023**

<b>Cash Basis Presentation</b>	<b>First Six Month Period Ended 09/30/2022</b>	<b>Second Six Month Period Ended 03/31/2023</b>
<b>Beginning Balance of Amounts Collected (i.e. cash on hand)</b>	-	500
<b>Add: Collections (Please enter zeros if no activity within a certain collection type)</b>		
Civil Fees (including refundable amounts such as garnishments or advance deposits)	545,046	12,668
Bond Fees	900	400
Pre-Trial Diversion Program Fees	282,855	312,341
Criminal Court Costs/Fees	120,574	109,977
Criminal Fines - Contempt	8,853	6,447
Criminal Fines - Other	266,942	242,329
Service/Collection Fees (e.g. credit card fees, report fees, 3rd party service fees)	21,007	21,677
Other (do not include collections that fit into more specific categories above)	720	840
<b>Subtotal Collections</b>	<b>1,246,896</b>	<b>706,680</b>
<b>Less: Disbursements To Governments &amp; Nonprofits:</b> (Must include one agency name and one collection type on each line and may require multiple lines for the same agency if more than one collection type is applicable. Additional rows may be added as necessary.)		
Jefferson Parish Public Defenders Office, Indigent Defendant Fund, Criminal Court Cost/Fees	34,919	31,669
Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement, Crime Victim Rep. Fund, Criminal Court Cost/Fees	900	578
Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement, Criminal Court Cost/Fees	1,998	1,798
Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police, Criminal Court Cost/Fees	2,438	2,130
Supreme Court of Louisiana, Case Management Information System, Criminal Court Cost/Fees	2,995	2,696
Supreme Court of Louisiana, Judicial College Collection Fund, Criminal Court Cost/Fees	481	434
Louisiana Dept. of Health and Hospitals, Criminal Court Cost/Fees	970	1,038
Crimestoppers Inc., Criminal Court Cost/Fees	1,998	1,798
<b>Less: Amounts Retained by Collecting Agency</b>		
Collection Fee for Collecting/Disbursing to Others Based on Percentage of Collection (enter zero if no activity to report here)	-	-
Collection Fee for Collecting/Disbursing to Others Based on Fixed Amount (enter zero if no activity to report here)	12,465	11,469
<b>Amounts "Self-Disbursed" to Collecting Agency</b> (must include a separate line for each collection type, as applicable) - Example: Criminal Fines - Other (To be reported as a separate line per collection type under this heading, multiple rows may be needed)	-	-
Civil Fees	398,356	12,668
Court Fines	261,689	237,842
Driver's License Reinstatement Fee	5,253	4,487
Contempt	8,853	6,447
Criminal Court Cost/Fees	61,111	56,068
Court Forfeitures	-	300
Expungement	300	300
Pre-Trial Diversion Program Fees	282,855	312,341
Background Check Fee	550	650
Registered Sex Offender Fee	720	840
Report Fees	11,253	11,463
<b>Less: Disbursements to Individuals/3rd Party Collection or Processing Agencies</b> (Please enter zeros if no activity within a certain line item)		
Civil Fee Refunds	-	-
Bond Fee Refunds	500	500
Restitution Payments to Individuals (additional detail is not required)	-	-
Other Disbursements to Individuals (additional detail is not required)	-	-
Payments to 3rd Party Collection/Processing Agencies	155,894	9,264
<b>Subtotal Disbursements/Retainage</b>	<b>1,246,496</b>	<b>706,780</b>
<b>Total: Ending Balance of Amounts Collected but not Disbursed/Retained (i.e. cash on hand)</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>400</b>
<b>Ending Balance of "Partial Payments" Collected but not Disbursed</b> (only applies if collecting agency does not disburse partial payments until fully collected) - This balance is included in the Ending Balance of Amounts Collected but not Disbursed/Retained above.	-	-
<b>Other Information:</b>		
Ending Balance of Total Amounts Assessed but not yet Collected (i.e. receivable balance)	5,242,145	5,515,566
Total Waivers During the Fiscal Period (i.e. non-cash reduction of receivable balances, such as time served or community service)	-	-



**CITY OF GRETN, LOUISIANA  
JUSTICE SYSTEM FUNDING SCHEDULE - RECEIVING ENTITY  
AS REQUIRED BY ACT 87 OF THE 2020 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**For the year Ended March 31, 2023**

<b>Cash Basis Presentation</b>	<b>First Six Month Period Ended 09/30/2022</b>	<b>Second Six Month Period Ended 03/31/2023</b>
<b>Receipts From:</b>		
<i>Orleans Parish District Attorney - Asset Forfeiture/Sales</i>	11,579	-
<i>Plaquemines Parish Sheriff's - Asset Forefeiture/Sales</i>	-	-
<i>Charles Ballay District Attorney - Asset Forefeiture/Sales</i>	-	-
<i>Jefferson Parish District Attorney - Asset Forfeiture/Sales</i>	11,674	-
<i>Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office, Bureau of Revenue &amp; Taxation -Criminal Fines - Other</i>	90	63
<i>Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office, Bureau of Revenue &amp; Taxation -Criminal Fines - Other</i>	455	584
<b>Receipts</b>	23,798	647
<b>Ending Balance of Amounts Assessed but Not Received</b>	-	-

**SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA  
SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION PAID TO  
CITY COUNCIL  
For The Year Ended March 31, 2023**

<u>COUNCILMAN</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Wayne A. Rau	\$ 17,000
Mark Miller	\$ 17,000
Milton Crosby, Sr.	\$ 17,000
Rudy Smith	\$ 17,000
Jackie J Berthelot	\$ 17,000
Mike Hinyub	\$ 17,000

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**CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA**  
**SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, REIMBURSEMENTS, BENEFITS**  
**AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD**  
**For The Year Ended March 31, 2023**

Agency Head: Mayor Belinda Constant	AMOUNT
Salary	\$ 90,000
Benefits - insurance	8,135
Benefits - retirement	26,550
Benefits - other	76
Travel	5,430
Registration fees	425
Total	\$ 130,615

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**CITY OF GRETNA**  
**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2023**

<u>FEDERAL GRANTOR / PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR / PROGRAM TITLE</u>	<u>ASSISTANCE LISTING NUMBER</u>	<u>GRANT NUMBER</u>	<u>CURRENT YEAR EXPENDITURES</u>
<b>DIRECT AWARDS</b>			
<u>DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE</u>			
Bullet Proof Vest Partnership	16.607	-	\$ 6,692
Bullet Proof Vest Partnership	16.607	-	4,466
			<u>11,158</u>
Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Grants	16.710	2020-UM-WX-0367	160,432
<b>PASS-THROUGH AWARDS</b>			
<u>DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE</u>			
<u>Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement</u>			
Victim Assistance	16.575	2018/2019-VA-04/03-5837	45,716
Victim Assistance	16.575	2020-VA-03/04-6486	133,637
			<u>179,353</u>
<u>Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement</u>			
Street Sales Disruption	16.738	2020-DJ-01-6423	11,602
Street Sales Disruption	16.738	2021-DJ-01-7184	2,310
<u>Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office</u>			
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant	16.738	22-JAG-47580	8,063
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant	16.738	22-JAG-47570	14,300
			<u>36,275</u>
<u>EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT</u>			
<u>Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office</u>			
High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program	95.001	G20GC0001A	18,621
High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program	95.001	G21GC0001A	8,900
			<u>27,521</u>
<u>DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT</u>			
<u>State of Louisiana Office of Community Development</u>			
LA Safe	14.228	B-06-DG-22-001	1,270,342
LA Safe	14.228	B-07-DG-22-001	974,438
			<u>2,244,780</u>
LA Safe	14.272	B-13-DS-22-00002	250,000
<u>DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY</u>			
<u>Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness</u>			
Hurricane Ida Cost	97.036	FEMA-4611-DR-LA	1,664,598
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS</b>			<u>\$ 4,574,117</u>

**CITY OF GRETN, LOUISIANA**  
**NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**  
**MARCH 31, 2023**

**NOTE A - FISCAL PERIOD AUDITED**

Single audit testing procedures were performed for program transactions occurring during the year ended March 31, 2023. Federal financial assistance expenditures during the year did meet the criteria set forth in the Single Audit Act and Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administration Requirements, Cost Principle, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Grant terms are indicated in the Schedule of Federal Financial Assistance.

**NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**1. Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying Schedule of Federal Financial Assistance (SEFA) has been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Grant revenues are recorded for financial reporting purposes when the City has met the qualifications for the respective grants. Costs incurred in programs partially funded by federal grants are applied against federal grant funds to the extent of revenue available when they properly apply to the grant.

**NOTE C – INDIRECT COST RATE**

The City has not elected to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate during the year ended March 31, 2023.

**STATISTICAL SECTION**  
**(Unaudited)**

**CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA  
NET POSITION BY COMPONENT  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS  
(Unaudited)**

