



## **CITY OF AURORA, ILLINOIS**

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### **SINGLE AUDIT REPORT**

**For the Year Ended December 31, 2019**

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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***

The Honorable Mayor  
Members of the City Council  
City of Aurora, Illinois

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 the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Aurora, Illinois (the City), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, and the related notes to financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 30, 2020. The financial statements of the Aurora Public Library, a discretely presented component unit, and fiduciary component unit were not audited in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, and accordingly this report does not include reporting on internal control over financial reporting or instances of reportable noncompliance associated with the Aurora Public Library.

**Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

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

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City'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 determination of financial statement amounts. 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 City'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 City's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Sikich LLP*

Naperville, Illinois  
June 30, 2020

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH  
MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL  
OVER COMPLIANCE AND REPORT ON THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES  
OF FEDERAL AWARDS REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

The Honorable Mayor  
Members of the City Council  
City of Aurora, Illinois

**Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program**

We have audited the City of Aurora, Illinois' (the City) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the City's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2019. The City's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

**Management's Responsibility**

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the City's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the City's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the City's compliance.

### **Opinion on Each Major Federal Program**

In our opinion, the City of Aurora, Illinois complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2019.

### **Report on Internal Control Over Compliance**

Management of the City is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the City's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over compliance.

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

## **Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance**

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated June 30, 2020, which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Uniform Guidance and is not a required part of the basic 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 basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

*Sikich LLP*

Naperville, Illinois  
June 30, 2020

**CITY OF AURORA, ILLINOIS**

**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**

For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

<b>Federal Grantor</b>	<b>Pass-Through Grantor</b>	<b>Program Title</b>	<b>Federal CFDA Number</b>	<b>Program/Grant Number</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Amount Provided to Subrecipients</b>
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development	N/A	Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grant Cluster				
		Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants	14.218*	B-14-MC-17-0002	\$ 38,997	\$ -
		Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants	14.218*	B-15-MC-17-0002	21,104	-
		Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants	14.218*	B-16-MC-17-0002	10,570	-
		Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants	14.218*	B-17-MC-17-0002	255,653	268,304
		Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants	14.218*	B-18-MC-17-0002	772,597	190,053
		Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants	14.218*	B-19-MC-17-0002	420,355	225,914
		Total Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grant Cluster			1,519,276	684,271
	N/A	Home Investment Partnerships Program	14.239	M-18-MC-17-0221	39,580	-
	N/A	Emergency Solutions Grant	14.231	N/A	20,117	-
		Total U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development			1,578,973	684,271
U.S. Department of Justice	N/A	Equitable Sharing Program	16.922	N/A	697,651	-
	Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority	Edward Byrne Memorial Justice	16.738	2016 Grant	27,245	-
				2017 Grant	44,091	-
		Total Edward Byrne Memorial Justice			71,336	-
		Total U.S. Department of Justice			768,987	-
U.S. Department of Transportation	Illinois Department of Transportation	Airport Improvement Program	20.106	N/A	14,756	-
	Illinois Department of Transportation	Highway Planning and Construction Cluster				
		Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	Multiple	771,854	-
	Illinois Department of Transportation	Recreational Trails Program	20.219	RTP 18-138	1,176	-
		Total Highway Planning and Construction Cluster			773,030	-
		Total U.S. Department of Transportation			787,786	-



**CITY OF AURORA, ILLINOIS**

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS (Continued)

For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

<b>Federal Grantor</b>	<b>Pass-Through Grantor</b>	<b>Program Title</b>	<b>Federal CFDA Number</b>	<b>Program/Grant Number</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Amount Provided to Subrecipients</b>
U.S. Department of Homeland Security	Illinois Emergency Management Agency N/A	Emergency Management Performance Grants CCTA-Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attacks	97.042 97.133		\$ 188,626 636,467	\$ - -
		Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security			825,093	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS</b>					<u>\$ 3,960,839</u>	<u>\$ 684,271</u>

\* denotes federal major program

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## **NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**

For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

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### **Note A - Significant Accounting Policies**

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards has been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). It is a summary of the activity of the City's federal award programs prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, expenditures are recognized when the liability has been incurred and revenues are recognized when the qualifying expenditure has been incurred.

### **Note B - Other Information**

The City did not receive any federal insurance, free rent, or noncash assistance during the year ended December 31, 2019.

### **Note C - Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Loans**

The City had Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Loans outstanding in the amount of \$10,668,694 at December 31, 2019. The loans were initially partially funded with federal monies. The loans have no continuing compliance requirements aside from loan repayment.

### **Note D - 10% De Minimis Indirect Cost Rate**

The City has elected to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate as permitted by 2 CFR Section 200.414.

# CITY OF AURORA, ILLINOIS

## SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

### Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results

#### Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued: *Unmodified*

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weakness(es) identified? ☐ yes ☒ no  
Significant deficiency(ies) identified? ☐ yes ☒ none reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? ☐ yes ☒ no

#### Federal Awards

Internal control over major federal programs:

Material weakness(es) identified? ☐ yes ☒ no  
Significant deficiency(ies) identified? ☐ yes ☒ none reported

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major federal programs: *Unmodified*

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)? ☐ yes ☒ no

Identification of major federal programs:

<u>CFDA Number(s)</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
14.218	Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grant Cluster

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs: \$750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? ☒ yes ☐ no

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**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (Continued)**

For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

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**Section II - Financial Statement Findings**

None

**Section III - Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs**

None

**Section IV - Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings**

None