

CITY OF HIGHLAND

**Single Audit Report on
Federal Award Programs**

June 30, 2024

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Year Ended June 30, 2024

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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***

City Council
City of Highland
Highland, California

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, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Highland (City), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City’s basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 2, 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 audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion 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 and therefore, material weaknesses may exist that were not identified. 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 and significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

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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 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.

Van Lant + Fankhaed, LLP

December 2, 2024



**Independent Auditor’s 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 Uniform Guidance**

City Council
City of Highland
Highland, California

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the City of Highland’s 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, 2024. 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.

In our opinion, the City of Highland, 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, 2024.

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 Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the City of Highland 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 requirements referred to above.

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Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with 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.

Auditor's 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'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 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 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 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 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 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 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section 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 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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information, of the City of Highland, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated December 2, 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.

Van Lant + Fankhaed, LLP

December 2, 2024

CITY OF HIGHLAND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
Year Ended June 30, 2024

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal ALN Number	Program Identification Number	Program Expend- itures	Provided to Sub- Recipients
<i>Department of Housing and Urban Development</i>				
CDBG - Entitlement Grants Cluster				
Passed through the County of San Bernardino:				
Community Development Block Grant	14.218	HIGH-21-1-15 Z/1355	\$ 120,000	\$ -
Community Development Block Grant	14.218	HIGH 21-1-02 A/1219	24,006	24,006
Community Development Block Grant	14.218	HIGH 21-2-05 D/2620	14,550	14,550
Community Development Block Grant	14.218	HIGH 21-2-05 Z/2443	14,006	14,006
COVID-19 - Community Development Block Grant	14.218	HIGH 19CV-1-05W/0200	6,335	6,335
COVID-19 - Community Development Block Grant	14.218	HIGH 19CV-1-05W/0202	16,035	16,035
Community Development Block Grant	14.218	HIGH 22-1-03K-0264	908	-
<i>Total Department of Housing and Urban Development Programs</i>			<u>195,840</u>	<u>74,932</u>
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>				
Direct Recipient				
COVID-19 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund	21.027	-	1,662,578 *	-
<i>Total Department of Treasury Programs</i>			<u>1,662,578</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Department of Homeland Security</i>				
Passed through the San Bernardino Co. Fire Protection District:				
Homeland Security Grant Program	97.067	DHS-20-GPD-067-00-01	16,878	-
<i>Total Department of Homeland Security Programs</i>			<u>16,878</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Department of Transportation</i>				
Passed through the California Department of Transportation:				
Recreational Trails Program	20.219	RT 36-013 OR ZT 36-057	1,794	-
Highway Planning and Construction Cluster				
Passed through the California Department of Transportation:				
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	BRLSN 5449 (034)	7,281	-
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	BR-NBIL 5449 (505)	88,694	-
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	HSIPL 5449 (040)	8,839	-
Total Highway Planning and Construction Cluster			<u>104,814</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Total Department of Transportation Programs</i>			<u>106,608</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Department of Commerce</i>				
Economic Development Cluster				
Passed through the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians:				
Economic Development Assistance	11.300	EDA 07-01-07415	826,634 *	-
<i>Total Department of Commerce Programs</i>			<u>826,634</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			<u>\$ 2,808,538</u>	<u>\$ 74,932</u>

* = Major Program

CITY OF HIGHLAND
NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
Year Ended June 30, 2024

1) Basis of Presentation

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of the City of Highland (the City) under programs of the federal government as well as federal financial assistance passed through other government agencies for the year ended June 30, 2024. The information in this 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, it is not intended to and does not present the financial statements of the City. The City's reporting entity is defined in Note 1 of the notes to the City's financial statements.

2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported using the modified accrual basis of accounting for governmental funds and the accrual basis for proprietary funds, which is described in Note 1 of the notes to the City's financial statements. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance and OMB Circular A-87, *Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments*, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Pass through entity identifying numbers are presented when available. The City has elected not to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

3) Relationship to Other Reports

Amounts reported in the accompanying Schedule agree to the amounts reported within the City's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Federal Financial Report.

4) Contingencies

Under the terms of federal and state grants, additional audits may be requested by the grantor agencies, and certain costs may be questioned as not being appropriate expenditures under the terms of the grants. Such audits could lead to a request for reimbursement to the grantor agencies.

5) Subrecipient Expenditures

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the City made payments to subrecipients which consisted of the following:

Highland Senior Center	\$	24,006
Central Little League		14,550
YMCA		14,006
Highland Grocery		6,335
Highland Ready Made Food		16,035
Total Subrecipients	\$	<u>74,932</u>

CITY OF HIGHLAND
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
Year Ended June 30, 2024

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?	No
Significant Deficiencies Identified not Considered to be Material Weaknesses?	None Reported
Noncompliance Material to Financial Statements Noted?	No

Federal Awards

Internal Control Over Major Programs:	
Material Weakness(es) Identified?	No
Significant Deficiencies Identified not Considered to be Material Weaknesses?	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 Uniform Guidance?	No

Identification of Major Programs:

ALN Numbers	Name of Federal Program or Cluster
21.027	Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds
11.300	Economic Development Cluster

Dollar Threshold used to Distinguish Between Type A And Type B Programs:	\$ <u>750,000</u>
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Auditee Qualified as Low-Risk Auditee?	Yes
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CITY OF HIGHLAND
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
Year Ended June 30, 2024

SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

There were no auditor's findings to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

CITY OF HIGHLAND
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
Year Ended June 30, 2024

SECTION III – FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

There were no auditor's findings to be reported in accordance with *Uniform Guidance*.

CITY OF HIGHLAND
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
Year Ended June 30, 2024

SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

There were no auditor's findings to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

SECTION III – FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

There were no auditor's findings to be reported in accordance with the *Uniform Guidance*.