

1995 Certificate of Indebtedness	Totals	
	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
\$ 105,407	\$ 174,745	\$ 1,194
-	781,620	740,450
-	555,800	521,489
-	-	<u>143,912</u>
<u>\$ 105,407</u>	<u>\$1,512,165</u>	<u>\$1,407,045</u>
\$ -	\$ 63,944	\$ -
-	<u>242,600</u>	<u>242,600</u>
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 306,544</u>	<u>\$ 242,600</u>
\$ 105,407	\$ 116,301	\$ 130,829
-	<u>1,089,320</u>	<u>1,033,616</u>
<u>\$ 105,407</u>	<u>\$1,205,621</u>	<u>\$1,164,445</u>
<u>\$ 105,407</u>	<u>\$1,512,165</u>	<u>\$1,407,045</u>

CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
ALL ENTERPRISE FUNDS

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
August 31, 1996
With Comparative Totals for August 31, 1995

ASSETS	Electric Light and Waterworks <u>Fund</u>	Sewer <u>Fund</u>	<u>Totals</u>	
			<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 700,788	\$ 466,558	\$1,167,346	\$ 1,143,337
Investments	-	102,643	102,643	204,404
Receivables, (net, where applicable of uncollectibles):				
Customers	138,064	94,443	232,507	236,428
Accrued interest	-	9,255	9,255	-
Other	45,298	-	45,298	43,165
Due from other funds	533,003	100,000	633,003	396,049
Inventories	<u>20,946</u>	<u>141</u>	<u>21,087</u>	<u>27,145</u>
Total current assets	<u>\$ 1,438,099</u>	<u>\$ 773,040</u>	<u>\$ 2,211,139</u>	<u>\$ 2,050,528</u>
RESTRICTED ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,868,362	\$ 52,648	\$ 3,921,010	\$ 381,316
Investments	<u>179,250</u>	<u>400,000</u>	<u>579,250</u>	<u>348,039</u>
Total restricted assets	<u>\$ 4,047,612</u>	<u>\$ 452,648</u>	<u>\$ 4,500,260</u>	<u>\$ 729,355</u>
PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT				
Property, plant and equipment	\$18,678,554	\$10,215,966	\$28,894,520	\$28,795,407
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(14,237,887)</u>	<u>(4,215,896)</u>	<u>(18,453,783)</u>	<u>(17,712,793)</u>
Net property, plant and equipment	<u>\$ 4,440,667</u>	<u>\$ 6,000,070</u>	<u>\$10,440,737</u>	<u>\$11,082,614</u>
OTHER				
Deferred financing costs	<u>\$ 119,038</u>	<u>\$ 72,080</u>	<u>\$ 191,118</u>	<u>\$ 77,700</u>
 Total assets	 <u>\$10,045,416</u>	 <u>\$ 7,297,838</u>	 <u>\$17,343,254</u>	 <u>\$13,940,197</u>

ENTERPRISE FUND

Electric Light and Waterworks Fund - Accounts for electricity and water services to residents of the City of Opelousas. All activities necessary to provide such services are accounted for in this fund, including but not limited to, operations, construction, administration, maintenance, financing and related debt service, and billing and collection.

Sewer Fund - Accounts for sewer services to the City of Opelousas. All activities necessary to provide such services are accounted for in this fund, including but not limited to, operations, construction, administration, maintenance, financing and related debt service, and billing and collection.

CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
ALL CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
Year Ended August 31, 1996
With Comparative Totals for Year Ended August 31, 1995

	Capital Projects Fund	Paving Construction Fund	1995 Capital Projects Fund	<u>Totals</u>	
				<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
Revenues:					
Other - interest earned	\$ 540	\$ 95	\$ 28,980	\$ 29,615	\$ 530
Expenditures:					
Current:					
General government:					
Other services and charges	\$ -	\$ 2,595	\$ 16,429	\$ 19,024	\$ -
Capital outlay	-	89,401	318,213	407,614	-
Total expenditures	\$ -	\$ 91,996	\$ 334,642	\$ 426,638	\$ -
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	\$ 540	\$ (91,901)	\$ (305,662)	\$ (397,023)	\$ 530
Other financing sources:					
Operating transfers in	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,919	\$ 11,919	\$ -
Proceeds from issuance of debt	-	71,049	1,150,000	1,221,049	-
Contributions from property owners	-	21,549	-	21,549	-
	\$ -	\$ 92,598	\$1,161,919	\$1,254,517	\$ -
Excess of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures	\$ 540	\$ 697	\$ 856,257	\$ 857,494	\$ 530
Fund balances, beginning	11,240	-	-	11,240	10,710
Fund balances, ending	<u>\$ 11,780</u>	<u>\$ 697</u>	<u>\$ 856,257</u>	<u>\$ 868,734</u>	<u>\$ 11,240</u>

CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
ALL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
August 31, 1996
With Comparative Totals for August 31, 1995

ASSETS	Capital	Paving	1995	Totals	
	Projects	Construction	Capital	1996	1995
	Fund	Fund	Projects		
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>		
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 11,780</u>	<u>\$ 90,098</u>	<u>\$856,257</u>	<u>\$958,135</u>	<u>\$ 11,240</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ 89,401	\$ -	\$ 89,401	\$ -
Fund balance:					
Unreserved, undesignated	<u>11,780</u>	<u>697</u>	<u>856,257</u>	<u>868,734</u>	<u>11,240</u>
	<u>\$ 11,780</u>	<u>\$ 90,098</u>	<u>\$856,257</u>	<u>\$958,135</u>	<u>\$ 11,240</u>

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

Capital Projects Fund - Excess monies from CLECO settlement and other sources designated to be used for operating transfers to other funds as designated by management.

Paving Construction Fund - To account for the expenditures associated with street improvements financed by special assessments.

1995 Capital Projects Fund - To account for the expenditures associated with the acquisition of equipment and improving of public buildings financed by Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 1995.

CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
POLICE DEPARTMENT DETECTIVE FUND

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
Year Ended August 31, 1996
With Comparative Actual Totals for Year Ended August 31, 1995

	<u>1996</u>			<u>1995</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance- Favorable (Unfavorable)	<u>Actual</u>
Revenues:				
Intergovernmental:				
Proceeds from drug investigation	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,846
Other - interest	<u>50</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>248</u>
Total revenues	\$ 1,050	\$ 1,050	\$ -	\$ 2,094
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public safety:				
Police department:				
Other services and charges	<u>14,400</u>	<u>14,400</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,046</u>
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	\$(13,350)	\$(13,350)	\$ -	\$(12,952)
Other financing sources:				
Operating transfers in - general fund	<u>14,000</u>	<u>14,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,000</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures	\$ 650	\$ 650	\$ -	\$ (2,952)
Fund balance, beginning	<u>524</u>	<u>524</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,476</u>
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 1,174</u>	<u>\$ 1,174</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 524</u>

CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
ALL DEBT SERVICE FUND FUNDS

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
Year Ended August 31, 1996
With Comparative Totals for Year Ended August 31, 1995

	<u>1984 and 1985 Special Assessment Bond Issues</u>	<u>1996 Special Assessment Bond Issue</u>
Revenues:		
Special assessments	\$ -	\$ 7,105
Other:		
Interest earned on assessments	72,810	3,789
Interest on investments	2,835	-
Other	<u>66</u>	<u>-</u>
Total revenues	<u>\$ 75,711</u>	<u>\$ 10,894</u>
Expenditures:		
Current:		
General government:		
Other services and charges	\$ 124	\$ -
Allocated expenditure - services performed by executive department	6,800	-
Debt service:		
Principal retirement	130,829	-
Interest and fiscal charges	<u>13,083</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditures	<u>\$ 150,836</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	\$ (75,125)	\$ 10,894
Other financing sources:		
Operating transfers in	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures	\$ (75,125)	\$ 10,894
Fund balances, beginning	<u>1,164,445</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balances, ending	<u>\$1,089,320</u>	<u>\$ 10,894</u>

CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
NEW LIFE CENTER (HOMELESS GRANT) FUND

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
Year Ended August 31, 1996
With Comparative Actual Totals for Year Ended August 31, 1995

	<u>1996</u>			<u>1995</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance- Favorable (Unfavorable)	<u>Actual</u>
Revenues:				
Intergovernmental:				
Housing and urban development	\$ 20,037	\$ 23,378	\$ 3,341	\$ 17,960
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Health and welfare:				
Transfer to subrecipient	<u>19,819</u>	<u>22,775</u>	<u>(2,956)</u>	<u>17,515</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	\$ 218	\$ 603	\$ 385	\$ 445
Other financing uses:				
Operating transfers out - general fund	<u>(218)</u>	<u>(603)</u>	<u>(385)</u>	<u>(445)</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures and other financing uses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fund balance, beginning	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
ALL DEBT SERVICE FUNDS

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
August 31, 1996
With Comparative Totals for August 31, 1995

ASSETS	<u>1984 and 1985 Special Assessment Bond Issues</u>	<u>1996 Special Assessment Bond Issue</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 69,338	\$ -
Receivables:		
Special assessment	710,571	71,049
Accrued interest	552,011	3,789
Restricted assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total assets	<u>\$1,331,920</u>	<u>\$ 74,838</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
Liabilities:		
Deferred revenue	\$ -	\$ 63,944
Due to other funds	<u>242,600</u>	<u>-</u>
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 242,600</u>	<u>\$ 63,944</u>
Fund balances:		
Reserved for debt service	\$ -	\$ 10,894
Unreserved - undesignated	<u>1,089,320</u>	<u>-</u>
Total fund balances	<u>\$1,089,320</u>	<u>\$ 10,894</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$1,331,920</u>	<u>\$ 74,838</u>

DEBT SERVICE FUNDS

- 1984 and 1985 Special Assessment Bond Issues - Accumulates monies for payment of Sewerage Certificates, Series 1984 and Paving Certificates, Series 1985 of \$347,773 and \$1,308,293, respectively. The Bonds are to be retired by ad valorem tax assessments from the City of Opelousas Consolidated District No. 1 and on the real properties along those applicable portions of streets within corporate limits.
- 1996 Special Assessment Bond Issue - Accumulates monies for payment of \$71,049 of Paving Certificates, Series 1996. The bonds are to be retired by ad valorem tax assessments levied on the real properties along those portions of the street set out in the assessment ordinances.
- 1995 Certificate of Indebtedness - Accumulates monies for payment of \$1,150,000 of Certificate of Indebtedness, Series 1995. The bonds were issued to acquire equipment and improve public buildings and are to be repaid by excess annual revenues.

CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
SMALL CITIES HEALTH AND SAFETY REHABILITATION GRANT FUND

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
Year Ended August 31, 1996
With Comparative Actual Totals for Year Ended August 31, 1995

	1996		Variance-	1995
	Budget	Actual	Favorable (Unfavorable)	Actual
Revenues:				
Intergovernmental:				
Louisiana Housing Finance Agency	\$ 4,093	\$ 3,703	\$ (390)	\$ 29,321
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government:				
Other services and charges	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ (2,500)	\$ -
Health and welfare	4,093	5,000	(907)	30,957
Total expenditures	<u>\$ 4,093</u>	<u>\$ 7,500</u>	<u>\$ (3,407)</u>	<u>\$ 30,957</u>
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (3,797)</u>	<u>\$ (3,797)</u>	<u>\$ (1,636)</u>
Other financing sources (uses):				
Refunding to grantor agencies	\$(27,332)	\$(27,332)	\$ -	\$ -
Operating transfers in	27,332	34,837	7,505	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 7,505</u>	<u>\$ 7,505</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other financing uses	\$ -	\$ 3,708	\$ 3,708	\$ (1,636)
Fund balance, beginning	-	-	-	583
Prior period adjustment	-	-	-	1,053
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,708</u>	<u>\$ 3,708</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
OPELOUSAS POLICE DEPARTMENT SEIZED FUND

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
Year Ended August 31, 1996
With Comparative Actual Totals for Year Ended August 31, 1995

	<u>1996</u>			<u>1995</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance- Favorable <u>(Unfavorable)</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Revenues:				
Other - interest earned	\$ 200	\$ 204	\$ 4	\$ 737
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public safety:				
Police department:				
Other services and charges	-	-	-	20
Excess of revenues over expenditures	\$ 200	\$ 204	\$ 4	\$ 717
Fund balance, beginning	<u>4,882</u>	<u>4,882</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,165</u>
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 5,082</u>	<u>\$ 5,086</u>	<u>\$ 4</u>	<u>\$ 4,882</u>

CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
POLICE WITNESS FEE FUND

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
Year Ended August 31, 1996
With Comparative Actual Totals for Year Ended August 31, 1995

	<u>1996</u>			<u>1995</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance- Favorable <u>(Unfavorable)</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Revenues:				
Intergovernmental	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,090	\$ (110)	\$ 116
Other	<u>128</u>	<u>141</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>340</u>
Total revenues	\$ 1,328	\$ 1,231	\$ (97)	\$ 456
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public safety:				
Police department:				
Other services and charges	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	\$ 1,303	\$ 1,206	\$ (97)	\$ 406
Fund balance, beginning	<u>2,775</u>	<u>2,775</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,369</u>
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 4,078</u>	<u>\$ 3,981</u>	<u>\$ (97)</u>	<u>\$ 2,775</u>

CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
FOOD STAMP FUND

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
Year Ended August 31, 1996
With Comparative Actual Totals for Year Ended August 31, 1995

	<u>1996</u>		Variance-	<u>1995</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Favorable	<u>Actual</u>
			(Unfavorable)	
Revenues:				
Intergovernmental:				
Department of Agriculture	\$ 45,076	\$ 48,211	\$ 3,135	\$ 42,525
Other	<u>2,185</u>	<u>2,430</u>	<u>245</u>	<u>2,073</u>
Total revenues	<u>\$ 47,261</u>	<u>\$ 50,641</u>	<u>\$ 3,380</u>	<u>\$ 44,598</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Health and welfare:				
Personal services	\$ 78,958	\$ 82,198	\$ (3,240)	\$ 71,185
Supplies and materials	1,805	1,138	667	2,377
Other services and charges	6,421	5,111	1,310	5,280
Repairs and maintenance	<u>816</u>	<u>376</u>	<u>440</u>	<u>251</u>
Total expenditures	<u>\$ 88,000</u>	<u>\$ 88,823</u>	<u>\$ (823)</u>	<u>\$ 79,093</u>
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	\$(40,739)	\$(38,182)	\$ 2,557	\$(34,495)
Other financing sources:				
Operating transfers in - sewer fund	<u>40,667</u>	<u>40,667</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,039</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures	\$ (72)	\$ 2,485	\$ 2,557	\$ 5,544
Fund balance, beginning	<u>13,767</u>	<u>13,767</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,223</u>
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 13,695</u>	<u>\$ 16,252</u>	<u>\$ 2,557</u>	<u>\$ 13,767</u>

1995 Certificate of Indebtedness	Totals	
	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
\$ -	\$ 7,105	\$ -
-	76,599	77,911
2,807	5,642	5,036
-	66	130
<u>\$ 2,807</u>	<u>\$ 89,412</u>	<u>\$ 83,077</u>
\$ -	\$ 124	\$ -
-	6,800	6,800
-	130,829	165,607
32,900	45,983	30,713
<u>\$ 32,900</u>	<u>\$ 183,736</u>	<u>\$ 203,120</u>
\$ (30,093)	\$ (94,324)	\$ (120,043)
<u>135,500</u>	<u>135,500</u>	<u>-</u>
\$ 105,407	\$ 41,176	\$ (120,043)
-	1,164,445	1,284,488
<u>\$ 105,407</u>	<u>\$1,205,621</u>	<u>\$1,164,445</u>

CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCES - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUND TYPES
Year Ended August 31, 1996

	<u>General Fund</u>		Variance- Favorable (Unfavorable)
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Revenues:			
Taxes	\$ 1,061,422	\$ 1,075,454	\$ 14,032
Licenses and permits	598,860	596,471	(2,389)
Intergovernmental	508,403	470,687	(37,716)
Charges for services	90,385	99,128	8,743
Fines and forfeits	106,318	94,526	(11,792)
Other	104,486	106,621	2,135
Total revenues	<u>\$ 2,469,874</u>	<u>\$ 2,442,887</u>	<u>\$ (26,987)</u>
Expenditures:			
Current:			
General government	\$ 1,126,942	\$ 1,092,908	\$ 34,034
Public safety	3,806,495	3,761,018	45,477
Public works	1,529,913	1,553,195	(23,282)
Health and welfare	183,679	180,578	3,101
Culture and recreation	736,102	737,208	(1,106)
Economic development	3,209	3,209	-
Capital outlays	293,032	291,878	1,154
Debt service	743,526	746,969	(3,443)
Total expenditures	<u>\$ 8,422,898</u>	<u>\$ 8,366,963</u>	<u>\$ 55,935</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>\$(5,953,024)</u>	<u>\$(5,924,076)</u>	<u>\$ 28,948</u>
Other financing sources (uses):			
Proceeds of general fixed asset dispositions	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -
Refunding to grantor agency	-	-	-
Operating transfers in	6,023,319	6,023,702	383
Operating transfers out	(147,082)	(156,560)	(9,478)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>\$ 5,877,237</u>	<u>\$ 5,868,142</u>	<u>\$ (9,095)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses (subtotals forward)	<u>\$ (75,787)</u>	<u>\$ (55,934)</u>	<u>\$ 19,853</u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 3. Deposits and Investments

State law requires deposits of all political subdivisions be fully collateralized at all times. Acceptable collateralization includes FDIC insurance and the market value of securities purchased and pledged to the political subdivision. Obligations of the United States, The State of Louisiana, and certain political subdivisions are allowed as security for deposits. Obligations furnished as security must be held by the political subdivision, or with an unaffiliated bank, or with a trust company for the account of the political subdivision.

