

LOUISIANA CASA ASSOCIATION
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
June 30, 2023 and 2022



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To the Board of Directors
Louisiana CASA Association
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Louisiana CASA Association (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2023, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Louisiana CASA as of June 30, 2023, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Louisiana CASA and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

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

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

Report on Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to the Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 12, 2023, on our consideration of Louisiana CASA's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of Louisiana CASA's 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 Louisiana CASA's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Report on Summarized Comparative Information

The financial statements of Louisiana CASA as of June 30, 2022, were audited by another auditor whose report dated October 30, 2022, expressed an unmodified opinion on those statements. The summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

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CPAs & Financial Advisors
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
October 30, 2023



LOUISIANA CASA ASSOCIATION
 STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
 (See Notes to Financial Statements)
 June 30, 2023 and 2022

ASSETS

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 225,913	\$ 138,006
Accounts Receivable	-	4,458
Grant Receivables	74,297	97,887
Prepaid Expenses	<u>1,073</u>	<u>3,568</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>301,283</u>	<u>243,919</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property and Equipment	28,154	28,154
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(16,193)</u>	<u>(11,448)</u>
Net Property and Equipment	11,961	16,706
Right of Use Assets	<u>80,532</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	<u>92,493</u>	<u>16,706</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 393,776</u>	<u>\$ 260,625</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$ 7,000	\$ -
Payroll Related Liabilities	1,480	1,547
Current Portion of Long-Term Lease Liabilities	<u>30,000</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	38,480	1,547
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Long-Term Lease Liabilities	51,432	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>89,912</u>	<u>1,547</u>
NET ASSETS		
Without Donor Restrictions	264,963	254,877
With Donor Restrictions	<u>38,901</u>	<u>4,201</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>303,864</u>	<u>259,078</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 393,776</u>	<u>\$ 260,625</u>



LOUISIANA CASA ASSOCIATION

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

(See Notes to Financial Statements)

For the Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022
(with summarized comparative amounts for 2022)

	2023			2022
	<i>Without Donor Restrictions</i>	<i>With Donor Restrictions</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>
SUPPORT AND REVENUES				
Governmental Grants	\$ 403,696	\$ -	\$ 403,696	\$ 410,499
Private Grants	144,602	34,700	179,302	31,547
CASA Day Conference Registrations, net of expenses of \$63,495 and \$31,323	(37,450)	-	(37,450)	(6,973)
Financial Contributions	30,544	-	30,544	22,622
Other	79	-	79	21,287
	<u>541,471</u>	<u>34,700</u>	<u>576,171</u>	<u>478,982</u>
Net assets released from restrictions	-	-	-	-
Total public support and revenue	<u>541,471</u>	<u>34,700</u>	<u>576,171</u>	<u>478,982</u>
EXPENSES				
Program Services	430,745	-	430,745	326,357
Management and General	78,842	-	78,842	81,140
Fundraising	21,797	-	21,797	6,244
	<u>531,384</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>531,384</u>	<u>413,741</u>
Total Expenses	<u>531,384</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>531,384</u>	<u>413,741</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	10,087	34,700	44,787	65,241
NET ASSETS				
Beginning Balance	254,876	4,201	259,077	230,901
End of year	<u>\$ 264,963</u>	<u>\$ 38,901</u>	<u>\$ 303,864</u>	<u>\$ 296,142</u>

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STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

(See Notes to Financial Statements)

For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

(with summarized comparative amounts for 2022)

	2023				2022
	Program Services	Management and General	Fundraising	Total	Total
Depreciation	\$ -	\$ 4,745	\$ -	\$ 4,745	\$ 4,745
Fringe Benefits	14,905	4,592	-	19,497	37,941
Information Technology	6,164	1,403	-	7,567	8,401
Insurance	4,103	-	-	4,103	3,834
Occupancy Expenses	29,543	758	-	30,300	28,800
Other Costs	1,628	3,440	-	5,068	1,762
Printing	1,492	1,833	-	3,325	8,103
Professional Services	143,738	8,822	21,797	174,357	49,946
Repairs and Maintenance	4,195	300	-	4,495	5,000
Salaries	189,300	42,300	-	231,600	216,625
Supplies	1,264	531	-	1,795	9,281
Training	18,241	6,455	-	24,696	17,122
Travel	11,607	2,882	-	14,489	16,870
Utilities	4,566	781	-	5,347	5,311
TOTAL	\$ 430,745	\$ 78,842	\$ 21,797	\$ 531,384	\$ 413,741

