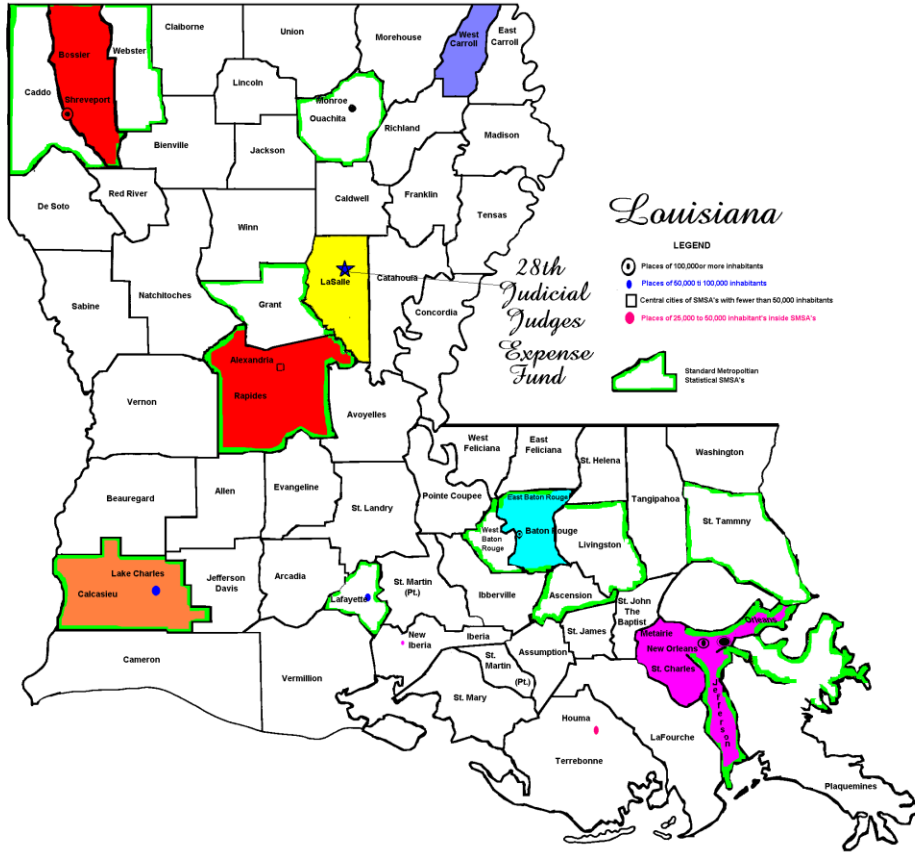


**JUDICIAL EXPENSE FUND & FAMILIES IN  
NEED OF SERVICES (FINS) FUND OF THE  
TWENTY-EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
PARISH OF LASALLE, STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**Basic Financial Statements  
October 31, 2023**

**JUDICIAL EXPENSE FUND  
AND FAMILIES IN NEED OF SERVICES (FINS) FUND  
OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
LASALLE PARISH,  
STATE OF LOUISIANA**



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\* The Twenty-Eighth Judicial District Court Families In Need of Services (FINS) Program was created July 1, 1994, as set forth in Title VII, Article 726-790 of the Louisiana Children's Code.

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AND FAMILIES IN NEED OF SERVICES (FINS) FUND  
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STATE OF LOUISIANA**

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### **INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT**

The Honorable Judge J. Christopher Peters  
Judicial Expense Fund and Families in Need of Services (FINS) Fund  
of the Twenty-Eighth Judicial District Court  
Parish of LaSalle, State of Louisiana

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities of the Judicial Expense Fund and Families in Need of Services (FINS) Fund of the Twenty-Eighth Judicial Court, as of and for the year ended October 31, 2023, which collectively comprise the Judicial Expense Fund and Families in Need of Services (FINS) Fund of the Twenty-Eighth Judicial Court's basic financial statements, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. We did not audit or review the financial statements nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on these financial statements.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budget comparison information be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a required 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. Such information is the responsibility of management. The required supplementary information was subject to our compilation engagement. We have not audited or reviewed the required supplementary information and do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on such information.

