

**HEART OF TEXAS COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS**

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

HEART OF TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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FINANCIAL SECTION

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Executive Committee
Heart of Texas Council of Governments
Waco, Texas

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Heart of Texas Council of Governments (the "Council"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Council's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Council as of September 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Council and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the 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 audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Council's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement due date, including any currently know information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. 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 and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, 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 amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Council's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and pension information be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Council's basic financial statements. The supplemental schedules as listed in the table of contents and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance)* and the *Texas Grant Management Standards (TxGMS)*, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are 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. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of 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 supplemental schedules and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 20, 2025, on our consideration of the Council's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Council's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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

Waco, Texas
February 20, 2025

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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Management's Discussion and Analysis

This section of the Heart of Texas Council of Governments' (the "Council") annual report offers a narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the accompanying financial statements, notes to the financial statements, and supplemental schedules.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the Council exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources as of September 30, 2024, by \$3,463,762 (net position). Of this amount, \$645,504 represents the balance of unrestricted net position of the Council.
- The Council's total net position decreased by \$65,397 during the fiscal year.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Council's General Fund reported an ending fund balance of \$663,031, an increase of \$99,772 in comparison with the prior year.
- As of September 30, 2024, unassigned fund balance in the General Fund was \$642,587.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Council's basic financial statements. These statements are comprised of three components: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements.

Government-wide Financial Statements – The government-wide statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Council's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all the Council's assets, deferred outflows/inflows of resources and liabilities with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of the financial position of the Council.

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the Council's net position changed during the fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported when an event that gives rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., earned but unused compensated absences). The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 9 and 10 of this report.

Fund Financial Statements – A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Council, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds – Governmental funds are used to account for the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on current sources and uses of expendable resources, as well as on balances of expendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the Council's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statements of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The Council maintains only one governmental fund, the General Fund.

The Council's Board approves a financial plan for revenue and expenditures. Although the financial plan is reviewed and approved by the Council's Board, it is not considered a legally adopted annual budget or appropriation. Accordingly, comparative budget and actual results are not presented in this report.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 11 through 13 of this report.

Notes to the financial statements – The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found immediately following the governmental fund financial statements.

Other information – In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents required supplementary information concerning the Council's progress in funding its obligation to provide pension benefits to its employees. Required supplementary information can be found immediately following the notes to the financial statements.

In addition to the required supplementary information, this report also includes other supplementary information including indirect costs and fringe benefit schedules as well as an additional schedule of expenditures by object. Other supplementary information can be found immediately following the required supplementary information.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the Council's case, assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$3,463,762 as of September 30, 2024.

HEART OF TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS' NET POSITION

	Governmental Activities	
	2024	2023
Current and other assets	\$ 3,820,133	\$ 1,695,145
Capital assets	4,854,784	5,568,097
Total assets	<u>8,674,917</u>	<u>7,263,242</u>
Deferred outflows of resources	<u>210,876</u>	<u>227,458</u>
Current liabilities	1,247,036	1,022,668
Noncurrent liabilities	<u>2,262,269</u>	<u>2,823,913</u>
Total liabilities	<u>3,509,305</u>	<u>3,846,581</u>
Deferred inflows of resources	<u>1,912,726</u>	<u>114,960</u>
Net position:		
Net investment in capital assets	2,818,258	3,016,990
Unrestricted	<u>645,504</u>	<u>512,169</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 3,463,762</u>	<u>\$ 3,529,159</u>

By far, the largest portion of the Council's net position (81%) reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, equipment, vehicles, and right to use assets), less any related outstanding debt that was used to acquire those assets. The Council uses these capital assets to provide a variety of services to its citizens. Accordingly, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the Council's investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources used to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

The remaining balance of \$645,504 is unrestricted and may be used to meet the Council's ongoing obligations to its citizens and creditors.

Analysis of the Council's Operations – The following table provides a summary of the Council's operations for the year ended September 30, 2024.

