CITY OF NEW BRITAIN, CONNECTICUT FEDERAL SINGLE AUDIT REPORT JUNE 30, 2022



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

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the Common Council City of New Britain, Connecticut

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

We have audited City of New Britain, Connecticut's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of City of New Britain, Connecticut's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2022. City of New Britain, Connecticut's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, City of New Britain, Connecticut complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2022.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); 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). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of City of New Britain, Connecticut and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with 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 opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of City of New Britain, Connecticut's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to City of New Britain, Connecticut's federal programs.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on City of New Britain, Connecticut's compliance based on our audit. 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 GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about City of New Britain, Connecticut's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, 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 City of New Britain, Connecticut's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- obtain an understanding of City of New Britain, Connecticut's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances 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 City of New Britain, Connecticut's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on 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 a 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.

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the Common Council City of New Britain, Connecticut

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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. each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of City of New Britain, Connecticut as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise City of New Britain, Connecticut's basic financial statements. We have issued our report thereon, dated December 12, 2023, 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.

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West Hartford, Connecticut December 12, 2023

CITY OF NEW BRITAIN, CONNECTICUT SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/ Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Passed Through to Subrecipients		l Federal Inditures
United States Department of Agriculture					
Passed Through the State of Connecticut Department of Education:					
Child Nutrition Cluster:					
National School Lunch Program	10.555	12060-SDE64370-20560	\$	\$ 445,644	\$
National School Lunch Program	10.555	12060-SDE64370-20560	Ψ	5,271,106	Ψ
School Breakfast Program	10.553	12060-SDE64370-20508		1,835,548	
Summer Food Service Program for Children	10.559	12060-SDE64370-20540		189,960	
Summer Food Service Program for Children	10.559	12060-SDE64370-20548		15,981	
Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program	10.582	12060-SDE64370-22051		426,189	
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Child and Adult Care Food Program	10.558	12060-SDE64370-20518		400,705	
Child and Adult Care Food Program	10.558	12060-SDE64370-20544		28,465	
Child and Adult Care Food Program	10.558	12060-SDE64370-23089		55,674	
					484,844
State Administrative Expenses for Child Nutrition	10.560	12060-SDE64370-23126			188,654
P-EBT Local Admin	10.649	12060-SDE64370-29802			13,501
Total United States Department of Agriculture					8,871,427
United States Department of Transportation Passed Through the State of Connecticut Department of Transporta	tion:				0,011,121
Highway Safety Cluster:					
National Priority Safety Programs	20.616	12062-DOT57513-22600		50,686	50,686
Highway Planning and Construction Cluster:					
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	12062-DOT57141-22108		1,219,565	
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	12062-DOT57191-22108		41,603	1,261,168
Alcohol Open Container Requirements	20.607	12062-DOT57513-22091			47,553
Total United States Department of Transportation			-		1,359,407
United States Department of Education Passed Through the State of Connecticut Department of Education:					
Special Education Cluster (IDEA):					
Special Education_Grants to States	84.027	12060-SDE64370-20977-2022		2,231,155	
Special Education_Grants to States	84.027	12060-SDE64370-20977-2021		468,145	
Special Education_Grants to States	84.027	12060-SDE64370-20977-2020		20,000	
Special Education_Preschool Grants	84.173	12060-SDE64370-20983-2022		57,780	
Special Education_Preschool Grants	84.173	12060-SDE64370-20983-2021		34,447	2,811,527
					2,011,021
Education Stabilization Fund:					
COVID-19 ESSERF K-12 Fund	84425d	12060-SDE64370-29571-2022		267,000	
COVID-19 ESSERF K-12 Fund	84425d	12060-SDE64370-29571-2021		15,355,094	
COVID-19 ESSERF K-12 Fund	84425d	12060-SDE64370-29571-2020		1,328,322	
COVID-19 ESSERF K-12 Fund	84425d	12060-SDE64370-29571-2021		20,867	
COVID-19 American Rescue Plan - Emergen	84425u	12060-SDE64370-29636-2021		5,957,784	00 000 00=
					22,929,067
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	12060-SDE64370-20679-2022		5,919,872	
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	12060-SDE64370-20679-2021		2,911,424	
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	12060-SDE64370-20679-2022		956,656	
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	12060-SDE64370-20679-2021		160,075	
					9,948,027

