

**ST. BERNARD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION**

**CHALMETTE, LOUISIANA**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**DECEMBER 31, 2024**



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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' COMPILATION REPORT**

To the Board of  
St. Bernard Economic Development Foundation  
Chalmette, Louisiana

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of the St. Bernard Economic Development Foundation (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2024, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. We did not audit or review the financial statements nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on these financial statements.

**Other Information**

The schedule of compensation, benefits and other payments to the agency head is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Act 706 of the 2014 Louisiana Legislative Session and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. This information is the representation of management. The information was subject to our compilation engagement; however, we have not audited or reviewed the information and, accordingly, do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on such information.

New Orleans, Louisiana  
June 19, 2025

*Erickson Krentel, LLP*  
Certified Public Accountants

**ST. BERNARD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**(See Independent Accountants' Compilation Report)**

**ASSETS**

**CURRENT ASSETS:**

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 84,978
Investments	715,199
Grants receivable	37,500
Contract receivables	<u>3,000</u>
 Total current assets	 <u>840,677</u>

**PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT:**

Furniture and equipment	26,945
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(25,963)</u>
 Total property and equipment, net	 <u>982</u>

**RIGHT-OF-USE ASSET:**

Operating right-of-use asset	166,789
Accumulated amortization	<u>(89,640)</u>
 Total right-of-use asset, net	 <u>77,149</u>
 Total assets	 <u><u>\$ 918,808</u></u>

**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

**CURRENT LIABILITIES:**

Operating lease liability, current portion	\$ 13,901
Accrued liabilities	<u>3,842</u>
 Total current liabilities	 <u>17,743</u>

**NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES:**

Operating lease liability, net of current portion	<u>60,424</u>
 Total non-current liabilities	 <u>60,424</u>
 Total liabilities	 <u>78,167</u>

**NET ASSETS:**

Without donor restrictions	<u>840,641</u>
 Total net assets	 <u>840,641</u>
 Total liabilities and net assets	 <u><u>\$ 918,808</u></u>

See accompanying NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**ST. BERNARD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

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	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
<b><u>REVENUE AND SUPPORT:</u></b>			
St. Bernard Parish grant	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ 150,000
Other grants	40,775	-	40,775
Contract revenue	12,000	-	12,000
Contributions and donations	124,417	-	124,417
Other income	36,732	-	36,732
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Total revenue and support	363,924	-	363,924
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<b><u>EXPENSES:</u></b>			
Program services:			
Economic development	290,947	-	290,947
Support services:			
General and administrative	93,492	-	93,492
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Total expenses	384,439	-	384,439
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Change in net assets	(20,515)	-	(20,515)
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Net assets at beginning of year	861,156	-	861,156
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Net assets at end of year	\$ 840,641	\$ -	\$ 840,641
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See accompanying NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**ST. BERNARD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION**  
**STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

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	<u>Program</u>	<u>Support</u>	
	<u>Economic</u>	<u>General and</u>	
	<u>Development</u>	<u>Administrative</u>	<u>Total</u>
Salaries	\$ 169,895	\$ 56,631	\$ 226,526
Payroll taxes	12,464	4,155	16,619
Business meetings	1,917	-	1,917
Cell phone reimbursement	2,279	-	2,279
Contract labor	310	103	413
Depreciation	391	-	391
Dues and subscriptions	-	8,305	8,305
Health insurance	13,049	4,350	17,399
Insurance	-	917	917
Legal and accounting	3,915	1,305	5,220
Marketing	10,125	-	10,125
Miscellaneous	874	541	1,415
Office supplies	-	8,023	8,023
Professional development	-	6,543	6,543
Rent	21,699	-	21,699
Startup awards	46,172	-	46,172
Telephone and internet	2,637	879	3,516
Travel	3,827	1,276	5,103
Web design	1,393	464	1,857
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Total functional expenses	<u>\$ 290,947</u>	<u>\$ 93,492</u>	<u>\$ 384,439</u>

See accompanying NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**ST. BERNARD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

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**CASH FLOWS FROM (USED FOR) OPERATING**

**ACTIVITIES:**

Change in net assets	\$ (20,515)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash from operating activities:	
Depreciation	391
Amortization of right-of-use assets	14,091
(Increase) decrease in assets:	
Contract receivables	3,000
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:	
Operating lease liability	(13,677)
Accrued liabilities	<u>1,970</u>
Net cash (used for) operating activities	<u>(14,740)</u>

**CASH FLOWS FROM (USED FOR) INVESTING**

**ACTIVITIES:**

Purchases of investments	<u>(33,332)</u>
Net cash (used for) investing activities	<u>(33,332)</u>
Net (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(48,072)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>133,050</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u><u>\$ 84,978</u></u>

See accompanying NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**ST. BERNARD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**(See Independent Accountants' Compilation Report)**

**(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Nature of Activities**

The St. Bernard Economic Development Foundation (the Foundation) is a not-for-profit corporation whose mission is to enhance economic development and commerce in St. Bernard Parish and the State of Louisiana. The Foundation's primary sources of revenues are governmental grants and contributions. The significant accounting policies are described below to enhance the usefulness of the financial statements to the reader.