**HEART OF TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS'
CHANGES IN NET POSITION**

	Governmental Activities	
	2024	2023
Revenues:		
Program revenues:		
Charges for services	\$ 436,272	\$ 429,622
Operating grants and contributions	8,418,825	7,702,479
General revenues:		
Membership dues	62,032	61,912
Miscellaneous	85,761	35,116
Unrestricted investment income	<u>56,492</u>	<u>21,660</u>
Total revenues	<u>9,059,382</u>	<u>8,250,789</u>
Expenses after allocation of indirect costs:		
General government	318,511	412,047
Aging	3,617,013	3,193,493
Transportation	1,921,252	1,564,082
Emergency communications	1,496,272	946,007
Homeland security	694,124	443,987
Health and human services	436,871	425,918
Environmental quality	277,496	321,812
Criminal justice	147,253	147,562
Community development	11,384	14,052
Economic development	189,569	174,818
Interest on long-term debt	<u>15,034</u>	<u>19,972</u>
Total expenses after allocation of indirect costs	<u>9,124,779</u>	<u>7,663,750</u>
Change in net position	(65,397)	587,039
Net position, beginning	<u>3,529,159</u>	<u>2,942,120</u>
Net position, ending	<u>\$ 3,463,762</u>	<u>\$ 3,529,159</u>

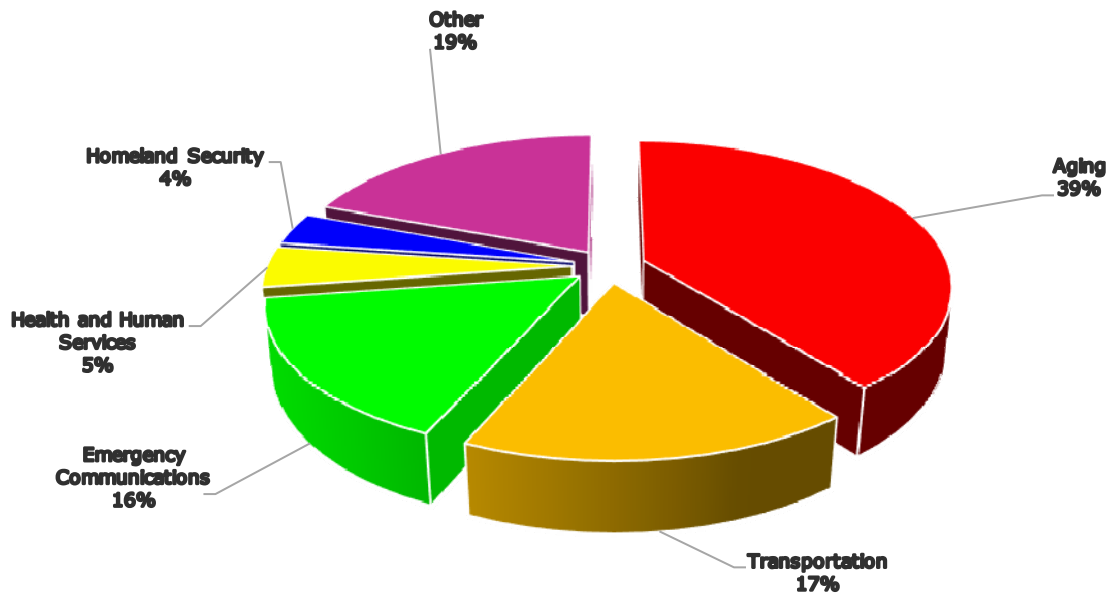
The Council experienced an increase in revenues of \$808,593 or 10% from 2023. Expenses increased by \$1,461,029 or 19% from the prior year. The Council's operations are driven primarily by federal and state grant funding, which can vary significantly from year to year. The current year saw significant increases in expenses in the Aging program (\$423,520), the Transportation program (\$357,170), the Homeland Security program (\$250,137) and the State Emergency Communications program (\$550,265).

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE GENERAL FUND

The focus of the Council's governmental fund is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of expendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Council's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the Council's governmental fund reported an ending fund balance of \$663,031, an increase of \$99,772 from the prior year.