CITY OF NEW BRITAIN, CONNECTICUT SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS (CONTINUED) YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants 84.367 12060-SDE64370-20858-2022 530,091 131,490 64.367 12060-SDE64370-20858-2021 131,490 64.367 12060-SDE64370-20858-2021 131,490 64.367 12060-SDE64370-20858-2021 131,490 64.367 12060-SDE64370-20858-2022 12060-SDE64370-20863-2022 12060-SDE64370-20863-2022 12060-SDE64370-20863-2022 12060-SDE64370-20854-2022 12060-SDE64370-20854-2022 12060-SDE64370-20854-2021 12060-SDE64370-20854-2021 12060-SDE64370-20854-2021 12060-SDE64370-20854-2021 12060-SDE64370-20858-2021 12060-SDE64370-20858-2021	303,174 361,581 86,700 568,623 94,623 25,625 528,947
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Home Investment Partnerships Program 14.239	93,595
	125,085
Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Program 14.905	2,701
Total United States Department of Housing and Urban Development - 2,6	321,381
United States Department of Health and Human Services Passed Through the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health:	
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant funded solely with Prevention and Public Health Funds (PPHF) 93.758 12060-DPH48873-22664	39,569
Immunization Cooperative Agreements 93.268 29,452	
Immunization Cooperative Agreements 93.268 12060-DPH48551-29654 544,655	
Immunization Cooperative Agreements 93.268 12060-DPH48664-20911 75,030	
Immunization Cooperative Agreements 93.268 12060-DPH48664-29627 47,601	
	96,738
Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity	
for Infectious Diseases (ELC) 93.323 12060-DPH48557-29582	215,005
Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness 93.138 12060-DPH48882-22954	278,169
Total United States Department of Health and Human Services	229,481

CITY OF NEW BRITAIN, CONNECTICUT SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS (CONTINUED) YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/ Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Passed Through to Subrecipients	Total Fed Expendit	
United States Department of Homeland Security Passed Through the State of Connecticut Department of Emergence	v Services and Publ				
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Disaster Grants - Public					
Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)	97.036	12060-DPS32990-21891		_	204,273
Total United States Department of Homeland Security				-	204,273
United States Department of the Treasury Direct:					
COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local					
Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027			2,912,887	
Passed Through the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management	gement:				
COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local					
Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	12060-OPM20350-29561		80,000	2,992,887
				-	2,392,007
Total United States Department of the Treasury				-	2,992,887
United States Environmental Protection Agency Passed Through the State of Connecticut Department of Public Hea	alth:				
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Cluster: Capitalization Grants for					
Drinking Water State Revolving Funds	66.468	12060-DPH48770-22467		293,903	
Capitalization Grants for					
Drinking Water State Revolving Funds	66.468	21018-DPH48770-42319		804,056	1,097,959
Total United States Environmental Protection Agency				• -	1,097,959
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Total Federal Awards			\$	\$	55,920,164

CITY OF NEW BRITAIN, CONNECTICUT NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of the City of New Britain, Connecticut, under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2022. The information in the Schedule is presented in accordance with the 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).

Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the City of New Britain, Connecticut, it is not intended to, and does not, present the financial position, changes in fund balance, changes in net position or cash flows of the City of New Britain, Connecticut.

Basis of Accounting

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance with the exception of Assistance Listing 21.019, which follows criteria determined by the Department of Treasury for allowability of costs. Under these principles, certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

NOTE 2 INDIRECT COST RECOVERY

The City of New Britain, Connecticut, has elected not to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate provided under Section 200.414 of the Uniform Guidance.

NOTE 3 NONCASH AWARDS

Donated commodities in the amount of \$445,644 are included in the Department of Agriculture's National School Lunch Program, Assistance Listing #10.555. The amount represents the market value of commodities received.

Noncash assistance vaccines in the amount of \$29,452 are included in the Department of Health and Human Services Immunization Cooperative Agreements Assistance Listing #93,268.



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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 Honorable Mayor and Members of the Common Council City of New Britain, Connecticut

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, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of New Britain, Connecticut, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City of New Britain, Connecticut's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 12, 2023.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered City of New Britain, Connecticut'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 opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of New Britain, Connecticut's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of New Britain, Connecticut'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 and therefore material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2022-001 and 2022-002 that we consider to be material weaknesses.