At August 31, 1996, cash in excess of the FDIC insurance was collateralized by securities held by unaffiliated banks for the accounts of the depositor. However, the mutual fund shares are not guaranteed as to principal and interest by the Full Faith and Credit Clause of the United States.

Note 4. Property Taxes

Property taxes are levied each November 1 on the assessed value listed as of the prior January 1 for all real property, merchandise and movable property located in the Parish. Assessed values are established by the St. Landry Parish Assessor's Office and the State Tax Commission at percentages of actual value as specified by Louisiana law. Taxes are due and payable December 31 with interest being charged on payments after January 1. Taxes can be paid through the tax sale date, which is the last Wednesday in June. Properties for which the taxes have not been paid are sold for the amount of the taxes. For the year ended December 31, 1995, the City levied taxes at 7.03 mills per dollar of assessed valuation on property within the City for the purpose of providing governmental services other than the payment of principal and interest on long-term debt.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

To be consistent with current year classifications, some items from the previous year have been reclassified.

Total Columns on Combined Statements-Overview:

Total columns on the Combined Statements Overview are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position, results of operations, or changes in financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

Note 2. Prior Period Adjustments

The following prior period adjustments were made to beginning fund balances for the year ended August 31, 1995.

General Fund:

The adjustment to fund balance for the decrease of \$36,986 represents a decrease of \$52,266 for expenditures not recorded in the fiscal year 1994, a decrease of \$9,200 to correct the overstatement of revenue in prior years, an increase of \$21,166 for the correction of a receivable written off incorrectly in 1994, an increase of \$1,500 to correct double payment of a 1994 expenditure, and an increase of \$1,814 to correct the double recording of 1994 expenditures.

Special revenue fund - small city health and safety rehabilitation:

The adjustment of \$1,053 represents the correction of 1994 expenditures which were recorded twice by the City.

Enterprise funds:

Electric light and waterworks:

The adjustment for the increase of \$2,287 represents the correction of the accrual of \$9,199 for compensated absences made incorrectly and the correction of revenue overstatement of \$6,912 in 1994.

Sewer:

The adjustment of \$6,049 represents \$72,567 for the correction of expense overstatement in 1994 for interest and \$66,518 for the correction of expense understatement in 1994 for amortization of deferred financing costs.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Accumulated Vacation and Sick Leave:

Accumulated vacation and sick leave are recorded as an expenditure of the period in which paid in all governmental funds. The enterprise funds accrue benefits in the period they were earned.

In general, the City allows employees to accumulate a maximum of one-third (1/3) of vacation earned during a calendar year. Unused vacation in excess of one-third (1/3) shall be automatically added to the employee's sick leave account. They are also allowed to accumulate all of the sick leave they earn during a calendar year. Upon termination or retirement, an employee shall be paid all of his accumulated vacation pay. Upon retirement only, an employee shall be paid one-fourth (1/4) of his accumulated sick leave, up to a maximum of thirty (30) days. Sick leave in excess of the one-fourth (1/4) is not paid upon termination, but will be paid only upon illness while in the employment of the City.

Long-Term Obligations:

Long-term debt is recognized as a liability of a governmental fund when due, or when resources have been accumulated in the debt service fund for payment early in the following year. For other long-term obligations, only that portion expected to be financed from expendable available financial resources is reported as a fund liability of a government fund. The remaining portion of such obligations is reported in the general long-term debt account group. Long-term liabilities expected to be financed from proprietary fund operations are accounted for in those funds.

Bond Discount and Issuance Costs:

Bond discount and issuance costs for the enterprise funds are being amortized by the straight-line method.

Fund Equity:

Contributed capital is recorded in enterprise funds that have received capital grants or contributions from developers, customers or other funds. Reserves represent those portions of fund equity not appropriable for expenditure or legally segregated for a specific future use. Designated fund balances represent tentative plans for future use of financial resources.

Comparative Data:

Comparative total data for the prior year have been presented in the accompanying financial statements in order to provide an understanding of changes in the government's financial position and operations. However, comparative data have not been presented in all statements because their inclusion would make certain statements unduly complex and difficult to understand.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Fixed Assets:

General fixed assets are not capitalized in the funds used to acquire or construct them. Instead, capital acquisition and construction are reflected as expenditures in governmental funds, and the related assets are reported in the general fixed assets account group. All purchased fixed assets are valued at cost where historical records are available and at an estimated historical cost where no historical records exist. Donated fixed assets are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date received. Assets in the general fixed assets account group are not depreciated.

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Improvements are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related fixed assets, as applicable.

Public domain ("infrastructure") general fixed assets consisting of roads, bridges, curbs and gutters, streets and sidewalks, drainage systems and lighting systems are not capitalized, as these assets are immovable and of value only to the government.

All proprietary funds are accounted for on a cost of services or 'capital maintenance' measurement focus. This means that all assets and all liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) associated with their activity are included on their balance sheets. Their reported fund equity (net total assets) is segregated into contributed capital and retained earnings components. Proprietary fund type operating statements present increase (revenues) and decreases (expenses) in net total assets. Bond issue costs in these funds are set up as deferred charges and amortized over the term of the bond issue.

Property, plant, and equipment which constitute assets of the enterprise funds are recorded at cost and depreciation is computed thereon under the straight-line method of depreciation based on estimated useful lives of the individual assets.

Depreciation of all exhaustible fixed assets used by proprietary funds is charged as an expense against their operations. Accumulated depreciation is reported on proprietary fund balance sheets. Depreciation has been provided using the straight-line method with estimated useful lives of 3 to 50 years.

Certain assets in various enterprise funds have been constructed or acquired substantially with contributions in aid of construction. Net income includes depreciation on assets acquired from contributions.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2. United States Treasury Notes
3. United States Treasury Bills
4. Obligations of U. S. Government Agencies, including Federal Home Loan Bank bonds, Government National Mortgage Association bonds, or a variety of "Federal Farm Credit" bonds.
5. Fully collateralized certificates of deposits issued by qualified commercial banks and savings and loan associations located within the State of Louisiana.
6. Fully collateralized repurchase agreements.
7. Fully collateralized interest-bearing checking accounts.
8. Mutual or trust fund institutions which are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Security Act of 1933 and the Investment Act of 1940, and which have underlying investments consisting solely of and limited to securities of the United States Government or its agencies.
9. Any other investment allowed by state statute for local governments.

Investments are stated at cost except for investments in the proprietary funds which are reported at cost or amortized cost. The cost and/or amortized cost approximates market value.

Bad debts:

Uncollectible amounts due for ad valorem taxes, and other receivables are recognized as bad debts at the time information becomes available which would indicate the uncollectibility of the particular receivable.

Uncollectible amounts due for customers' utility receivables are recognized as bad debts through the adjustment of an allowance account to the balance of individual accounts.

Inventory:

Inventory is valued at cost and is recognized as an expenditure under the consumption method. Under this method, inventories are recorded as expenditures when they are used.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Budgets:

The City follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- (1) Prior to August 15, the Mayor submits to the Council a proposed operating budget for the year commencing the following September 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- (2) Public hearing are conducted to obtain taxpayer comments.
- (3) All actions necessary to adopt and otherwise finalize and implement the budget for an ensuing year are taken prior to the last regular meeting of the year in progress. The budget is legally enacted through passage of an ordinance.
- (4) An amendment involving the transfer of monies from one department to another or from one program or function to another or any other increases in expenditures exceeding amounts estimated must be approved by the council.
- (5) All budgeted amounts which are not expended, or obligated through contracts, lapse at year end.
- (6) Budgets for all governmental fund types are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments are recorded in the fund general ledgers, is utilized by the City for budgetary control throughout the year; however, encumbrances lapse at year end.

The budget presented is as amended by the Board of Alderman. Expenditures may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations by more than five percent at the individual fund level. However, the budgets for the New Life Center (Homeless Grant) and Small Cities Health and Safety Rehabilitation Funds were not amended when actual expenditures exceeded budgeted expenditures by more than five percent.

Cash, cash equivalents and investments:

For reporting purposes, cash and cash equivalents include demand deposits and repurchase agreements with an original maturity of 90 days or less, and investments include governmental mutual funds and certificates of deposit.

The City is authorized by LRS 39:1211-1245 and 33:2955 to invest in the following:

1. United States Treasury Bonds

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Proprietary Funds

Enterprise funds:

Enterprise funds are used to account for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriated for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

Internal service funds:

Internal service funds are used to account for the financing of goods or services provided by one department or agency to other departments or agencies, or to other governments, of the City on a cost reimbursement basis.

Proprietary funds are reported in accordance with GASB Statement No. 20, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Proprietary Funds and Other Governmental Entities that Use Proprietary Fund Accounting. This standard requires that all applicable GASB pronouncements, Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Statements and Interpretations, Accounting Principles Board (APB) Opinions, and Accounting Research Bulletins (ARBs) issued on or before November 30, 1989 be applied to proprietary activities unless they (FASB Statements and Interpretations, APB Opinions, and ARBs) conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements.

GASB Statement No. 20 also states that for proprietary activities management may elect to apply all FASB Statements and Interpretations issued after November 30, 1989, except for those that conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. Proprietary activities under the control of the City have elected not to apply FASB Statements and Interpretations issued after November 30, 1989, unless they are adopted by GASB.

Fiduciary Funds

Trust and agency funds:

Trust and agency funds are used to account for assets held by the City in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other funds and/or other governments. These include expendable trust and agency funds. Expendable trust funds are accounted for in essentially the same manner as governmental funds. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Fund Accounting:

The accounts of the City are organized on the basis of funds or account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The following fund types and account groups are used by the City:

Governmental Funds

General fund:

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

Special revenue funds:

Special revenue funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

Debt service funds:

Debt service funds are used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term principal, interest, and related costs.

Capital projects funds:

Capital projects funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by proprietary funds).

CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
RURAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUND

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
Year Ended August 31, 1996
With Comparative Actual Totals for Year Ended August 31, 1995

	<u>1996</u>			<u>1995</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance- Favorable (Unfavorable)	<u>Actual</u>
Revenues:				
Intergovernmental	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500	\$ -	\$ -
Other	<u>-</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>-</u>
Total revenues	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,590	\$ 90	\$ -
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Economic development:				
Other services and charges	<u>8,500</u>	<u>8,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	\$ -	\$ 90	\$ 90	\$ -
Fund balance, beginning	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance, ending	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 90</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 90</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES (CONTINUED)

Year Ended August 31, 1996

With Comparative Totals for Year Ended August 31, 1995

	<u>Proprietary Fund Types</u>		<u>Totals</u>	
	<u>Enterprise</u>	<u>Internal Service</u>	<u>(Memorandum Only)</u>	
			<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
Subtotals forwarded	\$ (56,694)	\$ 310,715	\$ 254,021	\$ 956,423
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	\$ (99,113)	\$ -	\$ (99,113)	\$ (112,396)
Principal paid on outstanding debt	(250,000)	-	(250,000)	(130,000)
Interest paid on outstanding debt	(337,539)	-	(337,539)	(146,506)
Proceeds from issuance of bonds	3,500,000	-	3,500,000	-
Proceeds from loan payable	796,017	-	796,017	-
Costs of issuance of debt	(147,674)	-	(147,674)	-
Refund of debt issuance costs	<u>17,930</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,930</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash provided (used) for capital and related financing activities	\$ <u>3,479,621</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>3,479,621</u>	\$ <u>(388,902)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Investment income	\$ 243,405	\$ 49,625	\$ 293,030	\$ 181,994
Purchase of investment	(777,494)	-	(777,494)	(1,609,876)
Proceeds from withdrawal of investment	<u>674,865</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>674,865</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash flows provided (used) by investing activities	\$ <u>140,776</u>	\$ <u>49,625</u>	\$ <u>190,401</u>	\$ <u>(1,427,882)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,563,703	\$ 360,340	\$ 3,924,043	\$ (860,361)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning	<u>1,524,653</u>	<u>803,239</u>	<u>2,327,892</u>	<u>3,188,253</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, ending	\$ <u>5,088,356</u>	\$ <u>1,163,579</u>	\$ <u>6,251,935</u>	\$ <u>2,327,892</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

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CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES
IN RETAINED EARNINGS - ALL PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES
Year Ended August 31, 1996
With Comparative Totals for Year Ended August 31, 1995

	<u>Proprietary Fund Types</u>		<u>Totals</u>	
	<u>Enterprise</u>	<u>Internal Service</u>	<u>(Memorandum Only)</u>	
			<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
Operating revenue:				
Charges for services	\$ 4,062,864	\$ 766,500	\$ 4,829,364	\$ 4,679,337
Other	<u>1,631</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,631</u>	<u>227,761</u>
Total operating revenue	<u>\$ 4,064,495</u>	<u>\$ 766,500</u>	<u>\$ 4,830,995</u>	<u>\$ 4,907,098</u>
Operating expenses:				
Personal services	\$ 753,385	\$ -	\$ 753,385	\$ 759,856
Supplies and materials	254,576	-	254,576	259,163
Other services and charges	1,715,393	420,355	2,135,748	1,307,882
Repairs and maintenance	74,660	-	74,660	76,467
Depreciation	<u>740,990</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>740,990</u>	<u>727,912</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>\$ 3,539,004</u>	<u>\$ 420,355</u>	<u>\$ 3,959,359</u>	<u>\$ 3,131,280</u>
Operating income	<u>\$ 525,491</u>	<u>\$ 346,145</u>	<u>\$ 871,636</u>	<u>\$ 1,775,818</u>
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):				
Investment income	\$ 270,226	\$ 136,962	\$ 407,188	\$ 220,833
Other nonoperating revenues	369,840	-	369,840	360,504
Interest and fiscal charges	<u>(337,539)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(337,539)</u>	<u>(146,506)</u>
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>\$ 302,527</u>	<u>\$ 136,962</u>	<u>\$ 439,489</u>	<u>\$ 434,831</u>
Income before other operating sources (uses)	<u>\$ 828,018</u>	<u>\$ 483,107</u>	<u>\$ 1,311,125</u>	<u>\$ 2,210,649</u>
Other operating sources (uses):				
Operating transfers in	\$ 740,000	\$ -	\$ 740,000	\$ 740,000
Operating transfers out	<u>(2,510,363)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,510,363)</u>	<u>(2,497,039)</u>
Total other operating sources (uses)	<u>\$(1,770,363)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$(1,770,363)</u>	<u>\$(1,757,039)</u>
Net income (loss)	\$ (942,345)	\$ 483,107	\$ (459,238)	\$ 453,610
Retained earnings, beginning	3,223,513	2,257,117	5,480,630	5,018,684
Prior period adjustment	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,336</u>
Retained earnings, ending	<u>\$ 2,281,168</u>	<u>\$ 2,740,224</u>	<u>\$ 5,021,392</u>	<u>\$ 5,480,630</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>		
<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance- Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
\$ 651	\$ (20,947)	\$ (21,598)
<u>1,058,166</u>	<u>1,058,166</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>\$ 1,058,817</u>	<u>\$ 1,037,219</u>	<u>\$ (21,598)</u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 5. Interfund Receivable and Payable Balance

	<u>Interfund Receivables</u>	<u>Interfund Payables</u>
General fund	\$ 539,907	\$ 375,811
Special revenue funds:		
Sales tax	350,000	237,971
Alternative training	-	4,345
1995 LCDBG	-	56
Rural economic and community development grant	-	5
New life center	-	108
Food stamp	-	620
Debt service fund:		
1984 and 1985 special assessment bond issues	-	242,600
Enterprise funds:		
Electric light and waterworks	533,003	144,046
Sewer fund	100,000	549,721
Internal service funds:		
Internal service A	-	250
Internal service G	-	500
Agency fund:		
Payroll	33,123	-
	<u>\$1,556,033</u>	<u>\$1,556,033</u>

Note 6. Governmental Fund Types - Special Revenue - Dedication of Proceeds and Flow of Funds - 2.2 Percent Sales and Use Tax

The City of Opelousas has a total sales tax of 2.2 percent which was authorized in three separate elections.

