# OUACHITA MULTI-PURPOSE COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC. MONROE, LOUISIANA

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

DECEMBER 31, 2023

# OUACHITA MULTI-PURPOSE COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC. DECEMBER 31, 2023

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors Ouachita Multi-Purpose Community Action Program, Inc. Monroe, Louisiana

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

#### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Ouachita Multi-Purpose Community Action Program, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2023, and related statement of activities, schedule of functional expenses, and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Ouachita Multi-Purpose Community Action Program, Inc. as of December 31, 2023, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Basis for Opinion

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

# Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Ouachita Multi-Purpose Community Action Program, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Ouachita Multi-Purpose Community Action Program, Inc.'s internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Ouachita Multi-Purpose Community Action Program, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

# Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, and the schedule of compensation, benefits and other payments to agency head or chief executive officer are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

# Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated June 24, 2024 on our consideration of Ouachita Multi-Purpose Community Action Program, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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 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 Ouachita Multi-Purpose Community Action Program, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

# Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In accordance with the requirements of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, we have issued a report, dated June 24, 2024, on the results of our statewide agreed-upon procedures performed in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accounts and the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards*. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those control and compliance areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's statewide agreed-upon procedures, and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance.

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June 24, 2024

# OUACHITA MULTI-PURPOSE COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC. MONROE, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSTTION

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

# ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	372,005	
Accounts Receivable - Grants	92,037	
Prepaid Insurance	7,000	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		471,042
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FIXED ASSETS AND PROPERTY		
Furniture, Buildings, and Equipment at Cost,		
Net	5,625	
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TOTAL FIXED ASSETS AND PROPERTY		5,625
TOTAL ASSETS		476,667
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	2,356	
Accounts rayable Accrued Expenses	47,560	
Accided Expenses	47,500	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		49,916
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NET ASSETS		
Without Donor Restrictions	426,751	
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With Donor Restrictions	_	
With Donor Restrictions		
With Donor Restrictions  TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>4</u> 26,751
		426,751

# OUACHITA MULTI-PURPOSE COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC. MONROE, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
SUPPORT AND REVENUE	MCDC11CC10IIB	HCDC11 CCTOHE	10001
Grants - CSBG	680,070	_	680,070
Grants - LIHEAP	2,936,232	_	2,936,232
Grants - LIHWAP	582,229	-	582,229
Interest Income	-		-
Miscellaneous Revenue	8,611	<del></del>	8,611
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	4,207,142	<u>- 0 ~ </u>	4,207,142
EXPENSES			
Program Services:			
CSBG	311,146	-	311,146
OCOG	140	-	140
Household Water Assistance (LIHWAP)	563,866	-	563,866
Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)	2,817,560	<del>-</del>	2,817,560
TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES	3,692,712	<u>- 0 -</u>	3,692,712
SUPPORT SERVICES			
General and Administrative	527,755		<u>527,755</u>
TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICES	527,755	<u>- 0 -</u>	<u>527,755</u>
FUND-RAISING			
TOTAL_FUND-RAISING		<u>-0-</u>	- 0 -
TOTAL EXPENSES	4,220,467	<u>-0-</u>	4,220,467
EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF SUPPORT AND REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	( 13,325)	-	( 13,325)
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS None	-	-	-
NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	440,076	<u>-0-</u>	440,076
NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS - END OF YEAR	426,751	<u>- 0</u>	<u>426,751</u>

# OUACHITA MULTI-PURPOSE COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC. MONROE, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Change in Net Assets	( 13,325)
Adjustments to Reconcile Increase in Net Assets	
To Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:	
Depreciation	3,000
(Increase) Decrease in:	
Accounts Receivable - Grants	9,872
Prepaid Expenses	( 2,034)
Increase (Decrease) in Operating Liabilities -	
Accounts Payable	1,011
Accrued Liabilities	4,167
	<del></del>
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	2,691
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:	
Purchase of Fixed Assets	- O <del>-</del>
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	- 0 -
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	
None	<del>-</del>
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES	<u> </u>
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	2,691
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>369,314</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR	<u>372,005</u>
SUPPLEMENTAL CASH BASIS DATA	-
Interest Paid	-0-
Income Taxes Paid	- 0