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the Common Council City of New Britain, Connecticut

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City of New Britain, Connecticut'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 instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2022-003.

City of New Britain, Connecticut's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the City of New Britain, Connecticut's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. City of New Britain, Connecticut's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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 entity'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 entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Clifton Larson Allen LLP

West Hartford, Connecticut December 12, 2023

CITY OF NEW BRITAIN, CONNECTICUT SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

I. SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS

Financial Stateme	ents			
Type of auditors' re	Unmodified			
Material weaknesSignificant deficie	er financial reporting: ss(es) identified? ency(ies) identified? aterial to financial statements noted?	X yes yes X yes	no X none reporte no	d
Federal Awards				
J	ss(es) identified? ency(ies) identified?	yes yes	X no none reporte	d
Type of auditors' re	eport issued on compliance for major pro	grams:	Unmodified	
	disclosed that are required to be report 2 CFR Section 200.516(a)?	ted yes	X no	
Major programs: Assistance Listing #	Name of Federal Program or Cluster			
84.425D 21.027 84.027/84.173	COVID -19 ESSER COVID -19 Coronavirus State and Loca Special Education Cluster	al Fiscal Recovery	Funds	
Dollar threshold us	ed to distinguish between type A and typ	e B programs:	\$ 1,647,60	5
Auditee qualified a	s low-risk auditee?	yes	X no	
II. FINANCIAL S	TATEMENT FINDINGS			
Finding No. 2022- Bank Reconciliation				
Type of Finding: Material Weakness	s in Internal Control over Financial Report	ting		

Condition

The City's bank reconciliations were not completed for over a year after the end of the fiscal year.

CITY OF NEW BRITAIN, CONNECTICUT SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONTINUED) YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

Criteria

Management is responsible for establishing strong internal controls to ensure the financial statements are free from material misstatements.

Cause

Shortage in staffing within the finance department and lack of a formal financial close process.

Effect

Increased risk of material misstatement within the financial statements.

Repeat Finding

Yes, 2021-001

Recommendation

We recommend that the City develop a formal financial close process to ensure general ledger balances are accurate and complete within a reasonable time after year end.

Views of Responsible Officials

Management agrees with this finding.

Finding No. 2022-002

Fiscal Year End Close Procedures

Type of Finding:

Material Weakness in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Condition

Material audit adjustments were proposed for revenue recognition within the capital projects fund as well as notes payable within the Water Department.

Criteria

Generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) requires that revenue be recognized when it is both measurable and available and long term debt within an Enterprise Fund should be recorded as a liability in accordance with full accrual basis of accounting.

Cause

Shortage in staffing within the finance department to review balances and lack of a formal financial close process.

Effect

Increased risk of material misstatement within the financial statements.

Repeat Finding

No.

Recommendation

We recommend that the City develop a formal financial close process to ensure each fund's year end balances are analyzed timely and corrected appropriately.

Views of Responsible Officials

Management agrees with this finding.

CITY OF NEW BRITAIN, CONNECTICUT SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONTINUED) YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

Finding No. <u>2022-003</u>

Municipal and State Single Auditing Act and Uniform Guidance

Type of Finding:

Compliance Finding

Condition

The City did not comply with the Municipal and State Single Auditing Act and Uniform Guidance Reporting Requirements.

Criteria

Section 7-393 of the Connecticut General Statutes requires that a certified copy of the financial audit report be filed with the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) within six months after the end of the fiscal year of the municipality or audited agency. State statute allows for a maximum of 6 months of extensions to file subsequent to the due date. Uniform Guidance requires entities to electronically file required reports within nine months of year end.

Cause

The City was unable to secure a deputy finance director as well as other finance support staff for a significant period of time.

Effect

The Office of Policy and Management referred the City to the Municipal Finance Advisory Committee for potential oversight. The City no longer qualifies as a low risk entity for federal single audit filing.

Repeat Finding

No.

Recommendation

We recommend that the City develop a formal financial close process to ensure the financial statements of the City are ready for audit inspection to meet state requirements.

Views of Responsible Officials

Management agrees with this finding.

III. FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Our audit did not disclose any matters required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a).