The first one percent sales tax was levied by authority of a special election held on November 26, 1966, and is dedicated to the following purposes:

- a) Constructing and improving drainage works; purchasing, constructing and improving public parks and recreational facilities, and acquiring necessary equipment and furnishings therefore; acquiring, constructing, improving, and operating a public library and acquiring the necessary land, equipment, and furnishings therefor; acquiring and constructing waterworks improvements and extensions; opening, constructing, paving, and improving streets and bridges; constructing and purchasing street lighting facilities and acquiring and establishing an industrial park, title to all of which shall be public.
- b) Defraying the cost of maintaining sewerage facilities.

CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
August 31, 1996

With Comparative Totals for August 31, 1995

ASSETS	Governmental Fund Types			
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 205,333	\$ 947,731	\$ 174,745	\$ 958,135
Investments	-	-	-	-
Receivables (net where applicable of allowances for uncollectibles):				
Taxes	1,444	-	-	-
Accounts	73,816	-	-	-
Notes	-	-	-	-
Special assessments	-	-	781,620	-
Customers	-	-	-	-
Accrued interest	-	-	555,800	-
Other	201	-	-	-
Due from other funds	539,907	350,000	-	-
Due from other governmental units	68,740	17,946	-	-
Inventory, at cost	27,711	-	-	-
Restricted assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	617,488	-	-	-
Investments	-	-	-	-
Fixed assets, net	-	-	-	-
Deferred financing costs	-	-	-	-
Amount available for debt service	-	-	-	-
Amounts to be provided for retirement of general long-term debt	-	-	-	-
Total assets	<u>\$1,534,640</u>	<u>\$1,315,677</u>	<u>\$1,512,165</u>	<u>\$ 958,135</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	Electric Light and Waterworks <u>Fund</u>	Sewer <u>Fund</u>	<u>Totals</u>	
			<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES (from current assets)				
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 17,765	\$ 18,725	\$ 36,490	\$ 12,981
Due to other funds	<u>144,046</u>	<u>549,721</u>	<u>693,767</u>	<u>425,974</u>
	<u>\$ 161,811</u>	<u>\$ 568,446</u>	<u>\$ 730,257</u>	<u>\$ 438,955</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES (from restricted assets)				
Bonds payable within one year	\$ 110,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 260,000	\$ 145,000
Customer deposits	<u>313,531</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>313,531</u>	<u>296,956</u>
	<u>\$ 423,531</u>	<u>\$ 150,000</u>	<u>\$ 573,531</u>	<u>\$ 441,956</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>\$ 585,342</u>	<u>\$ 718,446</u>	<u>\$ 1,303,788</u>	<u>\$ 880,911</u>
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES				
Revenue bonds payable	\$ 3,285,000	\$ 2,320,000	\$ 5,605,000	\$ 2,470,000
Loan payable	-	796,017	796,017	-
Compensated absences	<u>48,122</u>	<u>20,130</u>	<u>68,252</u>	<u>76,744</u>
Total long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 3,333,122</u>	<u>\$ 3,136,147</u>	<u>\$ 6,469,269</u>	<u>\$ 2,546,744</u>
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 3,918,464</u>	<u>\$ 3,854,593</u>	<u>\$ 7,773,057</u>	<u>\$ 3,427,655</u>
FUND EQUITY				
Contributed equity	\$ 2,983,603	\$ 4,305,426	\$ 7,289,029	\$ 7,289,029
Retained earnings (deficit):				
Reserved for bond retirement	361,458	302,648	664,106	231,480
Reserved for construction	3,189,237	-	3,189,237	-
Unreserved, undesignated	<u>(407,346)</u>	<u>(1,164,829)</u>	<u>(1,572,175)</u>	<u>2,992,033</u>
Total fund equity	<u>\$ 6,126,952</u>	<u>\$ 3,443,245</u>	<u>\$ 9,570,197</u>	<u>\$10,512,542</u>
Total liabilities and fund equity	<u>\$10,045,416</u>	<u>\$ 7,297,838</u>	<u>\$17,343,254</u>	<u>\$13,940,197</u>

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CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
FINANCIAL REPORT
AUGUST 31, 1996

Under provisions of state law, this report is a public document. A copy of the report has been submitted to the audited, or reviewed, entity and other appropriate public officials. The report is available for public inspection at the Baton Rouge office of the Legislative Auditor and, where appropriate, at the office of the parish clerk of court.

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To the Honorable Michael Thibodeaux, Mayor,
and the Board of Aldermen
City of Opelousas, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the City of Opelousas, Louisiana as of August 31, 1996 and for the year then ended, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the City's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the provisions of Office of Management and Budget Circular A-128, "Audits of State and Local Governments." Those standards and OMB Circular A-128 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general purpose financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the City of Opelousas, Louisiana as of August 31, 1996, and the results of its operations and cash flows of its proprietary fund and similar trust fund types for the years then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

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CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCES - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL (CONTINUED)
GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUND TYPES
Year Ended August 31, 1996

	<u>General Fund</u>		
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance- Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses (subtotals forwarded)	\$ (75,787)	\$ (55,934)	\$ 19,853
Fund balances, beginning	<u>1,036,228</u>	<u>1,036,228</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balances, ending	<u>\$ 960,441</u>	<u>\$ 980,294</u>	<u>\$ 19,853</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(COMBINED STATEMENTS - OVERVIEW)

<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>		
<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance- Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
\$ 4,527,392	\$ 4,490,635	\$ (36,757)
-	-	-
209,177	223,653	14,476
-	-	-
-	-	-
<u>39,877</u>	<u>39,798</u>	<u>(79)</u>
<u>\$ 4,776,446</u>	<u>\$ 4,754,086</u>	<u>\$ (22,360)</u>
\$ 50,538	\$ 52,209	\$ (1,671)
14,425	14,425	-
-	-	-
111,912	116,598	(4,686)
174,000	174,000	-
8,500	8,500	-
137,770	137,771	(1)
-	-	-
<u>\$ 497,145</u>	<u>\$ 503,503</u>	<u>\$ (6,358)</u>
<u>\$ 4,279,301</u>	<u>\$ 4,250,583</u>	<u>\$ (28,718)</u>
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
(27,332)	(27,332)	-
81,999	89,504	7,505
<u>(4,333,317)</u>	<u>(4,333,702)</u>	<u>(385)</u>
<u>\$ (4,278,650)</u>	<u>\$ (4,271,530)</u>	<u>\$ 7,120</u>
<u>\$ 651</u>	<u>\$ (20,947)</u>	<u>\$ (21,598)</u>

<u>Proprietary Fund Types</u>		<u>Fiduciary Fund Type</u>	<u>Account Groups</u>		<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>	
<u>Enterprise</u>	<u>Internal Service</u>	<u>Trust and Agency</u>	<u>General Fixed Assets</u>	<u>General Long-Term Debt</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
\$ 1,167,346	\$ 1,163,579	\$ 230,255	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,847,124	\$ 3,404,011
10,643	1,697,213	-	-	-	1,799,856	1,814,280
-	-	-	-	-	1,444	2,415
-	-	-	-	-	73,816	96,463
-	-	-	-	-	-	25,359
-	-	-	-	-	781,620	740,450
232,507	-	-	-	-	232,507	236,428
9,255	-	-	-	-	565,055	521,489
45,298	-	-	-	-	45,499	43,366
633,003	-	33,123	-	-	1,556,033	738,398
-	-	-	-	-	86,686	67,297
21,087	-	-	-	-	48,798	61,226
3,921,010	-	-	-	-	4,538,498	1,114,121
579,250	-	-	-	-	579,250	348,039
10,440,737	-	-	15,640,735	-	26,081,472	26,633,073
191,118	-	-	-	-	191,118	77,700
-	-	-	-	556,267	556,267	550,711
-	-	-	-	5,049,635	5,049,635	4,616,882
<u>\$17,343,254</u>	<u>\$ 2,860,792</u>	<u>\$ 263,378</u>	<u>\$15,640,735</u>	<u>\$ 5,605,902</u>	<u>\$47,034,678</u>	<u>\$41,091,708</u>

CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS

August 31, 1996

With Comparative Totals for August 31, 1995

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	Governmental Fund Types			
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 178,535	\$ 35,353	\$ -	\$ 89,401
Deferred revenue	-	-	63,944	-
Due to other funds	375,811	243,105	242,600	-
Payable from restricted assets:				
Bonds payable within one year	-	-	-	-
Customers' meter deposits	-	-	-	-
Bonds payable:				
General obligation	-	-	-	-
Special assessment	-	-	-	-
Revenue	-	-	-	-
Other long-term obligations	-	-	-	-
Compensated absences	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 554,346</u>	<u>\$ 278,458</u>	<u>\$ 306,544</u>	<u>\$ 89,401</u>
FUND EQUITY				
Contributed capital	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Investment in general fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Retained earnings:				
Reserved for revenue bond retirement	-	-	-	-
Reserved for construction	-	-	-	-
Reserved for insurance claims	-	-	-	-
Unreserved, undesignated	-	-	-	-
Fund balances:				
Reserved for construction	177,522	-	-	-
Reserved for debt service	439,966	-	116,301	-
Unreserved, undesignated	362,806	1,037,219	1,089,320	868,734
Total fund equity	<u>\$ 980,294</u>	<u>\$1,037,219</u>	<u>\$1,205,621</u>	<u>\$ 868,734</u>
Total liabilities and fund equity	<u>\$1,534,640</u>	<u>\$1,315,677</u>	<u>\$1,512,165</u>	<u>\$ 958,135</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Exhibit A
(Continued)

<u>Proprietary Fund Types</u>		<u>Fiduciary Fund Type</u>	<u>Account Groups</u>		<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>	
<u>Enterprise</u>	<u>Internal Service</u>	<u>Trust and Agency</u>	<u>General Fixed Assets</u>	<u>General Long-Term Debt</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
\$ 36,490	\$ 119,818	\$ 108,387	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 567,984	\$ 440,895
-	-	-	-	-	63,944	-
693,767	750	-	-	-	1,556,033	738,398
260,000	-	-	-	-	260,000	145,000
313,531	-	-	-	-	313,531	296,956
-	-	-	-	2,875,000	2,875,000	1,895,000
-	-	-	-	71,049	71,049	130,829
5,605,000	-	-	-	-	5,605,000	2,470,000
796,017	-	-	-	2,070,396	2,866,413	2,570,444
68,252	-	-	-	589,457	657,709	648,064
<u>\$ 7,773,057</u>	<u>\$ 120,568</u>	<u>\$ 108,387</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,605,902</u>	<u>\$14,836,663</u>	<u>\$ 9,335,586</u>
\$ 7,289,029	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,289,029	\$ 7,289,029
-	-	-	15,640,735	-	15,640,735	15,550,459
664,106	-	-	-	-	664,106	231,480
3,189,237	-	-	-	-	3,189,237	-
-	2,740,224	-	-	-	2,740,224	2,257,117
(1,572,175)	-	-	-	-	(1,572,175)	2,992,033
-	-	-	-	-	177,522	169,011
-	-	-	-	-	556,267	550,711
-	-	154,991	-	-	3,513,070	2,716,282
<u>\$ 9,570,197</u>	<u>\$ 2,740,224</u>	<u>\$ 154,991</u>	<u>\$15,640,735</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$32,198,015</u>	<u>\$31,756,122</u>
<u>\$17,343,254</u>	<u>\$ 2,860,792</u>	<u>\$ 263,378</u>	<u>\$15,640,735</u>	<u>\$ 5,605,902</u>	<u>\$47,034,678</u>	<u>\$41,091,708</u>

CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS

Year Ended August 31, 1996

With Comparative Totals for Year Ended August 31, 1995

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>	
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>
Revenues:		
Taxes	\$ 1 075,454	\$ 4,490,635
Licenses and permits	596,471	-
Intergovernmental	470,687	223,653
Charges for services	99,128	-
Fines and forfeitures	94,526	-
Special assessments	-	-
Other	106,621	39,798
Total revenues	<u>\$ 2,442,887</u>	<u>\$ 4,754,086</u>
Expenditures:		
Current:		
General government	\$ 1,092,908	\$ 52,209
Public safety	3,761,018	14,425
Public works	1,553,195	-
Health and welfare	180,578	116,598
Culture and recreation	737,208	174,000
Economic development	3,209	8,500
Capital outlays	291,878	137,771
Debt service	746,969	-
Total expenditures	<u>\$ 8,366,963</u>	<u>\$ 503,503</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>\$ (5,924,076)</u>	<u>\$ 4,250,583</u>
Other financing sources (uses):		
Proceeds from installment sale	\$ -	\$ -
Proceeds of general fixed asset dispositions	1,000	-
Proceeds from issuance of debt	-	-
Contributions from property owners	-	-
Refunding to grantor agency	-	(27,332)
Operating transfers in	6,023,702	89,504
Operating transfers out	(156,560)	(4,333,702)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>\$ 5,868,142</u>	<u>\$ (4,271,530)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses	<u>\$ (55,934)</u>	<u>\$ (20,947)</u>
Fund balances, beginning	1,036,228	1,058,166
Prior period adjustments	-	-
Fund balances, ending	<u>\$ 980,294</u>	<u>\$ 1,037,219</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		<u>Fiduciary Fund Types</u>	<u>Totals</u>	
<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Expendable Trust</u>	<u>(Memorandum Only)</u>	
			<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,566,089	\$ 5,236,053
-	-	-	596,471	594,316
-	-	-	694,340	631,384
-	-	-	99,128	132,982
-	-	-	94,526	107,791
7,105	-	-	7,105	-
<u>82,307</u>	<u>29,615</u>	<u>10,178</u>	<u>268,519</u>	<u>224,502</u>
<u>\$ 89,412</u>	<u>\$ 29,615</u>	<u>\$ 10,178</u>	<u>\$ 7,326,178</u>	<u>\$ 6,927,028</u>
\$ 6,924	\$ 19,024	\$ -	\$ 1,171,065	\$ 1,022,178
-	-	-	3,775,443	3,586,587
-	-	-	1,553,195	1,443,513
-	-	-	297,176	300,789
-	-	-	911,208	912,258
-	-	-	11,709	5,060
-	407,614	21,112	858,375	807,309
<u>176,812</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>923,781</u>	<u>832,697</u>
<u>\$ 183,736</u>	<u>\$ 426,638</u>	<u>\$ 21,112</u>	<u>\$ 9,501,952</u>	<u>\$ 8,910,391</u>
\$ (94,324)	\$ (397,023)	\$ (10,934)	\$ (2,175,774)	\$ (1,983,363)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 208,722
-	-	-	1,000	43,657
-	1,221,049	-	1,221,049	-
-	21,549	-	21,549	-
-	-	-	(27,332)	(4,974)
135,500	11,919	-	6,260,625	5,751,568
-	-	-	(4,490,262)	(3,994,529)
<u>\$ 135,500</u>	<u>\$ 1,254,517</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,986,629</u>	<u>\$ 2,004,444</u>
\$ 41,176	\$ 857,494	\$ (10,934)	\$ 810,855	\$ 21,081
1,164,445	11,240	165,925	3,436,004	3,450,856
-	-	-	-	(35,933)
<u>\$ 1,205,621</u>	<u>\$ 868,734</u>	<u>\$ 154,991</u>	<u>\$ 4,246,859</u>	<u>\$ 3,436,004</u>

CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the City of Opelousas, Louisiana (the City) have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the government's accounting policies are described below.