# OUACHITA MULTI-PURPOSE COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC. MONROE, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Household Water Assistance LIHWAP	Home Energy Assistance LIHEAP	ocog	CSBG
Salaries	6,787	7,995	_	140,731
Fringe Benefits	1,697	1,998	_	38,925
Travel & Training	-,	-,	-	5,615
Occupancy	_	_	_	21,610
Telephone	_	-	_	4,841
Insurance	-	-	-	15,331
Supplies & Postage	63	5,684	-	23,404
Repairs & Maintenance	570	8,257	-	602
Professional Services	-	_	-	-
Miscellaneous	2,064	45,458	140	60,087
Client Assistance Payments	<u>552,685</u>	2,748,168		
TOTAL EXPENSES				
BEFORE DEPRECIATION	563,866	2,817,560	140	311,146
DEPRECIATION		<del>_</del>	_ <del></del>	
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>563,866</u>	2,817,560	<u>140</u>	311,146

# OUACHITA MULTI-PURPOSE COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC. MONROE, LOUISIANA

# STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Total Program Services	General And Administrative	Total Expenses
Salaries	155,513	291,530	447,043
Fringe Benefits	42,620	90,774	•
Travel & Training	5,615	31,720	37,335
Occupancy	21,610	20,358	41,968
Telephone	4,841	15,095	19,936
Insurance	15,331	2,994	18,325
Supplies & Postage	29,151	27,254	56,405
Repairs & Maintenance	9,429	110	9,539
Professional Services	•	24,960	24,960
Miscellaneous	107,749	19,960	127,709
Client Assistance Payments	3,300,853		3,300,853
TOTAL EXPENSES			
BEFORE DEPRECIATION	3,692,712	524,755	4,217,467
DEPRECIATION		3,000	3,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,692,712	<u>527,755</u>	4,220,467

### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

# A. Nature of Activities

Ouachita Multi-Purpose Community Action Program, Inc. (OMCAP) is a private nonprofit corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Louisiana. OMCAP is governed by a Board of Directors composed of members from Ouachita Parish. OMCAP operates as a community action agency administering various federal and state funded programs designed to provide assistance to the poor and disadvantaged in Quachita Parish in Louisiana. The following programs, with their approximate percentage indicated, of. total revenues administered by OMCAP:

Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) (16.16%) - Administers programs designed to provide services and activities that will have a measurable impact on causes of poverty in the community. Funding is provided by federal funds passed through the Louisiana Department of Labor. This grant is accounted for as a contribution and is considered conditional based on the terms of the grant agreement.

Home Energy Assistance Program (69.84%) - Assists low income households to offset the burden of high energy costs. Funding is provided by federal funds passed through the Louisiana Housing Corporation. The Home Energy Assistance Program is a major program for the year ended December 31, 2023. This grant is accounted for as a contribution and is considered conditional based on the terms of the grant agreement.

Ouachita Council of Governments (OCOG) (0.00%) - Accounts for quarterly reimbursements received from the Ouachita Council of Governments for general organization operations. This grant is accounted for as an unconditional contribution based on the terms of the grant.

## NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: (Continued)

# A. Nature of Activities (Continued)

Household Water Assistance (13.8%) - Assists low income households that pay a proportion of household income for water and wastewater services. This program is passed through the Louisiana Housing Corporation. This grant is accounted for as a contribution and is considered conditional based on the terms of the grant agreement.

General Services (0.20%) - Provides payment of necessary organization expenses not specifically attributable to a grant/contract operated by the organization. Funding is provided by various donations.

# B. Method of Accounting

The financial statements of OMCAP have been prepared on the accrual method of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

# C. Basis of Presentation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S generally accepted accounting principles ("US GAAP"), which require the Organization to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to the following net asset classifications:

Net Assets without donor restrictions: Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions and may be expended for any purpose in performing the primary objectives of the Organization. These net assets may be used at the discretion of the Organization and the board of directors.

## NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: (Continued)

# C. Basis of Presentation (Continued)

Net Assets with donor restrictions: Net assets subject to stipulations imposed by donors, and grantors. Some donor restrictions are temporary in nature; those restrictions will be met by actions of the Organization or by the passage of time. Other donor restrictions are perpetual in nature, whereby the donor has stipulated the funds be maintained in perpetuity. Donor restricted contributions are reported as increases in net assets with donor restrictions. When a restriction expires, net assets are reclassified from net assets with donor restrictions to net assets without donor restrictions in the statement of activities.

# D. Income Taxes

OMCAP is a nonprofit corporation and is exempt from state and federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. However, income from certain activities not directly related to OMCAP's tax-exempt purpose is subject to taxation as unrelated business income. OMCAP had no such income for this audit period.

### E. Use of Estimates

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

### F. Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, OMCAP considers all unrestricted highly liquid investments with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

# NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: (Continued)

# G. Property and Equipment

Acquisitions of buildings, equipment, and improvements and all expenditures for repairs, maintenance, and betterments in excess of \$5,000 that materially prolong the useful lives of assets are capitalized. Capitalized assets are stated at cost or, if donated, at the approximate fair value at the date of donation. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of each asset.