The other supplementary information has been compiled from information that is the representation of management. We have not audited or reviewed the supplementary information and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on such supplementary information.

*The Vercher Group*

Jena, Louisiana  
April 18, 2024

**JUDICIAL EXPENSE FUND  
AND FAMILIES IN NEED OF SERVICES (FINS) FUND  
OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
PARISH OF LASALLE  
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

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**MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

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As management of the District, we offer readers of the Judicial Expense Fund and Families in Need of Services (FINS) Fund of the Twenty-Eighth Judicial District Court’s financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2023. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the District’s financial statements.

The Management’s Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is an element of the new reporting model adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in their Statement No. 34 Basic Financial Statements – and Management’s Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments issued June 1999. Certain comparative information between the current year and the prior year is required to be presented in the MD&A.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- The assets of the District exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$111,179.
- The District had total revenues of \$58,551. This is a \$3,725 increase from last year’s revenues mainly due to an increase in intergovernmental income.
- The District had total expenditures of \$58,710, which is a \$5,387 increase from last year’s expenditures mainly due to an increase in operating expenses.

**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the District’s basic financial statements. The District’s basic financial statements consist of two components: 1) fund financial statements, and 2) notes to the basic financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves. The District is a special-purpose entity engaged only in governmental activities. Accordingly, only fund financial statements are presented as the basic financial statements.

Effective, January 1, 2004, the District adopted Governmental Accounting Standards (GASB) Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – Management’s Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*.

See independent accountant’s report.

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## MD&A

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### FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A *fund* is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

#### Comparative Statement of Net Position Governmental Funds

The following table represents a condensed Comparative Statement of Net Position as of October 31, 2023:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>% Change</u>
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash & Investments	\$ 91,632	\$ 90,577	-1.2
Receivables (Net)	710	1,080	52.1
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	27,383	19,939	-27.2
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>119,725</u>	<u>111,596</u>	-6.8
<b>Liabilities &amp; Net Position</b>			
Accounts, Salaries, & Other Payables	944	417	-55.8
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>944</u>	<u>417</u>	-55.8
<b>Net Position</b>			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	27,383	19,939	-27.2
Unrestricted	88,993	88,830	-0.2
Restricted	2,405	2,410	0.2
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<u>\$ 118,781</u>	<u>\$ 111,179</u>	-6.4

#### Comparative Changes in Fund Balances Governmental Funds

The following table reflects the condensed Comparative Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances for the year ended October 31, 2023:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>% Change</u>
<b>Beginning Fund Balances</b>	\$ 89,895	\$ 91,398	1.7
Total Revenues	54,826	58,551	6.8
Total Expenditures	(53,323)	(58,710)	-10.1
Increase (Decrease) In Fund Balances	<u>1,503</u>	<u>(159)</u>	-110.6
<b>Ending Fund Balances</b>	<u>\$ 91,398</u>	<u>\$ 91,239</u>	-0.2

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### CAPITAL ASSETS

#### *Capital Assets – Governmental Fund*

At October 31, 2023, the District had \$19,939 invested in capital assets, including the following:

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
Furnishings & Equipment	\$ 160,452	\$ 160,452
Accumulated Depreciation	(133,069)	(140,513)
<b>Total Capital Assets (Net)</b>	<b>\$ 27,383</b>	<b>\$ 19,939</b>

### CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, contact Amy Stapleton, Treasurer, at phone number (318) 992-2002.