Reporting Entity:

The City was incorporated under the provisions of the State of Louisiana per LA R.S. 33:321-481. The City operates under the Mayor and Board of Alderman form of government. In evaluating how to define the City for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all potential component units. The decision to include a potential component unit in the reporting entity was made by applying the criteria set forth in GAAP. The basic, but not the only, criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is the governing body's ability to exercise oversight responsibility. The most significant manifestation of this ability is financial interdependency. Other manifestations of the ability to exercise oversight responsibility include, but are not limited to, the selection of governing authority, the designation of management, the ability to significantly influence operations and accountability for fiscal matters. The other criterion used to evaluate potential component units for inclusion or exclusion from the reporting entity is the existence of special financing relationships, regardless of whether the City is able to exercise oversight responsibilities.

Based on the foregoing criteria, the following governmental organizations are not considered part of the City and are thus excluded from the accompanying financial statements for the reasons noted:

The Opelousas Housing Authority was chartered by the City, and its Board of Directors is appointed by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. However, the City's oversight responsibilities in the management of operations and financial accountability is remote.

The City of Opelousas has no authority over nor is it involved with the record keeping of the Opelousas Volunteer Fire Department.

The Opelousas City Court is operated under the directorship of the Opelousas City Judge who is an elected public official. Revenues are derived from court costs and appropriations from the City's general fund. However, the City cannot significantly influence operations nor does it have responsibility for fiscal management.

To the Honorable Michael Thibodeaux, Mayor,
and the Board of Aldermen
City of Opelousas, Louisiana

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The combining, individual fund, and individual account group financial statements and schedules listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the City. Such information, except for the schedule of insurance in force marked "Unaudited," has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements of each of the respective funds and account groups included in the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued a report dated January 21, 1997 on our consideration of the City's internal control structure and a report dated January 21, 1997 on its compliance with laws and regulations.

Broussard, Poché, Lewis & Breaux

Opelousas, Louisiana
January 21, 1997

CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
Year Ended August 31, 1996
With Comparative Actual Totals for Year Ended August 31, 1995

	1996		Variance- Favorable (Unfavorable)	1995
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>		<u>Actual</u>
Totals forwarded	\$6,647,029	\$6,587,699	\$ 59,330	\$6,124,315
Culture and recreation:				
Recreation division:				
Personal services	\$ 77,795	\$ 94,132	\$ (16,337)	\$ 89,017
Supplies and materials	31,140	24,597	6,543	38,140
Other services and charges	13,300	10,561	2,739	15,524
Repairs and maintenance	100	-	100	62
Parks administration:				
Personal services	321,203	306,312	14,891	296,104
Supplies and materials	51,990	53,805	(1,815)	56,266
Other services and charges	84,260	87,277	(3,017)	94,404
Repairs and maintenance	6,550	9,777	(3,227)	10,517
Tourism:				
Personal services	41,360	40,372	988	35,400
Supplies and materials	2,650	2,945	(295)	3,658
Other services and charges	17,955	17,869	86	21,604
Repairs and maintenance	2,500	2,245	255	7,254
Main street program:				
Personal services	23,200	23,402	(202)	22,440
Supplies and materials	2,000	1,592	408	2,763
Other services and charges	13,780	13,823	(43)	12,306
Museum:				
Personal services	20,799	21,490	(691)	18,254
Supplies and materials	3,315	3,278	37	3,128
Other services and charges	12,735	13,497	(762)	12,501
Repairs and maintenance	9,470	10,234	(764)	6,116
Total culture and recreation	\$ 736,102	\$ 737,208	\$ (1,106)	\$ 745,458
Economic development:				
Other services and charges	\$ 3,209	\$ 3,209	\$ -	\$ 212
Totals forward	\$7,386,340	\$7,328,116	\$ 58,224	\$6,869,985

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 24. Deficit Fund Balance/Retained Earnings

As of August 31, 1996, the alternative training program and 1995 LCDBG (special revenue) funds have deficit fund balances of \$2,431 and \$51, respectively, and the electric light and waterworks and sewer enterprise funds have deficit unreserved retained earnings of \$407,346 and \$1,164,829, respectively.

Note 25. In Kind Expenditures

The grant from the U.S. Small Business Administration for \$11,000 requires an equal matching. As of August 31, 1996, the City has matched \$846 in money and \$7,564 in kind. The remainder will be matched over the next two years in kind for a maintenance agreement.

GENERAL FUND

The general fund is used to account for resources traditionally associated with governments which are not required legally or by sound financial management to be accounted for in another fund.

CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
GENERAL FUND

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET
August 31, 1996 and 1995

ASSETS	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 205,333	\$ 143,120
Receivables (net, where applicable of allowances for uncollectibles):		
Taxes	1,444	2,415
Accounts	73,816	90,469
Other	201	201
Due from other funds	539,907	294,635
Due from other governmental units	68,740	57,829
Inventory - at cost	27,711	34,081
Restricted asset:		
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>617,488</u>	<u>588,893</u>
Total assets	<u>\$1,534,640</u>	<u>\$1,211,643</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 178,535	\$ 135,583
Due to other funds	<u>375,811</u>	<u>39,832</u>
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 554,346</u>	<u>\$ 175,415</u>
FUND BALANCE		
Reserved for construction	\$ 177,522	\$ 169,011
Reserved for debt service	439,966	419,882
Unreserved, undesignated	<u>362,806</u>	<u>447,335</u>
Total fund balance	<u>\$ 980,294</u>	<u>\$1,036,228</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$1,534,640</u>	<u>\$1,211,643</u>

CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
Year Ended August 31, 1996

With Comparative Actual Totals for Year Ended August 31, 1995

	<u>1996</u>			<u>1995</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance- Favorable (Unfavorable)	<u>Actual</u>
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 1,061,422	\$ 1,075,454	\$ 14,032	\$ 1,002,876
Licenses and permits	598,860	596,471	(2,389)	594,316
Intergovernmental	508,403	470,687	(37,716)	498,977
Charges for services	90,385	99,128	8,743	132,982
Fines and forfeitures	106,318	94,526	(11,792)	107,791
Other	104,486	106,621	2,135	100,844
	<u>\$ 2,469,874</u>	<u>\$ 2,442,887</u>	<u>\$ (26,987)</u>	<u>\$ 2,437,786</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	\$ 1,126,942	\$ 1,092,908	\$ 34,034	\$ 952,850
Public safety	3,806,495	3,761,018	45,477	3,554,728
Public works	1,529,913	1,553,195	(23,282)	1,443,513
Health and welfare	183,679	180,578	3,101	173,224
Culture and recreation	736,102	737,208	(1,106)	745,458
Economic development	3,209	3,209	-	212
Capital outlays	293,032	291,878	1,154	779,309
Debt service:				
Principal, interest, and other charges	743,526	746,969	(3,443)	636,377
	<u>\$ 8,422,898</u>	<u>\$ 8,366,963</u>	<u>\$ 55,935</u>	<u>\$ 8,285,671</u>
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	<u>\$(5,953,024)</u>	<u>\$(5,924,076)</u>	<u>\$ 28,948</u>	<u>\$(5,847,885)</u>
Other financing sources (uses):				
Proceeds from installment sale	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 208,722
Proceeds of general fixed asset dispositions	1,000	1,000	-	43,657
Operating transfers in	6,023,319	6,023,702	383	5,701,529
Operating transfers out	(147,082)	(156,560)	(9,478)	(10,000)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>\$ 5,877,237</u>	<u>\$ 5,868,142</u>	<u>\$ (9,095)</u>	<u>\$ 5,943,908</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses (subtotals forward)	<u>\$ (75,787)</u>	<u>\$ (55,934)</u>	<u>\$ 19,853</u>	<u>\$ 96,023</u>

CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
Year Ended August 31, 1996

With Comparative Actual Totals for Year Ended August 31, 1995

	<u>1996</u>			<u>1995</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance- Favorable <u>(Unfavorable)</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses (subtotals forwarded)	\$ (75,787)	\$ (55,934)	\$ 19,853	\$ 96,023
Fund balance, beginning	1,036,228	1,036,228	-	977,191
Prior period adjustment	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(36,986)</u>
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 960,441</u>	<u>\$ 980,294</u>	<u>\$ 19,853</u>	<u>\$1,036,228</u>

CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT OF REVENUES - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
Year Ended August 31, 1996
With Comparative Actual Totals for Year Ended August 31, 1995

	<u>1996</u>		Variance-	<u>1995</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Favorable (Unfavorable)	<u>Actual</u>
Taxes:				
Ad valorem	\$ 400,100	\$ 398,894	\$ (1,206)	\$ 382,333
Franchise	661,322	676,560	15,238	620,543
Licenses and permits:				
Occupational licenses	537,150	539,414	2,264	533,072
Beer and liquor permits	40,000	36,439	(3,561)	39,456
Building permits	7,500	7,250	(250)	8,813
Other	14,210	13,368	(842)	12,975
Intergovernmental revenues:				
Small Business Administration	-	-	-	11,000
Drug grants	62,595	44,675	(17,920)	52,051
Department of Justice	12,968	6,995	(5,973)	5,974
Main street	5,750	5,750	-	18,454
Commission on Law Enforcement	2,090	2,090	-	2,051
Office of Cultural Development	9,000	9,000	-	9,000
Tobacco tax	94,000	93,064	(936)	93,163
State beer tax	60,000	45,492	(14,508)	53,954
Insurance rebate	33,000	30,648	(2,352)	31,230
Video poker	60,000	69,664	9,664	50,539
Other	-	-	-	2,689
Housing Authority payment in lieu of taxes	49,000	43,317	(5,683)	48,872
Housing Authority payment for patrolling	120,000	119,992	(8)	120,000
Charges for services:				
Inspection fees	44,500	44,728	228	71,348
Grass cutting fees	1,250	2,100	850	6,480
Park fees	24,750	25,546	796	28,140
Other	19,885	26,754	6,869	27,014
Fines and forfeitures:				
Court fines	93,500	81,739	(11,761)	94,847
Seizures and forfeitures	12,800	12,769	(31)	11,454
Other	18	18	-	1,490
Other:				
Interest earned	25,900	28,891	2,991	47,122
Mineral royalties	4,294	4,288	(6)	33
Rent	15,185	13,899	(1,286)	13,410
Miscellaneous	59,107	59,543	436	40,279
Total revenues	<u>\$2,469,874</u>	<u>\$2,442,887</u>	<u>\$ (26,987)</u>	<u>\$2,437,786</u>

CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
ALL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
August 31, 1996
With Comparative Totals for August 31, 1995

ASSETS	<u>Sales Tax Fund</u>	<u>Alternative Training Program Fund</u>	<u>1995 LCDBG Fund</u>	<u>Rural Economic and Community Develop- ment Grant Fund</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 897,381	\$ 1,914	\$ 5	\$ 8,595
Due from other funds	350,000	-	-	-
Due from other governmental units	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total assets	<u>\$1,247,381</u>	<u>\$ 1,914</u>	<u>\$ 5</u>	<u>\$ 8,595</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,500
Due to other funds	<u>237,971</u>	<u>4,345</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>5</u>
Total liabilities	\$ 237,971	\$ 4,345	\$ 56	\$ 8,505
FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT)				
Unreserved, undesignated	<u>1,009,410</u>	<u>(2,431)</u>	<u>(51)</u>	<u>90</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$1,247,381</u>	<u>\$ 1,914</u>	<u>\$ 5</u>	<u>\$ 8,595</u>

CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
Year Ended August 31, 1996
With Comparative Actual Totals for Year Ended August 31, 1995

	1996		Variance- Favorable (Unfavorable)	1995
	Budget	Actual		Actual
Total general government (forwarded)	\$1,126,942	\$1,092,908	\$ 34,034	\$ 952,850
Public safety (subtotals forwarded)	\$2,323,720	\$2,324,828	\$ (1,108)	\$2,228,702
Fire department:				
Personal services	1,380,865	1,333,960	46,905	1,225,112
Supplies and materials	21,400	20,947	453	30,533
Other services and charges	73,010	74,265	(1,255)	62,709
Repairs and maintenance	7,500	7,018	482	7,672
Total public safety	\$3,806,495	\$3,761,018	\$ 45,477	\$3,554,728
Public works:				
Streets and drainage:				
Personal services	\$ 707,590	\$ 723,089	\$ (15,499)	\$ 692,609
Supplies and materials	117,641	126,504	(8,863)	110,282
Other services and charges	572,028	570,157	1,871	506,233
Repairs and maintenance	7,550	6,347	1,203	13,646
Municipal garage:				
Personal services	27,121	26,539	582	23,168
Supplies and materials	20,570	19,787	783	21,488
Other services and charges	76,163	79,783	(3,620)	75,126
Repairs and maintenance	1,250	989	261	961
Total public works	\$1,529,913	\$1,553,195	\$ (23,282)	\$1,443,513
Health and welfare:				
Code enforcement:				
Personal services	\$ 96,335	\$ 95,520	\$ 815	\$ 86,582
Supplies and materials	14,407	12,339	2,068	11,288
Other services and charges	72,841	72,623	218	75,259
Repairs and maintenance	96	96	-	95
Total health and welfare	\$ 183,679	\$ 180,578	\$ 3,101	\$ 173,224
Totals forward	\$6,647,029	\$6,587,699	\$ 59,330	\$6,124,315

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3. State of Louisiana - Firefighters' Retirement System

Plan description:

The Firefighters' Retirement System (the System) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system (PERS), as established and provided for by R.S. 11:2251 through 2269 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes (LRS).

Membership is mandatory as a condition of employment beginning on date employed if the employee is on a permanent basis as a firefighter, not participating in another publicly funded retirement system and under age fifty (50) at date of employment. Employees who retire at or after age 50 with at least 20 years of credited service, or at or after age 55 with at least 12 years of credited service are entitled to a retirement benefit payable monthly for life, equal to 3-1/3 percent of their average final compensation multiplied by the employee's years of credited service. Final compensation is the employee's monthly earnings during the 36 consecutive or joined months that produce the highest average. The System also provides death and disability benefits. Benefits are established by state statute.

The Firefighter's Retirement System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplemental information. That report may be obtained by writing to Firefighter's Retirement System, P.O. Box 94095 Capitol Station, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9095.

Funding policy:

Plan members are required to contribute 8.0% of their annual covered salary and the City is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 9.0% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of Plan members are established and may be amended by the System's Board of Trustees. The City's contributions to the System for the year ended August 31, 1996 was \$63,503, equal to the required contributions for the year.

Note 16. Litigation

Various suits and claims are pending against the City, its insurers, and others. In accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 5, the City's internal service fund has provided for, in its financial statements, potential losses from the aforementioned pending suits and claims estimated by the City attorney.

CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
Year Ended August 31, 1996
With Comparative Actual Totals for Year Ended August 31, 1995

	1996		Variance- Favorable (Unfavorable)	1995
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>		<u>Actual</u>
Totals forwarded	<u>\$7,386,340</u>	<u>\$7,328,116</u>	<u>\$ 58,224</u>	<u>\$6,869,985</u>
Capital outlays:				
General government:				
Judicial	\$ 10,266	\$ 10,444	\$ (178)	\$ 15,839
Executive	29,655	16,082	13,573	8,997
Public safety:				
Police department	180,384	193,020	(12,636)	461,656
Fire department	10,000	8,167	1,833	27,542
Public works:				
Streets and drainage	4,451	2,451	2,000	133,536
Municipal garage	-	-	-	1,994
Health and welfare:				
Code enforcement	20,475	23,970	(3,495)	4,781
Culture and recreation:				
Parks	30,301	30,269	32	107,662
Tourism	7,500	7,475	25	17,302
Total capital outlays	<u>\$ 293,032</u>	<u>\$ 291,878</u>	<u>\$ 1,154</u>	<u>\$ 779,309</u>
Debt service:				
Principal, interest, and other:				
General government:				
Judicial	\$ 3,422	\$ 3,422	\$ -	\$ 18,537
Public safety:				
Police department	328,174	337,596	(9,422)	280,208
Fire department	135,160	135,160	-	135,117
Public works:				
Streets and drainage	276,770	270,791	5,979	202,515
	<u>\$ 743,526</u>	<u>\$ 746,969</u>	<u>\$ (3,443)</u>	<u>\$ 636,377</u>
Total expenditures	<u>\$8,422,898</u>	<u>\$8,366,963</u>	<u>\$ 55,935</u>	<u>\$8,285,671</u>

CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT OF OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) -
BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
Year Ended August 31, 1996
With Comparative Actual Totals for Year Ended August 31, 1995

	<u>1996</u>			<u>1995</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance- Favorable (Unfavorable)	<u>Actual</u>
Other financing sources:				
Proceeds from installment sale	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 208,722
Proceeds of general fixed asset disposition	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,657</u>
	<u>\$ 1,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 252,379</u>
Operating transfers in:				
Sales tax fund	\$3,593,099	\$3,593,099	\$ -	\$3,244,084
New Life Center (homeless grant) fund	220	603	383	445
Electric light and waterworks fund	2,405,000	2,405,000	-	2,432,000
Sewer fund	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,000</u>
Total operating transfers in	<u>\$6,023,319</u>	<u>\$6,023,702</u>	<u>\$ 383</u>	<u>\$5,701,529</u>
Operating transfers out:				
Police department detective fund	\$ (14,000)	\$ (14,000)	\$ -	\$ (10,000)
Small cities health and safety rehabilitation fund	(27,332)	(34,837)	(7,505)	-
1996 Capital projects fund	<u>(105,750)</u>	<u>(107,723)</u>	<u>(1,973)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total operating transfers out	<u>\$ (147,082)</u>	<u>\$ (156,560)</u>	<u>\$ (9,478)</u>	<u>\$ (10,000)</u>
 Total other financing sources (uses)	 <u>\$5,877,237</u>	 <u>\$5,868,142</u>	 <u>\$ (9,095)</u>	 <u>\$5,943,908</u>

Police Dept. Detective Fund	New Life Center (Homeless Grant) Fund	Food Stamp Fund	Police Witness Fee Fund	Police Seized Fund	Small Cities Health and Safety Rehabi- litation Fund	Totals	
						1996	1995
\$ - 1,000 50 <u>\$ 1,050</u>	\$ - 23,378 - <u>\$ 23,378</u>	\$ - 48,211 2,430 <u>\$ 50,641</u>	\$ - 1,090 141 <u>\$ 1,231</u>	\$ - - 204 <u>\$ 204</u>	\$ - 3,703 - <u>\$ 3,703</u>	\$ 4,490,635 223,653 39,798 <u>\$ 4,754,086</u>	\$ 4,233,177 132,407 29,209 <u>\$ 4,394,793</u>
\$ - 14,400 - - - - <u>\$ 14,400</u>	\$ - - 22,775 - - - <u>\$ 22,775</u>	\$ - - 88,823 - - - <u>\$ 88,823</u>	\$ - 25 - - - - <u>\$ 25</u>	\$ - - - - - - <u>\$ -</u>	\$ 2,500 - 5,000 - - - <u>\$ 7,500</u>	\$ 52,209 14,425 116,598 174,000 8,500 137,771 <u>\$ 503,503</u>	\$ 62,116 31,859 127,565 166,800 - 28,000 <u>\$ 416,340</u>
<u>\$(13,350)</u>	<u>\$ 603</u>	<u>\$(38,182)</u>	<u>\$ 1,206</u>	<u>\$ 204</u>	<u>\$(3,797)</u>	<u>\$ 4,250,583</u>	<u>\$ 3,978,453</u>
\$ - 14,000 - <u>\$ 14,000</u>	\$ - - (603) <u>\$ (603)</u>	\$ - 40,667 - <u>\$ 40,667</u>	\$ - - - <u>\$ -</u>	\$ - - - <u>\$ -</u>	\$(27,332) 34,837 - <u>\$ 7,505</u>	\$ (27,332) 89,504 (4,333,702) <u>\$(4,271,530)</u>	\$ (4,974) 50,039 (3,984,529) <u>\$(3,939,464)</u>
\$ 650 524 - <u>\$ 1,174</u>	\$ - - - <u>\$ -</u>	\$ 2,485 13,767 - <u>\$ 16,252</u>	\$ 1,206 2,775 - <u>\$ 3,981</u>	\$ 204 4,882 - <u>\$ 5,086</u>	\$ 3,708 - - <u>\$ 3,708</u>	\$ (20,947) 1,058,166 - <u>\$ 1,037,219</u>	\$ 38,989 1,018,124 1,053 <u>\$ 1,058,166</u>

CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
ALL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
Year Ended August 31, 1996
With Comparative Totals for Year Ended August 31, 1995

	<u>Sales Tax Fund</u>	<u>Alternative Training Program Fund</u>	<u>1995 LCDBG Fund</u>	<u>Rural Economic and Community Develop- ment Grant Fund</u>
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 4,490,635	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Intergovernmental	-	-	137,771	8,500
Other	<u>36,883</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>90</u>
Total revenues	<u>\$ 4,527,518</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$137,771</u>	<u>\$ 8,590</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	\$ 49,658	\$ -	\$ 51	\$ -
Public safety	-	-	-	-
Health and welfare	-	-	-	-
Culture and recreation	174,000	-	-	-
Economic development	-	-	-	8,500
Capital outlay	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>137,771</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditures	<u>\$ 223,658</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$137,822</u>	<u>\$ 8,500</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>\$ 4,303,860</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (51)</u>	<u>\$ 90</u>
Other financing sources (uses):				
Refunding to grantor agency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating transfers in	-	-	-	-
Operating transfers out	<u>(4,333,099)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>\$(4,333,099)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses	\$ (29,239)	\$ -	\$ (51)	\$ 90
Fund balances, beginning	1,038,649	(2,431)	-	-
Prior period adjustment	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balances, ending	<u>\$ 1,009,410</u>	<u>\$ (2,431)</u>	<u>\$ (51)</u>	<u>\$ 90</u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- c) Providing additional funds not to exceed forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) annually for the payment of salaries for municipal employees.

Any monies remaining in the Sales Tax Fund shall be considered as surplus. Such surplus may be used by the City for any of the purposes for which the imposition of the tax is authorized.

The second one percent sales tax was initially levied by authority of a special election held on April 5, 1975, and was extended through May 31, 2010, by referendum held on April 29, 1995. This sales tax levy is dedicated to the following purpose:

To constructing, acquiring, improving and/or maintaining of garbage, waste disposal facilities, and waterworks facilities; to constructing, acquiring, improving and/or maintaining police department stations and facilities, and fire department stations and facilities; to constructing, acquiring, improving, extending and/or maintaining sewers and sewerage disposal works, streets, sidewalks, and bridges; and purchasing and acquiring the necessary land, equipment, and furnishing for any of the aforesaid public works, improvements and facilities, including salaries of employees.

A 0.2 percent sales tax was levied by authority of a special election held on October 3, 1993, and is dedicated for constructing, acquiring, and improving fire, police and street facilities.

Note 7. Restricted Assets

The various bond indentures contain significant limitations and restrictions on annual debt service requirements, maintenance of and flow of monies through various restricted accounts, minimum amounts to be maintained in various sinking funds, and minimum revenue bond coverages. The City is in material compliance with all such significant limitations and restrictions. A summary of restricted assets by fund as of August 31, 1996 are as follows:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Electric Light and Waterworks Fund</u>	<u>Sewer Fund</u>
Construction accounts	\$ 177,522	\$3,189,237	\$ 39
Bond sinking accounts	214,996	352	52,609
Bond reserve accounts	224,970	471,105	400,000
Customer deposits	-	386,918	-
	<u>\$ 617,488</u>	<u>\$4,047,612</u>	<u>\$ 452,648</u>

Police Dept. Detective Fund	New Life Center (Homeless Grant) Fund	Food Stamp Fund	Police Witness Fee Fund	Police Seized Fund	Small Cities Health and Safety Rehabi- litation Fund	Totals	
						1996	1995
\$ 1,174	\$ 5	\$ 8,377	\$ 3,956	\$ 26,319	\$ 5	\$ 947,731	\$ 12,279
-	-	-	-	-	-	350,000	1,091,163
-	4,180	10,038	25	-	3,703	17,946	9,468
<u>\$ 1,174</u>	<u>\$ 4,185</u>	<u>\$ 18,415</u>	<u>\$ 3,981</u>	<u>\$ 26,319</u>	<u>\$ 3,708</u>	<u>\$1,315,677</u>	<u>\$1,112,910</u>
\$ -	\$ 4,077	\$ 1,543	\$ -	\$ 21,233	\$ -	\$ 35,353	\$ 24,752
-	108	620	-	-	-	243,105	29,992
\$ -	\$ 4,185	\$ 2,163	\$ -	\$ 21,233	\$ -	\$ 278,458	\$ 54,744
1,174	-	16,252	3,981	5,086	3,708	1,037,219	1,058,166
<u>\$ 1,174</u>	<u>\$ 4,185</u>	<u>\$ 18,415</u>	<u>\$ 3,981</u>	<u>\$ 26,319</u>	<u>\$ 3,708</u>	<u>\$1,315,677</u>	<u>\$1,112,910</u>

CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

ALL PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES

Year Ended August 31, 1996

With Comparative Totals for Year Ended August 31, 1995

	<u>Proprietary Fund Types</u>		<u>Totals</u>	
	<u>Enterprise</u>	<u>Internal Service</u>	<u>(Memorandum Only)</u>	
			<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Operating income	\$ 525,491	\$ 346,145	\$ 871,636	\$ 1,775,818
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation and amortization	757,316	-	757,316	739,168
(Increase) decrease in assets:				
Accounts receivable (net)	3,921	5,994	9,915	35,658
Due from other funds	(236,954)	-	(236,954)	(134,512)
Inventory	6,058	-	6,058	8,078
Other current assets	(11,388)	-	(11,388)	(43,165)
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:				
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	23,509	(42,174)	(18,665)	(179,125)
Liability for work completed on contracts	-	-	-	(5,252)
Due to other funds	267,793	750	268,543	141,668
Meter deposits	16,575	-	16,575	19,770
Other current liabilities	(8,492)	-	(8,492)	(5,148)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 1,343,829</u>	<u>\$ 310,715</u>	<u>\$ 1,654,544</u>	<u>\$ 2,352,958</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Operating transfers out	\$(2,510,363)	\$ -	\$(2,510,363)	\$(2,497,039)
Operating transfers in	740,000	-	740,000	740,000
Surcharges and other	<u>369,840</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>369,840</u>	<u>360,504</u>
Net cash used by noncapital financing activities	<u>\$(1,400,523)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$(1,400,523)</u>	<u>\$(1,396,535)</u>
Subtotals forward	<u>\$ (56,694)</u>	<u>\$ 310,715</u>	<u>\$ 254,021</u>	<u>\$ 956,423</u>

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CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
Year Ended August 31, 1996
With Comparative Actual Totals for Year Ended August 31, 1995

	<u>1996</u>		Variance-	<u>1995</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Favorable	<u>Actual</u>
			(Unfavorable)	
Current:				
General government:				
Executive:				
Personal services	\$ 521,011	\$ 503,405	\$ 17,606	\$ 513,077
Supplies and materials	21,554	23,793	(2,239)	25,852
Other services and charges	273,875	253,772	20,103	241,626
Repairs and maintenance	19,260	21,520	(2,260)	13,733
Allocated expenditures - services performed for other departments	(316,200)	(316,200)	-	(416,200)
Judicial:				
City Court:				
Personal services	273,496	273,502	(6)	242,330
Supplies and materials	16,498	17,338	(840)	16,841
Other services and charges	155,070	159,111	(4,041)	174,330
Repairs and maintenance	16,000	11,757	4,243	9,934
Administration:				
Purchasing:				
Personal services	57,730	57,570	160	53,890
Supplies and materials	884	782	102	826
Other services and charges	5,425	5,223	202	4,751
Repairs and maintenance	2,725	2,367	358	1,703
Civil service:				
Personal services	62,283	62,340	(57)	53,387
Supplies and materials	1,100	894	206	1,671
Other services and charges	7,976	8,461	(485)	8,221
Repairs and maintenance	1,655	1,538	117	528
General:				
Planning and zoning	<u>6,600</u>	<u>5,735</u>	<u>865</u>	<u>6,350</u>
Total general government	<u>\$1,126,942</u>	<u>\$1,092,908</u>	<u>\$ 34,034</u>	<u>\$ 952,850</u>
Public safety:				
Police department:				
Personal services	\$1,662,545	\$1,662,977	\$ (432)	\$1,577,792
Supplies and materials	161,755	167,622	(5,867)	153,054
Other services and charges	478,810	472,271	6,539	472,010
Repairs and maintenance	<u>20,610</u>	<u>21,958</u>	<u>(1,348)</u>	<u>25,846</u>
Subtotals forward	<u>\$2,323,720</u>	<u>\$2,324,828</u>	<u>\$ (1,108)</u>	<u>\$2,228,702</u>

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SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Special revenue funds are used to account for specific revenues that are legally restricted to expenditures for particular purposes.

Sales Tax Fund - Accounts for the collection and expenditure for the City's two 1% sales taxes and the 0.2% sales tax.

Alternative Training Program Fund - Accounts for monies received through the Job Training Partnership Act to provide training to individuals.

1995 Louisiana Community Development Block Fund (LCDBG) Fund - Accounts for monies reimbursed from the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant for sewer improvements.

Rural Economic and Community Development Grant Fund - Accounts for grant funds to be used as financial assistance for third parties.

Police Department Detective Fund - Accounts for monies transferred from the general fund to be used for detective investigation.

New Life Center (Homeless Grant) Fund - Accounts for funds received from the State of Louisiana Department of Social Services for the purpose of rehabilitation and operations of the New Life Center.

Food Stamp Fund - Receives money from the State of Louisiana Department of Social Services; the matching funds are used to receive and disburse food stamps to eligible participants.

Police Witness Fee Fund - Accounts for monies transferred from the general fund to be used for witness fees.

Police Seized Fund - Accounts for monies received when drug arrests are made and money is seized.

Small Cities Health and Safety Rehabilitation Fund - Receives monies from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Louisiana Housing Finance Authority for the purpose of rehabilitating houses for eligible home owners.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Funding policy:

Plan members are required to contribute 9.25% of their annual covered salary and the City is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 6.75% through June 30, 1996 and 6.25% thereafter of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and the City are established and may be amended by the System's Board of Trustees. The City's contributions to the System for the year ended August 31, 1996 was \$254,812, equal to the required contributions for the year.

2. State of Louisiana - Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System

Plan description:

The Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System (the System) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system (PERS).

Membership 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 arrest, providing they do not have to pay social security and providing they meet the statutory criteria. Employees who retire at or after age 50 with at least 20 years of credited service, or at or after age 55 with at least 12 years of credited service are entitled to a retirement benefit payable monthly for life, equal to 3-1/3 percent of their average final compensation multiplied by the employee's years of credited service. Final compensation is the employee's monthly earnings during the 36 consecutive or joined months that produce the highest average. The System also provides death and disability benefits. Benefits are established by state statute.

