

**GRAND ISLE
VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICES, INC.
(GIVES)
d/b/a
AMBULANCE DISTRICT NO. 2
OF JEFFERSON PARISH**

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
Year Ended December 31, 2020**

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FINANCIAL SECTION

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the President and Board of
Grand Isle Volunteer Emergency Services, Inc. (GIVES)
Grand Isle, Louisiana

Report on the Financial Statements

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund (i.e., the General Fund) of Grand Isle Volunteer Emergency Services, Inc. ("GIVES"), a non-profit entity d/b/a Ambulance District No. 2 of Jefferson Parish, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise GIVES's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express opinions on these basic financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidenced about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, I express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinions.

Opinions

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of GIVES as of December 31, 2020 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.

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 3 through 10 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. I 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 my inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge I obtained during my audit of the basic financial statements. I do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide me with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

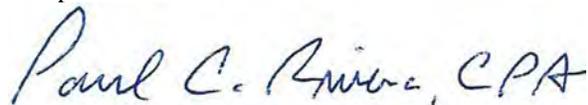
Other Information

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise GIVES's financial statements. The individual fund statements, schedules and supplemental information are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements.

These individual fund statements, schedules and supplementary information are the responsibility of management and were 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 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 my opinion, the individual fund, schedules, and supplementary information are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued a report dated April 24, 2021, on my consideration of GIVES's internal control over financial reporting and on my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of my 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 GIVES's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



April 24, 2021
Gretna, Louisiana

GRAND ISLE VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICES, INC. (GIVES)
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MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

As management of Grand Isle Volunteer Emergency Management, Inc. (“GIVES”), a non-profit entity d/b/a Ambulance District No. 2 of Jefferson Parish, we offer readers of GIVES’ financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of GIVES for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020.

We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the financial statements, which begin on page 12.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The assets of GIVES exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$333,705 (*net position*). Of this amount, \$113,374 or 34.0 percent is invested in capital assets, such as vehicles and equipment. The remaining balance of \$220,331 (*unrestricted net position*) or 66.0 percent may be used to meet the government’s ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- GIVES’ total net position decreased by \$(86,645) or 20.6 percent during the current year because total revenues were less than total expenses by that amount. The decrease was primarily caused by a drop in charges for operating grants (as the funds received from the Parish decreased), and the disposal of two assets (a hurricane damaged building and an ambulance that was totaled in a wreck).
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, GIVES’ governmental fund (the General Fund) reported ending fund balance of \$220,331, an increase of \$35,597 or 19.3 percent in comparison with the prior year. Approximately \$220,331 or 100.0 percent of this total amount is available for spending at the government’s discretion (*unassigned fund balance*).
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned and total fund balance for the general fund was \$220,331 or 42.1 percent of total general fund expenditures.
- The Grand Isle Volunteer Fire Department (GIVFD) provides GIVES with administrative and operating support under a cooperative endeavor agreement. All of the employees of GIVES were transferred to GIVFD in 2007. For 2020, GIVES paid GIVFD \$416,731 (or 85.0 percent of its millage) under this agreement. GIVES also paid \$15,098 to GIVFD for 50 percent of the 2020 utility costs associated with the station house that the two entities share.
- GIVES had \$63,210 in outstanding long-term debt at December 31, 2020. This amount relates to a 2019 loan to purchase two new stretchers and two new stairchairs. The loan is payable over five years. The original loan was for \$79,031. GIVES made payments of \$19,084 during the year (\$13,647 in principal and \$5,437 in interest).
- In early 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic came to the Jefferson Parish area, resulting in health issues, stay-at-home orders, and economic instability in the region. GIVES’ management continues to monitor the situation.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to GIVES’ basic financial statements. GIVES’ basic financial statements are comprised of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-wide financial statements. The “government-wide financial statements” are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of GIVES’ finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The “Statement of Net position” presents information on all of GIVES’ 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 GIVES is improving or deteriorating.

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

Both of the government-wide financial statements are designed to distinguish functions of GIVES that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (*governmental activities*) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (*business-type activities*). It should be noted that GIVES only has governmental activities.

The government-wide financial statements include only the financial activities of GIVES, which are made up of the “private” account and the “public funds” account. The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 12 and 13 of this report.

Fund financial statements. A “fund” is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. GIVES, because it is a “quasi-public” entity, uses fund accounting like state and local governments to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

GIVES’ funds can be classified into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds. As discussed below, GIVES only presents 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. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government’s near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for “governmental funds” with similar information presented for “governmental activities” in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government’s near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between “governmental fund” and “governmental activities”.

GIVES maintains only one fund (the General Fund). Information is presented in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the General fund.

GIVES is a “quasi-public” entity and is not required to adopt an annual budget. Thus, a budgetary comparison statement is not shown. The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 14 to 17 of this report.

Notes to the Financial Statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 19 to 29 of this report.

Other Supplemental Information. Individual fund statements and schedules, which show additional detailed financial information on the General Fund, are found on pages 32 and 33. Information on compensation paid to the agency head is found on page 34.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government’s financial position. In the case of GIVES, assets exceeded liabilities by \$333,705 at December 31, 2020.

A portion of GIVES’ net position (\$113,374 or 34.0 percent) reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, furniture and fixtures, heavy equipment, and vehicles) less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. GIVES used these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are *not* available for future spending. Although GIVES’ investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other resources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

Below is a comparison of GIVES’ Statement of Net Position for 2020 and 2019.

GRAND ISLE VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICES, INC. (GIVES)

	Governmental Activities		Governmental Activities		
	2020		2019		
Current and other assets	\$	242,651	\$	242,396	
Capital assets		176,584		312,473	
Total assets		<u>419,235</u>		<u>554,869</u>	
Long-term liabilities outstanding		63,210		76,857	
Other liabilities		22,320		57,662	
Total liabilities		<u>85,530</u>		<u>134,519</u>	
Net position:					
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt		113,374	34.0%	235,616	56.1%
Restricted		-	0.0%	-	0.0%
Unrestricted		220,331	66.0%	184,734	43.9%
Total net position	\$	<u>333,705</u>		<u>420,350</u>	

The balance of *unrestricted net position* (\$220,331 or 66.0 percent) may be used to meet the government’s ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

At December 31, 2020, GIVES is able to report positive balances in all three categories of net position. GIVES' net position decreased by \$(86,645) or 20.6 percent during the current fiscal year.