The Federal Government has a reversionary interest in property purchased with federal funds. Its disposition as well as the ownership of any proceeds there from is subject to federal regulations. The use of assets purchased with federal funds is limited to the purposes intended by the funding agency.

#### H. Revenue and Support

Contributions received are recorded as support without donor restrictions or with donor restrictions, depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions. Contractual grant revenue is reported as support or revenue without donor restrictions due to the restrictions placed on those funds by the funding sources being met in the same reporting period as the revenue is earned. Revenues are earned when the service is rendered.

Support that is restricted by the donor is reported as an increase in net assets without donor restrictions if the restriction expires in the reporting period in which the support is recognized. All other donor-restricted support is reported as an increase in net assets with donor restrictions, depending on the nature of the restriction. When a restriction expires (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose

# NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: (Continued)

# H. Revenue and Support (Continued)

restriction is accomplished), net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the Statement of Activities as net assets released from restrictions.

# I. Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of providing the various programs and activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the Statement of Activities. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited. Management has determined that fund-raising expenses are not material.

## J. Advertising Costs

Advertising costs are expensed as they are incurred. Advertising expenses for the year ended December 31, 2023 are immaterial.

# K. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents and receivables approximates fair value because of the short maturity of these financial instruments.

# NOTE 2 - FUNDING POLICIES AND SOURCES OF FUNDS:

The Organization receives its monies through various methods of funding. Most of the funds are received on a grant basis. Under this method funds are received as needed or on a monthly or quarterly allocation of the total budget (grant) in advance of the actual expenditure. The Organization also receives funds as a reimbursement of actual expenditures, and upon a per unit of service provided method. The Organization also receives funds by contributions from both public and private sources. The loss of any of the large sources could have a negative effect on the Organization.

# NOTE 2 - FUNDING POLICIES AND SOURCES OF FUNDS: (Continued)

The accounting and reporting of grants is determined by the underlying substance of the transaction. A grant may be accounted for as a contribution, an exchange transaction, or a combination of the two. If it is determined to be a contribution, a grant may be considered a conditional or an unconditional grant.

### NOTE 3 - CASH IN BANK:

All funds are in institutions insured by an agency of the federal government. The Organization has pledged securities to cover any uninsured cash balances.

# NOTE 4 - CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK:

Concentrations of credit risk with respect to grant receivables were limited due to the balance being comprised of amounts due from governmental agencies under contractual terms. As of December 31, 2023, OMCAP had no significant concentrations of credit risk in relation to grant receivables.

# NOTE 5 - GRANT RECEIVABLES:

Accounts Receivable - Grants at December 31, 2023 consists of reimbursements for expenses incurred under the various grant programs. The following list presents Accounts Receivable - Grants by fund at December 31, 2023.

	12/31/2023
LIHEAP	92,037
CSBG	
Total	92,037

Management has determined that the allowance for credit loss is not material. Receivables are written off when management deems them not collectible.

# NOTE 6 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMPENSATION:

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

# NOTE 7 - DONATED SERVICES - VOLUNTEERS:

No amounts have been reported in the financial statements for donated services or volunteers because no objective basis is available to measure the value of such services. Board members receive no compensation for services provided.

# NOTE 8 - PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT:

Details of property and equipment are as follows:

	Beginning Balance 1/01/2023	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance 12/31/2023
Furniture &				
Equipment	134,072	-	(108,710)	25,362
Accumulated				
Depreciation	( <u>125,447</u> )	( <u>3,000</u> )	<u>108,710</u>	( 19,737)
Net Property				
& Equipment	<u>8,625</u>	( <u>3,000</u> )	<u> </u>	<u>5,625</u>

Property and equipment consisted of the following at December 31, 2023:

	Estimated Depreciable Life	Purchased With Federal Funds	Purchased With Non- Federal Funds	Total_
Furniture & Equipment	3 - 7 Years	10,362	15,000	25,362
Accumulated Depreciation		(10,362)	(_9,375)	(19,737)
Net Investment In Property				
& Equipment		<u> </u>	<u>5,625</u>	<u>5,625</u>

Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2023 was \$3,000. The straight-line method of depreciation is used to record depreciation.

### NOTE 9 - RETIREMENT PLAN:

OMCAP participates in a simplified employee pension whereby an amount equal to 7% of the salary of eligible employees is contributed to the plan. The amount contributed by OMCAP for the year ended December 31, 2023 was \$21,803.

### NOTE 10 - LEASES:

The Organization leases an administrative building under an operating lease. The rental cost for the year ended December 31, 2023 was \$30,000. There were no commitments under lease agreements having initial or remaining non-cancelable terms in excess of one year as of December 31, 2023. The current lease is currently operating on a month to month basis.