**Method of Accounting and Financial Reporting Framework**

Assets and liabilities and revenues and expenses are recognized on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as promulgated by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB).

**Basis of Presentation**

The financial statement presentation follows the recommendations of the FASB in its Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 958-210-50-3, *Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Organizations*. Under FASB ASC 958-210-50-3, the Foundation is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets:

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions – The part of net assets of a not-for profit entity that is subject to donor-imposed restrictions (donors include other types of contributors, including makers of certain grants).

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions – The part of net assets of a not-for-profit entity that is not subject to donor-imposed restrictions (donors include other types of contributors, including makers of certain grants).

**Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.



**ST. BERNARD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2024**

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**(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Foundation considers all highly liquid investments available for current use with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

**Investments**

The Foundation invests in LAMP, which is administered by LAMP, Inc., a non-profit corporation incorporated in the State of Louisiana. The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in accordance with LA – R.S. 33:2955. The investment in LAMP is valued at fair value, which is determined weekly by LAMP and the value of the position in the external investment pool is the same as the net asset value of the pool shares. Investments in marketable securities and mutual funds with readily determinable fair values and all investments in debt securities are reported at fair value in the statement of financial position. Unrealized gains and losses are included in the change in net assets in the accompanying statement of activities.

FASB ASC Topic 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, emphasizes market-based measurement and, in doing so, stipulates a fair value hierarchy. The hierarchy is based on the type of inputs, or data used, to measure fair value. The fair value hierarchy is summarized below:

Level 1 lies at the top of the hierarchy; inputs are quoted prices in active markets.

Level 2 inputs do not stem directly from quoted prices and include data that is adjusted from similar items traded in markets that are active markets or from identical or similar items in markets that are not active.

Level 3 inputs are unobservable and require the entity to develop its own assumptions.

No Level 2 or Level 3 inputs were used by the Foundation during the year ended December 31, 2024.

**Contract Assets**

Contract assets consist of receivables under the Foundation's cooperative endeavor agreement with the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District as further discussed in Note 4.

**ST. BERNARD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2024**

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**(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Grants Receivable**

The Organization receives a substantial portion of its funding through grants from the local municipality, with additional support from private corporations and other non-governmental sources. Grants receivable are stated at net realizable value. Management reviews receivables regularly and assesses collectability based on the age of the receivables, historical loss experience, and specific grantor circumstances.

Because the majority of these receivables are from government agencies and other highly creditworthy organizations, and based on management's review, no allowance for doubtful accounts was considered necessary as of December 31, 2024.

**Property and Equipment and Depreciation**

The Foundation capitalizes property and equipment over \$500. Lesser amounts are expensed. Purchased property and equipment is capitalized at cost. Furniture and fixtures are depreciated using the straight-line method over estimated useful lives ranging from five to seven years.

**Revenue Recognition**

The Foundation recognizes revenue from contributions and grants in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 958-605, *Not-for-Profit Entities-Revenue Recognition*. Cost-reimbursable federal and state grants are accounted for as conditional contributions and recognized as revenue when qualifying expenditures are incurred in compliance with grant terms. These grants are not considered exchange transactions, as they do not involve commensurate value being provided to the funding agencies.

When applicable, revenue from exchange transactions is recognized in accordance with (ASC) Topic 606, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, based on the delivery of promised goods or services. Contributions of non-cash assets are recorded at fair value when received.

**ST. BERNARD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2024**

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**(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Leases**

The Foundation applies judgment in determining whether a contract contains a lease and whether a lease is classified as an operating lease or a finance lease. The Foundation defines the lease term as the non-cancellable term of the lease, which may include options to extend or terminate the lease when it is reasonably certain that the Foundation will exercise that option. The lease term is used in determining classification between operating lease and finance lease, calculating the lease liability and determining the incremental borrowing rate.

The Foundation has a lease contract that includes extension and termination options. The Foundation applies judgment in evaluating whether it is reasonably certain to exercise the option to renew or terminate the lease. That is, it considers all relevant factors that create an economic incentive for it to exercise either the renewal or termination. After the commencement date of the lease, the Foundation reassesses the lease term if there is a significant event or change in circumstances that is within its control and affects its ability to exercise or not to exercise the option to renew or to terminate (e.g., construction of significant leasehold improvements or significant customization to the leased asset).

The Foundation applies lease accounting in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification Topic (ASC) 842, *Leases*, requiring lessees to recognize a right-of-use asset and a corresponding lease liability for substantially all leases with a term greater than 12 months. The Foundation is required to discount lease payments using the rate implicit in the lease when that rate is readily determinable. If the implicit rate is not available, the Foundation is required to use its incremental borrowing rate. Information from the lessor concerning the fair value of the underlying asset and the initial direct costs incurred related to the leased assets is not available.

