

ASCENSION COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.

Financial Statements with Supplementary Information

June 30, 2024

(With Independent Auditors' Report Thereon)

ASCENSION COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.

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Independent Auditors' Report

**Board of Directors of the
Ascension Council on Aging, Inc.
Donaldsonville, Louisiana**

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Ascension Council on Aging, Inc. (the Council), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Council's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and aggregate remaining fund information of the Council as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Council's ability to continue as a going concern for 12 months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditors' Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 4 to 10 and the required supplementary information as listed in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the

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

Other Supplementary Information

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

The aforementioned supplementary information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 28, 2024, on our consideration of Council's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Council's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Griffin & Furman, LLC

October 28, 2024

Covington, Louisiana

ASCENSION COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.

Management's Discussion and Analysis

June 30, 2024

The Management's Discussion and Analysis of the Ascension Council on Aging, Inc.'s (the Council) financial performance presents a narrative overview and analysis of the Council's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2024. This document focuses on the current year's activities, resulting changes, and currently known facts. Please read this document in conjunction with basic financial statements, which follow this section.

Funding sources for the Council remain stable with the renewal of the of the 1.5 mils Parish ad valorem tax on December 22, 2023. This millage has helped to expand our services and to decrease waiting lists for our core services such as meals and transportation. American Rescue Plan funding has been received the last three years to help combat social isolation, fiscal year 2024 is the last year for American Rescue Plan funding. Title III federal funding has also increased for fiscal year 2024.

The Council has two senior centers and a wellness center. In fiscal year 2023, the Council received a \$1,000,000 appropriation from the State of Louisiana that was used to assist Ascension Parish in the purchase of property to be used for a wellness center and meal site in Prairieville. The Council planned to start design in fiscal year 2024, but it has not progressed. The Gonzales wellness center opened in July of 2021 with additional programs and services. It houses a fully functional cardio equipment room with treadmills, seated ellipticals, and recumbent bicycles for seniors. There is also space for group exercise and dance exercise and other classes on health and wellness.

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

Financial Highlights

The Council's assets exceeded its liabilities at the close of fiscal year 2024 by \$6,945,053 (net position) which represents a 12.3% increase from last fiscal year.

Cash and cash equivalents were \$5,204,057 at June 30, 2024 compared to \$4,425,586 at June 30, 2023. This is an increase of \$778,471 or 17.6%.

The Council's total revenue decreased \$545,984 or 12.6% in 2024. Property tax collections increased by \$244,090. Intergovernmental grants decreased \$945,924 due to the Council receiving \$1,000,000 from the State of Louisiana in the prior year.

The Council's total expenditures decreased \$821,430 or 21.4%. This decreased resulted primarily from a decrease in other costs of \$1,104,285. The decrease in other costs includes the Council's prior year \$1,000,000 contribution toward the land purchased by Ascension Parish for the site of the Prairieville wellness center and meal site.

As a result of subtracting total expenditures from total revenue, the Council's net position increased by \$761,831 this fiscal year.

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Service Highlights

Meals

Our meals programs served 175,747 meals in either a congregate setting or to client's homes. Home-delivered meals are based on 260 serving days a year; congregate meals are served 250 days a year. Our congregate meal totals continue to increase at the Gonzales Center, Donaldsonville participation fluctuates quite a bit, we were on a downward slide at fiscal year-end and seem to be on an increase again. Activities seem to be the major reason for the increase in our congregate meals program. We still have clients who use the centers for recreation, education and wellness programs but not stay for lunch. The catering company seems to be understanding our complaints about food quality and are working with us to improve the food we serve our seniors. The supply issues seem to have improved also. Capital Area Agency on Aging has implemented yearly meetings with the caterer, we now have a way to voice our concerns and are seeing positive results.

Home-delivered meals showed a slight increase this fiscal year and our East Bank waiting list decreased by year-end. We have a waiting list for services on the West Bank now for homemaker and PCA services. It takes approximately 2 weeks to get frozen meals ordered and delivered from the caterer, that is the only wait for meals on the West Bank at present.

Our congregate and home-delivered meals programs provide about 675 meals daily. Meal vans traveled approximately 65,994 miles for the Meals on Wheels program. This is an almost 6.5% increase in mileage from the previous fiscal year.

The 10 frozen meal routes and 1 hot meal route on the East Bank serve approximately 450 people. On the West Bank, the 2 frozen meal routes and 1 hot meal route are serving 100 clients. Holidays, staff illness, traffic, vehicle repairs, road construction, and weather-related closures makes it difficult to deliver to the almost 550 homes each week in Ascension Parish. If the demand continues on the East Bank, we will look at alternatives to starting a new route. We may be able to increase a few routes to 45 clients a day but with the excessive heat in summer, we are concerned that the meals may start to thaw before delivery. Increasing meal costs have us rethinking any increase in routes. Our waiting list decreased at fiscal year-end, so we will readdress increasing meal delivery at a later date if needed. We priced new meal delivery vans on state contract recently and costs of a new van increased over \$19,000 in less than 2 years. Around April 2025, a new minivan will be received from our FTA/DOTD 5310 grant, we can move the minivan we are replacing into meal delivery with some modifications.

Transportation

Transportation units of service were provided as follows:

	Passenger <u>Trips</u>	Vehicle <u>Miles</u>
III-B	29,273	93,763
Disabled	716	2,293
Escorts	<u>216</u>	<u>687</u>
Total	<u><u>30,205</u></u>	<u><u>96,743</u></u>

Transportation service to elderly passengers increased by 24% this fiscal year, and we are seeing increases monthly for transit services. There were 328 unduplicated elderly passengers who rode

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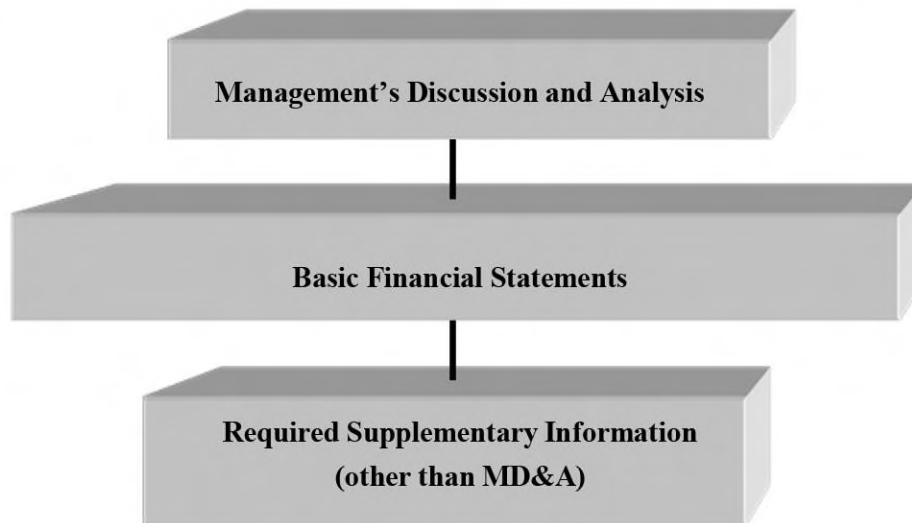
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our transportation service in 2024. The nursing homes and wound care clinics are using our service again. We saw a small increase in ridership for disabled passengers under the age of 60. We still provide this unfunded service for a small donation because Ascension Parish does not have public transportation services.

Overview of the Financial Statements

The following graphic illustrates the minimum requirements for government entities engaged in business-type activities established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).



These financial statements consist of three sections- Management's Discussion and Analysis (this section), the Basic Financial Statements (including the notes to the financial statements), and Required Supplementary Information.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

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

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

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Fund Financial Statements

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

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

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

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found starting on page 17 of this report.