The Municipal Police Employee's Retirement System issues a publicly available report that includes financial statements and required supplemental information. That report may be obtained by writing to Municipal Police Employee's Retirement System, 8401 United Plaza Blvd., Suite 270, Baton Rouge, LA 70809-7017.

Funding policy:

Plan members are required to contribute 7.5% of their annual covered salary and the City is required to contribute 9.0% as established by the state statute. The City's contributions to the System for the year ended August 31, 1996 was \$88,270, equal to the required contributions for the year.

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Note 14. Assessments Receivable

The City had \$781,620 in outstanding assessments receivable as of August 31, 1996.

Dated property which the City has received to date due to non-payment of assessments is being accounted for in the general fixed assets account group. These properties were removed from the debt service fund at the amount of the assessment receivable and interest accrued up to the time the City obtained possession of the property. The amount as of August 31, 1996 included in the general fixed assets account group is \$262,800.

Note 15. Pension Plans

The City has several pension plans covering substantially all of its employees, as follows:

- Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana
- State of Louisiana - Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System
- State of Louisiana - Firefighters' Retirement System

Substantially all employees are covered under the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana except for firemen and policemen which are covered under the Firefighters' Retirement System and Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System, respectively. Details concerning these plans follow:

1. Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana

Plan description:

The Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (the System) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system (PERS) as established and provided for by R.S. 11:1731 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes (LRS). The System is composed of two distinct plans, Plan A and Plan B, with separate assets and benefit provisions. Employees of the City are members of Plan A.

The Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplemental information. That report may be obtained by writing to Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana, 7937 Office Park Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70809.

CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
SALES TAX FUND

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
Year Ended August 31, 1996

With Comparative Actual Totals for Year Ended August 31, 1995

	1996		Variance- Favorable	1995
	Budget	Actual	(Unfavorable)	Actual
Revenues:				
Taxes - sales	\$ 4,527,392	\$ 4,490,635	\$ (36,757)	\$ 4,233,177
Other	37,314	36,883	(431)	26,035
Total revenues	\$ 4,564,706	\$ 4,527,518	\$ (37,188)	\$ 4,259,212
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government:				
Other services and charges	\$ 46,887	\$ 46,264	\$ 623	\$ 57,628
Repairs and maintenance	600	394	206	1,470
Allocated expenditures for services performed by other departments:				
Executive	3,000	3,000	-	3,000
Culture and recreation:				
Other services and charges	174,000	174,000	-	166,800
Total expenditures	\$ 224,487	\$ 223,658	\$ 829	\$ 228,898
Excess of revenues over expenditures	\$ 4,340,219	\$ 4,303,860	\$ (36,359)	\$ 4,030,314
Other financing uses:				
Operating transfers out:				
General fund	\$(3,593,099)	\$(3,593,099)	\$ -	\$(3,244,084)
Electric light and waterworks fund	(550,000)	(550,000)	-	(550,000)
Sewer fund	(190,000)	(190,000)	-	(190,000)
Total other financing uses	\$(4,333,099)	\$(4,333,099)	\$ -	\$(3,984,084)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures and other uses	\$ 7,120	\$ (29,239)	\$ (36,359)	\$ 46,230
Fund balance, beginning	1,038,649	1,038,649	-	992,419
Fund balance, ending	\$ 1,045,769	\$ 1,009,410	\$ (36,359)	\$ 1,038,649

CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
1995 LCDBG FUND

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
Year Ended August 31, 1996
With Comparative Actual Totals for Year Ended August 31, 1995

	<u>1996</u>			<u>1995</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance- Favorable (Unfavorable)	<u>Actual</u>
Revenues:				
Intergovernmental:				
LA Community Development Block Grant	<u>\$137,771</u>	<u>\$137,771</u>	\$ -	<u>\$ -</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government:				
Other services and charges	\$ 51	\$ 51	\$ -	\$ -
Capital outlay	<u>137,770</u>	<u>137,771</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditures	<u>\$137,821</u>	<u>\$137,822</u>	<u>\$ (1)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	\$ (50)	\$ (51)	\$ (1)	\$ -
Fund balance, beginning	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ (50)</u>	<u>\$ (51)</u>	<u>\$ (1)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 8. Interdepartmental - Utilities Usage

The electric light and waterworks fund records at cost the sales and purchases of water between departments. The various funds record these purchases as operating expenditures or expenses. Interdepartmental sales of water to various departments amounted to \$195,000. No consolidating or other eliminating entries were made in arriving at the above figure.

Note 9. Proprietary Funds - Contributed Capital

Contributed capital at August 31, 1996 is made up of the following:

	<u>Electric and Water- works Fund</u>	<u>Sewer Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Contributions from:			
Environmental Protection Agency	\$ -	\$2,997,662	\$2,997,662
Less amortization	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,255,413)</u>	<u>(1,255,413)</u>
	\$ -	\$1,742,249	\$1,742,249
Municipality	2,958,812	2,563,177	5,521,989
Other sources	<u>24,791</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,791</u>
 Total contributed capital	 <u>\$2,983,603</u>	 <u>\$4,305,426</u>	 <u>\$7,289,029</u>

Note 10. Franchise Agreement With CLECO

On May 14, 1991, the City of Opelousas entered into a franchise agreement with Central Louisiana Electric Company, Inc. (CLECO) for operating and distributing electricity within the corporate limits of the City of Opelousas.

The primary term of this agreement shall be for a period of ten (10) years from August 11, 1991 to August 11, 2001, with the option granted to CLECO to renew such Agreement for three (3) additional ten-year periods, unless the City notifies CLECO in writing at least twenty-four (24) months prior to the expiration of the primary term or twenty-four (24) months prior to the termination of any renewal period that it elects not to continue the Agreement, in which event this Agreement shall terminate upon the expiration date designated for the primary term or any renewal thereof.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The City shall continue to own its electric distribution system within the City, but enters into an operating agreement with CLECO whereby CLECO is granted the full right to use and operate same and to repair and replace lines, poles and other equipment as and when deemed necessary for the purpose of efficiently maintaining the system. The electric distribution system does not include the City's power plant and CLECO has no rights or obligations relative to the power plant. All improvements made by CLECO are to be purchased by the City at the end of the lease at cost less depreciation.

Under the terms of the Agreement, that for and in consideration of the City granting to CLECO franchise and the right to use the City's electric distribution system, CLECO binds and obligate itself to pay the following:

- a. The sum of \$1,050,000 upon execution of the agreement and \$1,050,000 one year after the execution.
- b. The amount payable by the City to Southwest Louisiana Electric Membership Cooperative (SLEMCO), not to exceed \$4,500,000. The City agreed to pay said amount to SLEMCO immediately and to transfer title for all improvements, additions and replacements furnished by SLEMCO to CLECO.
- c. A monthly payment of \$137,500 for 120 months beginning August 11, 1991 for operations.
- d. A franchise fee of equal to four percent (4%) of the amounts receivable by CLECO from the sale and delivery of electric energy at retail for residential and commercial purposes, commencing August 11, 1991. This amount shall be paid monthly and the annual amount shall be no less than \$350,000.

CLECO shall also bill and collect for and on behalf of the City a consumer service charge, the amount of which will be added to each consumer's bill on a cost per kilowatt-hour basis. The amount of this surcharge shall be determined by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City.

Note 11. Segment Information

Segment information for the enterprise fund for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1996 is as follows:

	<u>Electric Light and Waterworks</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Total</u>
Operating revenues	\$3,158,837	\$ 905,658	\$4,064,495
Operating expenses	\$1,686,491	\$1,852,513	\$3,539,004
Operating income (loss)	\$1,472,346	\$ (946,855)	\$ 525,491

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

One individual suit concerns the annual 2-1/2% raise for fiscal years 1984 through 1991. In this suit, City employees are demanding payment as well as lost retirement benefits. If awarded, this suit could cost the City over \$1,000,000. At the present time, it is too early to determine the probability of an unfavorable outcome; thus, no estimate has been made in the internal service fund.

Note 17. Industrial Park Fund - Note Receivable

On January 14, 1980, the City sold land in the Industrial Park. A payment of \$8,000 is due to the City each year on January 14 including 10 percent interest. A summary of changes in the note receivable follows:

Balance, September 1, 1995	\$ 25,359
Less: Payment	<u>(25,359)</u>
Balance, August 31, 1996	<u>\$ -</u>

Note 18. Commitments and Contingencies

The City received funding under grants from various federal and state agencies. The agency grants specify the purpose for which the grant monies are to be used; the grants are subject to audit by the granting agency or its representative.

Note 19. Food Stamp Program

The Food Stamp Program is operated by the City under an agreement with the Parish and the Louisiana Department of Health and Human Resources. Under this program, the City is responsible for the issuance of food stamps to eligible participants in the Parish. The value of food stamps on hand, received, and issued are not recorded in the accompanying financial statements. Activity for the year follows:

Balance at September 1, 1995		\$ 3,432,577
Received		16,190,000
Issued		(13,696,589)
Transferred in from:		
Town of Washington	\$ 107,414	
Acadia Parish Police Jury	<u>150,000</u>	257,414
Transferred out to:		
City of Eunice	\$ 1,128,000	
Town of Melville	355,000	
Town of Sunset	168,000	
Town of Washington	93,000	
Village of Palmetto	<u>908,000</u>	<u>(2,652,000)</u>
Balance at August 31, 1996		<u>\$ 3,531,402</u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As of August 31, 1996, the City had 7,545 water customers and 6,501 sewer customers.

Note 12. Changes in Fixed Assets

A summary of changes in general fixed assets follows:

	Balance <u>9-1-95</u>	<u>Additions</u>	Balance <u>8-31-96</u>
Land	\$ 574,035	\$ -	\$ 574,035
Lots	262,800	-	262,800
Buildings	2,628,820	-	2,628,820
Improvements other than buildings	5,069,852	-	5,069,852
Equipment	6,118,563	90,276	6,208,839
Other structures and improvements	<u>896,389</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>896,389</u>
Totals	<u>\$15,550,459</u>	<u>\$ 90,276</u>	<u>\$15,640,735</u>

A summary of the enterprise funds' property, plant and equipment at August 31, 1996 follows:

	<u>Electric Light and Waterworks</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance, September 1, 1995	\$18,593,700	\$10,201,707	\$28,795,407
Additions	<u>84,854</u>	<u>14,259</u>	<u>99,113</u>
Balance, August 31, 1996	\$18,678,554	\$10,215,966	\$28,894,520
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(14,237,887)</u>	<u>(4,215,896)</u>	<u>(18,453,783)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 4,440,667</u>	<u>\$ 6,000,070</u>	<u>\$10,440,737</u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 20. Defeasance of Debt

On February 8, 1994, the City defeased certain revenue bonds by placing the proceeds of new bonds in an irrevocable trust to provide for all future debt service payments on the old bonds. Accordingly, the trust account assets and the liability for the defeased bonds are not included in the City's financial statements. On August 31, 1996, bonds of \$1,935,000 are considered defeased.

Note 21. Self-Insurance

The City maintains various self-insurance claims accounts for general and auto liability and workmen's compensation benefits (accounted for in Internal Service Fund G, Internal Service Fund A, and Workmen's Compensation Fund, respectively) as of August 31, 1996. The self-insurance liability is limited to amounts included in the claims accounts. The claims are reported according to FASB 5. The claims account balance as of August 31, 1996 is \$100,000.

For the period September 1, 1995 through August 31, 1996, the City was self-insured for all general and auto liability claims and was not covered under various insurance contracts for excess liability.

For the period September 1, 1995 through August 31, 1996, the City was self-insured for the first \$175,000 of each claim relating to workers compensation insurance up to an aggregate limit of \$445,500. The City is covered under an insurance contract for the excess liability with no limits.

Note 22. Allowance for Uncollectibles

As of August 31, 1996, the customer receivables recorded in the electric light and waterworks fund and sewer fund are net of allowances of \$7,000 and \$5,000, respectively.

Note 23. Unbilled Revenue

As of August 31, 1996, customer receivables include unbilled revenue for the electric light and waterworks fund and sewer fund of \$56,759 and \$43,003, respectively. These amounts represent revenue earned which is not billed until the next billing cycle.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 13. Long-term Obligations

The following is a summary of long-term obligations of the City for the year ended August 31, 1996:

	Balance <u>9-01-95</u>	New Issues and Other <u>Increases</u>	Debt Retired and Other <u>Decreases</u>	Balance <u>8-31-96</u>
Bonds:				
General obligation	\$1,895,000	\$1,150,000	\$ 170,000	\$ 2,875,000
Special assessment	130,829	71,049	130,829	71,049
Revenue	2,615,000	3,500,000	250,000	5,865,000
Loan payable	-	796,017	-	796,017
Capitalized leases	703,518	-	428,849	274,669
Municipal police employees' retirement system	1,596,954	-	45,859	1,551,095
Compensated absences	648,064	9,645	-	657,709
Accrued claims	369,972	-	25,340	344,632
	<u>\$7,959,337</u>	<u>\$5,526,711</u>	<u>\$1,050,877</u>	<u>\$12,435,171</u>

The Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System (MPERS) liability was incurred on July 1, 1986. This liability resulted from the merger of the City of Opelousas pension obligations for retired members and beneficiaries into the MPERS of the State of Louisiana. The MPERS liability will be paid in quarterly installments of \$37,773 including interest of 7% over a twenty-seven year period which commenced July 1, 1986. This debt will be retired from future revenues of the City.

Compensated absences include amounts from all the funds of the City. The amount above includes \$68,252 of compensated absences for enterprise funds which is recorded therein.

Accrued claims includes \$100,000 for estimated losses based on the potential loss estimated by the City attorney and \$244,632 from a court judgement for a disability claim. The amount recorded for the disability claim is based upon the age of the claimant using life expectancy tables.