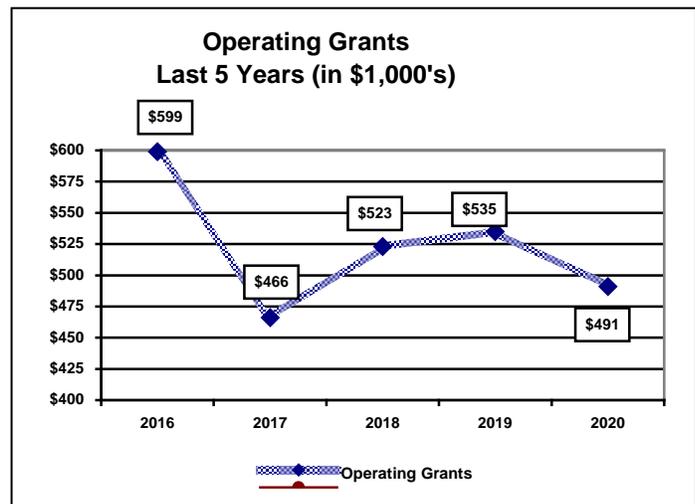
Governmental Activities. During 2020, governmental activities decreased GIVES' net position by \$(86,645). Key elements of this increase are shown below as compared to 2019.

GRAND ISLE VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICES, INC. (GIVES)

	Governmental Activities 2020		Governmental Activities 2019	
Revenues:				
Program revenues:				
Charges for services	\$ 68,351	14.1%	\$ 37,881	6.6%
Operating grants and contributions	490,737	101.0%	535,272	93.2%
Capital grants and contributions	-	0.0%	-	0.0%
General revenues:				
Unrestricted charges for services	-	0.0%	-	0.0%
Unrestricted interest	424	0.1%	402	0.1%
Unrestricted gifts and donations	-	0.0%	-	0.0%
Gain (loss) on disposal of equipment	(73,617)	-15.2%	1,000	0.2%
Miscellaneous	-	0.0%	-	0.0%
Total revenues	<u>485,895</u>	100.0%	<u>574,555</u>	100.0%
Expenses:				
Public Safety	572,540	100.0%	583,589	100.0%
Total expenses	<u>572,540</u>	100.0%	<u>583,589</u>	100.0%
Increase in net position	(86,645)		(9,034)	
Net position - beginning of year	420,350		429,384	
Net position - end of year	<u>\$ 333,705</u>		<u>\$ 420,350</u>	

➤ The program revenue - charges for services was \$68,351 during 2020. GIVES contracts with a private company to assist in billing insurance companies or Medicare for reimbursable services (ambulance “runs”). These billings generated \$68,351 for 2020, an increase of \$30,470 or 80.4 percent. This increase resulted from an increase in activity and collections mainly due to the resumption of the contract with the billing company for the majority of the current year.

➤ Operating grants come from the Parish of Jefferson. The Parish levies an ad valorem tax in Grand Isle and remits a certain amount to GIVES each month to provide funding to the Ambulance District under a cooperative endeavor agreement. The number of mills levied was 10.99 (the same as last year). This allocation came in at \$490,272 for 2020, which was \$(45,000) or 8.4 percent lower than last year. The decrease resulted from a one-time \$60,000 distribution of excess funds distributed by the Parish in the prior year that did not recur in 2020. An additional \$465 was received from the State Department of Health and Human Services as COVID-19 Stimulus funds.

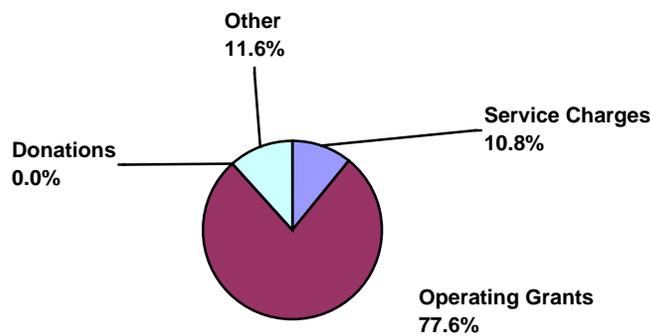


The graph above shows the revenues from this tax over the past five years.

- Interest income came in at \$424 for 2020, slightly higher than last year's \$402.
- The current year showed a loss on disposal of assets of \$(73,617) due to the ambulance shed being damaged by a hurricane and an ambulance being totaled in a wreck. The prior year gain of \$1,000 on disposal of equipment related to the trade allowance given on two old Stryker stretchers when purchasing the two new stretchers.

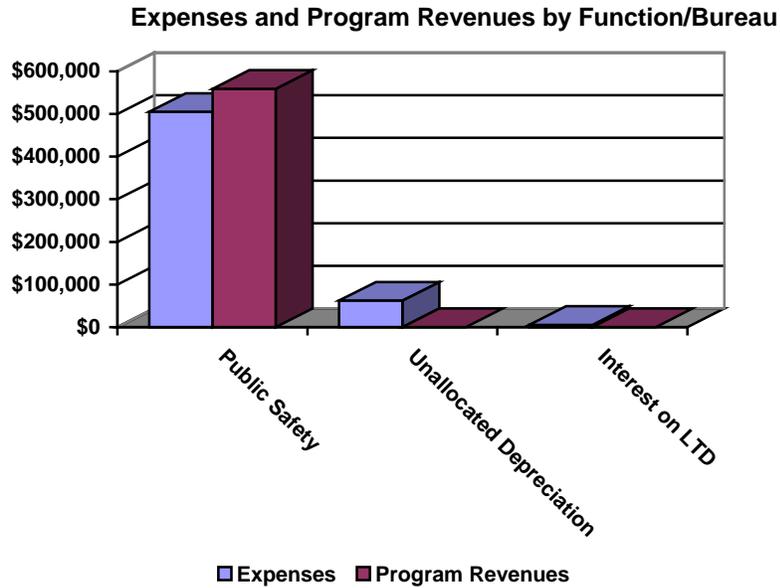
A breakdown of the revenues received by GIVES' governmental activities is as follows

Revenues by Source - Governmental Activities



Expenses totaled \$572,540, including current year depreciation of \$62,272 and interest on long-term debt of \$5,437. As an ambulance district, the only function GIVES provides is the public safety function. These expenses of GIVES were offset by program revenues (service charges and grants) totaling \$559,088 (see above), leaving a net revenue (cost) to citizens of GIVES of \$(13,452).