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## **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**



**JUDICIAL EXPENSE FUND  
AND FAMILIES IN NEED OF SERVICES (FINS) FUND  
OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
PARISH OF LASALLE  
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**Statement of Net Position  
October 31, 2023**

		<u>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$	66,079
Investments		24,498
Receivables (Net of Allowances for Uncollectible)		1,080
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<u>91,657</u>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>		
Capital Assets (Net)		19,939
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<u>19,939</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u><u>111,596</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accounts, Salaries, & Other Payables		417
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<u>417</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>417</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>		
Net Investment in Capital Assets		19,939
Unrestricted		88,830
Restricted		2,410
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>	\$	<u><u>111,179</u></u>

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**Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended October 31, 2023**

<b>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</b>	<u>Expenses</u>	<b>PROGRAM REVENUES</b>			<u>Net (Expenses)/ Revenue</u>	<b>NET (EXPENSES) REVENUES &amp; CHANGE IN NET ASSETS PROGRAM REVENUES</b>
		<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants &amp; Contributions</u>	<u>Capital Grants &amp; Contributions</u>		<u>Governmental Activities</u>
General	\$ (36,921)	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ (36,921)	\$ (36,921)
FINS	(29,232)	-0-	-0-	-0-	(29,232)	(29,232)
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$ (66,153)</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ (66,153)</u>	<u>(66,153)</u>
				Interest Income		163
				Intergovernmental		58,388
				<b>TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES</b>		<u>58,551</u>
				<b>CHANGE IN NET POSITION</b>		(7,602)
				<b>NET POSITION-BEGINNING</b>		118,781
				<b>NET POSITION-ENDING</b>	\$	<u>111,179</u>

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**JUDICIAL EXPENSE FUND  
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PARISH OF LASALLE  
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**Balance Sheet, Governmental Funds  
October 31, 2023**

	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>FINS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 63,669	\$ 2,410	\$ 66,079
Investments	24,498	-0-	24,498
Receivables (Net of Allowances for Uncollectible)	1,080	-0-	1,080
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>89,247</b>	<b>2,410</b>	<b>91,657</b>
 <b>LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCE</b>			
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts, Salaries, & Other Payables	417	-0-	417
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>417</b>
 <b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
Unassigned	88,830	-0-	88,830
Restricted	-0-	2,410	2,410
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>88,830</b>	<b>2,410</b>	<b>91,240</b>
 <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 89,247</b>	<b>\$ 2,410</b>	<b>\$ 91,657</b>

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**Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet  
To the Statement of Net Position  
Year Ended October 31, 2023**

Total fund balance – governmental funds	\$	91,240
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:		
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period, and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds.		-0-
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources, and therefore are not reported in the balance sheet – governmental funds.		
Total net position of governmental activities	\$	<div style="display: inline-block; text-align: right;"> <u>19,939</u>  <u>111,179</u> </div>

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**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures & Changes in Fund Balances  
Governmental Funds  
For the Year Ended October 31, 2023**

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>FINS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Intergovernmental	\$ 29,158	29,230	58,388
Interest Income	157	7	164
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u>29,315</u>	<u>29,237</u>	<u>58,552</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Salaries/Personnel Costs	-0-	29,232	29,232
Office Expense	8,370	-0-	8,370
Dues and Conference Travel	4,066	-0-	4,066
Other Administration	12,068	-0-	12,068
Telephone	3,665	-0-	3,665
Copier Lease	1,309	-0-	1,309
Capital Outlay	-0-	-0-	-0-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>29,478</u>	<u>29,232</u>	<u>58,710</u>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	(163)	5	(158)
<b>FUND BALANCES-BEGINNING</b>	88,993	2,405	91,398
<b>FUND BALANCES-ENDING</b>	<u>\$ 88,830</u>	<u>\$ 2,410</u>	<u>\$ 91,240</u>

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OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
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**Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, & Changes in Fund Balances  
to the Statement of Activities  
Year Ended October 31, 2023**

Net change in fund balance – total governmental funds \$ (158)

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

The issuance of long-term debt (bonds, leases, etc.) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net assets. Also, governmental funds report the effect of issuance costs premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the Statement of Activities. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.

Loan Proceeds	-0-	
Principal Paid	-0-	
	-0-	-0-

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 which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.