Other Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information that further explains and supports the information in the financial statements. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34 requires budgetary comparison schedules for the General Fund and each major Special Revenue Fund that has a legally adopted budget (pages 30 to 35). In addition to these required elements, the Council has a section of other supplementary information. The Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head is required to comply with Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513. (page 36). The Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs (GOEA) has required the Council to present combining statements that provide details about our non-major governmental funds and details about capital assets and the changes in capital assets. This information will be used by GOEA to verify the accuracy of information submitted to them during the year and to help monitor certain compliance requirements set forth in the grants that it has with the Council (page 37 to 39).

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Government-Wide Financial Analysis of the Entity

Condensed statements of net position as of June 30, 2024 and 2023:

		(Restated)	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>Change</u>
Current and other assets	\$ 5,507,162	4,670,743	855,797
Capital assets, net of depreciation	<u>1,499,737</u>	<u>1,515,038</u>	<u>(15,301)</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 7,006,899</u>	<u>6,185,781</u>	<u>821,118</u>
Current liabilities	\$ 2,174	5,510	(3,336)
Long-term liabilities	<u>59,392</u>	<u>44,948</u>	<u>14,444</u>
Total liabilities	61,566	50,458	11,108
Net Position			
Invested in capital assets, net	1,499,737	1,515,038	(15,301)
Restricted	4,597,251	3,960,964	636,287
Unrestricted	<u>848,345</u>	<u>707,500</u>	<u>140,845</u>
Total net position	<u>6,945,333</u>	<u>6,183,502</u>	<u>761,831</u>
Total liabilities and net position	<u>\$ 7,006,899</u>	<u>6,233,960</u>	<u>772,939</u>

Condensed statements of activities for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023:

		(Restated)	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>Change</u>
Revenues:			
Program revenues	\$ 697,417	566,791	130,626
General revenues	<u>3,080,234</u>	<u>3,756,844</u>	<u>(676,610)</u>
Total revenue	3,777,651	4,323,635	(545,984)
Expenses:			
Health, welfare, and social services	<u>3,015,820</u>	<u>3,837,250</u>	<u>(821,430)</u>
Increase (decrease) in net position	761,551	486,385	275,446
Net position – beginning of year	<u>6,183,502</u>	<u>5,697,117</u>	<u>486,385</u>
Net position – end of year	<u>\$ 6,945,333</u>	<u>6,183,502</u>	<u>761,831</u>

Capital Assets

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the Council had \$1,499,737 invested in a broad range of capital assets, including buildings, furniture, equipment, and vehicles. This amount represents a net decrease (including additions and deductions) of \$15,301 or 1.0%, from last fiscal year.

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Variations Between Original and Final Budgets

For the General Fund, revenues and other financing sources were \$60,626 over budget, and expenditures and other financing uses were within budget.

For the Millage Fund, revenues and other financing sources were \$351,974 over budget (14.5%), and expenditures and other financing uses were under budget by \$377,376 (15.6%).

For the Title III B Fund, revenues and other financing sources were \$105,785 under budget (12.6%), and expenditures and other financing uses were under budget by \$105,785 (12.6%).

For the Title III C-1 Fund, revenues and other financing sources were \$874 over budget (0.8%), and expenditures and other financing uses were over budget by \$874 (0.8%).

For the Title III C-2 Fund, revenues and other financing sources were \$10,987 under budget (1.5%), and expenditures and other financing uses were under budget by \$10,987 (1.5%).

For the Senior Center Fund, revenues and other financing sources and expenditures and other financing uses equaled budgeted amounts.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

The Council receives most of its funding from federal and state agencies and local taxes. Because of this, the source of income for the Council is rather steady. However, some of the Council's grants and contracts are contingent upon the level of service provided by the Council, and therefore, revenues may vary from year to year. The Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs (GOEA) has approved the Council's budget for fiscal year 2024-2025. There are no plans to add or delete any significant programs for next fiscal year.

Ascension COA plans to build a new center in Prairieville, the FY2025 budget may be revised once approval is received from Ascension Parish Council.

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

- Actual expenditures from previous fiscal year in relation to expected needs in the current year.
- Consideration of funding to be received from GOEA and CAAA.
- The Ad Valorem Tax Revenue budgeted represents the estimated amount of the November 2024 assessment, which the Council will receive, for the most part, in April 2025.
- Interest revenues have been budgeted with anticipation of no increase in interest rates.
- Salaries and benefits are based on the number of employees needed to perform necessary services and the related benefits.
- Travel rates in accordance with state travel regulations.
- Services the Council will provide along with estimated service costs.
- Estimate of operation supplies needed to perform necessary services.
- Detail plan of equipment and vehicles needed to be purchased.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis

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Contacting the Council Management

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

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Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2024

Assets

Assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$	5,204,057	
Grants and contracts receivable		162,119	
Accrued interest		18,093	
Prepaid insurance		122,893	
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation		<u>1,499,737</u>	
Total assets	\$		<u><u>7,006,899</u></u>

Liabilities and Net Position

Liabilities:

Accounts payable	\$	2,174	
Accrued compensated absences		<u>59,392</u>	
Total liabilities			61,566

Net Position:

Net investment in capital assets		1,499,737	
Restricted for:			
MIPPA		7,860	
Millage		4,589,391	
Unrestricted		<u>848,345</u>	
Total net position			<u>6,945,333</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and net position	\$		<u><u>7,006,899</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Direct <u>Expenses</u>	Indirect <u>Expenses</u>	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue & Changes in <u>Net Position</u>
			Charges for <u>Services</u>	Operating Grants & <u>Contributions</u>	Capital Grants & <u>Contributions</u>	
Functions/Programs						
Governmental Activities:						
Health, Welfare, & Social Services:						
Supportive Services:						
Homemaker	\$ 159,893	25,559	-	23,000	-	(162,452)
Information & assistance	27,578	4,408	-	4,000	-	(27,986)
Outreach	1,543	247	-	2,500	-	710
Medical alert	4,547	727	-	4,500	-	(774)
Telephoning	12,267	1,961	-	5,421	-	(8,807)
Transportation	426,673	68,204	-	177,120	-	(317,757)
Other services	135,843	-	-	135,843	-	-
Personal care	126,786	-	-	-	-	(126,786)
Recreation	88,365	-	-	-	-	(88,365)
Wellness	92,156	-	-	10	-	(92,146)
Non-service	45,003	-	-	-	-	(45,003)
Nutrition Services:						
Congregate meals	128,773	11,625	-	92,239	-	(48,159)
Home delivered meals	810,517	84,055	-	96,659	-	(797,913)
Utility assistance	39,680	-	-	-	-	(39,680)
National family caregiver support	5,596	-	-	3,840	-	(1,756)
Multi-purpose senior centers	-	251,176	-	150,685	-	(100,491)
Administration	-	462,638	-	1,600	-	(461,038)
Total governmental activities	<u>2,105,220</u>	<u>910,600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>697,417</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,318,403)</u>
General Revenues:						
Ad valorem taxes						2,776,221
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs						236,352
Investment income						60,044
Miscellaneous						7,617
Total general revenues						<u>3,080,234</u>
Change in net position						761,831
Net position - beginning of year					6,135,323	
Prior period adjustment					<u>48,179</u>	
Net position - beginning of year, as restated						<u>6,183,502</u>
Net position - end of year						<u>\$ 6,945,333</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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Governmental Funds