	Fiscal Year									
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Governmental activities</b>										
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 29,203,707	\$ 35,809,790	\$ 41,067,410	\$ 44,777,129	\$ 54,674,544	\$ 55,124,729	\$ 56,497,284	\$ 55,996,815	\$ 59,744,921	\$ 71,676,434
Restricted	17,082,957	14,926,857	15,146,697	14,587,783	13,155,564	13,216,619	23,261,204	27,057,793	24,752,941	24,674,872
Unrestricted	1,353,769	1,682,356	(14,388,130)	(16,327,504)	(17,742,692)	(16,783,112)	(27,230,664)	(25,640,404)	(20,741,572)	(17,507,728)
Total governmental net position	<u>\$ 47,640,433</u>	<u>\$ 52,419,003</u>	<u>\$ 41,825,977</u>	<u>\$ 43,037,408</u>	<u>\$ 50,087,416</u>	<u>\$ 51,558,236</u>	<u>\$ 52,527,824</u>	<u>\$ 57,414,204</u>	<u>\$ 63,756,290</u>	<u>\$ 78,843,578</u>
<b>Business-type activities</b>										
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 16,544,576	\$ 16,544,576	\$ 16,544,576	\$ 16,544,576	\$ 16,544,576	\$ 16,544,574	\$ 16,544,574	\$ 16,544,574	\$ 16,544,574	\$ 16,544,574
Restricted	23,984	38,234	53,234	64,234	76,734	76,734	88,734	88,734	3,292,693	-
Unrestricted	6,695,968	7,081,525	5,510,361	5,966,536	7,403,936	7,523,631	7,993,706	8,534,483	8,691,083	9,122,729
Total business-type net position	<u>\$ 23,264,528</u>	<u>\$ 23,664,335</u>	<u>\$ 22,108,171</u>	<u>\$ 22,575,346</u>	<u>\$ 24,025,246</u>	<u>\$ 24,144,939</u>	<u>\$ 24,627,014</u>	<u>\$ 25,167,791</u>	<u>\$ 28,528,350</u>	<u>\$ 25,667,303</u>
<b>Primary governmental</b>										
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 45,748,283	\$ 52,354,366	\$ 57,611,986	\$ 61,321,705	\$ 71,219,120	\$ 71,669,303	\$ 73,041,858	\$ 72,541,389	\$ 76,289,495	\$ 88,221,008
Restricted	17,106,941	14,965,091	15,199,931	14,652,017	13,232,298	13,293,353	23,349,938	27,146,527	28,045,634	24,674,872
Unrestricted	8,049,737	8,763,880	(8,877,769)	(10,360,968)	(10,338,756)	(9,259,481)	(19,236,958)	(17,105,921)	(12,050,489)	(8,384,999)
Total primary governmental net position	<u>\$ 70,904,961</u>	<u>\$ 76,083,337</u>	<u>\$ 63,934,148</u>	<u>\$ 65,612,754</u>	<u>\$ 74,112,662</u>	<u>\$ 75,703,175</u>	<u>\$ 77,154,838</u>	<u>\$ 82,581,995</u>	<u>\$ 92,284,640</u>	<u>\$ 104,510,881</u>

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**CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA**  
**CHANGES IN NET POSITION**  
**LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**  
**(Unaudited)**