LOUISIANA CASA ASSOCIATION
 STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
 (See Notes to Financial Statements)
 For the Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Increase (Decrease) in net assets	\$ 44,787	\$ 28,177
Adjustments for Non-Cash Items:		
Depreciation	4,745	4,745
Change in operating assets:		
Decrease (Increase) in grants receivable	23,590	(41,646)
Decrease (Increase) in accounts receivable	4,458	-
Decrease (Increase) in prepaid expenses	2,495	(44)
Change in operating liabilities:		
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	7,000	(3,086)
(Decrease) Increase in payroll related liabilities	<u>(68)</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED BY) OPERATING ACTIVITIES	87,007	(11,854)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of property and equipment	<u>-</u>	<u>(12,159)</u>
NET CASH USED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	<u>-</u>	<u>(12,159)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Finance Lease Liability	900	-
Proceeds (forgiveness) from PPP Loans	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,636)</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES	<u>900</u>	<u>(3,636)</u>
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH	87,907	(27,649)
BEGINNING CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, AND RESTRICTED CASH	<u>138,006</u>	<u>165,655</u>
ENDING CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, AND RESTRICTED CASH	<u>\$225,913</u>	<u>\$138,006</u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
June 30, 2023 and 2022

NOTE 1: SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Operations – Louisiana CASA Association (the Organization) is a Louisiana not-for-profit organization created to support evidence-based services and programs for vulnerable families. The Organization’s programs support and encourage the Court Appointed Special Advocate programs in Louisiana, promote cooperation and communication among CASA programs within Louisiana, coordinate and encourage funding of CASA programs at the state level, and represents the Organization’s programs at the national level.

Basis of Accounting – The Organization prepares its financial statements on the accrual basis of accounting. The significant accounting policies are described below to enhance the usefulness of the financial statements.

Financial Statement Presentation – The Organization reports information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets: net assets with donor restrictions, and net assets without donor restrictions. The statement of activities presents expenses of the Organization functionally by program services, fundraising, and management and general. The financial statements include certain prior-year summarized comparative information in total, but not by net asset class. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the Organization’s financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2022, from which the summarized information was derived.

Estimates – The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities, at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reported period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Estimates are used primarily when accounting for the allowance for doubtful accounts, prepaid assets, and accrued liabilities.

Income Tax Status - The Organization qualifies as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; therefore, the financial statements have no provision for federal and state income tax. The Organization follows FASB ASC 740-10, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes*. Management has determined that there is no impact to the financial statements as a result of ASC 740-10. The Organization open audit periods are 2019 through 2021.

Net Assets - Net assets without donor restrictions represent resources over which the Board of Directors has discretionary control and are used to fund the operations of the Organization in accordance with its bylaws. Net assets with donor restrictions are contributions and grants restricted for various purposes. During the year ended June 30, 2023, no contributions were transferred to net assets without restrictions as restrictions were satisfied.

Cash and Cash Equivalents - The Organization considers all highly liquid investments, money market funds and certificates of deposit with a maturity of three months or less at the date of acquisition to be cash equivalents. There were no cash equivalents at June 30, 2023.

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NOTE 1: SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Grants receivable - Accounts receivable are recorded at cost, net of an allowance for doubtful accounts. Management believes all accounts are collectible; therefore, an allowance has not been recorded at June 30, 2023. The Organization does not require collateral for its receivables. There was \$74,297 in receivables less than 90 days past due at June 30, 2023.

Property and Depreciation - Property is stated at cost, or fair market value if donated, and depreciated over the estimated useful lives using the straight-line method for values in excess of \$1,000. Maintenance and repairs expenditures are expensed as incurred.