Governmental Fund Expenditures by Function



CAPITAL ASSETS AND LONG-TERM DEBT

Capital Assets

The Council's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of September 30, 2024, amounts to \$4,854,784 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets consists of the following:

HEART OF TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS' CAPITAL ASSETS AT YEAR-END

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Capital assets:		
Land	\$ 690,000	\$ 690,000
Buildings and improvements	2,867,509	2,867,509
Machinery and equipment	3,567,828	3,648,271
Right to use	6,217,747	6,217,747
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(8,488,300)</u>	<u>(7,855,430)</u>
Total capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>\$ 4,854,784</u>	<u>\$ 5,568,097</u>

Capital asset additions and deletions during the year included the following:

- \$12,184 for the purchase and installation of a new AC/Heat unit for the Workforce building.
- Fully depreciated trailers valued at \$92,627 were returned to counties by the Department of Emergency Management.

Additional information on the Council's capital assets can be found on page 20 of this report.

Long-term Debt

At the end of the current fiscal year, the Council had total long-term liabilities outstanding of \$2,178,985.

	<u>Beginning Balances</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending Balances</u>	<u>Amount Due in One Year</u>
Governmental Activities:					
Notes payable	\$ 262,791	\$ -	\$ 224,147	\$ 38,644	\$ 38,644
Leases	2,151,880	-	265,020	1,886,860	266,430
SBITA payable	136,436	-	25,414	111,022	26,318
Compensated absences	<u>149,839</u>	<u>123,311</u>	<u>130,691</u>	<u>142,459</u>	<u>128,213</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,700,946</u>	<u>\$ 123,311</u>	<u>\$ 645,272</u>	<u>\$ 2,178,985</u>	<u>\$ 459,605</u>

Additional information on the Council's long-term debt can be found on page 21 through 22 of this report.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S ANNUAL FINANCIAL PLAN

The Council is dependent on federal, state and local funding, which can vary widely from year to year. The federal and state economic condition and budget deficits can impact the reauthorization of funds available to local governments. It should be noted that the Council does not know of any significant factors that would affect the financial plan for the fiscal year 2025.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Council's finances. If you have questions about this report or need any additional information, please contact the Deputy Executive Director of Administration at 1514 South New Road, Waco, Texas, 76711.

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**BASIC
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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HEART OF TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Cash and investments	\$ 1,085,320
Receivables:	
Grantors	796,933
Lease	1,910,066
Other	7,370
Prepaid expenses	20,444
Capital assets:	
Land	690,000
Buildings and improvements	2,867,509
Machinery and equipment	3,567,828
Right to use	6,081,311
Subscription	136,436
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(8,488,300)</u>
Total capital assets	<u>4,854,784</u>
Total assets	<u>8,674,917</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	<u>210,876</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>210,876</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	356,700
Unearned revenue	95,409
Due to HOTEDD	747,076
Accrued liabilities	47,851
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Due within one year:	
Note payable	38,644
Leases	266,430
Subscription	26,318
Compensated absences	128,213
Due in more than one year:	
Leases	1,620,430
Subscription	84,704
Compensated absences	14,246
Net pension liability	<u>83,284</u>
Total liabilities	<u>3,509,305</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	2,660
Deferred inflows of resources related to leases	<u>1,910,066</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>1,912,726</u>
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	2,818,258
Unrestricted	<u>645,504</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 3,463,762</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

HEART OF TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Indirect Cost Allocation	Expenses After Allocation of Indirect Costs	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
				Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	
Governmental activities:						
General government	\$ 318,511	\$ -	\$ 318,511	\$ 436,272	\$ -	\$ 117,761
Aging	3,245,928	371,085	3,617,013	-	3,639,322	22,309
Transportation	1,770,322	150,930	1,921,252	-	1,589,698	(331,554)
Emergency communications	1,411,813	84,459	1,496,272	-	1,460,589	(35,683)
Health and human services	303,540	133,331	436,871	-	421,041	(15,830)
Homeland security	599,412	94,712	694,124	-	689,262	(4,862)
Economic development	134,222	55,347	189,569	-	186,353	(3,216)
Criminal justice	109,462	37,791	147,253	-	146,429	(824)
Environmental quality	249,834	27,662	277,496	-	273,488	(4,008)
Community development	8,192	3,192	11,384	-	12,643	1,259
Indirect costs	958,509	(958,509)	-	-	-	-
Interest on long-term debt	15,034	-	15,034	-	-	(15,034)
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 9,124,779</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 9,124,779</u>	<u>\$ 436,272</u>	<u>\$ 8,418,825</u>	(269,682)
General revenues:						
Membership dues						62,032
Miscellaneous income						85,761
Unrestricted investment income						<u>56,492</u>
Total general revenues						<u>204,285</u>
Change in net position						(65,397)
Net position, beginning						<u>3,529,159</u>
Net position, ending						<u>\$ 3,463,762</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