	Fiscal Year									
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Expenses</b>										
Governmental activities:										
General government	\$ 3,139,827	\$ 3,429,621	\$ 4,360,216	\$ 3,540,469	\$ 3,523,454	\$ 3,665,860	\$ 4,312,999	\$ 3,721,458	\$ 3,169,785	\$ 3,224,279
Public safety	16,909,669	17,718,839	18,188,685	20,220,044	19,485,234	20,886,068	21,902,144	21,468,874	21,126,051	20,806,654
Public works	6,237,424	6,820,303	6,505,554	6,837,253	6,794,738	6,742,671	6,690,529	7,389,824	8,479,426	9,524,611
Culture and recreation	1,695,193	2,000,082	2,361,037	2,340,042	2,654,110	2,267,293	2,612,755	1,641,495	1,642,546	2,957,675
Cemetery	97,490	70,678	69,781	71,694	73,576	78,063	78,122	58,613	85,399	75,124
Interest & issue cost on long-term debt	562,594	697,456	378,523	949,172	224,482	207,907	543,128	470,142	484,930	457,924
Total governmental activities expenses	<u>28,642,197</u>	<u>30,736,979</u>	<u>31,863,796</u>	<u>33,958,674</u>	<u>32,755,594</u>	<u>33,847,862</u>	<u>36,139,677</u>	<u>34,750,406</u>	<u>34,988,137</u>	<u>37,046,267</u>
Business-type activities:										
Water	2,888,865	2,920,161	2,992,061	3,173,731	3,323,990	3,219,688	3,197,543	3,236,025	3,524,253	3,528,424
Sewer	3,012,882	3,242,600	3,217,817	3,386,025	3,545,529	3,645,976	3,450,311	3,259,246	3,330,611	3,361,138
Interest on long-term debt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total business-type activities expenses	<u>5,901,747</u>	<u>6,162,761</u>	<u>6,209,878</u>	<u>6,559,756</u>	<u>6,869,519</u>	<u>6,865,664</u>	<u>6,647,854</u>	<u>6,495,271</u>	<u>6,854,864</u>	<u>6,889,562</u>
Total primary government expenses	<u>\$ 34,543,944</u>	<u>\$ 36,899,740</u>	<u>\$ 38,073,674</u>	<u>\$ 40,518,430</u>	<u>\$ 39,625,113</u>	<u>\$ 40,713,526</u>	<u>\$ 42,787,531</u>	<u>\$ 41,245,677</u>	<u>\$ 41,843,001</u>	<u>\$ 43,935,829</u>
<b>Program revenues</b>										
Governmental activities:										
Charges for services										
General government	\$ 915,467	\$ 1,051,029	\$ 1,200,523	\$ 1,219,636	\$ 1,077,851	\$ 1,073,327	\$ 1,151,523	\$ 993,663	\$ 1,125,472	\$ 1,157,634
Public safety	559,976	464,590	578,065	815,594	1,194,706	965,792	1,131,418	1,115,812	1,058,824	1,384,922
Public works	1,503,310	1,507,094	1,496,519	1,589,914	1,573,769	1,585,179	1,600,230	1,599,863	1,618,774	1,710,216
Culture and recreation	90,098	72,370	96,291	106,708	184,784	131,361	188,329	40,194	167,080	184,023
Cemetery	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,800	17,300	17,950	19,050
Operating grants and contributions	1,120,057	610,272	1,200,154	1,380,407	1,005,284	762,917	854,896	3,209,605	831,199	1,710,806
Capital grants and contributions	1,382,092	5,041,121	2,673,217	3,460,629	9,243,359	1,307,760	1,115,055	2,108,501	2,746,029	7,932,514
Total governmental activities program revenues	<u>5,571,000</u>	<u>8,746,476</u>	<u>7,244,769</u>	<u>8,572,888</u>	<u>14,279,753</u>	<u>5,826,336</u>	<u>6,047,251</u>	<u>9,084,938</u>	<u>7,565,328</u>	<u>14,099,165</u>
Business-type activities:										
Charges for services										
Water	2,877,894	3,052,024	3,106,997	3,288,338	3,324,876	3,296,886	3,407,889	3,329,986	3,282,358	3,412,418
Sewer	2,650,978	2,859,960	2,955,240	3,103,572	3,116,200	3,100,414	3,243,058	3,209,800	3,182,051	3,266,177
Operating grants and contributions	28,976	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital grants and contributions	50,000	-	50,000	-	-	-	-	-	3,268,709	55,550
Total business-type activities program revenues	<u>5,607,848</u>	<u>5,911,984</u>	<u>6,112,237</u>	<u>6,391,910</u>	<u>6,441,076</u>	<u>6,397,300</u>	<u>6,650,947</u>	<u>6,539,786</u>	<u>9,733,118</u>	<u>6,734,145</u>
Total primary government program revenues	<u>\$ 11,178,848</u>	<u>\$ 14,658,460</u>	<u>\$ 13,357,006</u>	<u>\$ 14,964,798</u>	<u>\$ 20,720,829</u>	<u>\$ 12,223,636</u>	<u>\$ 12,698,198</u>	<u>\$ 15,624,724</u>	<u>\$ 17,298,446</u>	<u>\$ 20,833,310</u>
<b>Net (Expense) Revenue</b>										
Governmental activities	\$ (23,071,197)	\$ (21,990,503)	\$ (24,619,027)	\$ (25,385,786)	\$ (18,475,841)	\$ (28,021,526)	\$ (30,092,426)	\$ (25,665,468)	\$ (27,422,809)	\$ (22,947,102)
Business-type activities	(293,899)	(250,777)	(97,641)	(167,846)	(428,443)	(468,364)	3,093	44,515	2,878,254	(155,417)
Total primary government net expense	<u>\$ (23,365,096)</u>	<u>\$ (22,241,280)</u>	<u>\$ (24,716,668)</u>	<u>\$ (25,553,632)</u>	<u>\$ (18,904,284)</u>	<u>\$ (28,489,890)</u>	<u>\$ (30,089,333)</u>	<u>\$ (25,620,953)</u>	<u>\$ (24,544,555)</u>	<u>\$ (23,102,519)</u>
<b>General Revenues and Other Changes in Net Position</b>										
Governmental activities:										
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 6,735,794	\$ 7,022,225	\$ 7,137,305	\$ 6,939,897	\$ 7,714,156	\$ 8,966,940	\$ 9,208,324	\$ 9,317,894	\$ 9,154,419	\$ 9,753,941
Franchise taxes	730,981	754,657	744,777	710,653	688,198	695,044	671,601	636,473	669,732	747,831
Sales taxes	7,022,652	7,241,356	7,635,462	7,960,175	8,453,220	8,959,274	9,153,521	9,980,136	11,926,748	13,177,331
Occupational licenses	385,704	416,090	412,586	396,581	405,611	410,495	417,394	401,600	433,753	502,463

**CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA**  
**CHANGES IN NET POSITION**  
**LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**  
**(Unaudited)**