### NOTE 11 - ACCRUED EXPENSES:

Accrued expenses consisted of the following at December 31, 2023:

Accrued Payroll		and	Related	Benefits	Payable	28,032 19,528
Tot	al					<u>47,560</u>

### NOTE 12 - RELATED PARTY:

There were no related party transactions during the period ending December 31, 2023.

### NOTE 13 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS:

Events that occur after the balance sheet date but before the financial statements were issued must be evaluated for recognition or disclosure. The effects of subsequent events that provide evidence about conditions that existed after the balance sheet date require disclosure in the accompanying notes. Management evaluated the activity of the Organization through June 24, 2024, the date the report was

## NOTE 13 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS: (Continued)

available for issue, and concluded that no subsequent events have occurred that would require recognition in the financial statements or disclosures in the notes to the financial statements, except as previously disclosed.

# NOTE 15 - IMPAIRMENT OF LONG-LIVED ASSETS:

In accordance with the accounting guidance for the impairment or disposal of long-lived assets, the Organization reviews its property for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of an asset may not be recoverable. If the fair value is less than the carrying amount of the asset, an impairment loss is recognized for the difference. No impairment loss has been recognized to date.

### NOTE 16 - UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS:

The non-profit corporation is subject to examination by various taxing authorities, including federal income tax examinations. Management has reviewed the Organization's activities and believes that no additional amounts or disclosures are needed, as the effect of any uncertain tax positions is not material to the financial statements. The tax returns for the years 2023, 2022, 2021, and 2020 are open for examination by various taxing authorities.

### NOTE 17 - LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF FINANCIAL ASSETS:

The following reflects the Organization's financial assets as of the balance sheet date of December 31, 2023, reduced by amounts not available for general use because of contractual or donor-imposed restrictions within one year of the balance sheet date.

# NOTE 17 - LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF FINANCIAL ASSETS: (Continued)

Financial Assets at December 31, 2023

464,042

Less those unavailable for general expenditure within one year, due to:

Donor-Restricted

Financial assets availability to meet cash needs for general expenditure, within one year

464,042

In addition to financial assets available to meet general expenditures over the year, OMCAP anticipates covering its general expenditures using the income generated from contractual agreements with governmental agencies.



# OUACHITA MULTI-PURPOSE COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC. MONROE, LOUISIANA

SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR THE PERIODS ENDED DURING FISCAL YEAR DECEMBER 31, 2023

# AGENCY HEAD NAME/TITLE: JOHN RUSSELL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

<u>Purpose</u>	Amount
Salary	50,499
Benefits-insurance	-0-
Benefits-retirement	3,535
Benefits-other (describe) Cell Phone	- 0 -
Benefits-other (describe)	-0-
Benefits-other (describe)	-0-
Car allowance	<del>-</del> 0 -
Vehicle provided by government	
(enter amount reported on W-2)	- O -
Per diem	-0-
Reimbursements	11,639
Travel	-0-
Registration Fees	-0-
Conference travel	-0-
Housing	-0-
Unvouchered expenses (example:	
travel advances, etc.)	- 0 -
Special meals	- 0 -
Other	- 0 -

# OUACHITA MULTI-PURPOSE COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC. MONROE, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

FEDERAL GRANTOR/PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR/PROGRAM TITLE U.S. Department of Health and Human	FEDERAL ASSISTANCE LISTING NUMBER	PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR'S NUMBER	EXPENDITURES
Services			
477 Cluster			
Passed Through Louisiana Workforce			
Commission			
Community Services Block Grant	93.569	2021N0027	681,004
community sources broom ordine	22.302	2021110027	
Total 477 Cluster			681,004
<del></del>			
Passed Through Louisiana Housing			
Finance Agency			
*Low-Income Home Energy Assistance			
Program	93.568	None	2,936,615
Low-Income Household Water			
Assistance Program - Covid-19			
LIHWAP ARP	93.499	None	266,337
Low-Income Household Water			
Assistance Program	93.499	None	315,892
Total LIHWAP			582,229
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Total U.S. Department of Health and			
Human Services			3,518,844
and the state of t			3/310/044
TOTAL FEDERAL EXPENDITURES			<u>4,199,848</u>

<sup>\*</sup> Major Program

See accompanying notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

# OUACHITA MULTI-PURPOSE COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC. MONROE, LOUISIANA

NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

#### NOTE A-BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards includes the federal award activity of Ouachita Multi-Purpose Community Action Program, Inc., and is presented on the accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Ouachita Multi-Purpose Community Action Program, Inc., it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of Ouachita Multi-Purpose Community Action Program, Inc.