For real estate leases, the Foundation applies the practical expedient permitted under ASC 842, which allows the use of a risk-free rate to discount lease payments, rather than the rate implicit in the lease or the incremental borrowing rate. The Foundation determines the risk-free rate by referencing U.S. Treasury yields corresponding to the weighted average lease term and adjusted for lease-specific considerations such as assumed collateral. For leases with a term of 12 months or less and no purchase option expected to be exercised, the Foundation has elected the short-term lease exemption. These leases are not recorded on the balance sheet, and payments are recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

**ST. BERNARD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2024**

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**(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Functional Allocation of Expenses**

The financial statements report certain categories of expenses that are attributable to more than one program or supporting function, therefore, these expenses require allocation on a reasonable basis that is consistently applied. The expenses that are allocated include salaries and related benefits, rent, printing, telephone, legal and accounting, insurance, and web design, which are allocated based on estimates of time and effort.

**Income Tax Status**

The Foundation is a not-for-profit organization that is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Foundation's Forms 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, for the years ended 2022 through 2024 are subject to examination by the IRS, generally for three years after they were filed. The Foundation records interest and penalties related to its tax positions as income tax expense.

**Date of Management Review**

Management has evaluated subsequent events through June 19, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

**(2) LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF FINANCIAL ASSETS**

At December 31, 2024, the Foundation has \$840,677 of financial assets available within one year of the statement of financial position date to meet cash needs for general expenditures consisting of cash and cash equivalents, investments and accounts receivable. The Foundation structures its financial assets to be available as general expenditures, liabilities, and other obligations come due.

**(3) INVESTMENTS**

The fair value of Level 1 investments is determined by reference to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and is as follows at December 31, 2024:

LAMP	\$715,199
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Interest income totaled \$33,332 for the year ended December 31, 2024.

**ST. BERNARD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2024**

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**(4) COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT**

The Foundation has entered into a cooperative endeavor agreement (CEA) with the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District (the Port) whereby the parties agree to facilitate and coordinate a program that will provide marketing, promotion, and public relations services. Under the terms of the CEA, the Port will compensate the Foundation \$1,000 monthly. For the year ended December 31, 2024, total revenue recognized under the CEA was \$12,000. This amount includes receivables of \$3,000 as of December 31, 2024, reported as contract assets on the statement of financial position. There are no contract liabilities as of December 31, 2024

**(5) LEASES**

Information about the Foundation's lease is as follows for the year ended December 31, 2024:

Operating lease cost	<u>\$ 15,414</u>
Operating cash flows from operating leases	\$ 15,000
Weighted-average remaining lease term- operating leases	5.21 years
Weighted-average discount rate- operating leases	1.63%

The maturities of lease liabilities as of December 31, 2024 are as follows:

Year ending December 31,	
2025	\$ 15,000
2026	15,000
2027	15,000
2028	15,000
2029	15,000
Thereafter	<u>2,500</u>
	77,500
Less: interest	<u>(3,175)</u>
	<u>\$ 74,325</u>

The Foundation had subleased a portion of its building, for an additional 6-month period ending April 15, 2024. The lease was paid for with Hurricane Ida grant monies and ended when funds were exhausted. Total sublease income totaled \$2,400 for the year ended December 31, 2024, which is reported as other income on the statement of activities.

**ST. BERNARD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2024**

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**(6) CONCENTRATIONS**

The Foundation maintained balances with one financial institution that at times exceeded federally insured limits during the year. Cash balances at financial institutions at December 31, 2024 were not in excess of insured amounts.

Investments in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool are neither insured nor guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

For the year ended December 31, 2024, the Foundation received approximately 41% of its total revenues from one funder. A significant reduction in funding from this funder may lead to a reduction in program activities.

**ST. BERNARD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION**  
SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

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	<u>Meaghan McCormack</u> <u>Chief Executive Officer</u>
Salary	\$ -
FICA and Medicare	-
Mileage reimbursements	-
Program expense reimbursement	<u>-</u>
Total compensation, benefits, and other payments	<u>\$ -</u>

\*Note: Meaghan McCormack did not receive salary or related benefits from public sources.

**ST. BERNARD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION**  
**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2024**

We have compiled the financial statements of St. Bernard Economic Development Foundation as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated June 19, 2025. We conducted our compilation in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. We did not audit or review the financial statements and, accordingly, did not express an opinion or provide any assurance about whether the financial statements of St. Bernard Economic Development Foundation were in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

During our engagement to compile the financial statements, we did not become aware of any matters that we deemed reportable to the board and management of St. Bernard Economic Development Foundation.

**SECTION I – FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOT APPLICABLE

**SECTION II – MANAGEMENT LETTER**

NOT APPLICABLE



**ST. BERNARD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION**  
**SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**SECTION I – FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOT APPLICABLE

**SECTION II – MANAGEMENT LETTER**

NOT APPLICABLE