As of August 31, 1996, the City had borrowed \$796,017 from the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality to finance improvements to their wastewater facility. The City is withdrawing funds from an approved line of credit not to exceed \$1,000,000. This loan will be repaid with the proceeds of the issuance of \$1,000,000 of Utilities Revenue Bonds, Series 1995-S by March 29, 1998. Until the loan is repaid, the City will pay interest semi-annually at 2.45%.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	<u>Authorized and Issued</u>	<u>Annual Install- ments</u>	<u>Interest Rate %</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Out- standing</u>
Total forwarded					<u>\$2,875,000</u>
<u>Special Assessment Bonds</u>					
Paving, Series 1996	\$ 71,049	\$ 7,105	6.0%	05-01-06	\$ <u>71,049</u>
<u>Revenue Bonds</u>					
Utilities revenue, Series 1988	\$ 525,000	\$ 90,000- \$125,000	7.35%-7.90%	09-01-98	\$ 235,000
Utilities revenue, Series 1994	\$2,330,000	\$ 20,000- \$265,000	2.85%-5.35%	09-01-08	2,235,000
Utilities revenue, Series 1995	3,500,000	\$105,000- 280,000	3.90%-5.90%	09-01-15	<u>3,395,000</u>
					<u>\$5,865,000</u>
Total bonds payable					<u>\$8,811,049</u>

The following is a recap of principal, interest, and other charges shown as debt service expenditures in the general fund:

	<u>General Fund</u>
Principal	\$494,097
Interest and related costs	<u>252,872</u>
	<u>\$746,969</u>

As of August 31, 1996, general fund and debt service funds have \$439,966 and \$116,301, respectively, available to service general long-term debt.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The annual requirements including interest to amortize all long-term obligations outstanding at August 31, 1996 other than compensated absences and accrued claims are as follows:

<u>Maturity</u>	<u>General Obligation Bonds</u>	<u>Special Assessment Bonds</u>	<u>Revenue Bonds</u>	<u>Loan Payable</u>	<u>MPERS</u>	<u>Capitalized Leases</u>
1997	\$ 462,405	\$ 11,368	\$ 567,853	\$ 19,502	\$ 151,092	\$197,817
1998	460,728	10,942	573,242	805,877	151,092	73,110
1999	462,977	10,515	571,860	-	151,092	22,799
2000	464,133	10,089	574,230	-	151,092	9,301
2001	459,017	9,663	570,495	-	151,092	-
2002- there- after	<u>1,180,055</u>	<u>41,918</u>	<u>6,080,468</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,850,877</u>	<u>-</u>
	\$3,489,315	\$ 94,495	\$8,938,148	\$825,379	\$2,606,337	\$303,027
Less: Inter- est	<u>(614,315)</u>	<u>(23,446)</u>	<u>(3,073,148)</u>	<u>(29,362)</u>	<u>(1,055,242)</u>	<u>(28,358)</u>
Net amount	<u>\$2,875,000</u>	<u>\$ 71,049</u>	<u>\$5,865,000</u>	<u>\$796,017</u>	<u>\$1,551,095</u>	<u>\$274,669*</u>

*Present value

Bonds payable are represented by the following individual issues:

<u>General Obligation Bonds</u>	<u>Authorized and Issued</u>	<u>Annual Install- ments</u>	<u>Interest Rate %</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Out- standing</u>
Certificates of indebtedness, Series 1993	1,000,000	\$ 80,000- 125,000	4.05%-5.55%	10-01-03	\$ 835,000
Certificates of indebtedness, Series 1994	1,000,000	\$25,000- 130,000	5.75%	10-01-03	890,000
Certificates of indebtedness, Series 1995	1,150,000	\$140,000- 190,000	5.5%	12-01-02	<u>1,150,000</u>
Total forward					<u>\$2,875,000</u>

CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA

STATEMENT OF GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT
August 31, 1996

With Comparative Totals for August 31, 1995

	1996 Paving Special <u>Assessment</u>	1993 and 1994 Certificates of <u>Indebtedness</u>	1995 Certificate of <u>Indebtedness</u>
AMOUNT AVAILABLE AND TO BE PROVIDED FOR THE PAYMENT OF GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT			
Amount available for debt retirement	\$ 10,894	\$ 439,966	\$ 105,407
Amount to be provided	<u>60,155</u>	<u>1,285,034</u>	<u>1,044,593</u>
Total available and to be provided	<u>\$ 71,049</u>	<u>\$1,725,000</u>	<u>\$1,150,000</u>
GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT PAYABLE			
Bonds payable:			
Due within one year	\$ 7,105	\$ 180,000	\$ 140,000
Due after one year	63,944	1,545,000	1,010,000
Lease payable	-	-	-
Retirement payable	-	-	-
Compensated absences	-	-	-
Accrued claims	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total general long-term debt payable	<u>\$ 71,049</u>	<u>\$1,725,000</u>	<u>\$1,150,000</u>

GENERAL FIXED ASSETS ACCOUNT GROUP

To account for fixed assets not used in proprietary fund operations.

GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT ACCOUNT GROUP

To account for unmatured principal amounts or general long-term debt expected to be financed from governmental type funds.

Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System	Compensated Absences	Capitalized Leases	Other	Totals	
				1996	1995
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 556,267	\$ 550,711
<u>1,551,095</u>	<u>589,457</u>	<u>274,669</u>	<u>244,632</u>	<u>5,049,635</u>	<u>4,616,882</u>
<u>\$1,551,095</u>	<u>\$589,457</u>	<u>\$274,669</u>	<u>\$244,632</u>	<u>\$5,605,902</u>	<u>\$5,167,593</u>
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 327,105	\$ 300,829
-	-	-	-	2,618,944	1,725,000
-	-	274,669	-	274,669	703,518
1,551,095	-	-	-	1,551,095	1,596,954
-	589,457	-	-	589,457	571,320
<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>244,632</u>	<u>244,632</u>	<u>269,972</u>
<u>\$1,551,095</u>	<u>\$589,457</u>	<u>\$274,669</u>	<u>\$244,632</u>	<u>\$5,605,902</u>	<u>\$5,167,593</u>

CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
GENERAL FIXED ASSETS ACCOUNT GROUP

STATEMENT OF GENERAL FIXED ASSETS
August 31, 1996
With Comparative Totals for August 31, 1995

	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
ASSETS		
Land	\$ 574,035	\$ 574,035
Lots	262,800	262,800
Buildings	2,628,820	2,628,820
Improvements other than buildings	5,069,852	5,069,852
Equipment	6,208,839	6,118,563
Other structures and improvements	<u>896,389</u>	<u>896,389</u>
Total assets	<u>\$15,640,735</u>	<u>\$15,550,459</u>
INVESTMENT IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS		
Acquired from:		
Federal revenue sharing fund revenues	\$ 589,058	\$ 589,058
General fund revenues	4,564,946	4,476,760
Sales tax revenues	2,973,864	2,973,864
Special assessments	137	137
Federal grants	2,415,593	2,415,593
General obligation bonds	804,933	804,933
Federal anti-recession fund	78,528	78,528
State mineral trust fund	1,663	1,663
State revenue sharing fund revenue	11,995	11,995
Municipal revenue sharing fund	78,143	78,143
State grants	329,130	327,040
Loan from federal government	14,486	14,486
Gifts	1,500	1,500
Capital projects funds revenue	294,784	294,784
Other sources	2,982,977	2,982,977
Municipal garage revenue	236,198	236,198
Lots from special assessments	<u>262,800</u>	<u>262,800</u>
Total investments in general fixed assets	<u>\$15,640,735</u>	<u>\$15,550,459</u>

CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
ALL TRUST AND AGENCY FUND TYPES

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
August 31, 1996
With Comparative Totals for August 31, 1995

	<u>Expendable Trust Funds</u>		<u>Agency Fund</u>	<u>Totals</u>	
	<u>Industrial Park Fund</u>	<u>Myrtle Grove Cemetery Fund</u>	<u>Payroll Fund</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 76,838	\$ 82,003	\$ 71,414	\$230,255	\$210,718
Note receivable	-	-	-	-	25,359
Due from other funds	-	-	33,123	33,123	35,435
Total assets	<u>\$ 76,838</u>	<u>\$ 82,003</u>	<u>\$104,537</u>	<u>\$263,378</u>	<u>\$271,512</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES					
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 3,850	\$ -	\$104,537	\$108,387	\$105,587
FUND BALANCES					
Unreserved, undesignated	<u>72,988</u>	<u>82,003</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>154,991</u>	<u>165,925</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 76,838</u>	<u>\$ 82,003</u>	<u>\$104,537</u>	<u>\$263,378</u>	<u>\$271,512</u>

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
ALL ENTERPRISE FUNDS

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES
AND CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS
Year Ended August 31, 1996
With Comparative Totals for Year Ended August 31, 1995

	Electric Light and Waterworks <u>Fund</u>	Sewer <u>Fund</u>	<u>Totals</u>	
			<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
Operating revenues:				
Charges for services:				
Utilities	\$ 3,157,764	\$ 905,100	\$ 4,062,864	\$ 3,991,537
Other	<u>1,073</u>	<u>558</u>	<u>1,631</u>	<u>27,861</u>
Total operating revenues	<u>\$ 3,158,837</u>	<u>\$ 905,658</u>	<u>\$ 4,064,495</u>	<u>\$ 4,019,398</u>
Operating expenses:				
Personal services	\$ 492,967	\$ 260,418	\$ 753,385	\$ 759,856
Supplies and materials	213,791	40,785	254,576	259,163
Other services and charges	508,042	1,207,351	1,715,393	951,754
Repairs and maintenance	21,842	52,818	74,660	76,467
Depreciation	<u>449,849</u>	<u>291,141</u>	<u>740,990</u>	<u>727,912</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>\$ 1,686,491</u>	<u>\$ 1,852,513</u>	<u>\$ 3,539,004</u>	<u>\$ 2,775,152</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>\$ 1,472,346</u>	<u>\$ (946,855)</u>	<u>\$ 525,491</u>	<u>\$ 1,244,246</u>
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):				
Investment income	\$ 220,552	\$ 49,674	\$ 270,226	\$ 106,430
Other nonoperating revenues	356,028	13,812	369,840	360,504
Interest and fiscal charges	<u>(191,870)</u>	<u>(145,669)</u>	<u>(337,539)</u>	<u>(146,506)</u>
Total nonoperating income (expenses)	<u>\$ 384,710</u>	<u>\$ (82,183)</u>	<u>\$ 302,527</u>	<u>\$ 320,428</u>
Income (loss) before operating transfers	<u>\$ 1,857,056</u>	<u>\$ (1,029,038)</u>	<u>\$ 828,018</u>	<u>\$ 1,564,674</u>
Operating transfers in (out):				
Operating transfers in	\$ 550,000	\$ 190,000	\$ 740,000	\$ 740,000
Operating transfers out	<u>(2,435,889)</u>	<u>(74,474)</u>	<u>(2,510,363)</u>	<u>(2,497,039)</u>
Total operating transfers in (out)	<u>\$ (1,885,889)</u>	<u>\$ 115,526</u>	<u>\$ (1,770,363)</u>	<u>\$ (1,757,039)</u>
Net loss	\$ (28,833)	\$ (913,512)	\$ (942,345)	\$ (192,365)
Retained earnings, beginning	3,172,182	51,331	3,223,513	3,407,542
Prior period adjustment	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,336</u>
Retained earnings (deficit), ending	<u>\$ 3,143,349</u>	<u>\$ (862,181)</u>	<u>\$ 2,281,168</u>	<u>\$ 3,223,513</u>

CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA

SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
Year Ended August 31, 1996

<u>Source of Federal Assistance/Agency Name(s)</u>	<u>Grant Number</u>	<u>Federal Catalog Number</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
U.S. Department of Agriculture:				
Direct program:				
Rural Economic and Community Development Grant			\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500
Pass-through payments:				
Louisiana Department of Health and Human Resources:				
Food Stamp Program*		10.551	16,190,000	16,348,589
State Administrative Matching Grant for Food Stamp Program		10.561	48,211	48,211
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development:				
Pass-through payments:				
Division of Administration:				
Community Development Block Grant	101-6016	14.219	137,771	137,771
Louisiana Housing Finance Agency:				
Small Cities Health and Safety Rehabilitation Grant Program	M93SG220100	14.239	3,703	3,703
Department of Social Services:				
Emergency Shelter Grant Program		14.231	<u>23,378</u>	<u>23,378</u>
Subtotals forward			<u>\$16,411,563</u>	<u>\$16,570,152</u>

CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
ALL INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS

COMBINING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
Year Ended August 31, 1996
With Comparative Totals for Year Ended August 31, 1995

	Internal Service Fund A	Internal Service Fund G	Workmen's Compen- sation Fund	<u>Totals</u>	
				<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Operating income	\$ 75,506	\$212,975	\$ 57,664	\$ 346,145	\$ 531,572
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:					
(Increase) decrease in assets:					
Accounts receivable	-	-	5,994	5,994	(5,994)
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:					
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(383)	(19,750)	(22,041)	(42,174)	(140,805)
Due to other funds	<u>250</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 75,373</u>	<u>\$193,725</u>	<u>\$ 41,617</u>	<u>\$ 310,715</u>	<u>\$ 384,773</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES					
Investment income	\$ 11,890	\$ 27,862	\$ 9,873	\$ 49,625	\$ 114,403
Purchase of investment	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,609,876)</u>
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	<u>\$ 11,890</u>	<u>\$ 27,862</u>	<u>\$ 9,873</u>	<u>\$ 49,625</u>	<u>\$(1,495,473)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	\$ 87,263	\$221,587	\$ 51,490	\$ 360,340	\$(1,110,700)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning	<u>192,696</u>	<u>453,803</u>	<u>156,740</u>	<u>803,239</u>	<u>1,913,939</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, ending	<u>\$279,959</u>	<u>\$675,390</u>	<u>\$208,230</u>	<u>\$ 1,163,579</u>	<u>\$ 803,239</u>

CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
ALL INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES,
AND CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS

Year Ended August 31, 1996

With Comparative Totals for Year Ended August 31, 1995

	<u>Internal Service Fund A</u>	<u>Internal Service Fund G</u>	<u>Workmen's Compensation Fund</u>	<u>Totals</u>	
				<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
Operating revenues:					
Premiums	\$ 107,100	\$ 379,500	\$ 279,900	\$ 766,500	\$ 687,800
Recovery of liability	-	-	-	-	199,900
Total operating revenues	<u>\$ 107,100</u>	<u>\$ 379,500</u>	<u>\$ 279,900</u>	<u>\$ 766,500</u>	<u>\$ 887,700</u>
Operating expenses:					
Other services and charges:					
Insurance premiums	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 105,190	\$ 105,190	\$ 90,963
Claims	25,463	93,910	70,128	189,501	151,742
Other	<u>6,131</u>	<u>72,615</u>	<u>46,918</u>	<u>125,664</u>	<u>113,423</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>\$ 31,594</u>	<u>\$ 166,525</u>	<u>\$ 222,236</u>	<u>\$ 420,355</u>	<u>\$ 356,128</u>
Operating income	\$ 75,506	\$ 212,975	\$ 57,664	\$ 346,145	\$ 531,572
Nonoperating income:					
Investment income	<u>37,246</u>	<u>72,939</u>	<u>26,777</u>	<u>136,962</u>	<u>114,403</u>
Net income	\$ 112,752	\$ 285,914	\$ 84,441	\$ 483,107	\$ 645,975
Retained earnings, beginning	<u>659,526</u>	<u>1,156,673</u>	<u>440,918</u>	<u>2,257,117</u>	<u>1,611,142</u>
Retained earnings, ending	<u>\$ 772,278</u>	<u>\$1,442,587</u>	<u>\$ 525,359</u>	<u>\$2,740,224</u>	<u>\$2,257,117</u>

CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
ALL INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
August 31, 1996
With Comparative Totals for August 31, 1995

ASSETS	Internal Service <u>Fund A</u>	Internal Service <u>Fund G</u>	Workmen's Compensation <u>Fund</u>	<u>Totals</u>	
				<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 279,959	\$ 675,390	\$ 208,230	\$1,163,579	\$ 803,239
Investments	492,739	875,981	328,493	1,697,213	1,609,876
Receivable	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,994</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 772,698</u>	<u>\$1,551,371</u>	<u>\$ 536,723</u>	<u>\$2,860,792</u>	<u>\$2,419,109</u>
 LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY					
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 170	\$ 108,284	\$ 11,364	\$ 119,818	\$ 161,992
Due to other funds	<u>250</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>-</u>
Total liabilities	\$ 420	\$ 108,784	\$ 11,364	\$ 120,568	\$ 161,992
 RETAINED EARNINGS					
Reserved:					
Insurance claims	<u>772,278</u>	<u>1,442,587</u>	<u>525,359</u>	<u>2,740,224</u>	<u>2,257,117</u>
Total liabilities and fund equity	<u>\$ 772,698</u>	<u>\$1,551,371</u>	<u>\$ 536,723</u>	<u>\$2,860,792</u>	<u>\$2,419,109</u>

INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS

Internal Service Fund A - Accounts for the billing to various funds and the payment for automobile claims. This fund also accounts for the monies held in a claims account for self-insurance purposes in connection with the above.

Internal Service Fund G - Accounts for the billing to various funds and the payment for general liability claims. This fund also accounts for the monies held in a claims account for self-insurance purposes in connection with the above coverage.

Workmen's Compensation Fund - Accounts for the billing to the various funds and the payment of insurance premiums for workmen's compensation coverage. This fund also accounts for the monies held in a claims account for the self-insured portion of each claim for the above coverages.

CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
ALL ENTERPRISE FUNDS

COMBINING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
Year Ended August 31, 1996
With Comparative Totals for Year Ended August 31, 1995

	Electric Light and Waterworks Fund	Sewer Fund	<u>Totals</u>	
			<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
Totals forwarded	\$ 371,414	\$ (428,108)	\$ (56,694)	\$ 571,650
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	\$ (84,854)	\$ (14,259)	\$ (99,113)	\$ (112,396)
Principal paid on outstanding debt	(105,000)	(145,000)	(250,000)	(130,000)
Interest paid on outstanding debt	(191,870)	(145,669)	(337,539)	(146,506)
Proceeds from issuance of bonds	3,500,000	-	3,500,000	-
Proceeds from loan payable	-	796,017	796,017	-
Costs of issuance of debt	(125,303)	(22,371)	(147,674)	-
Refund of debt issuance	-	17,930	17,930	-
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	<u>\$ 2,992,973</u>	<u>\$ 486,648</u>	<u>\$ 3,479,621</u>	<u>\$ (388,902)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Investment income, net	\$ 207,857	\$ 35,548	\$ 243,405	\$ 67,591
Proceeds from withdrawal of investment	212,700	462,165	674,865	-
Purchase of investment	<u>(174,851)</u>	<u>(602,643)</u>	<u>(777,494)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	<u>\$ 245,706</u>	<u>\$ (104,930)</u>	<u>\$ 140,776</u>	<u>\$ 67,591</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,610,093	\$ (46,390)	\$ 3,563,703	\$ 250,339
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning	<u>959,057</u>	<u>565,596</u>	<u>1,524,653</u>	<u>1,274,314</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, ending	<u>\$ 4,569,150</u>	<u>\$ 519,206</u>	<u>\$ 5,088,356</u>	<u>\$ 1,524,653</u>

TRUST AND AGENCY FUND TYPES

Industrial Park Fund - Accounts for funds received from the sale of land, lease income, or rental income in the City's Industrial Park. The funds received are not restricted.

Myrtle Grove Cemetery Fund - Accounts for funds received from the sale of lots in Myrtle Grove Cemetery. These funds are used for operating and capital expenditures for the Cemetery.

Payroll Fund - Accounts for the centralization of the City's payroll and related expenses.

The Honorable Michael Thibodeaux, Mayor,
 and the Board of Aldermen
 City of Opelousas, Louisiana

The management of the City of Opelousas, Louisiana is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of general purpose financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and that federal financial assistance programs are managed in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors, irregularities, or instances of noncompliance may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

For the purpose of this report, we have classified the significant internal control structure policies and procedures used in administering federal financial assistance programs in the following categories:

<u>Accounting Controls</u>	<u>General Requirements</u>	<u>Specific Requirements</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Treasury or financing . Revenue/receipts . Purchases/disbursements . External financial reporting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Political activity . Davis-Bacon Act . Civil rights . Cash management . Federal financial reports . Allowable costs/cost principles . Drug-free Workplace Act . Administrative requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Types of services allowed or unallowed . Special reporting requirements . Special test and provisions

For all of the internal control structure categories listed above, we obtained an understanding of the design of relevant policies and procedures and determined whether they have been placed in operation, and we assessed control risk.

During the year ended August 31, 1996, the City of Opelousas, Louisiana, expended 98 percent of its total federal financial assistance under a major federal financial assistance program.



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The Honorable Michael Thibodeaux, Mayor,
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City of Opelousas, Louisiana

We have examined the general purpose financial statements of the City of Opelousas, Louisiana, for the year ended August 31, 1996, and have issued our report dated January 24, 1997. During our audit, we noted an immaterial reportable condition which we would like to share with you.

Special Assessment Receivables

During the course of our audit, we noted that special assessment receivables for the City are unusually large. We are aware that the City is trying to collect these receivables; however, we would like to stress the importance of continuing collection efforts in order to collect these outstanding amounts.

We are pleased to be of service to you. Also, we appreciate the assistance given to us by management and employees in conjunction with performing the audit.

If you desire any further information concerning the above, or if we can be of further assistance, please feel free to call upon us.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO NONMAJOR FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TRANSACTIONS

The Honorable Michael Thibodeaux, Mayor,
and the Board of Aldermen
City of Opelousas, Louisiana

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the City of Opelousas, Louisiana as of and for the year ended August 31, 1996, and have issued our report thereon dated January 21, 1997.

In connection with our audit of the general purpose financial statements of the City of Opelousas, Louisiana, and with our consideration of the City's control structure used to administer federal financial assistance programs, as required by Office of Management and Budget Circular A-128, "Audits of State and Local Governments," we selected certain transactions applicable to certain nonmajor federal financial assistance programs for the year ended August 31, 1996. As required by OMB Circular A-128, we have performed auditing procedures to test compliance with the requirements governing types of services allowed or unallowed and special tests and provisions that are applicable to those transactions. Our procedures were substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion on the City's compliance with these requirements. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

With respect to the items tested, the results of those procedures did not disclose any material instances of noncompliance with the requirements listed in the preceding paragraph. With respect to items not tested, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that the City had not complied, in all material respects, with those requirements.

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City of Opelousas, Louisiana

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Opelousas, Louisiana
January 21, 1997



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

The Honorable Michael Thibodeaux, Mayor,
and Board of Aldermen
City of Opelousas, Louisiana

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the City of Opelousas, Louisiana as of and for the year ended August 31, 1996, and have issued our report thereon dated January 21, 1997.

We have applied procedures to test the City of Opelousas, Louisiana's compliance with the following requirements applicable to its federal financial assistance programs, which are identified in the schedule of federal financial assistance, for the year ended August 31, 1996: Political activity, Davis Bacon Act, civil rights, cash management, federal financial reports, allowable costs/cost principles, Drug-Free Workplace Act, and administrative requirements.

Our procedures were limited to the applicable procedure described in the Office of Management and Budget's "Compliance Supplement for Single Audits of State and Local Governments." Our procedures were substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion on City of Opelousas, Louisiana's compliance with the requirements listed in the preceding paragraph. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

With respect to the items tested, the results of those procedures did not disclose any material instances of noncompliance with the requirements listed in the second paragraph of this report. With respect to items not tested, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that the City had not complied, in all material respects, with those requirements.

The Honorable Michael Thibodeaux, Mayor,
and Board of Aldermen
City of Opelousas, Louisiana

In our opinion, the City of Opelousas, Louisiana complied, in all material respects, with the requirements governing reporting that are applicable to its major federal financial assistance program for the year ended August 31, 1996.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO MAJOR FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

The Honorable Michael Thibodeaux, Mayor,
and the Board of Aldermen
City of Opelousas, Louisiana

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the City of Opelousas, Louisiana as of and for the year ended August 31, 1996, and have issued our report thereon dated January 21, 1997.

We have also audited the City of Opelousas, Louisiana's compliance with the requirements governing reporting that are applicable to its major federal financial assistance program, which is identified in the accompanying schedule of federal financial assistance, for the year ended August 31, 1996. The management is responsible for the City of Opelousas, Louisiana's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance with those requirements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance with those requirements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and Office of Management and Budget Circular A-128, "Audits of State and Local Governments." Those standards and OMB Circular A-128 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the requirements referred to above occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the City of Opelousas, Louisiana's compliance with those requirements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The results of our audit procedures did not disclose any immaterial instances of noncompliance with the requirements referred to above.

To the Honorable Michael Thibodeaux, Mayor,
and the Board of Aldermen
City of Opelousas, Louisiana

The results of our tests disclosed the following instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported herein under Government Auditing Standards.

Budget Violations

Finding: For the year ended August 31, 1996, the budgets for the New Life Center (Homeless Grant) and Small Cities Health and Safety Rehabilitation Funds were not amended when actual expenditures exceeded budgeted expenditures by more than five percent. Louisiana Revised Statute (LSA - R.S.) 39:1310 requires that a budget be amended if actual expenditures exceed budgeted expenditures by five percent or more.

Cause: The City failed to amend the budget when actual expenditures exceeded budgeted appropriations by more than five percent.

Recommendation: We recommend that the City amend the budget as needed.

Response: The City will monitor budget variances more closely and amend budgets as necessary.

We considered these instances of noncompliance in forming our opinion on whether the City's general purpose financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, and this report does not affect our report dated January 21, 1997 on those general purpose financial statements.

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Opelousas, Louisiana
January 21, 1997

<u>Details of Coverage</u>	<u>Co-insurance</u>	<u>Liability Limits</u>	<u>Annual Premium</u>
Worker's Compensation	None	\$ 445,500	\$ 94,049
Boiler and machinery: Deductible: \$2,500	None	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 10,945
Computer equipment Deductible: \$250	None	\$ 209,662	\$ 2,389
Fire and property Deductible: \$50,000	None	\$16,599,800	\$ 28,884

The Honorable Michael Thibodeaux, Mayor,
and the Board of Aldermen
City of Opelousas, Louisiana

We performed tests of controls, as required by OMB Circular A-128, to evaluate the effectiveness of the design and operation of internal control structure policies and procedures that we considered relevant to preventing or detecting material noncompliance with specific requirements, general requirements, and requirements governing claims for advances and reimbursements and amounts claimed or used for matching that are applicable to the City's major federal financial assistance program, which is identified in the accompanying schedule of federal financial assistance. Our procedures were less in scope than would be necessary to render an opinion on these internal control structure policies and procedures. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Our consideration of the internal control structure policies and procedures used in administering federal financial assistance programs would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might constitute material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that noncompliance with laws and regulations that would be material to a federal financial assistance program may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We did not note any matters involving the internal control structure and its operations that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

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Opelousas, Louisiana
January 21, 1997

CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA

SCHEDULE OF PER DIEM PAID TO ELECTED OFFICIALS
Year Ended August 31, 1996

Michael Thibodeaux, Mayor	\$ 44,835
Charles McKinney, Alderman	12,136
Leroy Payne, Alderman	13,030
Dale Pefferkorn, Alderman	12,136
Joe Charles, Alderman	12,136
Joseph Guillory, Alderman	12,136
Louis Butler, Sr., Alderman	12,136
	<u>\$118,545</u>



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL STRUCTURE USED IN ADMINISTERING FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

The Honorable Michael Thibodeaux, Mayor,
and the Board of Aldermen
City of Opelousas, Louisiana

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the City of Opelousas, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended August 31, 1996, and have issued our report thereon dated January 21, 1997. We have also audited the City of Opelousas, Louisiana's compliance with requirements applicable to its major federal financial assistance program and have issued our report thereon dated January 21, 1997.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and Office of Management and Budget Circular A-128, "Audits of State and Local Governments." Those standards and OMB Circular A-128 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement and about whether the City of Opelousas, Louisiana, complied with laws and regulations, noncompliance with which would be material to a major federal financial assistance program.

In planning and performing our audits for the year ended August 31, 1996, we considered the internal control structure of the City in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the general purpose financial statements and on the compliance requirements applicable to its major program and to report on the internal control structure in accordance with OMB Circular A-128. This report addresses our consideration of internal control structure policies and procedures relevant to compliance with requirements applicable to federal financial assistance programs. We have addressed internal control structure policies and procedures relevant to our audit of the general purpose financial statements in a separate report dated January 21, 1997.

To the Honorable Michael Thibodeaux, Mayor,
and the Board of Aldermen
City of Opelousas, Louisiana

In planning and performing our audit of the general purpose financial statements of the City of Opelousas, Louisiana for the year ended August 31, 1996, we considered its internal control structure. With respect to the internal control structure, we obtained an understanding of the design of relevant policies and procedures and whether they have been placed in operation, and we assessed control risk in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control structure. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors and irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the general purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We did not note any matters involving the internal control structure and its operations that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

However, we noted certain matters involving the internal control structure and its operation that we have reported to the management of the City of Opelousas, Louisiana in a separate letter dated January 21, 1997.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL
STRUCTURE BASED ON AN AUDIT OF GENERAL PURPOSE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Honorable Michael Thibodeaux, Mayor,
and the Board of Aldermen
City of Opelousas, Louisiana

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the City of Opelousas, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended August 31, 1996, and have issued our report thereon dated January 21, 1997.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the provisions of Office of Management and Budget Circular A-128, "Audits of State and Local Governments." Those standards and OMB Circular A-128 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement.

The management of the City of Opelousas, Louisiana is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related cost of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of general purpose financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA

SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
Year Ended August 31, 1996

<u>Source of Federal Assistance/Agency Name(s)</u>	<u>Grant Number</u>	<u>Federal Catalog Number</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
Subtotals forwarded			\$16,411,563	\$16,570,152
U.S. Department of Justice:				
Direct program:				
COPS Fast Award	95-CF-WX-0677	16.726	6,995	6,995
Pass-through payments:				
Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice:				
Multi-jurisdictional Task Force	B96-4-004	16.579	15,515	15,515
Drug Street Sales		16.579	7,421	7,421
U.S. Department of Interior:				
Pass-through payments:				
Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism:				
Main street grant	22-95-10048	15.904	<u>5,750</u>	<u>5,750</u>
Totals			<u>\$16,447,244</u>	<u>\$16,605,833</u>

* Indicates grant regarded as major federal financial assistance program.



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The Honorable Michael Thibodeaux, Mayor,
and the Board of Aldermen
City of Opelousas, Louisiana

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the City of Opelousas, Louisiana as of and for the year ended August 31, 1996, and have issued our report thereon dated January 21, 1997. These financial statements are the responsibility of the City of Opelousas, Louisiana's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the provisions of Office of Management and Budget Circular A-128, "Audits of State and Local Governments." Those standards and OMB Circular A-128 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements of the City of Opelousas, Louisiana taken as a whole. The accompanying schedule of federal financial assistance is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. The information in that schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

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CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
ALL ENTERPRISE FUNDS

COMBINING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
Year Ended August 31, 1996
With Comparative Totals for Year Ended August 31, 1995

	Electric Light and Waterworks <u>Fund</u>	Sewer <u>Fund</u>	<u>Totals</u>	
			<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Operating income (loss)	\$ 1,472,346	\$ (946,855)	\$ 525,491	\$ 1,244,246
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation and amortization	456,114	301,202	757,316	739,168
(Increase) decrease in assets:				
Accounts receivable, net	2,127	1,794	3,921	41,652
Due from other funds	(161,954)	(75,000)	(236,954)	(134,512)
Inventory	6,050	8	6,058	8,078
Other current assets	(2,133)	(9,255)	(11,388)	(43,165)
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:				
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	8,713	14,796	23,509	(38,320)
Liability for work completed on contracts	-	-	-	(5,252)
Due to other funds	105,094	162,699	267,793	141,668
Meter deposits	16,575	-	16,575	19,770
Other current liabilities	(1,657)	(6,835)	(8,492)	(5,148)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>\$ 1,901,275</u>	<u>\$ (557,446)</u>	<u>\$ 1,343,829</u>	<u>\$ 1,968,185</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Operating transfers out	\$(2,435,889)	\$ (74,474)	\$(2,510,363)	\$(2,497,039)
Operating transfers in	550,000	190,000	740,000	740,000
Surcharges and other	<u>356,028</u>	<u>13,812</u>	<u>369,840</u>	<u>360,504</u>
Net cash provided (used) by noncapital financing activities	<u>\$(1,529,861)</u>	<u>\$ 129,338</u>	<u>\$(1,400,523)</u>	<u>\$(1,396,535)</u>
Totals forward	<u>\$ 371,414</u>	<u>\$ (428,108)</u>	<u>\$ (56,694)</u>	<u>\$ 571,650</u>

CITY OF OPELOUSAS

SCHEDULE OF INSURANCE IN FORCE - ENTERPRISE FUND
 August 31, 1996
 (Unaudited)

<u>Type of Coverage and Name of Company</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Policy From</u>	<u>Period To</u>
Workmen's Compensation: Louisiana Municipal Risk Management	WC-284	03/01/96	03/01/97
Boiler and machinery: Hartford Insurance Company Boiler Inspec. & Ins. Co.	BMI-HN955001210	08/01/96	08/01/97
Commercial Inland Marine Coverages: Hartford Insurance Group	43MSKX0189	07/12/96	07/12/97
Property coverage: ITT Hartford	43UENKS8652	03/11/96	03/11/97



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Honorable Michael Thibodeaux, Mayor,
and the Board of Aldermen
City of Opelousas, Louisiana

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the City of Opelousas, Louisiana as of and for the year ended August 31, 1996, and have issued our report thereon dated January 21, 1997.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the provisions of Office of Management and Budget Circular A-128, "Audits of State and Local Governments." Those standards and OMB Circular A-128 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement.

Compliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to the City of Opelousas, Louisiana is the responsibility of the City of Opelousas's management. As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of the City of Opelousas's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. However, the objective of our audit of the general purpose financial statements was not to provide an opinion on overall compliance with such provisions. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.