Balance Sheet

June 30, 2024

	Major Funds					Non-Major	Total Governmental Funds	
	General Fund	Millage	Title III B	Title III C-1	Title III C-2	Senior Center		Other Funds
Assets:								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 128,718	5,075,339	-	-	-	-	-	5,204,057
Grants and contracts receivable	9,816	127,210	11,221	7,650	4,911	-	1,311	162,119
Accrued interest	18,093	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,093
Due from other funds	612,698	-	-	-	-	-	7,060	619,758
Prepaid insurance	-	122,893	-	-	-	-	-	122,893
Total assets	\$ 769,325	5,325,442	11,221	7,650	4,911	-	8,371	6,126,920
Liabilities and Fund Balances:								
Liabilities:								
Accounts payable	\$ 2,174	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,174
Due to other funds	-	594,883	11,221	7,650	4,911	-	1,093	619,758
Total liabilities	2,174	594,883	11,221	7,650	4,911	-	1,093	621,932
Fund Balances:								
Nonspendable	-	122,893	-	-	-	-	-	122,893
Restricted	-	4,607,666	-	-	-	-	-	4,607,666
Unassigned	767,151	-	-	-	-	-	7,278	774,429
Total fund balances	767,151	4,730,559	-	-	-	-	7,278	5,504,988
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 769,325	5,325,442	11,221	7,650	4,911	-	8,371	6,126,920

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet Fund Balances - Governmental Funds
to the Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2024

Total Governmental Fund Balances \$ 5,504,988

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

The purchase of capital assets are reported as expenditures as they
are incurred in the governmental funds. The statement of net position
reports capital outlays as an asset of the Council. These capital assets
are depreciated over their estimated useful lives in the statement of
activities and are not reported in the governmental funds. 1,499,737

Long-term liabilities that are not due and payable in the current
period are not reported as a liability in the governmental funds.
All liabilities - both current and long term - are reported in the
statement of net position.

Compensated absences payable (59,392)

Total Net Position of Governmental Activities \$ 6,945,333

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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Governmental Funds

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, & Changes in Fund Balances

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Major Funds					Non-Major	Total
	General Fund	Millage	Title III B	Title III C-1	Title III C-2	Other Funds	Governmental Funds
Revenues:							
Ad valorem taxes	\$ -	2,776,221	-	-	-	-	2,776,221
Intergovernmental:							
Capital Area Agency on Aging	-	-	94,421	51,411	35,586	2,851	184,269
Department of Transportation - Grant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs	100,000	-	-	-	-	4,700	255,385
American Rescue Plan	89,224	-	-	-	-	-	89,224
Public support:							
Contributions - other restricted	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Participant contributions	-	10	1,073	5,862	2,090	-	9,035
Investment income	60,044	-	-	-	-	-	60,044
Miscellaneous	104	-	7,513	-	-	-	7,617
In-kind contributions	-	44,028	135,843	34,966	58,983	989	274,809
Total revenues	\$ 249,372	2,820,259	238,850	92,239	96,659	8,540	3,656,604
Expenditures:							
Health, Welfare, & Social Services:							
Personnel	\$ -	404,221	454,177	85,014	227,113	38,207	1,211,233
Fringe	-	95,604	102,197	15,261	44,681	4,192	262,285
Travel	-	11,056	15,644	-	-	-	26,700
Operating services	-	12,999	103,898	106	25,434	155,929	298,366
Operating supplies	-	6,433	45,433	355	16,754	26,323	95,298
Other costs	-	72,408	12,259	896	6,567	26,525	120,411
Meals	-	93,281	-	3,800	421,759	-	518,840
Utility assistance	-	31,184	-	-	-	-	31,184
Capital outlay	-	25,902	-	-	-	-	25,902
In-kind expenditures	-	44,028	135,843	34,966	58,983	989	274,809
Total expenditures	-	797,116	869,451	140,398	801,291	5,596	2,865,028
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	249,372	2,023,143	(630,601)	(48,159)	(704,632)	2,944	791,576
Other Financing Sources (Uses):							
Transfers in	-	-	630,601	48,159	704,632	1,756	1,485,639
Transfers out	(188,746)	(1,293,793)	-	-	-	(3,100)	(1,485,639)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(188,746)	(1,293,793)	630,601	48,159	704,632	(1,344)	-
Net change in fund balances	60,626	729,350	-	-	-	1,600	791,576
Fund balances, beginning of year	706,525	3,953,030	-	-	-	5,678	4,665,233
Prior period adjustment	-	48,179	-	-	-	-	48,179
Fund balances, beginning of year, as restated	706,525	4,001,209	-	-	-	5,678	4,713,412
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 767,151	4,730,559	-	-	-	7,278	5,504,988

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

ASCENSION COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in
Fund Balances - Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds \$ 791,576

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

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

Capital asset additions	146,949
Depreciation expense	(162,250)

Governmental funds report changes in certain liabilities in the
General Long-Term Debt Account Group, however, the changes
affect costs in the statement of activities:

Personnel cost increase due to compensated absences	<u>(14,444)</u>
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Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities \$ 761,831

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting and reporting policies of the Ascension Council on the Aging, Inc. (the Council) conform to the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applicable to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental and financial reporting principles. Governments are also required to follow the pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB). The following is a summary of certain significant accounting policies used by the Council:

(a) Purpose of the Council

The purpose of the Council is to collect facts and statistics and make special studies of conditions pertaining to the employment, financial status, recreation, social adjustment, mental and physical health, or other conditions affecting the welfare of the aging people in Ascension Parish (the Parish); to keep abreast of the latest developments in these fields of activity throughout Louisiana and the United States; to interpret its findings to the citizens of the Parish and state; to provide for the mutual exchange of ideas and information on the Parish and state level; to conduct public meetings; to make recommendations for needed improvements and additional resources; to promote the welfare of aging people; to coordinate and monitor services of other local agencies serving the aging people of the Parish; to assist and cooperate with the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs (GOEA) and other departments of state and local government serving the elderly; and to make recommendations relevant to the planning and delivery of services to the elderly of the Parish.

Specific services provided by the Council to the elderly residents of the Parish include providing congregate and home-delivered meals, nutritional education, information and assistance, outreach, material aid, home repairs, medic alert units, in-home respite care, personal care, sitter services, support groups, public education, senior centers, utility assistance, homemakers, recreation, legal assistance, wellness, and transportation. The Council also provides transportation services to the public, primarily the elderly, of the Parish.

(b) Reporting Entity

In 1964, the State of Louisiana passed Act 456 authorizing the charter of a voluntary council on aging for the welfare of the aging people in each parish of Louisiana. In 1979, the Louisiana Legislature created the GOEA with the specific intention to administer and coordinate social services and programs for the elderly population of Louisiana through 64 parish voluntary councils on aging. Each council on aging in Louisiana must comply with the state laws that apply to quasi-public agencies as well as the policies and regulations established by GOEA.

The Council is a legally separate, non-profit, quasi-public corporation. The Council received its charter from the Governor of the State of Louisiana on November 1, 1972 and subsequently incorporated on March 23, 1973 under the provisions of Title 12, Chapter 2 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes. A Board of Directors, consisting of 15 voluntary members serving three-year terms, governs the Council. Each member may serve no more than two

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consecutive terms. A board member who has served two consecutive terms is ineligible to serve on the Board of Directors for one year. Reasonable efforts are made to maintain a Board of Directors who is representative of the population of the Parish. Nominations to fill expiring terms of board members are made in April to the Council's membership committee that will consider and screen the nominations. The membership committee nominates who it believes to be the best-qualified persons to the board. The members of the Council elect board members at their annual membership meeting in June. Any adult citizen of the Parish, age 60 and over, may register to be a member of the Council. Membership fees are not charged.

Based on the criteria set forth in GASB Codification Section 2100, Defining the Financial Reporting Entity, the Council is a component unit of the Ascension Parish Government (the Parish) because the Parish approves the Council's millage rates and thus the Council is fiscally dependent on the Parish. The Council presents its financial statements as a special purpose, stand-alone government; accordingly, it applies the provisions of GASB as if it were a primary government. The Council does not have any component units.