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

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Ouachita Multi-Purpose Community Action Program, Inc. has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

#### NOTE C-SUBRECIPIENTS

Ouachita Multi-Purpose Community Action Program, Inc. did not provide federal awards to subrecipients.



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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

To the Board of Directors Ouachita Multi-Purpose Community Action Program, Inc. Monroe, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Ouachita Multi-Purpose Community Action Program, Inc. (a nonprofit organization) which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2023, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 24, 2024.

### Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect

and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

# Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Ouachita Multi-Purpose Community Action Program, Inc.'s financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of non-compliance 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 result 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. However, under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

# Johnson Parry Roussel & Cathbert, RAP

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June 24, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY

THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

To the Board of Directors Ouachita Multi-Purpose Community Action Program, Inc. Monroe, Louisiana

## Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

### Qualified Opinion

We have audited Ouachita Multi-Purpose Community Action Program, Inc.'s 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 Ouachita Multi-Purpose Community Action Program, Inc.'s major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2023. Ouachita Multi-Purpose Community Action Program, Inc.'s major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

### Qualified Opinion on Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

In our opinion, except for the noncompliance described in the Basis for Qualified and Unmodified Opinions section of our report, Ouachita Multi-Purpose Community Action Program, Inc. complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program for the year ended December 31, 2023.

#### Basis for Qualified Opinion

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 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 Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of Ouachita Multi-Purpose Community Action Program, Inc. 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 Ouachita Multi-Purpose Community Action Program, Inc.'s compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Matters Giving Rise to Qualified Opinion on Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

As described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs, Ouachita Multi-Purpose Community Action Program, Inc. did not comply with requirements regarding the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program as described in finding numbers 2023-001 for Eligibility and 2023-003 for Cash Management.

Compliance with such requirements is necessary, in our opinion, for Ouachita Multi-Purpose Community Action Program, Inc. to comply with the requirements applicable to that program.

# 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 Ouachita Multi-Purpose Community Action Program, Inc., federal programs.

# Auditors' 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 Ouachita Multi-Purpose Community Action Program, Inc.'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 Ouachita Multi-Purpose Community Action Program, Inc.'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 Ouachita Multi-Purpose Community Action Program, Inc.'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 Ouachita Multi-Purpose Community Action Program, Inc.'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 Ouachita Multi-Purpose Community Action Program, Inc.'s internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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

#### Other Matters

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on Ouachita Multi-Purpose Community Action Program, Inc.'s response to the noncompliance findings identified in our compliance audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and

questioned costs. Ouachita Multi-Purpose Community Action Program, Inc.'s response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

# Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we did identify certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

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. 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 described above. However, material weaknesses in internal control over compliance may exist that not been identified.

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. We consider the deficiencies in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2023-002 and 2023-004.

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.

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on Ouachita Multi-Purpose Community Action Program, Inc.'s response to the internal control over compliance findings identified in our compliance audit described in the accompanying schedule of

findings and questioned costs. Ouachita Multi-Purpose Community Action Program, Inc.'s response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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

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June 24, 2024

# OUACHITA MULTI-PURPOSE COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC. MONROE, LOUISIANA

# SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

# SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS

- 1. The auditors' report expresses an unmodified opinion on whether the financial statements of Ouachita Multi-Purpose Community Action Program, Inc. were prepared in accordance with GAAP.
- 2. No material weaknesses were identified during the audit of the financial statements.
- 3. There were no instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of Ouachita Multi-Purpose Community Action Program, Inc.
- 4. No material weaknesses were identified during the audit of the major federal award program.
- 5. The auditors' report on compliance for the major federal award program for Ouachita Multi-Purpose Community Action Program, Inc. expresses a qualified opinion.
- 6. Audit findings that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR Section 200.516(a) are reported in this Schedule.
- 7. The program tested as a major program was: Department of Health and Human Services Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program CFDA No. 93.568.
- 8. The threshold for distinguishing Types A and B programs was \$750,000.
- 9. Ouachita Multi-Purpose Community Action Program, Inc. was determined to be a low-risk auditee.

# OUACHITA MULTI-PURPOSE COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC. MONROE, LOUISIANA

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

# SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

# Internal Control

There were no findings or questioned costs for internal control for the year ended December 31, 2023.

# Compliance

There were no findings or questioned costs for compliance for the year ended December 31, 2023.

# SECTION III - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

2023-001

CFDA: 93.568 LIHEAP

Criteria:

To obtain benefits from the Organization's Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), clients are required by policy to schedule an appointment and come into the office and complete an application. Clients who are unable to come to the office can complete a form authorizing another person to act on their behalf.

