



City of Keene, New Hampshire

Independent Auditor's Reports Pursuant
to Government Auditing Standards
and Uniform Guidance

For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

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**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**

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
City of Keene, New Hampshire

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 Keene, New Hampshire (the City) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 15, 2022.

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) as a basis for designing 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 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 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 City’s internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Merrimack, New Hampshire
June 15, 2022



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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
City of Keene, New Hampshire

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the City of Keene, New Hampshire's (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 June 30, 2021. 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* (CFR) 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.

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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 Keene, New Hampshire 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 June 30, 2021.

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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Keene, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated June 15, 2022, 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 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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Merrimack, New Hampshire
June 15, 2022

CITY OF KEENE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Federal Agency

Cluster Pass-through Agency Program Title	Federal AL <u>Number</u>	Pass Through Identifying <u>Number</u>	Federal <u>Expenditures</u>	Passed Through to <u>Subrecipient</u>
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development				
Passed Through the New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority				
Community Development Block Grants/State's Program	14.228	18-038-CDED	\$ 7,671	\$ -
Community Development Block Grants/State's Program	14.228	19-038-CDED	8,746	-
Community Development Block Grants/State's Program	14.228	19-038-CDPF	107,342	93,898
Community Development Block Grants/State's Program	14.228	20-038-CDPF	<u>18,929</u>	<u>-</u>
Total U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development			142,688	93,898
U.S. Department of Justice				
COVID-19 - Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program Cluster				
Direct Federal Program				
COVID-19 - Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program	16.034	2020-VD-BX-119	4,087	-
Passed Through the New Hampshire Department of Justice				
COVID-19 - Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program	16.034	2020-VD-BX-0001	<u>54,151</u>	<u>-</u>
Total COVID-19 - Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program Cluster			58,238	-
Direct Federal Program				
Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program	16.607	N/A	2,096	-
Passed Through Cheshire County				
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program	16.738	2019-DJ-BX-0091	1,512	-
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program	16.738	2020-H8131-NH-DJ	<u>4,143</u>	<u>-</u>
Total U.S. Department of Justice			65,989	-
U.S. Department of Transportation				
Highway Planning and Construction Cluster				
Passed Through the New Hampshire Department of Transportation				
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	X-A004(408) - State 40439	2,554	-
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	STP-0111(007) - State 10309B	<u>327,152</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Highway Planning and Construction Cluster			329,706	-
Passed Through the New Hampshire Department of Transportation				
Airport Improvement Program	20.106	SBG-08-21-2020	69,000	-
Airport Improvement Program	20.106	SBG-08-19-2020	359,967	-
Airport Improvement Program	20.106	SBG-08-22-2020	33,203	-
Highway Safety Cluster				
Passed Through the New Hampshire Department of Transportation				
State and Community Highway Safety	20.600	69A37519300004020NH0; 69A37520300004020NH0; 69A37520300004020NH0;	5,104	-
State and Community Highway Safety	20.600	69A37521300004020NH0	6,112	-
National Priority Safety Programs	20.616	69A3751830000405hNH0	2,548	-
National Priority Safety Programs	20.616	69A3751830000405hNH0	<u>208</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Highway Safety Cluster			<u>13,972</u>	<u>-</u>
Total U.S. Department of Transportation			805,848	-

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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

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U.S. Department of the Treasury				
Direct Federal Program				
Equitable Sharing Program	21.016	NH0031800	1,910	-
Passed Through the New Hampshire Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery				
COVID-19 - Coronavirus Relief Fund - Municipal & County Relief Fund	21.019	N/A	452,786	-
Total U.S. Department of Treasury			454,696	-
Institute of Museum and Library Services				
Direct Federal Program				
National Leadership Grants	45.312	LG-95-18-0191-18A	46,200	-
Total Institute of Museum and Library Services			46,200	-
Election Assistance Commission				
Passed Through the State of New Hampshire Secretary of State Help America Vote Again (HAVA)	90.404	DC20101CARES	50,093	-
Total Election Assistance Commission			50,093	-
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services				
Direct Federal Program				
COVID-19 - Provider Relief Funds	93.498	N/A	37,086	-
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			37,086	-
U.S. Department of Homeland Security				
Passed Through the Federal Emergency Management Agency				
National Urban Search & Rescue (US&R) Response System	97.025	EMW-2018-CA-USR-0014	4,830	-
National Urban Search & Rescue (US&R) Response System	97.025	EMW-2018-CA-USR-0014	15,318	-
Passed Through the New Hampshire Department of Safety				
Disaster Relief Fund	97.036	FEMA-4516-DR-NH; 141051	5,874	-
Disaster Relief Fund	97.036	FEMA-4516-DR-NH; 153563	40,141	-
Disaster Relief Fund	97.036	4516DRNH00000001	85,341	-
Assistance to Firefighters Grant	97.044	EMW-2019-FG-06300	316,345	-
Assistance to Firefighters Grant	97.044	EMW-2020-FG-04891	25,820	-
Assistance to Firefighters Grant	97.044	EMW-2020-FG-00814	36,615	-
Homeland Security Grant Program	97.067	EMW-2018-SS-00055	15,025	-
Homeland Security Grant Program	97.067	EMW-2019-SS-00053-S01	3,334	-
Homeland Security Grant Program	97.067	EMW2017SS00023	(700)	-
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security			547,943	-
Total Federal Expenditures			\$ 2,150,543	\$ 93,898

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

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Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

- The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the “Schedule”) includes the federal award activity of the City of Keene, New Hampshire (the City) under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2021. The information in the Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 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, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the City.
- Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited to reimbursement.
- Negative amounts shown on the Schedule represent adjustments or credits made in the normal course of business to amounts reported as expenditures in prior years.
- Expenditures awarded from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), must be presented on the Schedule when; 1) FEMA has approved the City project worksheet (PW) and 2) the City has incurred the eligible expenditures. The \$131,356 reported for Disaster Grants – Public Assistance (Publicly Declared Disasters), AL 97.036, represents expenditures incurred in prior years that were approved by FEMA during fiscal year 2021.

Note 2. De Minimis Cost Rate

The City has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

Note 3. Donated Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) (Unaudited)

During fiscal year 2021 the City received donated PPE from Federal sources with an estimated fair market value of \$6,912.

CITY OF KEENE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weaknesses identified? yes no
- Significant deficiencies identified? yes none reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? yes no

Federal Awards

Internal control over major federal programs:

- Material weaknesses identified? yes no
- Significant deficiencies identified? yes none reported

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major 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:

<i>AL Number(s)</i>	<i>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</i>
20.106	Airport Improvement Program

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

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? yes no

SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

None.

SECTION III - FEDERAL AWARDS FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

None.

SECTION IV - SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

There were no findings in the prior year.