(c) Basis of Presentation

The Councils basic financial statements consist of government-wide financial statements on all activities of the Council, which are designed to report the Council as a whole entity, and fund financial statements, the purpose of which are to report individual major governmental funds and combined non-major governmental funds.

Both the government-wide and fund financial statements categorize primary activities as either governmental or business-type. The Councils functions and programs have all been categorized as governmental activities. The Council does not have any business-type activities, fiduciary funds, or any component units that are fiduciary in nature. Accordingly, the government-wide financial statements do not include any of these activities or funds.

(d) Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements include the statement of net position and the statement of activities for all activities of the Council. As a rule, the effect of interfund activity is eliminated from the statements. The government-wide presentation focuses primarily on the sustainability of the Council as an entity and the change in its net position resulting from the activities of the current fiscal year. Governmental activities generally are supported by intergovernmental revenues and property tax revenues.

In the government-wide statement of net position, a single column is presented for total governmental activities which are presented on a consolidated basis.

The statement of net position is prepared on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. The Councils net position is reported in three parts; net investment in capital assets; restricted net position; and unrestricted net position.

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The government-wide statement of activities reports both the gross and net cost of each of the Councils functions and significant programs. Many functions and programs are supported by general government revenues such as intergovernmental revenues, property taxes, and unrestricted public support, particularly if the function or program has a net cost.

The statement of activities begins by presenting gross direct and indirect expenses that include depreciation, and then reduces the expenses by related program revenues such as charges for services, operating and capital grants, and contributions, to derive the net cost of each function or program. Program revenues must be directly associated with the function or program to be used to directly offset its cost. Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants, while the capital grants column reflects capital-specific grants.

Direct expenses are clearly identifiable with a specific function or program, whereas the Council allocates its indirect expenses among various functions and programs. The statement of activities shows this allocation in a separate column labeled indirect expenses. GOEA provides administrative grant funds to help the Council pay for a portion of its indirect costs. As a result, only the indirect costs in excess of GOEA administrative funds are allocated to the Councils other functions and programs.

In the statement of activities, charges for services represent program revenues obtained by the Council when it renders services provided by a specific function or program to people or other entities. Special items, if any, are significant transactions within the control of management that are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence and are separately reported below general revenues. There were no special items this year.

(e) Fund Financial Statements

The financial transactions of the Council are reported in individual funds in the Fund Financial Statements. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund balance, revenues, and expenditures. Resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purpose for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The various funds are reported by generic classification within the financial statements.

The Council uses governmental fund types. The focus of the governmental funds' measurement (in the fund statements) is on determination of financial position and changes in financial position (sources, uses, and balances of financial resources) rather than on net income. An additional emphasis is placed on major funds within the governmental fund types. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the Council or if its total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures are at least 10% of the corresponding total for all funds of that category or type.

In addition, management may also choose to report any other governmental fund as a major fund if it believes the fund is particularly important to financial statement users. For this year, no additional funds were deemed to be major funds by management. The non-

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major funds are summarized by category or fund type into a single column in the fund financial statements.

Governmental fund equity is called the fund balance. Fund balance is further classified on a hierarchy that shows, from the highest to the lowest, the level or form of constraints on fund balance, and accordingly, the extent to which the Council is bound to honor them: nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned.

The following is a description of the governmental funds of the Council:

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

Special Revenue Funds - Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes. A large percentage of the Council's special revenue funds are Title III funds. These funds are provided by the United States Department of Health and Human Services - Administration on Aging to the GOEA, which in turn "passes through" the funds to the Council.

The following are brief descriptions of the programs and funding sources that comprise the Council's General Fund:

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

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

The following are brief descriptions of the purpose of each special revenue fund and their classification as either a major or non-major governmental fund:

Major Governmental Funds

Title III-B Supportive Services Fund - The Title III-B Supportive Services Fund is used to account for funds, which are used to provide various units of supportive social services to the elderly. This program provides for access services, in-home services, community services, transportation, and legal assistance for the elderly.

Title III C-1 Congregate Meals Fund - The Title III Congregate Meals Fund is used to account for funds that are used to provide nutritional, congregate meals to the elderly at meal sites located in the Parish. There are two main sources of revenues that form the basis of this fund: a grant from the GOEA for special programs for the aging and Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP) funds provided by the GOEA to supplement the congregate meals program.

Title III C-2 Home Delivered Meals Fund - The Title III C-2 Home Delivered Meals Fund is used to account for funds that are used to provide nutritional meals to

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homebound older persons. There are two main sources of revenues that form the basis of this fund: a grant from the GOEA for special programs for the aging and Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP) funds provided by the GOEA to supplement the home delivered meals program.

Senior Center Fund - The Senior Center Fund is used to account for the administration of Senior Center program funds appropriated by the Louisiana Legislature to the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs, which in turn "passes through" the funds to the Council. This program provides community service centers at which older persons receive supportive services and participate in activities which foster their independence, enhance their dignity, and encourage their involvement in and with the community.

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

Non-Major Governmental Funds

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

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

Utility Assistance Fund - The Utility Assistance Fund is used to account for the administration of programs that are sponsored by local utility companies. The companies collect contributions from service customers and employees and remit the funds directly to Capital Area Agency on Aging (CAAA), which in turn remits funds relating to Pointe Coupee Parish to the Council. These funds are used to provide financial assistance to the elderly for the payment of their utility bills.

MIPPA Fund - The MIPPA Fund is used to educate Medicare beneficiaries about programs that can help them save money on their health care costs. MIPPA allocates federal funding to Area Agencies on Aging. The grant helps eligible Medicare beneficiaries apply for programs that can lower the costs of their Medicare premiums and deductibles.

(f) **Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting**

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. It relates to the timing of the measurements made regardless of the measurement focus applied.

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Accrual Basis - Government-Wide Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the Council as a whole. Both of these statements have been prepared using the economic measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place.

Modified Accrual Basis - Fund Financial Statements

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. Governmental fund types use the flow of current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual; i.e., when they are both measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The Council considers all revenues "available" if they are collected within 60 days after year-end. Expenditures are generally recorded under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related liability is incurred. The exceptions to this general rule are that (1) unmatured principal and interest on long-term debt, if any, are recorded when due and (2) claims and judgments and compensated absences are recorded as expenditures when paid with expendable available financial resources.

Interfund Activity

Interfund activity is reported as either loans or transfers. Loans between funds are reported as interfund receivables and payables as appropriate and are subject to elimination upon consolidation. All other interfund transactions are treated as transfers. Transfers represent a permanent reallocation of resources between funds. Transfers between funds are netted against one another as part of the reconciliation of the change in fund balances in the fund financial statements to the change in net position in the government-wide Financial Statements.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, and petty cash. Cash equivalents include amounts in time deposits and those investments with original maturities of 90 days or less. Cash and cash equivalents are reported at their carrying amounts that equal their fair values.

Prepaid Expenses

Prepaid expenses include amounts paid for services in advance. These are shown as assets on the Government-Wide Statement of Net Position.

In the Fund Financial Statements, the Council has elected not to include amounts paid for future services as expenditures until those services are consumed to comply with the cost reimbursement terms of grant agreements. As a result, the prepaid expenditures are shown

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as an asset on the balance sheet of the Fund Financial Statements until they are consumed. In addition, a corresponding amount of the fund balance of the General Fund has been shown as non-spendable to reflect the amount of fund balance not currently available for expenditures.

Capital Assets

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

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

Building improvements	20 years
Furniture and equipment	3 - 7 years
Vehicles	5 years

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

Advances from Funding Agency

Advances from Funding Agency represent unexpended balances of grants awarded to the Council that are required to be returned to the funding agency at the end of the grant period. Grant funds due back to the funding agency are recorded as a liability when the amounts due become known, normally when a final accounting is submitted to the funding agency.