Condition:

LIHEAP Manager of relative of the Organization received benefits that helped to pay utility bills without following the policies and procedures of the Organization's LIHEAP program. Specifically, the relative was not required to make an appointment and come into the office to file for benefits as is required by policy. Additionally, the client's file did not contain the Organization's form authorizing another party to act on their behalf. The signatures on the two case files in question were dated June 28, 2023 and December 18, 2023, and did not appear to match the signatures on the same client's application when there was evidence that the person came into the office to complete the application for a separate case in 2024.

# OUACHITA MULTI-PURPOSE COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC. MONROE, LOUISIANA

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

# SECTION III - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (Continued)

2023-001 (Continued) CFDA: 93.568 LIHEAP

Cause:

Lack of internal controls over clients that are relatives of employees. LIHEAP applications were not required to be approved by a management level employee and the LIHEAP Manager had her subordinates approve the applications for relatives. In addition, there is no disclosure for an employee's relatives as part of the application and intake process.

Effect:

A relative of the LIHEAP Manager may have received preferential treatment when applying for assistance.

Ouestioned Cost:

\$1,050

Other Information:

Two of seventy files tested were for a relative that did not have evidence of following Organization's policies and procedures completing applications for assistance. Ten of the seventy clients tested were identified as family members of employees. The Executive Director of the Organization notified the Legislative Auditor and the local District attorney of the matter on June 10, 2024. No investigation has started, and no adjudication has taken place as of the date of this report. The LIHEAP manager is currently on administrative leave and restitution has not been made as of the date of this report.

Recommendation:

Clients should be required to complete a disclosure that identifies any relationship between them and any employee of the Organization. Additionally, clients that are relatives should have their application approved by a management level employee or supervisor of that employee. A subordinate should not be allowed to approve an application for a relative of their supervisor.

# OUACHITA MULTI-PURPOSE COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC. MONROE, LOUISIANA

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

# SECTION III - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (Continued)

2023-001 (Continued) CFDA: 93.568 LIHEAP

Reply: Management agrees with this finding and will

implement policies and procedures for identifying family members of relatives that apply for benefits

and for approving their applications.

2023-002

CFDA: 93.568 LIHEAP

Criteria: All clients' applications for assistance should be

approved by an appropriate independent party.

Condition: Clients that are relatives of employees are not

required to be approved by a management level employee or a supervisor of the employee and on occasion are approved by the employees'

subordinates.

Cause: Lack of polices and procedures over clients that are

relatives of employees.

Effect: Clients that are relatives of employees may have

received preferential treatment.

Recommendation: Clients that are relatives of employees should have

their applications approved by a supervisor that is at least a management level employee. As part of the application and intake process clients should complete a disclosure to report any relatives that

are employed by the agency and their relationship.

Reply: Management agrees with this finding and will develop

policies and procedures for identifying family members of relatives that apply for benefits and for

approving their applications.

# OUACHITA MULTI-PURPOSE COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC. MONROE, LOUISIANA

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

# SECTION III - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (Continued)

2023-003

CFDA: 93.568 LIHEAP

Criteria: LIHEAP Agency Invoice Reports maintained by the

Organization should have sufficient supporting documentation that reports the details of the

weekly benefits paid to clients.

Condition: LIHEAP Agency Invoice Reports maintained by the

Organization did not contain sufficient supporting documentation to agree the details of the weekly benefits paid to the weekly summary report of

benefits paid.

Cause: Supporting documentation was misplaced or

misfiled. In addition, one weekly report was not

documented as reviewed and approved.

Effect: Reports submitted may contain errors.

Questioned Costs: None

Other Information: Two of nine weekly reports tested did not contain

sufficient supporting documentation.

Recommendation: Management should ensure all weekly LIHEAP Agency

Invoice Reports are reviewed for completeness and correctness and marked as approved prior to filing. All copies maintained should be complete.

Reply: Management agrees with this finding and will

develop stronger policies and procedures to ensure sufficient supporting documentation is maintained

for each weekly LIHEAP Agency Invoice Report.

# OUACHITA MULTI-PURPOSE COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC. MONROE, LOUISIANA

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

# SECTION III - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (Continued)

2023-004

CFDA: 93.568 LIHEAP

Criteria: The LIHEAP Agency Invoice Reports are used to

monitor the cash management of the LIHEAP grant and should have verification that the reports are

reviewed and approved prior to submission.

Condition: There was no verification of the approval on the

LIHEAP Agency Invoice Reports.

Cause: Lack of oversight in monitoring the LIHEAP Agency

Invoice Reports.