	Fiscal Year									
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Intergovernmental revenues	5,487,177	5,321,766	5,398,168	5,699,349	5,811,977	6,164,485	6,374,506	5,595,821	7,398,888	6,444,005
Fines and forfeitures	5,776,364	5,722,108	5,330,652	4,809,719	3,298,652	3,168,412	3,137,214	3,129,022	2,562,968	1,880,523
Investment earnings	7,367	8,667	7,723	25,601	87,238	204,357	257,555	26,597	27,829	1,002,204
Gain (loss) on sale of capital assets	(73,362)	100,679	60,523	56,938	292,107	367,362	71,357	59,856	224,010	38,739
Miscellaneous	1,475,421	265,378	3,980,095	10,590	5,092	937,273	1,583,713	1,150,267	1,111,994	924,352
Bond Premium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	67,972	67,972	67,972
Transfers	(1,039,330)	(83,851)	-	(12,288)	(1,230,401)	95,373	186,825	186,210	186,585	3,455,650
Total governmental activities	<u>26,508,768</u>	<u>26,769,075</u>	<u>30,707,291</u>	<u>26,597,215</u>	<u>25,525,850</u>	<u>29,969,015</u>	<u>31,062,010</u>	<u>30,551,848</u>	<u>33,764,898</u>	<u>37,995,011</u>
Business-type activities:										
Ad valorem taxes	490,093	512,019	528,859	545,984	586,119	588,151	602,962	615,191	601,986	641,107
Investment earnings	132	23	223	134	102	96	-	-	-	-
Gain (loss) on sale of capital assets	(105,968)	35,304	-	5,605	3,010	11,882	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	13,129	19,386	78,812	71,010	58,712	83,301	62,845	67,282	66,904	69,848
Transfers	1,039,330	83,851	-	12,288	1,230,401	(95,373)	(186,825)	(186,210)	(186,585)	(3,455,650)
Total business-type activities	<u>1,436,716</u>	<u>650,583</u>	<u>607,894</u>	<u>635,021</u>	<u>1,878,344</u>	<u>588,057</u>	<u>478,982</u>	<u>496,263</u>	<u>482,305</u>	<u>(2,744,695)</u>
Total primary government	<u>\$ 27,945,484</u>	<u>\$ 27,419,658</u>	<u>\$ 31,315,185</u>	<u>\$ 27,232,236</u>	<u>\$ 27,404,194</u>	<u>\$ 30,557,072</u>	<u>\$ 31,540,992</u>	<u>\$ 31,048,111</u>	<u>\$ 34,247,203</u>	<u>\$ 35</u>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>										
Governmental activities	\$ 3,437,571	\$ 4,778,572	\$ 6,088,264	\$ 1,211,429	\$ 7,050,009	\$ 1,947,489	\$ 969,584	\$ 4,886,380	\$ 6,342,089	\$ 15,047,909
Business-type activities	1,142,817	399,806	510,253	467,175	1,449,901	119,693	482,075	540,778	3,360,559	(2,900,111)
Total primary government	<u>\$ 4,580,388</u>	<u>\$ 5,178,378</u>	<u>\$ 6,598,517</u>	<u>\$ 1,678,604</u>	<u>\$ 8,499,910</u>	<u>\$ 2,067,182</u>	<u>\$ 1,451,659</u>	<u>\$ 5,427,158</u>	<u>\$ 9,702,648</u>	<u>\$ 12,147,798</u>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA**  
**FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**  
**(Unaudited)**

	Fiscal Year									
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>General Fund</b>										
Nonspendable	\$ 177,871	\$ 192,330	\$ 205,282	\$ 279,070	\$ 289,532	\$ 301,714	\$ 319,664	\$ 1,019,042	\$ 394,171	\$ 500,650
Restricted	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Committed	4,893,152	4,941,943	2,868,786	2,275,474	1,303,723	625,421	1,007,765	1,074,397	1,302,870	708,910
Assigned	2,207,677	981,955	3,079,275	2,428,534	2,539,378	2,513,690	541,241	3,513,162	2,637,169	566,693
Unassigned	4,167,193	4,746,951	5,104,992	3,593,247	3,764,363	4,751,080	6,175,231	6,580,966	7,835,297	8,208,051
Total general fund	<u>\$ 11,445,893</u>	<u>\$ 10,863,179</u>	<u>\$ 11,258,335</u>	<u>\$ 8,576,325</u>	<u>\$ 7,896,996</u>	<u>\$ 8,191,905</u>	<u>\$ 8,043,902</u>	<u>\$ 12,187,567</u>	<u>\$ 12,169,507</u>	<u>\$ 9,984,304</u>
<b>All other governmental funds</b>										
Restricted	\$ 1,600,426	\$ 1,584,217	\$ 1,570,371	\$ 1,527,524	\$ 1,523,882	\$ 1,544,274	\$ 1,549,631	\$ 1,540,479	\$ 1,540,479	\$ 1,578,065
Committed	2,767,869	2,119,796	3,007,780	2,312,759	1,704,584	1,624,976	5,442,168	5,561,927	9,856,782	11,410,399
Assigned	3,542,383	5,106,615	4,415,206	5,764,422	5,415,169	6,606,544	14,400,735	14,348,785	9,021,471	9,949,539
Unassigned	1,893,579	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total other governmental funds	<u>\$ 9,804,257</u>	<u>\$ 8,810,628</u>	<u>\$ 8,993,357</u>	<u>\$ 9,604,705</u>	<u>\$ 8,643,635</u>	<u>\$ 9,775,794</u>	<u>\$ 21,392,534</u>	<u>\$ 21,451,191</u>	<u>\$ 20,418,732</u>	<u>\$ 22,938,003</u>

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**CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA**  
**CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**  
(Unaudited)