Allocation of Indirect Expenses

The Council reports all direct expenses by function and programs of functions in the Statement of Activities. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a function or program. Indirect expenses are recorded as direct expenses of the Administration function. The GOEA provides funds to partially subsidize the Council's Administration function. The unsubsidized net cost of the Administration function is allocated using a formula that is based primarily on the relationship the direct cost a program bears to the direct cost of all programs. There are some programs that cannot absorb any indirect cost allocation according to their grant or contract limitations.

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Fund Balance

The Council reports fund balance under GASB Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions. This statement provides more clearly defined fund balance categories to make the nature and extent of the constraints placed on a government's fund balance more transparent. The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints placed on the purpose for which resources can be used:

1. **Nonspendable** - This component consists of amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
2. **Restricted** - This component consists of amounts that have constraints placed on them either externally by third-parties (bond creditors) or by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Enabling legislation authorizes the Council to assess payment of resources (from external resource providers) and includes a legally enforceable requirement (compelled by external parties) that those resources be used only for the specific purposes stipulated in the legislation.
3. **Committed** - This component consists of amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Council. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Council removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (ordinance or resolution) it employed previously to commit those amounts.
4. **Assigned** - This component consists of amounts that are constrained by the Council's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed.
5. **Unassigned** - This component consists of amounts that have not been restricted, committed or assigned to specific purposes.

The Council has no committed or assigned fund balances as of June 30, 2024.

The Board of Directors, as the highest level of decision-making authority, can establish, modify, or rescind a fund balance commitment by formal vote at a public board meeting. For assigned fund balance the Board of Directors authorizes management to assign amounts for a specific purpose.

When both restricted and unrestricted fund balances are available for use, it is the Council's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted as needed. When committed, assigned or unassigned fund balances are available for use it is the Council's policy to use committed resources first, then assigned resources and unassigned resources as they are needed.

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Compensated Absences

Employees of the Council earn from 12 to 24 days of noncumulative vacation leave each year, depending on their length of service and employee status (full-time or part-time). Employees earn up to eight days of sick leave each year. However, unused sick leave is forfeited upon termination of employment. At June 30, 2024, the Council has \$59,392 of accumulated benefits relating to leave privileges that require disclosure to conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Budgetary Practices

The proposed and revised budgets for the year ended June 30, 2024, were submitted to and approved by the Board of Directors. The budget, which included proposed expenditures and the means of financing them for all the special revenue funds, except for the General Fund, was also submitted to the Louisiana GOEA. The General Fund is not required to submit a budget because funding is received in the form of Parish funds. Consequently, the amount of funding is uncertain from year to year.

Unobligated grant funds at year end that were received through the Louisiana GOEA must be returned to the office. Revenues earned or donated to the Council may be carried into the ensuing year. The budget is prepared on a modified accrual basis, consistent with the basis of accounting, for comparing budgeted and actual revenues and expenditures. Actual amounts are compared to budgeted amounts periodically during the fiscal year as a management control device. The Council does not recognize or record encumbrances in its budget practices. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year (June 30).

Generally, the Council may transfer funds between line items as often as required without prior approval from the Louisiana GOEA. However, the Council must obtain prior approval to increase capital outlay. The Council is allowed only a one-time transfer of amounts from one program to another and is never permitted to transfer amounts from services to administration.

Budgeted amounts included in the accompanying financial statements include the original adopted budget and all subsequent amendments for all programs that require budgeting.

Use of Estimates

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

(2) Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Council's cash and cash equivalents include demand deposit and non-negotiable certificates of deposit with a fiscal agent bank. At June 30, 2024, the Council's cash and cash equivalents (book balances) amounted to \$5,204,057.

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Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the Council's deposits may not be returned to it. Deposits in bank accounts are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The fair market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These pledged securities are held in the name of the Council or the pledging bank by a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

At June 30, 2024, the Council's bank balances of \$5,421,210 was secured by a mixture of federal deposit insurance pledged securities held in the name of the Council by a custodial bank.

(3) Grants and Accounts Receivable

Grants and accounts receivable at June 30, 2024 included the following funds:

Special Revenue Funds:	
Title III B	\$ 11,221
Title III C-1	7,650
Title III C-2	4,911
Title III E	511
MIPPA	800
Millage	127,210
General Fund	<u>9,816</u>
	<u>\$ 162,119</u>

(4) Capital Assets

A summary of changes in property and equipment and related depreciation for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 is as follows:

	<u>Balance at June 30, 2023</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Balance at June 30, 2024</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Building improvements	\$ 1,478,939	-	-	1,478,939
Furniture and equipment	275,583	6,523	-	282,106
Vehicles	<u>713,681</u>	<u>140,426</u>	-	<u>854,107</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	2,468,203	146,949	-	2,615,152
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(953,165)</u>	<u>(162,250)</u>	-	<u>(1,115,415)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>\$ 1,515,038</u>	<u>(15,301)</u>	-	<u>1,499,737</u>

Depreciation expense for the year ended June 30, 2024 was \$162,250.

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(5) Board of Directors' Compensation

The Board of Directors is a voluntary board; therefore, no compensation has been paid to any member. However, board members are reimbursed for any out-of-pocket costs they might incur on behalf of the Council in accordance with the Council's applicable reimbursement policy.

(6) Property Taxes

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

The Parish of Ascension has established separate accounts for the Council on Aging. The activity of the Parish of Ascension/Council on Aging account for the year ended June 30, 2024 includes collection of the ad valorem tax, interest income, and the payment of state retirement contributions and a Parish administration fee. The 10-year tax is scheduled to expire December 31, 2034.

(7) In-Kind Financial Assistance

The Council receives financial assistance from several local governments in the form of part time manpower, volunteers, vehicles, facilities, and certain related operating expenses at no charge. Amounts related to this assistance are recorded in these financial statements as in-kind contributions and expenditures. The total in-kind financial assistance for the year June 30, 2024 was \$274,809.

(8) Income Tax Status

The Council, a non-profit corporation, is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is classified by the Internal Revenue Service as an organization other than a private foundation. The Council, therefore, is not subject to income taxes. However, income from activities not directly related to the Council's tax-exempt purpose is subject to taxation as unrelated business income. The Council had no such income for the year ended June 30, 2024.

On June 30, 2012, the Council adopted the provisions of the Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes Topic of the FASB ASC, which clarifies the accounting and recognition for income tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the Council's income tax returns. Management evaluated the Council's tax positions and concluded that the Council had taken no uncertain tax positions that required adjustments to the financial statements to comply with the provisions of this guidance. Ascension Council on Aging, Inc. is no longer subject to income tax examinations by the U.S. federal, state, or local tax authorities for tax years prior to June 30, 2021.

(9) Retirement Plan

The Council provides a retirement plan to its employees. The plan is a defined contribution plan. Total contributions for the year ended June 30, 2024 were \$39,472 and total plan assets were \$477,233.

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(10) Contingent Liabilities

Judgments, Claims, and Similar Contingencies

There is no litigation pending against the Council as of year-end. The Council's management believes that any potential lawsuits would be adequately covered by insurance or resolved without any material impact upon the Council's financial statements.

The Council is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; job related illnesses or injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Council has purchased commercial insurance to cover or reduce the risk of loss that might arise should one of these incidents occur. There have been no significant reductions in coverage from the prior year. No settlements were made during the current or prior three fiscal years that exceeded the Council's insurance coverage.

Grant Programs

The Council participates in a number of state and federal grant programs, which are governed by various rules and regulations. Costs charged to the respective grant programs are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor agencies; therefore, to the extent that the Council has not complied with the rules and regulations governing the grants, refunds of any money received and the collectability of any related receivable at year-end may be impaired. In management's opinion, there are no significant contingent liabilities relating to compliance with the rules and regulations governing state and federal grants; therefore, no provision has been recorded in the accompanying financial statements for such contingencies. Audits of prior years have not resulted in any significant disallowed costs or refunds. Any costs that would be disallowed would be recognized in the period agreed upon by the grantor agency and the Council.