A graph comparing the expenses with the program revenue generated is presented below.



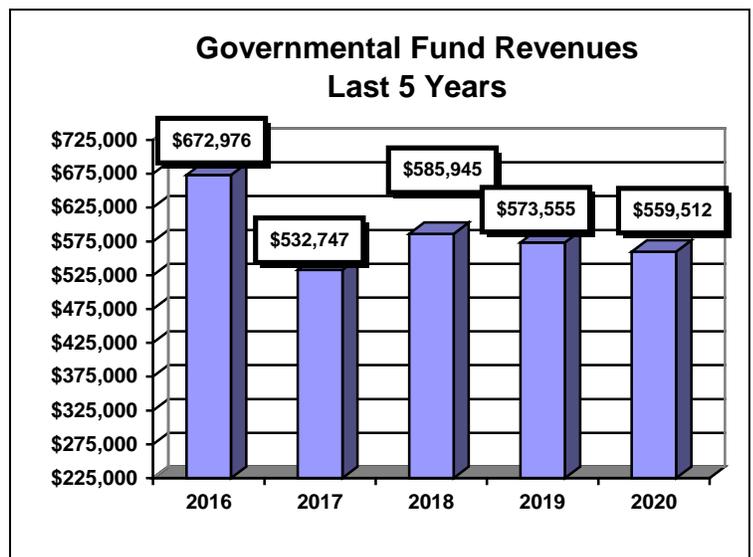
FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE GOVERNMENT’S FUNDS

As noted earlier, GIVES uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds. The focus of GIVES’ “governmental funds” is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of *spendable* resources. Such information is useful in assessing GIVES’ financing requirements. In particular, *unreserved fund balance* may serve as a useful measure of a government’s net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of December 31, 2020, GIVES’ governmental fund (i.e., the General Fund) reported ending fund balance of \$220,331, an increase of \$35,597 or 19.3 percent in comparison to the prior year. Approximately \$220,331 or 100.0 percent of this total constitutes *unassigned fund balance*, which is available for spending at the government’s discretion.

As noted above, the governmental funds include the general operating funds of GIVES (i.e., the General Fund). Overall, as the graph shows, revenues of the Governmental Funds decreased slightly from 2019. Because of the small size of the operating fund, operating and capital grants can create large swings in revenues when recognized. As discussed above, most of the decrease was caused by a drop in the intergovernmental funds received from the Parish under its CEA to operate the district.



As a measure of the General fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unassigned fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unassigned and total fund balance represents 42.1 percent of total general fund expenditures. This is an increase from 2019, when unassigned fund balance represented 27.2 percent of general fund expenditures.

The fund balance of GIVES' General fund increased by \$35,597 during the current fiscal year. Key factors in this change are as follows:

- The General Fund's revenues totaled \$559,512, while expenditures totaled \$523,915, and other financing sources totaled \$-0-.
- Revenues were made up of:
 - Intergovernmental revenues totaled \$490,737 and is made up of an intergovernmental allocation (i.e., Property taxes) from the Parish of Jefferson totaling \$490,272 and \$465 from the State Department of Health and Human Services. This amount is \$(44,535) or 8.3 percent lower than 2019. The number of mills levied on the 2019 tax roll was 10.99; however, the Parish had accumulated surplus funds from the prior year and increased the distribution by \$60,000 late in 2019. This one-time distribution did not recur in 2020.
 - Service charges totaled \$68,351, made up of collections from insurance carriers for reimbursable costs. GIVES contracts with a private company to bill for ambulance services. An increase of \$30,470 resulted from an increase in billings/collections in the current year.
- Expenditures totaled \$523,915, which is a decrease of \$(154,441) or 22.8 percent:
 - General and administrative costs totaled \$470,815. This category decreased \$(29,616) from last year primarily due to: 1) a decrease of \$(38,250) in payments under the cooperative agreement with the GIVFD to provide administrative services, 2) a decrease of \$(7,594) in insurance premiums (due to the deletion of a vehicle), 3) an increase of \$3,543 in telephones, 4) an increase of \$7,450 in electricity, and 5) an increase of \$1,994 in cable TV/internet costs (the last three resulting from costs associated with GIVES now picking up 50 percent of the GIVFD total utility costs).
 - Emergency training and supplies totaled \$23,961 – medical supplies were \$19,636, training and educational costs were \$800, conferences and seminars totaled \$-0-, and gas and oil for the ambulances totaled \$3,525. This category increased \$8,085 or 50.9 percent primarily due to an increase in medical supplies.
 - Repairs and maintenance totaled \$10,055 - \$3,156 on building repairs and \$6,899 on repairs to the ambulances. This category decreased \$(4,915) or 32.8 percent, primarily due to a decrease in building repairs offset by an increase in vehicle repairs.
 - Capital outlay totaled \$-0- in 2020. This is a decrease of \$(119,185) or 100.0 percent from last year. In 2019, the \$119,185 included purchases of equipment (two new stretchers and two new stairchairs) and the purchase of a used vehicle (a 2014 Toyota crewcab truck).
 - Debt service totaled \$19,084, as principal and interest payments were made on the loan for the loan on the stretchers/stairchairs. This included principal of \$13,647 and interest of \$5,437.
- Other Financing Sources totaled \$-0- in 2020, which is a decrease of \$(80,031) from last year. In 2019, GIVES recognized \$79,031 in loan proceeds from the new stretcher/stairchair loan and \$1,000 in gain on sale of assets (for a trade-in allowance on the old stretchers).

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets. GIVES' investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of December 31, 2020 amounts to \$113,374 (net of accumulated depreciation and related debt). This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings, furniture and fixtures, heavy equipment, and vehicles. GIVES' investment in capital assets decreased by \$(122,242) or 51.9 percent this year. Major capital asset events during the current fiscal year included the following:

- \$-0- was spent on new capital assets in 2020.
- Disposals of assets included the removal of the old ambulance shed (\$5,000) and the 2014 Ambulance \$(117,489). The shed was severely damaged by a hurricane and the ambulance was totaled in a wreck. A net “loss on disposal of assets” of \$(73,617) was recognized on the Statement of Activities related to these disposals.
- \$62,272 was recognized as depreciation expense.