HEART OF TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

**BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	<u>General</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and investments	\$ 1,085,320
Due from grantor agencies	796,933
Lease receivable	1,910,066
Other receivables	7,370
Prepaid items	<u>20,444</u>
Total assets	<u>3,820,133</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	356,700
Accrued liabilities	47,851
Unearned revenue	95,409
Due to HOTEDD	<u>747,076</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,247,036</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Lease related	<u>1,910,066</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>1,910,066</u>
Fund balance:	
Nonspendable - prepaid items	20,444
Unassigned	<u>642,587</u>
Total fund balance	<u>663,031</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$ 3,820,133</u>
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	\$ 4,854,784
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	(2,262,269)
Deferred outflows/inflows of resources related to pensions are not reported in the funds.	<u>208,216</u>
Net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 3,463,762</u>

HEART OF TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	<u>General</u>
REVENUES	
Federal	\$ 4,173,150
State	3,208,840
Local	304,515
Program income/in-kind match	835,105
Lease income	465,549
Membership dues	62,032
Investment income	<u>10,191</u>
Total revenues	<u>9,059,382</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Current:	
General government	248,672
Aging	3,530,896
Transportation	1,540,866
Emergency communications	1,439,648
Health and human services	404,039
Homeland security	320,102
Economic development	175,435
Criminal justice	137,861
Environmental quality	270,429
Community development	11,496
Debt service:	
Principal	514,581
Interest	15,034
Capital outlay	<u>350,551</u>
Total expenditures	<u>8,959,610</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>99,772</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	99,772
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING	<u>563,259</u>
FUND BALANCE, ENDING	<u>\$ 663,031</u>

HEART OF TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds:	\$ 99,772
Amounts reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:	
Governmental funds report outlays for capital assets as expenditures because such outlays use current financial resources. In contrast, the Statement of Activities reports only a portion of the outlay as expense. The outlay is allocated over the assets' estimated useful lives as depreciation expense for the period. This is the amount that depreciation expense exceeded capital outlay for the year.	(713,313)
Governmental funds report repayment of the principal on long-term debt as an expenditure. In contrast, the Statement of Activities treats such repayments as a reduction in long-term liabilities.	514,581
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and these are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.	<u>33,563</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ (65,397)</u>

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HEART OF TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Heart of Texas Council of Governments (the "Council") have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The following represents the significant accounting policies and practices used by the Council.

A. Description of the Reporting Entity

The Council is a voluntary organization of local governmental units within Central Texas, created by the State of Texas under Article 1011M, V.A.C.S. and recognized as a political subdivision of the State. The stated purpose of the Council is the improvement of the health, safety and general welfare of its citizens and the planning for the future development of the region. It does not have any legislative or taxing authority. The region served includes Bosque, Falls, Freestone, Hill, Limestone and McLennan counties of Texas.

The Council does not have any component units required to be included within its financial reporting entity.

B. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all the activities of the Council.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or identifiable activity are offset by program revenue. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or identifiable activity. *Program revenue* includes 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment, and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Other items not properly included among program revenue are reported instead as *general revenue*.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*. Revenue is recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenue is recognized as soon as it is both measurable and available. Revenue is considered to be *available* when it is collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Council considers revenue to be available if it is collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Expenditure-driven grants are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other grant requirements have been met. Grant revenue, rent revenue, membership dues and interest are susceptible to accrual. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the Council.

The Council reports the following major governmental fund:

The **General Fund** is the Council's only fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the Council.

D. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

E. Assets, Deferred Inflows and Outflows of Resources, Liabilities and Equity

Cash and Investments

Cash is considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

The Council may invest its excess funds in any instruments authorized by the Public Funds Investment Act of Texas. Investments authorized under this Act include, but are not limited to, the following: obligations of the United States or its agencies and instrumentalities; direct obligations of the State of Texas or its agencies and instrumentalities; collateralized mortgage obligations directly issued by a federal agency or instrumentality of the United States, the underlying security for which is guaranteed by an agency or instrumentality of the United States; other obligations, the principal and interest of which are unconditionally guaranteed or insured by, or backed by the full faith and credit of, the State of Texas or the United States or their respective agencies and instrumentalities; certificates of deposit issued by a state or financial institution domiciled in the State of Texas which is guaranteed or insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") or otherwise secured; and certain repurchase agreements.

