

CHAMBERS COUNTY, TEXAS

SINGLE AUDIT REPORT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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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

Honorable County Judge
and Commissioners Court
Chambers County, 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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Chambers County, Texas as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Chambers County, Texas' basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated July 25, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Chambers County, Texas' 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 Chambers County, Texas' internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Chambers County, Texas' 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 Chambers County, Texas' 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 were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Chambers County, Texas' 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 internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Pattillo, Brown & Hill, L.L.P.

Waco, Texas
July 25, 2024



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL AND STATE PROGRAM AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE AND STATE OF TEXAS GRANT MANAGEMENT STANDARDS

Honorable Judge
and Commissioners Court
Chambers County, Texas

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal and State Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal and State Program

We have audited Chambers County, Texas’ compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Compliance Supplement* and the State of Texas Grant Management Standards (TxGMS) that could have a direct and material effect on each of Chambers County, Texas’ major federal and state programs for the year ended December 31, 2023. Chambers County, Texas’ major federal and state programs are identified in the summary of auditor’s results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, Chambers County, Texas 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 and state programs for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal and State 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 (*Government Auditing Standards*); 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), and TxGMS. Our responsibilities under those standards, the Uniform Guidance, and TxGMS are further described in the Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of Chambers County, Texas 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 and state program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of Chambers County, Texas’ 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 Chambers County, Texas’ federal and state programs.

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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 Chambers County, Texas' 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*, the Uniform Guidance, and TxGMS 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 Chambers County, Texas' compliance with the requirements of each major federal and state program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, the Uniform Guidance, and TxGMS, 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 Chambers County, Texas' compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of Chambers County, Texas' 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 Chambers County, Texas' 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 or state 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 or state 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 or state 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.

Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance and TxGMS

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Chambers County, Texas as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Chambers County, Texas' basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon, dated July 25, 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 basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Uniform Guidance and TxGMS 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 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 and state 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 and TxGMS. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Pattillo, Brown & Hill, L.L.P.

Waco, Texas
July 25, 2024

CHAMBERS COUNTY, TEXAS

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

<u>Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program Title</u>	<u>Assistance Listing Number</u>	<u>Pass-through Grantor's Number</u>	<u>Federal Expenditures</u>	<u>Pass-Through Expenditures</u>
FEDERAL AWARDS				
<u>U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</u>				
Passed through Texas Department of State Health Services:				
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)	10.557	2019-049798-001	\$ 195,978	\$ -
Total Passed through Texas Department of State Health Services			<u>195,978</u>	<u>-</u>
Total U. S. Department of Agriculture			<u>195,978</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT</u>				
Passed through Texas General Land Office:				
Community Development Block Grant - Disaster - Non-Housing	14.228	DRS010024	1,290,331	-
Total Passed through Texas General Land Office			<u>1,290,331</u>	<u>-</u>
Total U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development			<u>1,290,331</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>U. S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION</u>				
Passed through Texas Department of Transportation:				
Airport Improvement Program - Anahuac	20.106	M2023ANAH	2,942	-
Airport Improvement Program - Winnie	20.106	M2023WINNI	28,305	-
Total ALN 20.106			<u>31,247</u>	<u>-</u>
STEP - Impaired Driving Mobilization (Highway Safety Cluster)	20.616	18X920405DTX19	46,598	-
Total Passed through Texas Department of Transportation			<u>77,845</u>	<u>-</u>
Total U.S. Department of Transportation			<u>77,845</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY</u>				
Direct Program:				
COVID-19 Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund	21.027	n/a	4,596,382	-
Total U.S. Department of the Treasury			<u>4,596,382</u>	<u>-</u>
National Endowment for the Humanities				
Passed through the Texas State Library and Archives Commission:				
Interlibrary Loan Lending Reimbursement Program	45.310	LS-252486-OLS-22	1,605	-
Total National Endowment for the Humanities			<u>1,605</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES</u>				
Passed through Texas Department of State Health Services:				
Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) - Health Disparities	93.069	HHS001057600010	257,203	-
Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) - Workforce	93.069	HHS001076000001	256,490	-
Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) - COVID Immunizations	93.069	HHS001019500008	394,063	-
Total Passed through Texas Department of State Health Services			<u>907,756</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES</u>				
Passed through Association of Food & Drug Officials:				
Retail Standards Grant Program	93.103	n/a	2,485	-
Total Passed through Association of Food & Drug Officials			<u>2,485</u>	<u>-</u>
Passed through Brazos Valley Community Action Agency (BVCAA):				
Community Services Block Grant	93.569	n/a	39,740	-
Total Passed through BVCAA			<u>39,740</u>	<u>-</u>
Total U. S. Department of Health and Human Services			<u>949,981</u>	<u>-</u>