(11) Economic Dependency

The Council receives a portion of its revenue through grants administered by the Louisiana GOEA. The grant amounts are appropriated each year by the federal and state governments. If significant budget cuts are made at the federal and/or state level, the amount of funds the Council receives could be reduced significantly and have an adverse impact on its operations. Management is not aware of any actions that will adversely affect the amount of funds the Council will receive in the next fiscal year. The renewal of the millage was up for vote in the current fiscal year. If the vote was not passed, the Council could see a significant adverse impact on its operations.

(12) Interfund Transfers

Interfund transfers to and from are listed by fund for the fiscal year as follows:

	<u>Operating Transfers</u>	
	<u>In</u>	<u>Out</u>
General Fund:		
Title III B	\$ -	73,529
Title III C-1	-	30,312

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Title III C-2	-	83,149
Title III E	-	1,756
Special Revenue Funds:		
Title III B:		
General	73,529	-
Supplemental Senior Center	3,100	-
Millage	553,972	-
Title III C-1:		
General	30,312	-
Millage	17,847	-
Title III C-2:		
General	83,149	-
Millage	621,483	-
Millage:		
Title III B	-	553,972
Title III C-1	-	17,847
Title III C-2	-	621,483
Senior Center	-	100,491
Senior Center:		
Millage	100,491	-
Title III E:		
General	1,756	-
Supplemental Senior Center	-	3,100
	<u>\$ 1,485,639</u>	<u>1,485,639</u>

(13) Prior Period Adjustments

The Council recorded the following prior period adjustments:

Fund Financials/Government-Wide Financials:

	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u> <u>In Net Position/Fund Balance</u>
To increase fund balance/net position for ad valorem taxes not accrued in prior year	\$ <u>48,179</u>
	\$ <u>48,179</u>

(14) Evaluation of Subsequent Events

Subsequent events were evaluated through October 28, 2024, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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**Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget to Actual - General Fund**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	<u>Budget</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
Revenues:				
Ad valorem taxes	\$ -	-	-	-
Intergovernmental:				
Capital Area Agency on Aging	-	-	-	-
Department of Transportation - Grant	-	-	-	-
Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs	100,000	100,000	100,000	-
American Rescue Plan	88,746	88,746	89,224	478
Public support:				
Contributions - other restricted	-	-	-	-
Participant contributions	-	-	-	-
Investment income	-	-	60,044	60,044
Miscellaneous	-	-	104	104
In-kind contributions	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	<u>188,746</u>	<u>188,746</u>	<u>249,372</u>	<u>60,626</u>
Expenditures:				
Health, Welfare, & Social Services:				
Personnel	-	-	-	-
Fringe	-	-	-	-
Travel	-	-	-	-
Operating services	-	-	-	-
Operating supplies	-	-	-	-
Other costs	-	-	-	-
Meals	-	-	-	-
Utility assistance	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-
In-kind expenditures	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues	<u>188,746</u>	<u>188,746</u>	<u>249,372</u>	<u>60,626</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Transfers in	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	(188,746)	(188,746)	(188,746)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(188,746)</u>	<u>(188,746)</u>	<u>(188,746)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60,626</u>	<u>60,626</u>

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Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget to Actual - Millage Fund

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budget		Actual	Adjustments to Budgetary Basis	Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final				
Revenues:						
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 2,434,350	2,424,257	2,776,221	-	2,776,221	351,964
Intergovernmental:						
Capital Area Agency on Aging	-	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Transportation - Grant	-	-	-	-	-	-
Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Rescue Plan	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public support:						
Contributions - other restricted	-	-	-	-	-	-
Participant contributions	-	-	10	-	10	10
Investment income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-
In-kind contributions	-	-	44,028	(44,028)	-	-
Total revenues	<u>2,434,350</u>	<u>2,424,257</u>	<u>2,820,259</u>	<u>(44,028)</u>	<u>2,776,231</u>	<u>351,974</u>
Expenditures:						
Health, Welfare, & Social Services:						
Personnel	441,743	373,843	404,221	-	404,221	(30,378)
Fringe	97,566	93,230	95,604	-	95,604	(2,374)
Travel	15,000	15,000	11,056	-	11,056	3,944
Operating services	23,070	27,570	12,999	-	12,999	14,571
Operating supplies	70,000	71,000	6,433	-	6,433	64,567
Other costs	141,320	142,320	72,408	-	72,408	69,912
Meals	140,000	140,000	93,281	-	93,281	46,719
Utility assistance	-	-	31,184	-	31,184	(31,184)
Capital outlay	145,000	145,000	25,902	-	25,902	119,098
In-kind expenditures	-	-	44,028	(44,028)	-	-
Total expenditures	<u>1,073,699</u>	<u>1,007,963</u>	<u>797,116</u>	<u>(44,028)</u>	<u>753,088</u>	<u>254,875</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues	<u>1,360,651</u>	<u>1,416,294</u>	<u>2,023,143</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,023,143</u>	<u>606,849</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	(1,360,651)	(1,416,294)	(1,293,793)	-	(1,293,793)	122,501
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(1,360,651)</u>	<u>(1,416,294)</u>	<u>(1,293,793)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,293,793)</u>	<u>122,501</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>729,350</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>729,350</u>	<u>729,350</u>

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**Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget to Actual - Title III B Fund**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	<u>Budget</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Adjustments to Budgetary Basis</u>	<u>Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>				<u>(Unfavorable)</u>
Revenues:						
Ad valorem taxes	\$	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental:						
Capital Area Agency on Aging	94,421	94,421	94,421	-	94,421	-
Department of Transportation - Grant	-	-	-	-	-	-
Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Rescue Plan	23,529	23,529	-	-	-	(23,529)
Public support:						
Contributions - other restricted	-	-	-	-	-	-
Participant contributions	8,000	8,000	1,073	-	1,073	(6,927)
Investment income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	7,513	-	7,513	7,513
In-kind contributions	-	-	135,843	(135,843)	-	-
Total revenues	<u>125,950</u>	<u>125,950</u>	<u>238,850</u>	<u>(135,843)</u>	<u>103,007</u>	<u>(22,943)</u>
Expenditures:						
Health, Welfare, & Social Services:						
Personnel	527,699	526,067	454,177	-	454,177	71,890
Fringe	124,218	123,993	102,197	-	102,197	21,796
Travel	17,979	17,979	15,644	-	15,644	2,335
Operating services	77,658	104,658	103,898	-	103,898	760
Operating supplies	41,206	55,706	45,433	-	45,433	10,273
Other costs	10,990	10,990	12,259	-	12,259	(1,269)
Meals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Utility assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-
In-kind expenditures	-	-	135,843	(135,843)	-	-
Total expenditures	<u>799,750</u>	<u>839,393</u>	<u>869,451</u>	<u>(135,843)</u>	<u>733,608</u>	<u>105,785</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues	<u>(673,800)</u>	<u>(713,443)</u>	<u>(630,601)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(630,601)</u>	<u>82,842</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Transfers in	673,800	713,443	630,601	-	630,601	(82,842)
Transfers out	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>673,800</u>	<u>713,443</u>	<u>630,601</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>630,601</u>	<u>(82,842)</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget to Actual - Title III C-1 Fund