GRAND ISLE VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICES, INC. (GIVES)
NET INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS
 (NET OF DEPRECIATION AND CAPITAL-RELATED DEBT)

	Governmental Activities 2020	Governmental Activities 2019
Land	\$ -	\$ -
Buildings	400	925
Furniture and fixtures	-	348
Heavy Equipment	112,969	151,555
Vehicles	63,215	159,645
Total	\$ 176,584	\$ 312,473
Less capital-related debt	63,210	76,857
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 113,374	\$ 235,616

Additional information on GIVES’ capital assets can be found in Note D.2 on page 25.

Long-term Debt. At the end of 2020, GIVES had total outstanding debt of \$63,210. This amount is the balance on the 2019 loan entered into to finance the purchase of the stretchers/stairchairs. For 2020, payments of on this loan totaled \$19,084 (\$13,647 in principal and \$5,437 in interest). Additional information on the outstanding debt can be found in Note D.4 on page 26.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR’S RATES

- The unemployment rate for the Parish of Jefferson at December 31, 2020 is 7.60 percent, which is 3.50 percent higher than it was a year ago. The unemployment rate in the New Orleans MSA area is typically a little higher than both the state and federal levels due to a heavier reliance on the oil industry, seafood industry and tourism. The COVID-19 pandemic has also played havoc on the local economy, with many businesses being closed or limited in their capacity to operate.
- Inflationary trends in the region compare favorably to national indices.
- The ad valorem millage rate levied for the 2020 (next year’s) tax roll was 10.92 mills, which is slightly lower than the 10.99 mills levied on the 2019 tax roll. Despite this drop, revenues are expected to remain about the same.
- GIVES’ management continues to monitor the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the local community and is also monitoring its continuing cash flows and financial stability.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of GIVES’ finances for all those with an interest in the government’s finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to Grand Isle Emergency Services, Inc., President, PO Box 1035, Grand Isle, Louisiana 70358.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GRAND ISLE VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICES, INC. (GIVES)
d/b/a
AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 2 OF JEFFERSON PARISH

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2020

	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 242,631
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles)	20
Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation)	
Land	-
Buildings	400
Furniture and fixtures	-
Heavy equipment	112,969
Vehicles	63,215
Infrastructure	-
Construction in progress	-
TOTAL ASSETS	419,235
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	22,320
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Due within one year	14,748
Due in more than one year	48,462
TOTAL LIABILITIES	85,530
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	113,374
Restricted for:	
Debt service	-
Other	-
Unrestricted	220,331
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 333,705

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

GRAND ISLE VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICES, INC. (GIVES)
d/b/a
AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 2 OF JEFFERSON PARISH

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

FUNCTION	EXPENSES	PROGRAM REVENUES			NET (EXPENSE) REVENUE AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS PRIMARY GOVERNMENT GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
		CHARGES FOR SERVICES	OPERATING GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	CAPITAL GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	
Primary Government					
Governmental Activities:					
Public Safety	\$ 504,831	\$ 68,351	\$ 490,737	\$ -	\$ 54,257
Unallocated depreciation expense	62,272	-	-	-	(62,272)
Interest on long-term debt	5,437	-	-	-	(5,437)
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 572,540</u>	<u>\$ 68,351</u>	<u>\$ 490,737</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(13,452)</u>
GENERAL REVENUES:					
					424
					(73,617)
					-
					-
TRANSFERS IN (OUT)					
					-
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE AND TRANSFERS					<u>(73,193)</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION					(86,645)
NET POSITION					
Beginning of Year					420,350
End of Year					<u>\$ 333,705</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

GRAND ISLE VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICES, INC. (GIVES)
d/b/a
AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 2 OF JEFFERSON PARISH

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 2020

	<u>General Fund</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 242,631
Accounts Receivable	20
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 242,651</u>
 LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 22,320
Total Liabilities	<u>22,320</u>
Fund Balances:	
Nonspendable	-
Restricted	-
Committed	-
Assigned	-
Unassigned	220,331
Total Fund Balance	<u>220,331</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ 242,651</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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**RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position (page 12) are different because:

Total Fund Balances at December 31, 2020 - Governmental Funds (page 14)	\$ 220,331
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. The cost of the assets is \$521,641 and the accumulated depreciation is \$345,057.	176,584
Long-term liabilities, including compensated absences, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds. Long-term liabilities at year-end consist of:	
Notes Payable	(63,210)
Total Net Postion of Governmental Activities at December 31, 2020 (page 12)	<u>\$ 333,705</u>

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GRAND ISLE VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICES, INC. (GIVES)
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GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	<u>General Fund</u>
REVENUES	
Intergovernmental	\$ 490,737
Service charges and reimbursements	68,351
Donations and gifts	-
Miscellaneous	424
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>559,512</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Current	
Public Safety	
Personnel and related costs	-
General and administrative costs	470,815
Emergency training and supplies	23,961
Repairs and maintenance	10,055
Miscellaneous	-
Capital outlay	-
Debt Service	
Principal	13,647
Interest	5,437
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>523,915</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	35,597
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	
Capital lease	-
Loan proceeds	-
Gain (loss) on disposal of assets	-
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND	
 OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>35,597</u>
FUND BALANCE	
Beginning of year	184,734
End of year	<u>\$ 220,331</u>

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GRAND ISLE VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICES, INC. (GIVES)
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**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO
THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities (page 13) are different because:

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds (page 16)	\$	35,597
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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. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.	(62,272)
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The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets (i.e., sales, trade-ins, and donations) is to increase net assets.	(73,617)
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The issuance of long-term debt (e.g., notes payable, leases) provides current financial resources to the governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal on long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net assets. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items. Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.