Effect: Reports submitted could contain errors if not

properly reviewed.

Ouestioned Costs: None

Other Information: Four of nine reports tested were not approved.

Recommendation: Management should document the approval process by

having the reviewer sign each weekly report.

Reply: Management agrees that the LIHEAP Agency Invoice

Reports did not contain documentation of approval and will review its approval process to ensure all future reports are reviewed and marked as

approved.

### OUACHITA MULTI-PURPOSE COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC.

P.O. BOX 3086 MONROE, LOUISIANA 71210

# CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN - CURRENT YEAR

June 24, 2024

To: The Oversight Agency for Audit
Health and Human Services Department

Ouachita Multi-Purpose Community Action Program, Inc. submits the following corrective action plan for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Independent Public Accounting Firm: Johnson, Perry, Roussel & Cuthbert, LLP, 3007 Armand Street, Monroe, LA 71201.

Findings from the December 31, 2023 schedule of findings and questioned costs are discussed below:

#### FINDINGS - FEDERAL AWARDS PROGRAMS

LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

2023-001 Compliance on Eliqibility

Recommendation: Clients should be required to complete a disclosure that identifies any relationship between them and any employee of the Organization. Additionally, clients that are relatives should have their application approved by a management level employee or supervisor of that employee. A subordinate should not be allowed to approve an application for a relative of their supervisor.

Action Taken: Management is currently working on creating policies and procedures for applications submitted by family members of employees and to require all clients to complete a disclosure that states if they are a family member of an employee. The Executive Director notified the Legislative Auditor and Fourth District Attorney of the matter on June 10, 2024. The board of directors has placed the LTHEAP manager on administrative leave.

#### 2023-002 Internal Control over Eligibility

Recommendation: Clients that are relatives of employees should have their applications approved by a supervisor that is at least a management level employee. As part of the application and intake process clients should complete a disclosure to report any relatives that are employed by the agency and their relationship.

### OUACHITA MULTI-PURPOSE COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC.

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### CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN - CURRENT YEAR (Continued)

2023-002 Internal Control over Eligibility (Continued)

Action Taken: Management is currently working to develop policies and procedures for identifying family members of relatives that apply for benefits and for approving their applications.

2023-003 Compliance on LIHEAP Agency Invoice Reports

Recommendation: Management should ensure all weekly LIHEAP Agency Invoice Reports are reviewed for completeness and correctness and marked as approved prior to filing. All copies maintained should be complete...

Action Taken: Management is currently working to develop stronger policies and procedures to ensure sufficient supporting documentation is maintained for each weekly LIHEAP Agency Invoice Report.

2023-004 Internal Control over LIHEAP Agency Invoice Reports

Recommendation: Management should document the approval process by having the reviewer sign each weekly report.

Action Taken: Management will have the employee responsible for the review of the LIHEAP Agency Invoice Reports sign each weekly report as approved.

Please contact John Russell with any questions regarding this plan at 318-322-7151.

Sincerely,

Executive Director

Ouachita Multi-Purpose Community Action Program, Inc.

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# OUACHITA MULTI-PURPOSE COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC.

P.O. BOX 3086 MONROE, LOUISIANA 71210

# CORRECTIVE ACTION TAKEN ON PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

# SECTION I - Internal Control

There were no internal control findings for the year ended December 31, 2022.

# SECTION II - Compliance

There were no compliance findings for the year ended December 31, 2022.

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Board of Directors of Ouachita Multi-Purpose Community Action Program, Inc. and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the year ended December 31, 2023. Ouachita Multi-Purpose Community Action Program, Inc.'s management is responsible for those (C/C) areas identified in the SAUPs.

Ouachita Multi-Purpose Community Action Program, Inc. has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the year 2023. Additionally, has December 31, LLA agreed acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

### 1. Written Policies and Procedures

- A. Obtain and inspect the Organization's written policies and procedures and observe that they address each of the following categories and subcategories (if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations):
- I) **Budgeting**, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.

- II) Purchasing, including (1) how purchases are initiated; (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list; (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders; (4) controls to ensure compliance with the public bid law; and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.
- III) Disbursements, including processing, reviewing, and approving.
- IV) Receipts/Collections, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g. periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).
  - V) Payroll/Personnel, including (1) payroll processing, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee(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 of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage.
- 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) requirement that all employees, including elected officials, annually attest through signature verification that they have read the entity's ethics policy.
    - X) Debt Service, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) 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) **Sexual Harassment**, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

Findings: The written policies do not include information technology disaster recovery/business continuity.

Except as otherwise stated, no other exceptions were identified in the performance of the procedures listed above.