Capital Outlays	-0-	
Depreciation	(7,444)	
	(7,444)	(7,444)
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$	(7,602)

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**JUDICIAL EXPENSE FUND  
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PARISH OF LASALLE  
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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**INTRODUCTION**

The Judicial Expense Fund of the Twenty-Eighth Judicial District Court was established by Act No. 916 of the 1985 Session of the Louisiana Legislature and began operating in November of 1986. The Judicial Expense Fund is controlled by the judge of the Twenty-Eighth Judicial District Court and was established and may be used for any purpose connected with, incidental to, or related to the proper administration or function of the court or the office of the judge thereof, and is in addition to any and all other funds, salaries, expense, or other monies that were or hereafter will be provided, authorized, or established by law for any of the aforesaid purposes. The Judicial Expense Fund's revenues are derived from court costs assessed in criminal cases of the Twenty-Eighth Judicial District Court and are collected by the sheriff.

The Judicial Expense Fund is part of the operations of the district court system. The district court system is fiscally dependent on the police jury for office space and courtrooms. The substance of the relationship between the district court system and the police jury is that the police jury has approval authority over its capital budget. In addition, the nature and significance of the relationship between the district court and the police jury is such that exclusion from the police jury's financial statements would render the financial statements incomplete or misleading. Therefore, this fund is a component unit of the LaSalle Parish Police Jury.

The Twenty-Eighth Judicial District Court Families In Need of Services (FINS) Program was created July 1, 1994, as set forth in Title VII, Article 726-790 of the Louisiana Children's Code. The Twenty-Eighth Judicial District Court Families In Need of Services (FINS) Program is comprised of the following judicial components: 28<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court.

The FINS program exists in all courts in Louisiana that had juvenile jurisdiction on July 1, 1994. The State of Louisiana designed the program to bring together resources for the purpose of helping families (troubled youths and their parents) to remedy self-destructive behaviors by juveniles and/or other family members. The primary purposes of this program are (a) to use the authority of the courts in providing maximum available services to families in need of services and (b) to use formal court proceedings only after all other alternatives have been exhausted. The goal of the FINS program is to reduce formal juvenile court involvement, while generating appropriate community services to benefit the child and improve family relations.



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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
(CONTINUED)**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A. GOVERNMENT-WIDE & FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Changes in Net Position) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the Judicial Expense Fund and Families in Need of Services (FINS) Fund.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segments 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.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds. All individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

**B. MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING, & FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION**

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary fund statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
(CONTINUED)**

Fees associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

The Judicial Expense Fund and Families in Need of Services (FINS) Fund reports the following governmental funds:

- The General Fund is the entity's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the entity, except those required to be accounted for in the FINS fund. The financing activity of the FINS Fund is accounted for in a special revenue fund.

As a general rule the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are payments-in-lieu of taxes and other charges between the government's enterprise operations. Elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions concerned.

**C. EQUITY CLASSIFICATIONS**

In the government-wide financial statements, equity is classified as Net Position and displayed in three components as applicable. The components are as follows:

Net Investment in Capital Assets - Capital assets including restricted capital assets, when applicable, net of accumulated depreciation.

Restricted Net Position - Net position with constraints placed on their use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted Net Position - All other net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets".

When an expense is incurred for the purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available, management applies restricted resources first. The policy concerning which to apply first varies with the intended use and legal requirements. This decision is typically made by management at the incurrence of the expense.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. The fund has implemented GASB Statement 54 "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions". This statement provides more clearly defined fund balance categories to make the nature and extent of the constraints placed on a government's fund balance more transparent. The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints placed on the purposes for which resources can be used:

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
(CONTINUED)**

- a. Nonspendable fund balance - amounts that are not in a spendable form (such as prepaid expenses) or are required to be maintained intact;
- b. Restricted fund balance - amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders, and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions or by enabling legislation;
- c. Committed fund balance - amounts constrained to specific purposes by a government itself using its highest level of decision-making authority; to be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the government takes the same highest level action to remove or change the constraint;
- d. Assigned fund balance - amounts a government intends to use for a specific purpose; intent can be expressed by the governing body or by an official or body to which the governing body delegates the authority;
- e. Unassigned fund balance - amounts that are available for any purpose; positive amounts are reported only in the general fund.