Issuance of note payable (loan) on stretchers and stairchairs	-
Payment of principal on outstanding notes/loans	13,647

Change in net position of governmental activities (page 13)	<u>\$</u>	<u>(86,645)</u>
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GRAND ISLE VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICES, INC. (GIVES)
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2020

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Grand Isle Emergency Services, Inc. (GIVES), a non-profit entity d/b/a Ambulance District No. 2 of Jefferson Parish, have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units under the legal premise that GIVES is a “quasi-public” corporation. Quasi-public corporations are non-profit or private companies who are created to perform a public service and which receive the majority of their funding from public funds (i.e., taxes, grants, etc.). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of GIVES’ accounting policies are described below.

1. Reporting Entity

GASB Codification Section 2100 establishes criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and its component units. Component units are defined as legally separate organizations for which the elected officials of a primary government are financially accountable. The criteria used in determining whether financial accountability exists include the appointment of a voting majority of an organization’s governing board, the ability of the primary government to impose its will on that organization or whether there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits or burdens to the primary government. Fiscal dependency may also play a part in determining financial accountability. In addition, a component unit can be another organization for which the nature and significance of its relationship with a primary government is such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity’s financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Ambulance District No. 2 of Jefferson Parish (the “District”) was created by Ordinance No. 18001 in 1990 to provide ambulance services to the citizens of the Town of Grand Isle and the surrounding area. The District is currently funded by a 10 mill ad valorem tax levied by the District via the Parish Council and is governed by the same Council that governs the Parish. As such, the District is reported as a component unit within the Parish’s financial statements.

Under a cooperative endeavor agreement, the daily operations of the District are contracted out by the Parish to Grand Isle Volunteer Emergency Services, Inc. (GIVES). The current contract was signed in October 2013 and expires in October 2023.

GIVES was incorporated as a non-profit service corporation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. GIVES has been classified as an entity that is not a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509(a) and qualifies for deductible contributions as provide in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). GIVES is governed by a President and a Board of Directors which are elected by the membership. The accompanying statements report transactions related only to those of GIVES.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
December 31, 2020

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of GIVES. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. *Governmental activities*, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from *business-type activities*, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. Because of the nature of GIVES' operations, GIVES reports only governmental activities.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expense of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. *Program revenues* include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*.

Fund Financial Statements

Funds are used by GIVES to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The funds of GIVES are classified into the "governmental" category. The category, in turn, is divided into separate "fund types".

Governmental funds are used to account for all or most of a government's general activities, including the collection and disbursement of earmarked monies (special revenue funds), the acquisition or construction of general fixed assets (capital project funds), and the servicing of general long-term debt (debt service funds). The General Fund is used to account for all financial activities of the general government not accounted for in some other fund.

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

GIVES reports the following major governmental funds:

The *General Fund* is the general operating fund of GIVES. It is used to account for all financial resources and expenditures. It includes the activity of the "private" account, as well as the "public funds" account.

3. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met. As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using a *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Intergovernmental revenues received from the Parish in connection with the cooperative endeavor agreement are recognized in the year to be benefited. All other service charges and intergovernmental revenues are recognized as received. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred. Principal and interest on general long-term debt are recognized as expenditures only when payment is due.

4. Budgets

As a quasi-public corporation, GIVES is not required to adopt a budget, therefore, a budget to actual statement is not presented in the accompanying financial statements. An informal budget is adopted for internal purposes for the General Fund.

5. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Equity

A. *Cash and Investments*

For reporting purposes, cash and cash equivalents includes amounts in demand deposits, time deposits, and certificates of deposit. This includes the balances in the "private" account, as well as the "public funds" account.

Investments, if any, are stated at fair value, except for investments in government securities with maturities less than 1 year, which are stated at cost or amortized cost.

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

B. Inventories

The cost of materials and supplies acquired by GIVES are recorded as expenditures at the time of purchase. It is management's opinion that the inventory of such materials and supplies at December 31, 2020 would not be material to the financial statements.

C. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets, are reported in the applicable governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by GIVES as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$250 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed and are included in construction in progress.

Property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure are depreciated using the straight-line method (with a mid-year convention) over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Asset Category</u>	<u>Useful Life in Years</u>
Buildings	20
Furniture and fixtures	3 to 5
Heavy equipment	5
Vehicles	5 to 10
Infrastructure (if any)	40

D. Fund Equity

In accordance with Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Codification Section 1800, fund balances of the governmental fund types are categorized into one of five categories - Non-spendable, Restricted, Committed, Assigned, or Unassigned.

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

For *assigned fund balances*, the President and/or Fire Chief may assign amounts to a specific purpose via internal memorandum, with the board's approval.

While GIVES has not established a policy for its use of unrestricted fund balance, it does consider that committed amounts would be reduced first, followed by assigned amounts, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

6. Use of Estimates

Preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles requires GIVES to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses/expenditures. Actual results could differ from the estimates that were used.

7. Subsequent Events

GIVES has evaluated subsequent events through April 24, 2021, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

8. Expenses Paid by Others

The full-time firefighters of GIVES that meet certain qualifications, receive supplemental pay from the State of Louisiana under the provisions of LRS 33:2202. The amount of pay received as these supplemental state funds are paid directly to the firefighters and are not reflected in these statements.

9. Donated Services, Facilities, or Supplies

No amounts are reflected in the financial statements for donated services. Donated services include a substantial number of hours from volunteer firefighters/paramedics. These amounts are not readily determinable.

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NOTE B - RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Explanation of Certain Differences Between the Governmental Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances and the Government-wide Statement of Activities

The governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances includes a reconciliation between *net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds* and *changes in net position of governmental activities* as reported in the government-wide statement of activities. One element of that reconciliation explains that "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." The details of this \$(62,272) difference are as follows:

Capital Outlay	\$	-
Depreciation expense		<u>(62,272)</u>
Net adjustment to increase <i>net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds</i> to arrive at <i>changes in net position - governmental activities</i>		<u>\$ (62,272)</u>

NOTE C - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

1. Compliance with Cooperative Endeavor Agreement

As a quasi-public corporation, GIVES is not subject to all of the general statutes governing political subdivisions and other governments within the State of Louisiana. Instead, GIVES must comply with the terms and conditions of the cooperative endeavor agreement it has with the Parish of Jefferson to operate the Ambulance District. As of December 31, 2020, GIVES was in compliance with all of the significant conditions of the agreement.

NOTE D - DETAILED NOTES ON ALL ACTIVITIES AND FUNDS

1. Deposits and Investments

The carrying amount of the GIVES' deposits at December 31, 2020 was \$242,631 and the bank balance was \$242,631. \$242,631 of the bank balances were covered by FDIC.