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<u>Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program Title</u>	<u>Assistance Listing Number</u>	<u>Pass-through Grantor's Number</u>	<u>Federal Expenditures</u>	<u>Pass-Through Expenditures</u>
<u>U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY</u>				
Passed through United Way:				
Emergency Food and Shelter Program	97.024	793800-001	<u>20,876</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Passed through United Way			<u>20,876</u>	<u>-</u>
Passed through Texas Division of Public Safety:				
Port Authority Grant Program	97.056	EMW-2021-PU-00279-S01	<u>69,712</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Passed through Texas Division of Public Safety			<u>69,712</u>	<u>-</u>
Total U. S. Department of Homeland Security			<u>90,588</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Federal Expenditures			<u>\$ 7,202,710</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

<u>State Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program Title</u>	<u>Pass-through Grantor's Number</u>	<u>State Expenditures</u>
STATE AWARDS		
<u>TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD</u>		
Flood Infrastructure Grant	G1001277	\$ <u>575,297</u>
Total Texas Water Development Board		<u>575,297</u>
<u>TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS</u>		
Texas Indigent Defense Commission-Formula Grant Program	1740000361	<u>40,228</u>
Total Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts		<u>40,228</u>
<u>TEXAS OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR-HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS DIVISION</u>		
Operation Lone Star	17460000361	<u>203,737</u>
Total Texas Office of the Governor-Homeland Security Grants Division		<u>203,737</u>
<u>TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES</u>		
Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority	608-22-0360000	<u>21,280</u>
Total Texas Department of Motor Vehicles		<u>21,280</u>
<u>SPINDLETOP CENTER-BEAUMONT</u>		
Mental Health Liason Program	CCSO Spindletop SB292	<u>152,885</u>
Total Spindletop Center-Beaumont		<u>152,885</u>
Total State Expenditures		\$ <u>993,427</u>

CHAMBERS COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS

DECEMBER 31, 2023

1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards (SEFSA) includes the federal grant and state activity of Chambers County, Texas, and is presented on the accrual basis of accounting. The information in the SEFSA is presented in accordance with the requirements of *OMB Compliance Supplement*; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; 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); and the State of Texas Grant Management Standards (TxGMS). Therefore, some amounts presented in the SEFSA may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements.

2. INDIRECT COST RATE

The County has elected not to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate allowed in the Uniform Guidance.

CHAMBERS COUNTY, TEXAS

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

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 deficiency(ies) identified? None reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?

None

Federal and State Awards:

Internal control over major programs:

Material weakness(es) identified? No

Significant deficiency(ies) identified? 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) of Uniform Guidance or the State of Texas Grant Management Standards

None

Identification of major programs:

Assistance Listing Number(s)

Name of Federal or State Program or Cluster:

21.027

Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund

State

Texas Water Development Board Flood Infrastructure Grant

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B federal programs

\$750,000

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B state programs

\$750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee for federal single audit?

Yes

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee for state single audit?

No

Findings Relating to the Financial Statements Which are Required to be Reported in Accordance With Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards

None

Findings and Questioned Costs for Federal and State Awards

None

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SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

None

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