

*SINGLE AUDIT REPORTS*

**CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS**

**For the Year Ended  
September 30, 2023**

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**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  
City Council Members of the  
City of Deer Park, Texas:

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 aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Deer Park, Texas (the "City"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated February 28, 2024.

**Report on 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 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 City's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

**Report on 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 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.



Belt Harris Pechacek, LLP  
*Certified Public Accountants*  
Houston, Texas  
February 28, 2024



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

To the Honorable Mayor and  
City Council Members of the  
City of Deer Park, Texas:

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

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

We have audited the City of Deer Park Texas' (the "City") 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 the City's major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2023. The City'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, the City 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 September 30, 2023.

#### **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; 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 the City 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 the City'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 the City'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 the City'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 generally accepted auditing standards, *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 the City's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *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 the City'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 the City'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 the City'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.

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 have not been 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.

**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 aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City’s basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated February 28, 2024 which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was performed 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.

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.

*BELT HARRIS PECHACEK, LLLP*

Belt Harris Pechacek, LLLP  
*Certified Public Accountants*  
Houston, Texas  
February 28, 2024

**CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS**  
*SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS*  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

None noted.

**CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS**  
**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

**I. SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS**

*Financial Statements*

What were the results of the auditors' determination of whether the financial statements of the auditee were prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles?	Unmodified
Is a 'going concern' emphasis-of-matter paragraph included in the audit report?	No
Is a significant deficiency in internal control disclosed?	No
Is a material weakness in internal control disclosed?	No
Is material noncompliance disclosed?	No

*Federal Programs*

Type of audit report issued on compliance for each major program	Unmodified
Is a significant deficiency in internal control over major programs disclosed?	No
Is a material weakness in internal control over major programs disclosed?	No
Does the auditors' report include a statement that the auditee's financial statements include departments, agencies, or other organizational units expending federal awards which are not included in this audit?	No
What is the dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs?	\$750,000
Did the auditee qualify as low-risk auditee?	No
Did the audit disclose any audit findings that the auditor is required to report under Uniform Guidance 2 CFR §200.516 Audit Findings paragraph (a)?	No

*Major Program Information and Audit Findings*

Identification of major programs:

<u>Assistance Listing (AL) Number</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>	<u>Number of Audit Findings</u>
14.228	Community Development Block Grant	0

**II. FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS**

None identified.

**III. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS**

None identified.

**CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS**  
**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

Grantor/ Program Title	AL Number	Grant/Contract Number	Expenditures
<b>U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development</b>			
<i>Pass-through Harris County, Texas</i>			
Community Development Block Grant			
Disaster Recovery Program Infrastructure Projects	14.228	19-147-002-B490/TIER-0014429	\$ 2,572,500
<b>Total U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development</b>			<u>2,572,500</u>
<b>U.S. Department of the Treasury</b>			
<i>Direct Award</i>			
Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	N/A	66,800
<b>Total U.S. Department of the Treasury</b>			<u>66,800</u>
<b>U.S. Department of Justice</b>			
<i>Direct Award</i>			
Bulletproof Vest Program	16.607	N/A	7,760
<b>Total U.S. Department of Justice</b>			<u>7,760</u>
<b>U.S. Department of Transportation</b>			
<i>Pass-through Texas Department of Transportation</i>			
State and Community Highway Safety			
Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Program	20.600	2023-Deer Park-S-CMV-0004	11,165
Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Program	20.600	2023-Deer Park-S-1YG-00024	41,931
			<u>53,096</u>
<i>Pass-through Texas Parks and Wildlife Department</i>			
Recreational Trails Program	20.219	REC-2020-Deer_Park-0415	200,000
<b>Total U.S. Department of Transportation</b>			<u>253,096</u>
<b>U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services</b>			
<i>Pass-through Texas State Library and Archives Commission</i>			
Grants to States	45.310	LS-252486-OLS-22	2,120
<b>Total U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services</b>			<u>2,120</u>
<b>Total Federal Expenditures</b>			<u>\$ 2,902,276</u>

**CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS**  
**NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF**  
**FEDERAL AWARDS**  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

**1. REPORTING ENTITY**

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the “Schedule”) presents the activity of all federal financial assistance programs of the City.

**2. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

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* (the “Uniform Guidance”). Therefore, some amounts presented in the Schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements.

**3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. These expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Negative amounts shown on the Schedule, if any, represent adjustments or credits made in the normal course of business to amounts reported as expenditures in prior years.

**4. INDIRECT COST RATE**

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