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budget		Actual	Adjustments to Budgetary Basis	Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final				
Revenues:						
Ad valorem taxes	\$ -	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental:						
Capital Area Agency on Aging	51,411	51,411	51,411	-	51,411	-
Department of Transportation - Grant	-	-	-	-	-	-
Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Rescue Plan	5,312	5,312	-	-	-	(5,312)
Public support:						
Contributions - other restricted	-	-	-	-	-	-
Participant contributions	6,000	6,000	5,862	-	5,862	(138)
Investment income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-
In-kind contributions	-	-	34,966	(34,966)	-	-
Total revenues	<u>62,723</u>	<u>62,723</u>	<u>92,239</u>	<u>(34,966)</u>	<u>57,273</u>	<u>(5,450)</u>
Expenditures:						
Health, Welfare, & Social Services:						
Personnel	85,327	85,327	85,014	-	85,014	313
Fringe	12,684	12,684	15,261	-	15,261	(2,577)
Travel	383	383	-	-	-	383
Operating services	4,409	4,409	106	-	106	4,303
Operating supplies	898	798	355	-	355	443
Other costs	957	957	896	-	896	61
Meals	-	-	3,800	-	3,800	(3,800)
Utility assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-
In-kind expenditures	-	-	34,966	(34,966)	-	-
Total expenditures	<u>104,658</u>	<u>104,558</u>	<u>140,398</u>	<u>(34,966)</u>	<u>105,432</u>	<u>(874)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues	<u>(41,935)</u>	<u>(41,835)</u>	<u>(48,159)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(48,159)</u>	<u>(6,324)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Transfers in	41,935	41,835	48,159	-	48,159	6,324
Transfers out	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>41,935</u>	<u>41,835</u>	<u>48,159</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,159</u>	<u>6,324</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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**Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget to Actual - Title III C-2 Fund**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	<u>Budget</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Adjustments to Budgetary Basis</u>	<u>Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>				
Revenues:						
Ad valorem taxes	\$ -	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental:						
Capital Area Agency on Aging	35,586	35,586	35,586	-	35,586	-
Department of Transportation - Grant	-	-	-	-	-	-
Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Rescue Plan	58,149	58,149	-	-	-	(58,149)
Public support:						
Contributions - other restricted	-	-	-	-	-	-
Participant contributions	7,500	7,500	2,090	-	2,090	(5,410)
Investment income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-
In-kind contributions	-	-	58,983	(58,983)	-	-
Total revenues	<u>101,235</u>	<u>101,235</u>	<u>96,659</u>	<u>(58,983)</u>	<u>37,676</u>	<u>(63,559)</u>
Expenditures:						
Health, Welfare, & Social Services:						
Personnel	223,704	223,704	227,113	-	227,113	(3,409)
Fringe	47,287	47,287	44,681	-	44,681	2,606
Travel	2,638	2,638	-	-	-	2,638
Operating services	26,834	26,833	25,434	-	25,434	1,399
Operating supplies	15,496	15,496	16,754	-	16,754	(1,258)
Other costs	6,596	6,596	6,567	-	6,567	29
Meals	430,741	430,741	421,759	-	421,759	8,982
Utility assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-
In-kind expenditures	-	-	58,983	(58,983)	-	-
Total expenditures	<u>753,296</u>	<u>753,295</u>	<u>801,291</u>	<u>(58,983)</u>	<u>742,308</u>	<u>10,987</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues	<u>(652,061)</u>	<u>(652,060)</u>	<u>(704,632)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(704,632)</u>	<u>(52,572)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Transfers in	652,061	652,060	704,632	-	704,632	52,572
Transfers out	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>652,061</u>	<u>652,060</u>	<u>704,632</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>704,632</u>	<u>52,572</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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**Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget to Actual - Senior Center Fund**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	<u>Budget</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
Revenues:				
Ad valorem taxes	\$ -	-	-	-
Intergovernmental:				
Capital Area Agency on Aging	-	-	-	-
Department of Transportation - Grant	-	-	-	-
Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs	150,685	150,685	150,685	-
American Rescue Plan	-	-	-	-
Public support:				
Contributions - other restricted	-	-	-	-
Participant contributions	-	-	-	-
Investment income	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
In-kind contributions	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	<u>150,685</u>	<u>150,685</u>	<u>150,685</u>	<u>-</u>
Expenditures:				
Health, Welfare, & Social Services:				
Personnel	40,079	40,079	38,207	1,872
Fringe	5,562	5,562	4,192	1,370
Travel	-	-	-	-
Operating services	159,100	165,100	155,929	9,171
Operating supplies	30,000	30,000	26,323	3,677
Other costs	12,000	22,000	26,525	(4,525)
Meals	-	-	-	-
Utility assistance	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-
In-kind expenditures	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	<u>246,741</u>	<u>262,741</u>	<u>251,176</u>	<u>11,565</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues	<u>(96,056)</u>	<u>(112,056)</u>	<u>(100,491)</u>	<u>11,565</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Transfers in	96,056	112,056	100,491	(11,565)
Transfers out	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>96,056</u>	<u>112,056</u>	<u>100,491</u>	<u>(11,565)</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

ASCENSION COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.

Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Agency Head Name: Darlene Schexnayder, Executive Director

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salary	\$ 77,860
Benefits- Insurance	-
Benefits- Retirement	3,114
Benefits- Others	-
Car Allowance	-
Per Diem	-
Reimbursements	-
Travel	-
Registration Fees	-
Conference Travel	-
Continuing Professional Education Fees	-
Special Meals	-
	<u>\$ 80,974</u>

ASCENSION COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.

Governmental Funds

Combining Balance Sheet - Non-Major Funds

June 30, 2024

	<u>Title III E</u>	<u>Utility Assistance</u>	<u>MIPPA</u>	<u>Supplemental Senior Center</u>	<u>Total Non-Major Funds</u>
Assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	-	-	-	-
Grants and contracts receivable	511	-	800	-	1,311
Due from other funds	-	-	7,060	-	7,060
Prepaid insurance	-	-	-	-	-
Total assets	\$ 511	-	7,860	-	8,371
Liabilities and Fund Balances:					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$ -	-	-	-	-
Due to other funds	876	217	-	-	1,093
Total liabilities	876	217	-	-	1,093
Fund Balances:					
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted	-	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	(365)	(217)	7,860	-	7,278
Total fund balances	(365)	(217)	7,860	-	7,278
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 511	-	7,860	-	8,371

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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Governmental Funds

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, &
Changes in Fund Balances - Non-Major Funds

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	<u>Title III E</u>	<u>Utility Assistance</u>	<u>MIPPA</u>	<u>Supplemental Senior Center</u>	<u>Total Non-Major Funds</u>
Revenues:					
Ad valorem taxes	\$ -	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental:					
Capital Area Agency on Aging	2,851	-	-	-	2,851
Department of Transportation - Grant	-	-	-	-	-
Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs	-	-	1,600	3,100	4,700
American Rescue Plan	-	-	-	-	-
Public support:					
Participant contributions	-	-	-	-	-
Investment income	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-
In-kind contributions	989	-	-	-	989
Total revenues	<u>3,840</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,600</u>	<u>3,100</u>	<u>8,540</u>
Expenditures:					
Health, welfare, & social services:					
Personnel	\$ 2,501	-	-	-	2,501
Fringe	350	-	-	-	350
Travel	-	-	-	-	-
Other Total liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Operating supplies	-	-	-	-	-
Other costs	1,756	-	-	-	1,756
Meals	-	-	-	-	-
Utility assistance	-	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	-
In-kind expenditures	989	-	-	-	989
Total expenditures	<u>5,596</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,596</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(1,756)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,600</u>	<u>3,100</u>	<u>2,944</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Transfers in	1,756	-	-	-	1,756
Transfers out	-	-	-	(3,100)	(3,100)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>1,756</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,100)</u>	<u>(1,344)</u>
Net change in fund balances	-	-	1,600	-	1,600
Fund balances, beginning of year	<u>(365)</u>	<u>(217)</u>	<u>6,260</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,678</u>
Fund balances, end of year	<u>\$ (365)</u>	<u>(217)</u>	<u>7,860</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,278</u>

ASCENSION COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.