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NOTE D - DETAILED NOTES ON ALL ACTIVITIES AND FUNDS (CONTINUED)

2. Capital Assets

The following is a summary of changes in the general fixed assets account group during the fiscal year:

	Balance January 1, 2020	Additions	Deletions	Transfers	Balance December 31, 2020
Governmental Activities:					
Capital assets, not being depreciated:					
Land	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Construction in progress	-	-	-	-	-
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated					
Buildings	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ (5,000)	\$ -	\$ 3,000
Furniture and fixtures	6,814	-	-	-	6,814
Heavy equipment	207,278	-	-	-	207,278
Vehicles	422,038	-	(117,489)	-	304,549
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>644,130</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(122,489)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>521,641</u>
Less accumulated depreciation:					
Buildings	(7,075)	(338)	4,813	-	(2,600)
Furniture and fixtures	(6,466)	(348)	-	-	(6,814)
Heavy equipment	(55,723)	(38,586)	-	-	(94,309)
Vehicles	(262,393)	(23,000)	44,059	-	(241,334)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(331,657)</u>	<u>(62,272)</u>	<u>48,872</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(345,057)</u>
Capital assets being depreciated, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>\$ 312,473</u>	<u>\$ (62,272)</u>	<u>\$ (73,617)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 176,584</u>
Total governmental activities, capital assets, net	<u>\$ 312,473</u>	<u>\$ (62,272)</u>	<u>\$ (73,617)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 176,584</u>

Current year disposals resulted from damage to the ambulance shed from recent hurricanes and from a wreck of the 2014 ambulance in October 2020, which totaled the vehicle. A “loss on disposal of assets” of \$(73,617) was recognized on the Statement of Activities in relation to the loss of these assets.

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NOTE D - DETAILED NOTES ON ALL ACTIVITIES AND FUNDS (CONTINUED)

3. Contracted Services

GIVES has a cooperative agreement with the Grand Isle Volunteer Fire Department (GIVFD), whereby GIVFD provides all administrative and accounting services for GIVES. In addition, in an effort to save money by consolidating operations, the employees of GIVES were transferred to GIVFD. Now, GIVFD employees are cross-trained and are responsible for responding to both fires and emergencies. In return, GIVES pays up to 85.0 percent of its millage allocation over to GIVFD to cover these costs. During 2020, GIVES made payments totaling \$416,731 to GIVFD under this arrangement. The total transfer amounted to 85.0 percent of its 2020 millage receipts.

At year end, GIVES owes GIVFD \$17,781, which includes \$15,098 for 50% of the utility costs of the fire station (which is shared by GIVES and GIVFD), plus \$2,683 for credit card charges made on the GIVFD credit card on GIVES' behalf (GIVES does not have a credit card in its name). These amounts are included in accounts payable at year end.

4. Long-term Debt

Loan Agreement

Stretchers/Stairchairs Loan

In 2019, GIVES entered into loan agreement for financing the acquisition of two new stretchers and 2 new stairchairs. This loan agreement bears an interest rate of 7.670 percent and is being paid over a five (5) year period. The total purchase of the stretchers/stairchairs was \$79,739. After accounting for trade-in allowances of \$1000 and a bank fee of \$292, the balance financed under the loan was \$79,031. During 2020, GIVES made payments of \$19,084 on this lease (principal of \$13,647 and interest of \$5,437). The balance of \$63,210 is included in the noncurrent liabilities on the Statement of Net Position.

Debt Service to Maturity

Below is a schedule of the future minimum loan payments under this agreement at December 31, 2020.

<u>Year Ended</u> <u>December 31,</u>	<u>Stretcher/Staircase Loan</u>		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2021	\$ 14,748	\$ 4,336	\$ 19,084
2022	15,920	3,164	19,084
2023	17,185	1,899	19,084
2024	15,357	546	15,903
Total Minimum Loan Payments	<u>\$ 63,210</u>	<u>\$ 9,945</u>	<u>\$ 73,155</u>

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NOTE D - DETAILED NOTES ON ALL ACTIVITIES AND FUNDS (CONTINUED)

Changes in Long-Term Debt

The following is a summary of the changes in long-term debt related to governmental activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020:

Type of Debt	Balance December 31, 2019	Additions	Reductions	Balance December 31, 2020	Due Within One Year
Stretcher/Stairchair Loan	\$ 76,857	\$ -	\$ (13,647)	\$ 63,210	\$ 14,748
	<u>\$ 76,857</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (13,647)</u>	<u>\$ 63,210</u>	<u>\$ 14,748</u>

The amount shown on the Statement of Net Position as due within one year is \$14,748. The balance of \$48,462 is shown as due in more than one year.

5. Fund Balance Components

Per Note A.5.D., GIVES follows the requirements of Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Codification Section 1800. In accordance with this standard, in the fund financial statements, fund balances of the governmental fund types are categorized into one of five categories - Non-spendable, Restricted, Committed, Assigned, or Unassigned.

GIVES is reporting \$220,331 is shown as *unassigned* fund balance. These funds are available for spending in the future for any purpose.

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NOTE E - ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE

In 1995, the public approved a 10 mill ad valorem tax to be levied in lieu of the Parish imposed service charge that was in effect. These taxes would provide the funding for Ambulance District No. 2 of Jefferson Parish. In January 1996, the Parish and GIVES entered into a cooperative endeavor agreement whereby GIVES, rather than the Town of Grand Isle, would be responsible for the day-to-day operations of GIVES. In return, the Parish would remit to GIVES, on a monthly basis, 1/12th of the currently budgeted revenues expected to be collected from the 10 mill tax. This agreement was renewed in October 2013 and shall be in effect until October 2023. 10.99 mills were levied on the 2019 tax rolls (based on a 10 year renewal of this tax in May 2014 and a roll-forward based on taxable assessments) and the remittance during 2020 totaled \$490,272. This amount equaled 87.6 percent of GIVES' total revenues.

Additionally, GIVES also now relies upon GIVFD for labor - See Note D.3. In the past, the Grand Isle Volunteer Fire Department (GIVFD) provided GIVES with the use of office space and some equipment at no cost; however, in 2020, GIVFD billed 50 percent of its utilities to GIVES, for a total cost to GIVES of \$15,098.

