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# **TOWN OF ASHFORD, CONNECTICUT**

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Federal Single Audit

For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

**TOWN OF ASHFORD, CONNECTICUT**

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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***

To the Board of Finance  
Town of Ashford, Connecticut

We have audited, in accordance with 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 Town of Ashford, Connecticut (the “Town”), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town’s basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 20, 2024.

**Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Town’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 Town’s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town’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 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 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.

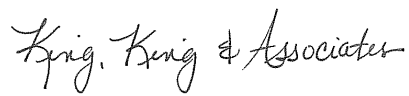
Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not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

## **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town'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 result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town'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 Town's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



King, King & Associates, CPAs  
Winsted, CT  
February 20, 2024



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**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**

To the Board of Finance  
Town of Ashford, Connecticut

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

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

We have audited the Town of Ashford, CT's ("Town") 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 Town's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023. The Town'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 Town 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, 2023.

***Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with the 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 Town 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 Town'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 Town'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 the Town'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 the compliance about the Town'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 Town'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 Town'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 Town'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 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.

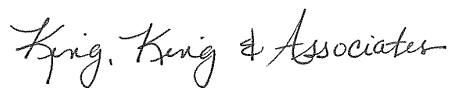
Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant 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 Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements. We have issued our report thereon dated February 20, 2024, 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 Town's 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.



King, King & Associates, CPAs  
Winsted, CT  
February 20, 2024

**TOWN OF ASHFORD, CONNECTICUT**  
**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

FEDERAL GRANTOR/PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR PROGRAM TITLE OR CLUSTER TITLE	FEDERAL AL NUMBER	PASS-THROUGH ENTITY'S IDENTIFYING NUMBER	AMOUNTS PROVIDED TO SUBRECIPIENTS	TOTAL EXPENDED
<b>United States Department of Agriculture</b>				
<i>Passed Through the State of Connecticut Department of Education:</i>				
Child Nutrition Cluster:				
School Breakfast Program	10.553	12060-SDE64370-20508	\$ -	\$ 28,918
Special Milk Program for Children	10.556	12060-SDE64370-20500	-	42
National School Lunch Program	10.555	12060-SDE64370-20560	-	87,336
National School Lunch Program - USDA Commodities	10.555	N/A	-	8,117
			<u>-</u>	<u>124,413</u>
State Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) Administrative Costs	10.649	12060-SDE64370-29802	-	628
State Administrative Expense for School Nutrition	10.560	12060-SDE64370-23126	-	19,042
<b>Total United States Department of Agriculture</b>			<u>-</u>	<u>144,083</u>
<b>United States Department of Education</b>				
<i>Passed Through the State of Connecticut Department of Education:</i>				
Title I, Part A Cluster:				
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	12060-SDE64370-20679	-	56,068
Special Education Cluster (IDEA):				
Special Education - Preschool Grants	84.173	12060-SDE64370-20983	-	7,168
COVID-19 - ARP IDEA 619	84.173X	12060-SDE64370-29684	-	1,729
COVID-19 - Special Education Stipend	84.027	12060-SDE64370-20977	-	25,000
COVID-19 - ARP IDEA 611	84.027X	12060-SDE64370-23083	-	17,414
Special Education - Grants to States	84.027	12060-SDE64370-20977	-	117,275
			<u>-</u>	<u>168,586</u>
Title II - Improving Teacher Quality Grants	84.367	12060-SDE64370-20858	-	17,059
Title IV - Student Support and Academic Enrichment	84.424	12060-SDE64370-22854	-	10,000
Education Stabilization Fund Cluster:				
COVID-19 - Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER)	84.425D	12060-SDE64370-29571	-	235,346
COVID-19 - ARP - Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ARP ESSER)	84.425U	12060-SDE64370-29636	-	7,646
			<u>-</u>	<u>242,992</u>
<i>Passed Through EASTCONN:</i>				
Title III - English Language Acquisition	84.365	N/A	-	1,345
<i>Direct:</i>				
Rural Education Achievement Program	84.358	N/A	-	29,152
<b>Total United States Department of Education</b>			<u>-</u>	<u>525,202</u>

See notes to schedule.



**TOWN OF ASHFORD, CONNECTICUT**  
**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

FEDERAL GRANTOR/PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR PROGRAM TITLE OR CLUSTER TITLE	FEDERAL AL NUMBER	PASS-THROUGH ENTITY'S IDENTIFYING NUMBER	AMOUNTS PROVIDED TO SUBRECIPIENTS	TOTAL EXPENDED
<b>United States Department of the Treasury</b>				
<i>Passed Through the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management:</i>				
COVID - 19 - American Rescue Plan Act - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	12060-OPM20600-29669	\$ -	\$ 469,601
<i>Passed Through the State of Connecticut Department of Education:</i>				
COVID - 19 - American Rescue Plan Act - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	12060-SDE64370-28105	-	94,249
<i>Passed Through the State of Connecticut Office of Early Childhood:</i>				
COVID - 19 - American Rescue Plan Act - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	12060-OEC64845-28227	-	3,134
<b>Total United States Department of the Treasury</b>			-	566,984
<b>United States Election Assistance Commission</b>				
<i>Passed Through the State of Connecticut Secretary of State:</i>				
Help America Vote Act	90.401	12060-SOS12500-21465	-	1,147
<b>Total United States Election Assistance Commission</b>			-	1,147
<b>Total Expenditures of Federal Awards</b>			<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,237,416</b>

See notes to schedule.

**TOWN OF ASHFORD, CONNECTICUT**  
NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

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**Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards ("Schedule") includes the federal grant activity of the Town of Ashford, Connecticut ("Town") under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2023. 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 Town, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, changes in fund balance, or cash flows of the Town.

**Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

Such 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 represent adjustments or credits made in the normal course of business to amounts reported as expenditures in prior years.

The financial statements for the governmental fund types contained in the Town's basic financial statements are prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The government-wide financial statements are prepared on the full accrual basis of accounting.

- Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities for the current period.
- Expenditures are generally recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable.

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the 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 as to reimbursement. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements.

**Noncash Awards**

Donated commodities in the amount of \$8,117 are included in the Department of Agriculture's National School Lunch Program, AL #10.555. This amount represents the market value of commodities received.

**Indirect Costs**

The Town of Ashford has elected not to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate provided under Section 200.414 of the Uniform Guidance.

**TOWN OF ASHFORD, CONNECTICUT**  
**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

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**I. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS**

*Financial Statements*

We audited the financial statements of the Town of Ashford, Connecticut as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and issued our unmodified report thereon dated February 20, 2024.

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 programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified?  Yes  No
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified?  Yes  None Reported

We have issued an unmodified opinion relating to compliance for major Federal programs.

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Section 516(a) of the Uniform Guidance?  Yes  No

**Identification of Major Programs**

**Assistance Listing Number(s)**

**Name of Federal Program or Cluster**

21.027

COVID-19 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

**Dollar Threshold**

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

**Low-Risk Auditee**

The Town of Ashford, Connecticut did not qualify as a low-risk auditee.

**II. FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS**

- We issued reports, dated February 20, 2024, on internal control over financial reporting and on compliance and other matters based on our audit of financial statements performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.
- Our report on compliance indicated no reportable instances of noncompliance.
- Our report on internal control over financial reporting indicated no matters were reported.

**III. FEDERAL AWARD - FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**

- No findings or questioned costs are reported relating to federal award programs.