Comparative Schedule of Capital Assets and Changes in Capital Assets

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2023</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2024</u>
General Capital Assets:				
Vehicles	\$ 713,681	140,426	-	854,107
Building improvements	1,478,939	-	-	1,478,939
Office furniture and equipment	<u>275,583</u>	<u>6,523</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>282,106</u>
Total capital assets	<u>\$ 2,468,203</u>	<u>146,949</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,615,152</u>
 Investment in capital assets:				
Property acquired with funds from:				
Millage / Parish	\$ 2,045,287	25,902	-	2,071,189
State of Louisiana DOTD 5310	416,924	121,047	-	537,971
State of Louisiana DOTD 5311	1,214			1,214
Senior Center	<u>4,778</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,778</u>
Total investment in capital assets	<u>\$ 2,468,203</u>	<u>146,949</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,615,152</u>



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

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

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Ascension Council on Aging, Inc. (the Council), as of and for the year then ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Council's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated October 28, 2024.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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

Griffin & Furman, LLC

October 28, 2024

Covington, Louisiana

ASCENSION COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.

Schedule of Findings and Management's Corrective Action

June 30, 2024

Summary of Audit Results:

- 1. Type of Report Issued – Unmodified**
- 2. Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**
 - a. Significant Deficiencies - No**
 - b. Material Weaknesses - No**
- 3. Compliance and Other Matters - No**
- 4. Management Letter - No**

ASCENSION COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.

Status of Prior Year Findings

June 30, 2024

Not applicable.

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Agreed-Upon Procedures

For the Year Ending June 30, 2024

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT
ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

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

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. The Council's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

The Council has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

Written Policies and Procedures

1. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe whether they address each of the following categories and subcategories if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations:
 - a) ***Budgeting***, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.
 - b) ***Purchasing***, including (1) how purchases are initiated, (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list, (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders, (4) controls to ensure compliance with the Public Bid Law, and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.
 - c) ***Disbursements***, including processing, reviewing, and approving.
 - d) ***Receipts/Collections***, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g.,

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periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).

- e) **Payroll/Personnel**, including (1) payroll processing, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee rates of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.
- f) **Contracting**, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.
- g) **Travel and Expense Reimbursement**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
- h) **Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, purchase cards, if applicable)**, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).
- i) **Ethics**, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.
- j) **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
- k) **Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity**, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.
- l) **Prevention of Sexual Harassment**, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

Finding: Procedure performed without exception.

Board or Finance Committee

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

Finding: Procedure performed without exception.

- ii. For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe whether the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual comparisons, at a minimum, on all proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget-to-actual comparisons, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds. *Alternatively, for those entities reporting on the not-for-profit accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included financial activity relating to public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.*

Finding: Procedure performed without exception.

- iii. For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unassigned fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unassigned fund balance in the general fund.

Finding: Not applicable.

- iv. Observe whether the board/finance committee received written updates of the progress of resolving audit finding(s), according to management's corrective action plan at each meeting until the findings are considered fully resolved.

Finding: Not applicable.

Bank Reconciliations

3. Obtain a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:

- i. Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged);

Finding: Procedure performed without exception.

- ii. Bank reconciliations include written evidence that a member of management or a board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation within 1 month of the date the reconciliation was prepared (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged); and

Finding: Procedure performed without exception.

- iii. Management has documentation reflecting it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

Finding: Not applicable. None of the reconciling items on any of the bank reconciliations were outstanding for more than 12 months.

Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)

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

Finding: Procedure performed without exception.

5. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (e.g., 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if there are no written policies or procedures, then inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that
 - i. Employees responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers;
 - ii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g., pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit;
 - iii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit; and
 - iv. The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or custodial fund additions, is (are) not also responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation.

Finding: Procedure performed without exception.

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

Finding: Procedure performed without exception.

7. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). Alternatively, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc. Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and
 - i. Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
 - ii. Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
 - iii. Observe that the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection

location or the deposit is less than \$100 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer).

- iv. Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

Finding: Procedure performed without exception.

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

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

Finding: Procedure performed without exception.

- 9. For each location selected under procedure #5A above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, then inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that

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

Finding: Procedure performed without exception.

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

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

Finding: Procedure performed without exception.

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

Finding: Procedure performed without exception.

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

12. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and purchase cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.

Finding: Procedure performed without exception.

13. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement). Obtain supporting documentation, and

- a) Observe whether there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) were reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved) by someone other than the authorized card holder (those instances requiring such approval that may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials, such as the mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality, should not be reported); and

Finding: Procedure performed without exception.

- b) Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.

Finding: Procedure performed without exception.

14. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under procedure #7B above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (e.g., each card should have 10 transactions subject to inspection). For each transaction, observe that it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For missing receipts, the practitioner should describe the nature of the transaction and observe whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

Finding: Procedure performed without exception.

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

15. Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements and obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected
 - i. If reimbursed using a per diem, observe that the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov);
 - ii. If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased;
 - iii. Observe that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by Written Policies and Procedures procedure #1A(vii); and
 - iv. Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

***Finding:** Procedure i) was not applicable. The remaining procedures performed without exception.*

Contracts

16. Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. Alternatively, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and
 - i. Observe whether the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law;

***Finding:** Not applicable. The Council had no contracts.*
 - ii. Observe whether the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g., Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter);

***Finding:** Not applicable. The Council had no contracts.*
 - iii. If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observe that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment, the documented approval); and

***Finding:** Not applicable. The Council had no contracts.*

- iv. Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

Finding: Not applicable. The Council had no contracts.

Payroll and Personnel

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

Finding: Procedure performed without exception.

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

Finding: Procedure performed without exception.

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

Finding: Procedure performed without exception.

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

Finding: Procedure performed without exception.

Ethics

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

Finding: Procedure performed without exception.

- ii. Observe whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates that each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.

Finding: Procedure performed without exception.

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

Finding: Procedure performed without exception.

Debt Service

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

Finding: Not applicable. The Council has no bonds/notes or other debt instruments.

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

Finding: Not applicable. The Council has no bonds/notes or other debt instruments.

Fraud Notice

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

Finding: Not applicable. The Council did not have any misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period.

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

Finding: Procedure performed without exception.

Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

27. Perform the following procedures, verbally discuss the results with management, and report “We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.”
- i. Obtain and inspect the entity’s most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe evidence that such backup (a) occurred within the past week, (b) was not stored on the government’s local server or network, and (c) was encrypted.
 - ii. Obtain and inspect the entity’s most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.
 - iii. Obtain a listing of the entity’s computers currently in use and their related locations, and management’s representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.

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

28. Randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in Payroll and Personnel procedure #9C. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.

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

29. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain cybersecurity training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates that the following employees/officials with access to the agency’s information technology assets have completed cybersecurity training as required by R.S. 42:1267. The requirements are as follows:

1. Hired before June 9, 2020 - completed the training; and
2. Hired on or after June 9, 2020 - completed the training within 30 days of initial service or employment.

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

Prevention of Sexual Harassment

30. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:343.
31. Observe that the entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website (or in a conspicuous location on the entity's premises if the entity does not have a website).
32. Obtain the entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observe that the report includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:
 - i. Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
 - ii. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
 - iii. Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
 - iv. Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
 - v. Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

Finding: Not applicable. The sexual harassment statutes do not apply to the Council.

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

We are required to be independent of Ascension Council on Aging, Inc. and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

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

Griffin & Furman, LLC

October 28, 2024

Covington, Louisiana

ASCENSION COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.

Schedule of Findings

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Not applicable.