NOTE F - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

1. Risk Management

GIVES is exposed to various risks of loss resulting from personal injury; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. To protect against these risks of loss, GIVES purchases various types of insurance from commercial carriers.

Under these policies, general liability coverage is provided for up to a maximum of \$1,000,000 per occurrence (\$2,000,000 in the aggregate). Automobile liability coverage is provided for up to \$1,000,000. In each policy, GIVES is responsible for the deductible.

2. Litigation

There is no litigation pending against GIVES at December 31, 2020 that is expected to exceed its insurance coverage. The 2014 ambulance was involved in a wreck in October 2020 while transporting a patient. There is a claim filed by that person against GIVES and its insurer for physical damages.

3. COVID-19 Pandemic

In early March 2020, the COVID-19 virus was declared a global pandemic, and unfortunately it continues to spread rapidly throughout the United States. Business continuity, including supply chains and consumer demand across a broad range of industries and countries, has been severely impacted for months, as governments and their citizens take significant and unprecedented measures to mitigate the consequences of the pandemic.

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NOTE F - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (CONTINUED)

Management of the GIVES is carefully monitoring the situation and evaluating its options during this time. Since most of its assets are short-term in nature, there is no effect on their fair value as of the date of this report. The various grants and contracts are also still in place, therefore, future funding for these projects do not appear to be in jeopardy at this time. Since GIVES' main revenue source is property taxes, it has not yet been negatively impacted at this time. The 2020 tax roll has been levied with no significant change in prior year assessment levels or collection rates. No adjustments have been made to these financial statements as a result of this uncertainty.

GIVES did not receive any funds from the Coronavirus Relief Fund that was offered through the State of Louisiana.

NOTE G – SUBSEQUENT EVENT - COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Subsequent to year end, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to spread across the State of Louisiana, including the area that encompasses GIVES' area of responsibility. While COVID-19 has had a minimal impact on the operations of the GIVES, it has had a larger impact on certain businesses within and around the area. The stay-at-home mandate and social distancing orders of Federal, State, and Local government authorities continue to have a negative impact on the local economy, although the recent loosening of restrictions has allowed for some recovery. See Note F.3 for more discussion of the pandemic.

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OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	<u>General Fund</u>
Intergovernmental	
Federal	
HHS Stimulus Funds - COVID-19	\$ 465
Jefferson Parish contract:	
Direct payments - ad valorem taxes	490,272
	<u>490,737</u>
Service charges and reimbursements	
Reimbursements from insurance companies and citizens	68,351
	<u>68,351</u>
Donations and gifts	
Others	-
	<u>-</u>
Miscellaneous	
Interest	424
Other	-
	<u>424</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 559,512

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GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	<u>General Fund</u>
Public Safety	
Current	
Personnel and related costs	
Salaries	\$ -
General and administrative costs	
Alarm monitor	445
Bank charges	-
Billing services	8,219
Bookkeeping and auditing	5,750
Contracted services - GIVFD Admin	416,731
Groceries and supplies - station	1,541
Insurance - auto/general	20,715
Licenses and certificates	951
Miscellaneous	736
Postage	-
Rentals - equipment	259
Travel and other	312
Utilities - Phones	5,544
Utilities - Electricity	7,618
Utilities - Cable TV/Internet	1,994
	<u>470,815</u>
Emergency training and supplies	
Medical supplies	19,636
Training and educational	800
Conferences and seminars	-
Gas and oil	3,525
	<u>23,961</u>
Repairs and maintenance	
R & M - buildings and equipment	3,156
R & M - vehicles	6,899
	<u>10,055</u>
Miscellaneous	
Gifts, flowers, and donations	-
Other	-
	<u>-</u>
Capital outlay	
Vehicles and rescue equipment	-
Equipment	-
	<u>-</u>
TOTAL CURRENT	<u>504,831</u>
Debt Service	
Principal	13,647
Interest	5,437
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	<u>19,084</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 523,915</u>

**GRAND ISLE VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICES, INC. (GIVES)
d/b/a
AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 2 OF JEFFERSON PARISH**

**SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION AND OTHER PAYMENTS
TO AGENCY HEAD OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

Agency Head Name/Title: Joel Bradberry, Fire Chief

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salary	\$ - (1)
State Supplemental Pay	-
Benefits - Insurance (Group Health)	-
Benefits - Retirement	-
Benefits - Other	-
Car Allowance	-
Vehicle Provided by Agency	-
Per Diem	-
Reimbursements	-
Travel	-
Registration Fees	-
Conference Travel	-
Continuing Professional Education Fees	-
Housing	-
Unvouchered Expenses	-
Special Meals	-

Notes to Schedule:

- (1) GIVES' Chief and EMS employees are employees of the Grand Isle Volunteer Fire Department. These employees serve "dual" roles and work for both GIVES and the fire department. The fire department acts as the "paymaster" for all employees and records the salaries and benefits as expenditures on its books. As such, their salaries and benefits are paid for by the fire department and GIVES pays a portion of its dedicated ad valorem tax allocation to the fire department to help pay for those services. See the Grand Isle Volunteer Fire Department audit report for a schedule on agency head compensation.

COMPLIANCE SECTION

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

To the President and Board of Directors
Grand Isle Volunteer Emergency Services, Inc.
Grand Isle, Louisiana

I have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund (i.e., the General Fund) of the Grand Isle Emergency Services, Inc. (GIVES), a non-profit entity d/b/a Ambulance District No. 2 of Jefferson Parish, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise GIVES' basic financial statements, and have issued my report thereon dated April 24, 2021.

INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

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

My 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. However, as described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses, I did identify certain deficiencies in internal control that I consider to be material weaknesses and significant deficiencies.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected in a timely basis. I consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses as items SD 20-01 and SD 20-02 to be material weaknesses.

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. I consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses as items SD 20-03 and SD 20-04 to be significant deficiencies.

COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS

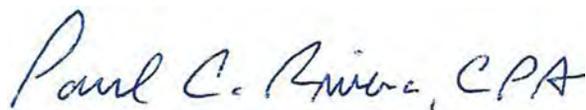
As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether GIVES' financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on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

GIVES' RESPONSE TO FINDINGS

GIVES' responses to the findings identified in my audit is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses. GIVES' responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, I express no opinion on them.

PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

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



April 24, 2021
Gretna, Louisiana

**GRAND ISLE VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICES, INC. (GIVES)
D/B/A
AMBULANCE DISTRICT NO. 2 OF JEFFERSON PARISH**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020**

I have audited the financial statements of the Grand Isle Volunteer Emergency Services, Inc. (GIVES) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and have issued my report thereon dated April 24, 2021. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. My audit of the financial statements as of December 31, 2020 resulted in an unqualified opinion.

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

- A. The auditor's report expresses an unqualified opinion on the financial statements of GIVES.
- B. Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements
Internal Control:
 - Two Material Weakness was noted (see below).
 - Significant Deficiencies were noted (see below).Compliance:
 - No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements were noted.
- C. Federal Awards - not applicable
- D. Identification of Major Programs - not applicable

SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

INTERNAL CONTROL

Material Weaknesses

SD Comment # 20-01 - Inadequate Segregation of Duties

Condition and Criteria - I noted that the size of GIVES' operations is too small to provide for an adequate segregation of duties. GIVES' bookkeeper/secretary is charged with most of the responsibilities relating to the cash receipts, cash disbursement, and financial reporting cycles. GIVES does, however, have various controls in place which tend to mitigate this problem, including (1) having the President/Chief review all bank reconciliations, (2) requiring dual signatures on all checks, and (3) requiring the presentation of actual revenue and expense reports on a monthly basis.

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES (CONTINUED)
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

Cause - Recently issued Statement of Auditing Standards (SAS) 115 requires that I report the above condition as a control deficiency. The SAS does not provide exceptions to reporting deficiencies that may be partially mitigated or deficiencies for which the remedy would be cost prohibitive or otherwise impractical.

Recommendation - Employing additional controls may not be cost beneficial, however, the Board should remain cognizant of the lack of segregation of duties.

Management's Response - We are aware of the condition, however, at this point we are not in the financial position of addressing the problem. The Board is aware of the condition and will continue to monitor the financial activity in a timely manner.

SD Comment # 20-02 – Failure to Backup Data Resulting in Loss of Computer Files

Condition and Criteria – Good internal control calls for the timely backup of financial data to an external source and for the data to be kept in a secure location away from the primary operating site. GIVES has an external drive that is supposed to be utilized to back-up its QuickBooks data on a daily basis; however, in the Spring of 2020, a power surge resulted in the computer crashing and the loss of data. When GIVES tried to recover its backup data, it was discovered that the backups were not being done in a timely manner.

Cause – GIVES' records are maintained on QuickBooks by the administrative personnel of the Grand Isle Fire Department. It was thought that the backup process was being followed; however, after a power surge crashed the computer in May 2020, it was discovered that no backups had been made since May 2019. The administrative personnel had to re-enter twelve months of data into QuickBooks.

Recommendation – The data on QuickBooks should be backed up daily. The external drive should be utilized and automatic backups should be scheduled.

Management's Response – The Grand Isle Fire Administrative staff is aware of this and has made the appropriate changes to the backup procedures to ensure that daily backups are being made. This should not happen again.

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES (CONTINUED)
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

Significant Deficiencies

SD Comment # 20-03 - Preparation of Financial Statements by Auditor

Condition and Criteria - GIVES does not have controls in place for proper oversight of its financial reporting and for the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principle. As is common in small organizations, GIVES has chosen to engage the auditor to prepare its annual financial statements. This condition is intentional by management, along with the cost effectiveness of acquiring the ability to prepare the financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Cause - Recently issued Statement of Auditing Standards (SAS) 115 requires that I report the above condition as a control deficiency. The SAS does not provide exceptions to reporting deficiencies that are mitigated with non-audit services rendered by the auditor or deficiencies for which the remedy would be cost prohibitive or otherwise impractical.

Recommendation - As mentioned, whether or not it would be cost effective to cure a control deficiency is not a factor in applying SAS 115's reporting requirements. Because prudent management requires that the potential benefit from an internal control must exceed its cost, it may not be practical to correct all the deficiencies noted under SAS 115. In this case, I do not believe that curing the significant deficiency described in this finding would be cost effective or practical and accordingly, I do not believe any corrective action is necessary.

Management's Response - GIVES' staff is familiar with the day-to-day accounting requirements; however, due to limited staffing and funding, we do not consider it practical to provide sufficient training to our staff in order to eliminate this condition and can only continue to rely on the auditor to prepare the financial statements at this time.

SD Comment # 20-04 – Failure to Maintain Proper Fixed Asset and Depreciation Records

Condition and Criteria – GIVES does not maintain a formal fixed assets ledger. Instead, it has chosen to utilize an excel spreadsheet that was first developed by the external auditor to maintain a schedule of general fixed assets, which is adjusted each year during the audit. By not maintaining a true general ledger on fixed assets, GIVES must wait until year end to calculate and post depreciation on fixed assets. Additions and disposals of fixed assets are also not recorded until year-end.

Cause - GIVES' software system (QuickBooks) was not set up to record and depreciate fixed assets.

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**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES (CONTINUED)
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020**

Recommendation - GIVES should work towards entering the records relating to the fixed assets into the QuickBooks software system. This would allow for the timely capitalization and depreciation of all fixed assets.

Management's Response - We might look into doing this for the next fiscal year audit. Since we record our activity on a "cash-basis" of accounting, we do not see this as a must and are satisfied with relying on the year-end audit adjustments to reflect capitalization and depreciation activity.

REPORTABLE INSTANCES OF NONCOMPLIANCE

Not Applicable

SECTION III - FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Not Applicable

SECTION IV - STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

The status of findings and questioned costs noted in prior years is noted below:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

Prior Year Comment No.	Description	Status
SD# 19-01	Inadequate segregation of duties	See CY Comment SD# 20-01
SD# 19-02	Failure to properly backup computer data	See CY Comment SD# 20-02
SD# 19-02	Preparation of financial statements by auditor	See CY Comment SD# 20-03
SD# 19-03	Failure to maintain proper fixed asset and depreciation records during the year	See CY Comment SD# 20-04

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**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES (CONTINUED)
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020**

FEDERAL AWARDS - FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Not applicable

(END OF REPORT)