Leases - Lease determination and classification is recorded at the commencement date. Both operating and finance leases are included in leased equipment, current liabilities, and long-term lease liabilities on the balance sheet. Right-of-use ("ROU") assets (see Note 4) represent the right to use an underlying asset for the lease term and lease liabilities represent our obligation to make lease payments arising from the leases. ROU assets and liabilities are recognized at commencement date based on the present value of lease payments over the lease term. As most of our leases do not provide an implicit rate, we elected to use a risk-free rate at commencement date in accordance with accounting standards. Operating lease ROU assets also include any lease payments made and excludes lease incentives. Our lease terms include options to extend or terminate when we are reasonably certain of that outcome. Lease expense for lease payment is recognized on a straight-line basis over lease term. Lease agreements may contain both lease and non-lease components, which are generally accounted for separately.

Lease equipment is amortized over the useful life of the asset or the lease term. Leased equipment is amortized on a straight-line method similar to other assets.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments - The carrying value of receivables, prepaid insurance, accounts payable and accrued liabilities approximate fair value due to the short-term maturity of these instruments. None of these financial instruments are held for trading purposes.

Grant Revenue - The Organization receives grants to support its activities as well as grants restricted for specific purposes. Restricted grants that have not been fully expended at year-end are classified as temporarily restricted net assets.

Concentration of Credit Risk - The Organization typically maintains cash in local banks. Cash deposits are fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) as they are below the maximum insured amounts of \$250,000.

Reclassification - Certain accounts relating to the prior year have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation with no effect on previously reported change in net assets.

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NOTE 2: GRANTS RECEIVABLE

At June 30, 2023, grants receivable was as follows:	<u>Amount</u>
Louisiana Children's Trust Fund	\$ 2,773
State of Louisiana	
Commission on Law Enforcement and Admin of Criminal Justice	36,767
Supreme Court	26,473
Department of Children and Family Services	8,284
Total Grants Receivable	<u>\$ 74,297</u>

NOTE 3: PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

At June 30, 2023, property and equipment was as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Service Life</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Furniture and fixtures	7 years	\$ 6,051
Equipment	5 years	19,403
Software	3 years	<u>2,700</u>
		28,154
Less accumulated depreciation		<u>(16,193)</u>
Net Property and Equipment		<u>\$ 11,961</u>

NOTE 4: LEASE ACTIVITIES

The Organization has an operating lease for certain office space. The lease has a remaining lease term of 3 years.

The following summarizes the line items in the balance sheet which include amounts for operating and finance leases as of June 30, 2023:

Operating Leases:	
Equipment	<u>\$ 80,532</u>
Finance Lease Liability	<u>\$ 81,432</u>

The following summarizes the weighted average remaining lease term and discount rate as of June 30, 2023:

Weighted Average Remaining Lease Term (years)	<u>Operating</u> 3
Weighted Average Discount Rate	8.35%

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 4: LEASE ACTIVITIES (continued)

Future lease maturities are as follows:

	Finance
2024	\$ 30,000
2025	30,600
2026	<u>31,200</u>
Total Lease Payments	91,800
Less Interest	<u>(10,368)</u>
Present Value of Lease Liabilities	<u>\$ 81,432</u>

The following summarizes cash flow information related to leases for the year ended June 30, 2023:

Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of lease liabilities:	
Operating cash flows from operating leases	\$ 29,400
Lease assets obtained in exchange for lease obligations:	
Operating Leases	\$ 103,238

NOTE 5: NET ASSETS

At June 30, 2023, the Organization had the following in net assets with donor restrictions

	2023	2022
Wilson Foundation	\$ 38,901	\$ 4,201

NOTE 6: RETIREMENT PLAN

The Organization has a defined contribution plan covering all regular, full-time and eligible part-time employees who have reached the age of 21 with at least one year of service. The Organization contributes to the plan an amount equal to 7% of total employees' compensation. After 3 years of continuous employment, the employee becomes 100% vested in employer contributions. There was no change in the contribution rate from the prior year. The retirement expenses for the year ended June 30, 2023, and June 30, 2022, were \$12,552 and \$12,433, respectively.