	Fiscal Year									
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>REVENUES</b>										
Ad valorem	\$ 6,735,794	\$ 7,022,225	\$ 7,137,305	\$ 6,939,897	\$ 7,714,156	\$ 8,966,940	\$ 9,208,324	\$ 9,317,893	\$ 9,154,419	\$ 9,753,941
Sales	7,022,652	7,241,356	7,635,462	7,960,174	8,453,220	8,959,276	9,153,521	9,980,135	11,926,748	13,177,331
Franchise	730,981	754,657	744,777	710,653	688,198	695,044	671,601	636,473	669,732	747,831
Intergovernmental	7,963,595	10,967,159	9,268,539	9,834,487	16,019,592	8,172,171	8,297,921	10,864,131	10,859,616	16,027,675
Charges for services	2,323,201	2,276,954	2,575,328	3,065,633	3,341,432	3,061,513	3,257,861	3,053,165	3,220,710	3,650,587
Fines and forfeitures	5,776,364	5,722,108	5,330,652	4,809,721	3,298,652	3,168,412	3,137,215	3,129,022	2,562,968	1,880,523
Licenses and permits	1,131,354	1,234,219	1,208,656	1,062,801	1,095,288	1,104,641	1,236,833	1,115,269	1,201,142	1,307,721
Miscellaneous	666,785	575,099	3,912,824	1,238,491	803,763	990,471	1,344,998	523,050	788,170	1,564,408
Total revenues	<u>32,350,726</u>	<u>35,793,777</u>	<u>37,813,543</u>	<u>35,621,857</u>	<u>41,414,301</u>	<u>35,118,468</u>	<u>36,308,274</u>	<u>38,619,138</u>	<u>40,383,505</u>	<u>48,110,017</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>										
Current:										
General government	2,662,325	3,034,070	3,966,374	3,150,509	3,171,783	2,788,267	3,052,418	2,854,983	3,160,707	3,340,594
Public safety	15,968,495	16,868,129	17,194,215	19,143,503	17,431,243	19,403,874	19,174,463	19,109,034	20,686,604	19,389,886
Public works	4,992,126	5,547,027	5,201,842	5,554,050	5,467,401	5,411,069	5,355,900	5,797,017	6,796,195	7,710,123
Culture and recreation	1,393,277	1,678,855	1,966,406	1,899,752	2,201,126	1,830,497	2,174,911	1,200,691	1,205,209	2,497,930
Cemetery	97,490	70,678	69,781	71,694	73,576	78,063	78,122	58,613	85,399	75,124
Debt service:										
Principal retirement	783,134	357,000	808,000	830,000	902,000	918,000	935,000	1,241,000	1,283,000	1,653,767
Interest	534,136	485,337	364,520	832,000	216,822	200,247	182,721	471,562	484,930	486,821
Cost of issuance	-	89,020	1,500	64,178	-	-	231,431	-	-	-
Capital outlay:										
Capital Outlay	4,234,233	8,866,154	7,663,023	6,649,543	12,360,345	3,156,758	4,080,839	3,870,125	7,918,565	16,694,736
Total expenditures	<u>30,665,216</u>	<u>36,996,270</u>	<u>37,235,661</u>	<u>38,195,229</u>	<u>41,824,296</u>	<u>33,786,775</u>	<u>35,265,805</u>	<u>34,603,025</u>	<u>41,620,609</u>	<u>51,848,981</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>1,685,510</u>	<u>(1,202,493)</u>	<u>577,882</u>	<u>(2,573,372)</u>	<u>(409,995)</u>	<u>1,331,693</u>	<u>1,042,469</u>	<u>4,016,113</u>	<u>(1,237,104)</u>	<u>(3,738,964)</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>										
Transfers in	4,199,506	2,752,591	3,520,480	3,296,251	4,543,589	1,109,939	10,822,616	1,869,743	2,061,826	5,147,347
Transfers out	(5,238,836)	(2,836,443)	(3,520,480)	(3,308,540)	(5,773,991)	(1,014,564)	(10,635,791)	(1,683,532)	(1,875,241)	(1,691,697)
Lease liability issued	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	577,998
Proceeds of 2009A Bonds	170,574	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds of 2009B Bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from loans	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Refunding 2014 Bonds	-	6,085,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Refunding 2016 Bonds	-	-	-	5,360,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payment to refund 2014 bonds	-	(6,375,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payment to refund 2016 bonds	-	-	-	(4,845,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds of 2020 Bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,880,000	-	-	-
Premium on 2020 Bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,359,441	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(868,756)</u>	<u>(373,852)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>502,711</u>	<u>(1,230,402)</u>	<u>95,375</u>	<u>10,426,266</u>	<u>186,211</u>	<u>186,585</u>	<u>4,033,648</u>
Net change in fund balances	816,754	(1,576,345)	577,882	(2,070,661)	(1,640,397)	1,427,068	11,468,735	4,202,324	(1,050,519)	294,684
Fund balances - beginning	20,433,398	21,250,152	19,673,807	20,251,689	18,181,028	16,540,631	17,967,699	29,436,434	33,638,758	32,588,239
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ 21,250,152</u>	<u>\$ 19,673,807</u>	<u>\$ 20,251,689</u>	<u>\$ 18,181,028</u>	<u>\$ 16,540,631</u>	<u>\$ 17,967,699</u>	<u>\$ 29,436,434</u>	<u>\$ 33,638,758</u>	<u>\$ 32,588,239</u>	<u>\$ 32,882,923</u>
Debt service as a percentage of noncapital expenditures	4.98%	2.99%	3.96%	5.27%	3.80%	3.65%	3.58%	5.57%	5.25%	6.09%