**D. CASH & INVESTMENTS (CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT IN EXCESS OF 90 DAYS)**

***Custodial Credit Risk***

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the government will not be able to recover its deposits. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent.

These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the Entity that the fiscal agent bank has failed to pay deposit funds upon demand. Further, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1224 states that securities held by a third party shall be deemed to be held in the Entity's name.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
(CONTINUED)**

***Deposits***

It is the District's policy for deposits to be 100% secured by collateral at market or par, whichever is lower, less the amount of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insurance. The District's deposits are categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the District at year-end. The categories are described as follows:

- *Category 1* – Insured or collateralized with securities held by the District or by its agent in the District's name.
- *Category 2* – Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the District's name.
- *Category 3* – Uncollateralized.

<b>Bank</b>	<b>Bank Balance 10/31/2023</b>
Southern Heritage Bank	\$ 2,881
The Community Bank	78,163
Sabine State Bank	10,087
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 91,131</b>

Amounts on deposit were fully secured as of October 31, 2023, and were secured by the following pledges:

<b>Description</b>	<b>Total All Banks Market Value</b>
FDIC (Category 1)	\$ 91,131
Securities (Category 2)	-0-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 91,131</b>

**E. FIXED ASSETS**

For the year October 31, 2023, no interest costs were capitalized for construction of fixed assets. The District's capitalization policy is \$1,500.

Depreciation of all exhaustible fixed assets is charged as an expense against its operations. Accumulated depreciation is reported on the proprietary fund balance sheet and governmental fund statement of activities. Depreciation has been provided over the estimated useful lives using the straight-line method. The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Equipment	5-10 Years
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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
(CONTINUED)**

**F. VACATION, SICK LEAVE & COMPENSATED ABSENCES**

The Judicial Expense Fund and Families in Need of Services (FINS) Fund has no leave policies.

**G. USE OF 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 disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**2. CHANGES IN GOVERNMENTAL FIXED ASSETS**

A summary of change in governmental fixed assets follows:

	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Deletions</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
Furnishings & Equipment	\$ 160,452	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 160,452
Accumulated Depreciation	(133,069)	(7,444)	-0-	(140,513)
<b>Net Fixed Assets</b>	<b>\$ 27,383</b>	<b>\$ (7,444)</b>	<b>\$ -0-</b>	<b>\$ 19,939</b>

Fixed assets are depreciated using the straight-line method using the following useful lives:

Equipment	5-10 Years
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**3. RECEIVABLES**

The receivables at October 31, 2023, are detailed below:

Intergovernmental	\$ <u>1,080</u>
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Allowance for doubtful accounts, if any, is considered immaterial and is not presented.

**4. PAYABLES**

The payables at October 31, 2023, are detailed below:

Vendors Payable	\$ <u>417</u>
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**5. RESTRICTED FUND BALANCE**

Restricted Fund Balance is restricted for Families in Need of Services (FINS) Fund Activities.

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

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**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures & Changes in Fund Balances  
Budget and Actual  
General Fund  
For the Year Ended October 31, 2023**

	<u>BUDGET AMOUNTS</u>		<u>ACTUAL AMOUNTS BUDGETARY BASIS</u>	<u>BUDGET TO ACTUAL DIFFERENCES FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)</u>
	<u>ORIGINAL</u>	<u>FINAL</u>		
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Intergovernmental	\$ 35,000	30,000	29,158	(842)
Interest Income	-0-	-0-	157	157
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>29,315</u>	<u>(685)</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Office Expense	7,000	7,000	4,320	2,680
Dues and Conference Travel	5,000	5,000	4,066	934
Copier Lease	4,000	4,000	1,309	2,691
Telephone	-0-	-0-	3,664	(3,664)
Other Administration	9,000	9,000	16,119	(7,119)
Capital Outlay	5,000	5,000	-0-	5,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>\$ 30,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>29,478</u>	<u>522</u>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>			(163)	
<b>FUND BALANCES-BEGINNING</b>			<u>88,993</u>	
<b>FUND BALANCES-ENDING</b>			<u>\$ 88,830</u>	