NOTE 7: ALLOCATION OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

The Statement of Functional Expenses reports certain categories of expenses that are attributable to more than one program or support function. Therefore, these expenses require allocation on a reasonable basis that is consistently applied. The expenses that are allocated include salaries and benefits and professional fees, which are allocated on the basis of estimates of time and effort.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 8: LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF FINANCIAL ASSETS

	<u>6/30/2023</u>	<u>6/30/2022</u>
Cash	\$ 225,913	\$ 138,006
Receivables	<u>74,297</u>	<u>102,345</u>
Total Financial Assets	301,283	243,919
Subtract: Donor Restrictions	<u>(38,901)</u>	<u>(4,201)</u>
Financial assets available to meet cash needs for general expenditures within one year	<u>\$ 262,382</u>	<u>\$ 239,718</u>

NOTE 9: ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

The Organization received the majority of its revenue from funds provided through grants administered by the State of Louisiana and other nonprofit entities. The grant amounts are appropriated each year by both the state and the federal government. If significant budget cuts were to be made at the federal and/or state levels, the amount of funds the organization receives could be reduced significantly and have an adverse impact on its operation. As of the date of these financial statements, management was not aware of any actions taken that would adversely affect the amount of funds to be received in the next fiscal year. It should be noted, however, that the organization received 87 % of its total support in the year ended June 30, 2023 from such grants.

NOTE 10: NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In January 2022, the Organization adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2020-07, Not-for-Profit Entities (Topic 958), *Presentation and Disclosures by Not-for-Profit Entities Contribute Nonfinancial Assets*. The ASU required nonprofits to change their financial statement presentation and disclosure of contributed nonfinancial assets, or gifts-in-kind. The FASB issued the update in an effort to improve transparency in reporting nonprofit gifts-in-kind. The Organization's adoption of ASU No. 2020-07 did not result in any adjustments to their financial statement presentation.

In February 2016, the FASB issues ASU No. 2016-02, Leases (Topic ASC 842) intended to improve financial reporting regarding leasing transactions. The new standard affects all companies and organizations that lease assets. The standard requires organizations to recognize, on the balance sheet, the assets and liabilities for the rights and obligations created by those leases if the lease terms are more than 12 months. The guidance also will require qualitative and quantitative disclosures providing additional information about the amounts recorded in the financial statements.

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NOTE 13: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During 2023, a members of the Board of Directors made donations to the Organization in the amount of \$345.

The Organization paid the National CASA Association annual membership dues of \$275. The Organization also received a grant from the National CASA Association for \$97,400 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

The eighteen area CASA associations around the state of Louisiana paid membership dues totaling \$3,900 to the Organization.

NOTE 11: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management of the Organization has evaluated subsequent events through October 30, 2023, the date that these financial statements were available to be issued and has determined that there are no significant subsequent events that require recognition or disclosure through that date.



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 Board of Directors
Louisiana CASA Association
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Louisiana CASA (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2023, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 30, 2023.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of This Report

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

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CPAs & Financial Advisors
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
October 30, 2023

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SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO
AGENCY HEAD, POLITICAL SUBDIVISION HEAD OR
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

For the Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

Agency Head Name:	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Kathleen Stewart Richey, Executive Director		
Salary	\$ 85,000	\$ 85,000
Benefits - retirement	5,950	5,950
Travel reimbursements	<u>822</u>	<u>2,942</u>
Total	<u>\$ 91,772</u>	<u>\$ 93,892</u>

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
For the Years Ended June 30, 2023

SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' REPORTS

Financial Statements:

Type of report issued the auditor issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with GAAP: Unmodified Opinion

Internal Control over Financial Reporting:

Material Weakness(es) Identified No

Significant Deficiency(ies) Identified No

Noncompliance Material to Financial Statements Noted No

FINDINGS RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT AS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERALLY ACCEPTED GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

None reported.

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PRIOR YEAR SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' REPORTS

Financial Statements:

Type of report issued the auditor issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with GAAP: Unmodified Opinion

Internal Control over Financial Reporting:

Material Weakness(es) Identified No

Significant Deficiency(ies) Identified No

Noncompliance Material to Financial Statements Noted No

FINDINGS RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT AS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED
IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERALLY ACCEPTED GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

None reported.