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA**  
**TAX REVENUES BY SOURCE, GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**  
**(Unaudited)**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Dedicated Sales Tax</b>		<b>TIF</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Property Tax</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>1954</b>	<b>1966</b>			<b>Sales Tax</b>		
2014	1,302,265	1,302,265	-	4,418,121	7,022,651	6,735,794	13,758,445
2015	1,350,125	1,350,125	-	4,541,106	7,241,356	7,022,225	14,263,581
2016	1,440,900	1,440,900	-	4,744,307	7,626,107	7,137,305	14,763,412
2017	1,519,945	1,519,945	61,201	4,971,471	8,072,562	6,939,897	15,012,459
2018	1,647,221	1,647,221	70,418	5,327,042	8,691,902	7,714,156	16,406,058
2019	1,742,674	1,742,674	106,823	5,574,220	9,166,391	8,966,940	18,133,331
2020	1,777,797	1,777,797	113,976	5,774,772	9,444,342	9,208,324	18,652,666
2021	1,923,287	1,923,287	59,893	6,196,629	10,103,095	9,317,893	19,420,988
2022	2,248,060	2,248,060	57,548	7,577,188	12,130,856	9,154,419	21,285,275
2023	2,438,881	2,438,881	-	8,299,570	13,177,332	9,753,941	22,931,273

NOTES: As discussed in NOTE D, the City provides tax abatement through the River Express Development referred to as the TIF. The amount of sales tax revenue is reported net of total tax abatement to the TIF on the financial statements.

**OTHER INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS  
AND FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

**Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
City of Gretna, Louisiana**

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Gretna, Louisiana, (the City) as of and for the year ended March 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 29, 2023.

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

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

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

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



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

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

### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Under the Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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Gretna, Louisiana  
September 29, 2023

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

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PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE  
REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
City of Gretna, Louisiana

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

***Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

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

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

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

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

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

***Responsibilities of Management for Compliance***

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

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

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

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the City's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the City's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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

**Report on Internal Control over Compliance**

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

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

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

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

Under the Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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Gretna, Louisiana  
September 29, 2023

## **FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2023**

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the City of Gretna, Louisiana as of and for the year ended March 31, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated September 29, 2023. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the provisions of the Uniform Guidance. Our audit of the financial statements as of March 31, 2023, resulted in an unmodified opinion.

**Section I Summary of Auditor’s Reports**

**A. Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements.**

Internal Control  
 Material Weaknesses     Yes     No      Significant Deficiencies     Yes     No

Compliance  
 Compliance Material to Financial Statements     Yes     No

**B. Federal Awards**

Internal Control  
 Material Weaknesses     Yes     No      Significant Deficiencies     Yes     No

Type of Opinion On Compliance      Unmodified          Qualified        
 For Major Programs                      Disclaimer          Adverse           

Are their findings required to be reported in accordance with Uniform Guidance?

Yes             No

Was a management letter issued?

Yes             No

**C. Identification of Major Programs:**

LA Safe	ALN 14.228
LA Safe	ALN 14.272

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B Programs:            \$750,000

Is the auditee a “low-risk” auditee?                       Yes     No

**CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA**  
**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (Continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2023**

**Section II Findings reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards***

**A. Internal Control**

**Material Weakness**

NONE

**Significant Deficiencies**

NONE

**B. Issues of Noncompliance**

NONE

**Section III Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs**

NONE



## **SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS**

**CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA  
SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2023**

**Section I Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements**

NONE

**Section II Internal Control and Compliance Material to Federal Awards**

NONE

**Section III Management Letter**

NONE

**CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN  
FOR  
CURRENT YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS**

**CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA  
MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2023**

**Section I - Internal Control And Compliance Material To The Financial Statement**

NONE

**Section II - Internal Control And Compliance Material To Federal Awards**

NONE

**Section III - Management Letter**

NONE

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

To Honorable Belinda Constant and the City Council Members of the City of Gretna, Louisiana and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023. City of Westwego, Louisiana management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

City of Westwego, Louisiana has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

### ***1) Written Policies and Procedures***

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- A. Obtain the entity's written policies and procedures and observe whether they address each of the following categories and subcategories (or report that the entity does not have any written policies and procedures), if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations:
  - i. ***Budgeting***, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.
  - ii. ***Purchasing***, including (1) how purchases are initiated; (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list; (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders; (4) controls to ensure compliance with the public bid law; and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.
  - iii. ***Disbursements***, including processing, reviewing, and approving
  - iv. ***Receipts/Collections***, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g., periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).

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- v. ***Payroll/Personnel***, including (1) payroll processing, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee(s) rate of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.
- vi. ***Contracting***, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process
- vii. ***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) required approvers, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).
- viii. ***Travel and expense reimbursement***, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers
- ix. ***Ethics***, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute 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. Note: Ethics requirements are not applicable to nonprofits.
- x. ***Debt Service***, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continued disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
- xi. ***Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity***, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.
- xii. ***Prevention of Sexual Harassment***, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

**No exceptions were noted as a result of this procedure.**

### ***2) Board or Finance Committee***

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- A. Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and:
  - i. Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.