## 2. Board or Finance Committee

- A. Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and:
- I) Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.
- II) For those entities reporting on the non-profit accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included financial activity related to public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal year.
- III) 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.

Findings: No exceptions noted.

### 3. Bank Reconciliations

A. Obtain a listing of the Organization's 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 selected each 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, 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 within one month of the date the reconciliation was prepared (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged); and
- III) Management has documentation reflecting that it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months at the end of the statement closing date.

Findings: One of five bank accounts tested have outstanding transactions greater than twelve months that have not been researched or investigated.

No other exceptions noted.

### 4. Collections

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).

Findings: We obtained the listing and management's representation.

- 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 that are 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:
- 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 verifies the reconciliation.

Findings: No exceptions noted.

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

Findings: No exceptions noted.

- 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). Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:
- I) Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
- II) Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
- III) Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
- IV) Observe that the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100).
  - V) Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

Findings: No exceptions noted.

- 5. Non-Payroll Disbursements (excluding card purchases/payments, travel reimbursements, and petty cash purchases)
  - A. Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).

Findings: We obtained the listing of locations that process payments and management's representation.

- B. For each location selected under #5A above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, 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.
  - V) Only employees/officials authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds, whether through automated clearinghouse (ACH), electronic funds transfer (EFT), wire transfer, or some other electronic means.

Findings: No exceptions noted.

- C. For each location selected under #5A above, obtain the Organization'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 that the disbursement matched the related original itemized invoice and that supporting documentation indicates that deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity.

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

Findings: No exceptions noted.

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

Findings: No exceptions noted.

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

A. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and 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.

Findings: We obtained the listing and management's representation.

- 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 that 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) was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the authorized card holder. [Note: Requiring such approval may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality); these instances should not be reported.)]
- II) Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.

Findings: No exceptions noted.

C. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #6B above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for transactions (i.e. each card should have 10 transactions subject to testing). For each transaction, observe that it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely was purchased, (2) written what documentation 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.

Findings: No exceptions noted.

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

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements, 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, agree the reimbursement rate to those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov).
- II) If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.
- III) Observe that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by written policy (procedure #1AVII).
  - IV) Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

Findings: We obtained the general ledger and the Organization's travel and related expense reimbursements. We obtained management's representation.

No exceptions noted.

#### 8. Contracts

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

Findings: We obtained a list of contracts and management's representations.

No exceptions noted.

# 9. Payroll and Personnel

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

Findings: We obtained a listing of employees and management's representation.

No exceptions were noted.

- B. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees selected under #9A above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:
  - I) Observe that all selected employees documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory).
  - II) Observe that supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees.
- III) Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records.
  - IV) Observe that the rate paid to the employees or officials agree to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.

Findings: No exceptions noted.

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

Findings: We obtained a listing of terminated employees and management's representation.

No exceptions noted.

D. Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, and workers' compensation premiums have been paid, and associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

Findings: No exceptions noted.

## 10. Ethics (excluding nonprofits)

- A. Using the five randomly selected employees from procedure #9A under "Payroll and Personnel" above, obtain ethics documentation from management and:
  - I) Observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee completed one hour of ethics training during the fiscal period.
  - II) Observe that 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.

Findings: These procedures are not applicable to non-profit organizations.

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

Findings: This procedure is not applicable to non-profit organizations.

#### 11. Debt Service

A. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes and other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all debt instruments on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each bond/note issued.

Findings: No exceptions noted.

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).

Findings: We noted that the Organization did not have any outstanding debt during the fiscal period. This procedure is not applicable.

#### 12. Fraud Notice

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

Findings: No exceptions noted.

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

Findings: No exceptions noted.

## 13. Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

- A. Perform the following procedures, verbally discuss the results with management, and report "We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management."
  - I) Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe evidence that such backup (a) occurred within the past week, (b) was not stored on the government's local server or network, and (c) was encrypted.
  - 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.
- C. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel in procedure #9A, obtain cybersecurity training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates that the following employees/officials with access to the agency's information technology assets have completed cybersecurity training as required by R.S. 42:12674. The requirements are as follows:
  - I) Hired before June 9, 2020 completed the training; and
  - II) Hired on or after June 9, 2020 completed the training within 30 days of initial service or employment.

Findings: We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

No exceptions noted.

#### 14. Sexual Harassment

- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #9A under "Payroll and Personnel" above, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year.
- B. Observe that the entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website (or in a conspicuous location on the entity's premises if the entity does not have a website).
- C. Obtain the entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observe that 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.

Findings: These procedures are not applicable to the non-profit.

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

We are required to be independent of Ouachita Multi-Purpose Community Action Program, Inc. and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is included 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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