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT
ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Board of Directors of Louisiana CASA and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Louisiana CASA's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

Louisiana CASA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

Written Policies and Procedures

1. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe whether they address each of the following categories and subcategories if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations:
 - a) ***Budgeting***, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.
 - b) ***Purchasing***, including (1) how purchases are initiated; (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list; (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders; (4) controls to ensure compliance with the Public Bid Law; and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.
 - c) ***Disbursements***, including processing, reviewing, and approving.
 - d) ***Receipts/Collections***, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g., periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).
 - e) ***Payroll/Personnel***, including (1) payroll processing, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee(s) rate of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.
 - f) ***Contracting***, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.
 - g) ***Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, P-Cards, if applicable)***, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).
 - h) ***Travel and Expense Reimbursement***, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.

- i) **Ethics**, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.
- j) **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
- k) **Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity**, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.
- l) **Sexual Harassment**, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

No exceptions noted.

Board or Finance Committee

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

Finding:

The Board meeting did not meet a quorum during the October 2022 meeting.

Management's Response:

Management will ensure that proper number of members are present during future meetings.

- b) For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe whether the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on all special revenue fund. *Alternately, for those entities reporting on the nonprofit accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included financial activity relating to public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.*

No exceptions noted.

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

No exceptions noted.

Bank Reconciliations

3. Obtain a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:
 - a) Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged).
 - b) Bank reconciliations include evidence that a member of management/board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged); and
 - c) Management has documentation reflecting it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

No exceptions noted.

Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)

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

No exceptions noted.

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

No exceptions noted.

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

No exceptions noted.

7. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for procedure #3 under "Bank Reconciliations" above (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). *Alternately, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc.* Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:
- Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
 - Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
 - Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
 - Observe the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer).
 - Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

No exceptions noted.

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

8. Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).
- No exceptions noted.*

9. For each location selected under #8 above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that:
- At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order/making the purchase.
 - At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.
 - The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files.
 - Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments.

No exceptions noted.

10. For each location selected under #8 above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction, and:
- Observe whether the disbursement matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity.
 - Observe whether the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #9, as applicable.

No exceptions noted.

Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/P-Cards

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

No exceptions noted.

12. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement), obtain supporting documentation, and:
- Observe whether there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) were reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved), by someone other than the authorized card holder.
 - Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.

No exceptions noted.

13. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #12 above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (i.e., each card should have 10 transactions subject to testing). For each transaction, observe it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For missing receipts, the practitioner should describe the nature of the transaction and note whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

No exceptions noted.

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

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

Finding:

With regards to item "d" above, two of the selected transactions did not have written approval.

Management's Response:

Management will ensure that proper written approval is obtained when recording travel expenses.

Contracts

15. Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. *Alternately, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list.* Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and:
- a) Observe whether the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law.
 - b) Observe whether the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law.
 - c) If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observe the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment, was approval documented).
 - d) Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

No exceptions noted.

Payroll and Personnel

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

No exceptions noted.

17. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under #16 above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:
- a) Observe all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory). (Note: Generally, officials are not eligible to earn leave and do not document their attendance and leave. However, if the official is earning leave according to a policy and/or contract, the official should document his/her daily attendance and leave.)
 - b) Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials.
 - c) Observe any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records.
 - d) Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agree to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.

No exceptions noted.

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

Not Applicable.

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

No exceptions noted.

Ethics

20. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under "Payroll and Personnel" above, obtain ethics documentation from management, and:
- Observe whether the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the fiscal period.
 - Observe whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.

Not Applicable.

Debt Service

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

Not Applicable.

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

Not Applicable.

Fraud Notice

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

Not Applicable.

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

Finding:

Louisiana CASA does not appear to have posted this information on its website.

Management's Response:

Management will ensure that the proper notification is posted to Louisiana CASA's website.

Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

25. Perform the following procedures, **verbally discuss the results with management, and report "We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management."**

- a) Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe that such backup occurred within the past week. If backups are stored on a physical medium (e.g., tapes, CDs), observe evidence that backups are encrypted before being transported.
- b) Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.
- c) Obtain a listing of the entity's computers currently in use and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

Sexual Harassment

26. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under "Payroll and Personnel" above, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year.

Not Applicable.

27. Observe the entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website (or in a conspicuous location on the entity's premises if the entity does not have a website).

Not Applicable.

28. Obtain the entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observe it includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:

- a) Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements.
- b) Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency.
- c) Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred.
- d) Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
- e) Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

Not Applicable.

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

We are required to be independent of Louisiana CASA and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

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

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