- ii. For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe whether the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds. *Alternately, for those entities reporting on the nonprofit accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included financial activity relating to public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.*
- iii. For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unassigned fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unassigned fund balance in the general fund.
- iv. Observe whether the board/finance committee received written updates of the progress of resolving audit finding(s), according to management's corrective action plan at each meeting until the findings are considered fully resolved.

**No exceptions were noted as a result of this procedure.**

### ***3) Bank Reconciliations***

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- A. Obtain a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:
  - i. Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged);
  - ii. 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
  - iii. Management has documentation reflecting it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

**No exceptions were noted as a result of this procedure.**

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

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- A. Obtain a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5).

**No exceptions were noted as a result of this procedure.**

- B. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (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
- i. Employees responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers;
  - ii. 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;
  - iii. 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; and
  - iv. 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.

**No exceptions were noted as a result of this procedure.**

- C. 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.

**No exceptions were noted as a result of this procedure.**

- D. 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:
- i. Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
  - ii. Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
  - iii. Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
  - iv. Observe the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer).
  - v. Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

**No exceptions were noted as a result of this procedure.**



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

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- A. Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).

**No exceptions were noted as a result of this procedure.**

- B. 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:

- i. At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order/making the purchase;
- ii. At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors;
- iii. The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files;
- iv. Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments; and
- v. Only employees/officials authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds, whether through automated clearinghouse (ACH), electronic funds transfer (EFT), wire transfer, or some other electric means.

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

**No exceptions were noted as a result of this procedure.**

- C. For each location selected under procedure #5A above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction, and:

- i. Observe whether the disbursement, whether by paper or electronic means, matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates that deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity, and
- ii. Observe whether the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under procedure #5B, as applicable.

**No exceptions were noted as a result of this procedure.**

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

**No exceptions were noted as a result of this procedure.**

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

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- A. 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 who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.

**No exceptions were noted as a result of this procedure.**

- B. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement), obtain supporting documentation, and:
- i. Observe whether there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) were reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved), by someone other than the authorized card holder. (those instance requiring such approval that may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials, such as a mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality, should not be reported; and
  - ii. Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.

**No exceptions were noted as a result of this procedure.**

- C. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #7B above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (i.e., each card should have 10 transactions subject to testing). 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.

**No exceptions were noted as a result of this procedure.**

## ***7) Travel and Expense Reimbursement***

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- A. Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements, obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected:
- i. If reimbursed using a per diem, observe 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](http://www.gsa.gov));
  - ii. If reimbursed using actual costs, observe the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased;
  - iii. 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 #1A(vii); and
  - iv. Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

**No exceptions were noted as a result of this procedure.**

## ***8) Contracts***

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- A. Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. *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:
- i. Observe whether the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law;
  - ii. Observe whether the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g., Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter);
  - iii. If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observe the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment, the documented approval); and
  - iv. Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

**No exceptions were noted as a result of this procedure.**

**9) Payroll and Personnel**

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

**No exceptions were noted as a result of this procedure.**

- B. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under #9A above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:
- i. Observe all selected employees or officials 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.);
  - ii. Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials;
  - iii. Observe any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records; and
  - iv. Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agree to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.

**No exceptions were noted as a result of this procedure.**

- C. Obtain a listing of those employees or officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees or officials 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.

**No exceptions were noted as a result of this procedure.**

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

**No exceptions were noted as a result of this procedure.**

**10) Ethics (excluding nonprofits)**

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

- ii. Observe whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.
- B. Inquire and/or observe whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S.42:1170.

**No exceptions were noted as a result of this procedure.**

***11) Debt Service (excluding nonprofits)***

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- A. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes and other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all debt instruments on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued as required by Article VII, Section 8 of Louisiana Constitution.

**No exceptions were noted as a result of this procedure.**

- B. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one bond/note, inspect debt covenants, obtain supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agree actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants (including contingency funds, short-lived asset funds, or other funds required by the debt covenants).

**No exceptions were noted as a result of this procedure.**

***12) Fraud***

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

**No exceptions were noted as a result of this procedure.**

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

**No exceptions were noted as a result of this procedure.**

***13) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity***

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- A. Perform the following procedures, **verbally discuss the results with management, and report "We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management."**

- i. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe that such backup (a) occurred within the past week, (b) was not stored on the government's local server or network, and (c) was encrypted.

- ii. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if 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.
  - iii. Obtain a listing of the entity's computers currently in use and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.
- B. Randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in procedure #9C. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.

**We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management**

***14) Prevention of Sexual Harassment***

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- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, 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 as required by R.S. 42:343.

**No exceptions were noted as a result of this procedure.**

- B. 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).

**No exceptions were noted as a result of this procedure.**

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

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

**No exceptions were noted as a result of this procedure.**

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

We are required to be independent of the City of Gretna, Louisiana and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

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

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Gretna, Louisiana  
September 29, 2023