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**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures & Changes in Fund Balances  
Budget and Actual  
FINS Fund  
For the Year Ended October 31, 2023**

	<u>BUDGET AMOUNTS</u>		<u>ACTUAL AMOUNTS BUDGETARY BASIS</u>	<u>BUDGET TO ACTUAL DIFFERENCES FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)</u>
	<u>ORIGINAL</u>	<u>FINAL</u>		
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Supreme Court Allotment	\$ 29,232	29,232	29,230	(2)
Interest Income	-0-	-0-	7	7
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u>29,232</u>	<u>29,232</u>	<u>29,237</u>	<u>5</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Officer Salary	29,232	29,232	29,232	-0-
Miscellaneous	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>\$ 29,232</u>	<u>29,232</u>	<u>29,232</u>	<u>-0-</u>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>			5	
<b>FUND BALANCES-BEGINNING</b>			<u>2,405</u>	
<b>FUND BALANCES-ENDING</b>			<u>\$ 2,410</u>	

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**OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES**

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**Schedule of Compensation Benefits and Other Payments  
to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer  
For the Year Ended October 31, 2023**

28<sup>th</sup> Judicial Expense Fund  
Honorable Judge J. Christopher Peters, 28<sup>th</sup> Judicial Judge

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salary	\$ -0-
Benefits-Insurance	-0-
Benefits-Retirement	-0-
Benefits (List any other here)	-0-
Car Allowance	-0-
Vehicle Provided by Government	-0-
Per Diem	-0-
Reimbursements	2,086
Travel	-0-
Registration Fees	-0-
Conference Travel	2,712
Continuing Professional Education Fees	-0-
Housing	-0-
Un-vouchered Expenses*	-0-
Special Meals	\$ -0-

\*An example of an un-vouchered expense would be a travel advance.

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**Justice System Funding Schedule – Receiving Entity  
For the Year Ended October 31, 2023**

	<b>First Six Months Ended 04/01/2023</b>	<b>Second Six Months Ended 10/31/2023</b>
<b>Receipts From:</b>		
LaSalle Parish, Civil Fines	\$ 2,870	\$ 3,073
LaSalle Parish Misdemeanor Probation	1,131	1,534
LaSalle Parish, Bond Fees	8,484	10,327
LA Supreme Court / FINS	14,114	14,614
<b>Subtotal Receipts</b>	26,599	29,548

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## **MANAGEMENT LETTER COMMENTS**

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During the course of our compilation, we observed conditions and circumstances that may be improved. Below are situations that may be improved (if any) and recommendations for improvements.

### **CURRENT YEAR MANAGEMENT LETTER COMMENTS**

No comments.

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**MANAGEMENT'S SUMMARY  
OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS**

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Legislative Auditor  
State of Louisiana  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9397

The management of the Judicial Expense Fund and Families in Need of Services (FINS) Fund of the Twenty-Eighth Judicial District Court, LaSalle Parish, Louisiana has provided the following action summaries relating to audit findings brought to their attention as a result of their financial audit for the year ended October 31, 2022.

**PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS**

**2022-1 Budget Variance (Resolved)**

**Condition:** The District had an unfavorable revenue variance of \$16,409 or 38.2% in the general fund for the year ended October 31, 2022.

**Criteria:** The Budget Act requires that budgets be amended when the variance exceeds 5%.

**Cause of Condition:** The District did not amend the original budget.

**Effect of Condition:** The general fund has an unfavorable revenue and is violating the Budget Act.

**Recommendation:** The District should amend its budget when it exceeds a 5% variance.

**Client Response and Corrective Action:** The District will amend its budget when it exceeds a 5% variance.

**Contact Person:** Honorable Judge J. Christopher Peters, 28<sup>th</sup> Judicial Judge

**Anticipated Date:** October 31, 2023