The Council's investments consist of investments in qualifying external investment pools. The Council's investment in pools is reported at the net asset value per share (which approximates fair value) even though it is calculated using the amortized cost method. The Council's investment pool has a redemption notice period of one day and may redeem daily. The investment pool's authority may only impose restrictions on redemptions in the event of a general suspension of trading on major securities markets, general banking moratorium or national state of emergency that affects the pool's liquidity.

Due from Grantor Agencies

Due from grantor agencies represents amounts due from federal and state agencies for the various programs administered by the Council. The receivable includes amounts due on programs closed out and those in progress as of September 30, 2024.

Prepaid Items

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both the government-wide and fund financial statements. The cost of prepaid items is recorded as expenditures/expenses when consumed rather than when purchased.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property and equipment, are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the Council as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life of more than two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition cost, which is the price that would be paid to acquire an asset with equivalent service potential at the acquisition date.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized.

Assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Assets	Years
Buildings and improvements	40
Machinery and equipment	3 - 7
Right to use:	
Facility	25
Office space and parking	4
Equipment	5
Subscription	5

Unearned Revenue

Unearned revenue represents amounts received from grantors or program income received in excess of qualifying expenditures for programs in progress as of September 30, 2024.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net assets that applies to a future period(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/ expenditure) until then. The Council has the following items related to its pension plan that qualify for reporting in this category:

- Differences between expected and actual experience
- Changes in actuarial assumptions
- Contributions made subsequent to the measurement date.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net assets that applies to a future period(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Council has the following types of items related to its pension plan that qualify for reporting in this category:

- Differences between expected and actual experience
- Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings.

Compensated Absences

Employees in regular full-time positions with less than three years of service accumulate annual leave at a rate of one day per month. Employees with more than 3 years, but less than 10 years of service accumulate annual leave at a rate of 15 days per year. Employees with 10 or more years of service accumulate leave at a rate of 20 days per year. Employees may accumulate up to 45 days annual leave. Leave of more than 45 days must be taken in the year accumulated.

However, employees who have 15 or more years of service and who have reached the maximum of 45 days of accrued vacation may be paid for up to 2 weeks of accumulated unused vacation time on December 31st, if the Executive Director determines that it is warranted and in the best interest of the Council.

Employees in regular full-time and regular part-time positions accumulate sick leave at the rate of one day per month. Employees may accumulate up to 45 days of sick leave. There is no liability for accumulated unpaid sick leave since the Council does not have a policy to pay any amounts when employees separate from services with the Council.

All vacation pay is accrued when incurred in the government-wide financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in governmental funds only if they have matured, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements.

Leases

The Council has entered into various lease agreements as both lessee and lessor. Key estimates and judgments related to leases include how the Council determines (1) the discount rate it uses to discount the expected lease payments to present value, (2) lease term, and (3) lease payments.

- The Council uses the interest rate charged by the lessor as the discount rate, if available. When the interest rate charged by the lessor is not provided, the Council generally uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for leases.
- The lease term includes the non-cancellable period of the lease and periods with one-way options to extend if it is reasonably certain that the party will exercise the option.
- Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are composed of fixed payments and purchase option price that the Council is reasonably certain to exercise.

The Council monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its lease and will remeasure the lease asset and liability if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the lease liability or lease asset.

Lessee. The Council is a lessee for noncancellable leases of equipment, office space, and a facility. The Council recognizes a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset (lease asset) in the government-wide financial statements. At the commencement of a lease, the Council initially measures the lease liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease liability is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments made. The lease asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for lease payments made at or before the lease commencement date, plus certain initial direct costs. Subsequently, the lease asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over its useful life. Lease assets are reported with other capital assets and lease liabilities are reported with long-term debt on the statement of net position.

Lessor. The Council is a lessor in an arrangement for a building. In both the government-wide financial statements and the governmental fund financial statements, the Council initially measures the lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources for the present value of payments expected to be made during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease receivable is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments made. The deferred inflow of resources is recognized as revenue on a systematic basis over the life of the lease.

Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements

The Council has an agreement for a subscription-based IT arrangement (SBITA). The Council recognizes a liability and an intangible right-to-use asset in the government-wide financial statements.

At the commencement of a SBITA, the Council initially measures the liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the agreement term. Subsequently, the liability is reduced by the principal portion of payments made. The asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the liability, adjusted for payments made at or before the commencement date, plus certain initial direct costs. Subsequently, the asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over its useful life.

Key estimates and judgments related to SBITAs include how the Council determines (1) the discount rate it uses to discount the expected payments to present value, (2) agreement term, and (3) agreed upon payments.

- The Council uses the interest rate charged by the lessor as the discount rate. When the interest rate charged by the lessor is not provided, the Council generally uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate.
- The agreement term includes the noncancellable period of the SBITA.
- The agreed upon payments included in the measurement of the liability are composed of fixed payments and purchase option price that the Council is reasonably certain to exercise.

The Council monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its SBITA and will remeasure the asset and liability if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the liability. These right to use assets are reported with other capital assets and liabilities are reported with long-term debt on the statement of net position.

Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Texas County and District Retirement System ("TCDRS") and additions to/deductions from TCERS's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by TCERS. For this purpose, plan contributions are recognized in the period that compensation is reported for the employee, which is when contributions are legally due. Benefit payments and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

Fund Balance Policies

Fund balance of governmental funds is reported in various categories based on the nature of any limitations requiring the use of resources for specific purposes. Fund balances of governmental funds classified as restricted are balances with constraints placed on the use of resources by grantors.

Fund Balance Flow Assumption

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the Council considers restricted funds to have been spent first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the Council considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds.

Net Position Flow Assumption

Sometimes the Council will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted (e.g., restricted grant proceeds) and unrestricted resources. To calculate the amounts to report as restricted net position and unrestricted net position in the government-wide financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the Council's policy to consider restricted net position to have been depleted before unrestricted net position is applied.

F. Revenues and expenditures/expenses

Program Revenues

Amounts reported as program revenues include 1) charges to customers who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment.

Federal, State, and Local Grant Revenues

Grant revenue is recognized when program expenditures are incurred in accordance with program guidelines. Such revenue is subject to review by the funding agency and may result in disallowance in subsequent periods.

Indirect Costs

General and administrative costs are recorded as indirect costs in the Council's accounting system and allocated to grants based upon a negotiated indirect cost rate. Indirect costs are defined by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance)* as costs "(a) incurred for a common or joint purpose benefiting more than one cost objective, and (b) not readily assignable to the cost objectives specifically benefited without effort disproportionate to the results achieved."

The Council's indirect cost rate is based upon prior cost experience, documented by a cost allocation plan. It is the Council's policy to utilize a fixed rate that is used for billing purposes during the fiscal year. The Council uses a fixed-rate plus carry-forward provision. The rates are based on projected costs submitted in a Cost Allocation Plan. Final costs not recovered by the billing rates are allowed to be recovered in succeeding years.

Matching Funds

In accordance with the terms and provisions of various grant contracts, the Council is required to provide a specified percentage of local matching funds to support certain grant programs.

Member Government Dues

All member governments are required to pay dues to the Council. Dues are determined annually and are recognized as revenues when assessed because they are measurable and are collectible within the current period.

In-Kind and Contributed Services

Local contributions, which include contributed services provided by individuals, private organizations and local governments, are used to match federal and state administered funding on various grants. Contributed services are therefore recorded as revenue and expenditures in the individual grants. The amount of such services is recorded in the accompanying financial statements at the estimated fair value at the date of service.

2. BUDGETARY INFORMATION

The Council's financial plan is controlled at the fund and grant level with management authorized to make transfers of budgeted amounts between object class levels within a fund or grant, within restrictions imposed by grantor agencies. The Executive Committee approves the financial plan for revenue and expenditures. The financial plan is made on a project (grant) basis, spanning more than one year. Appropriations for all grant projects lapse at the end of a contract period, which may not necessarily coincide with the fiscal year-end of the Council. Although the financial plans are reviewed and approved by the Council's Executive Committee, they are not considered legally adopted annual budgets or appropriations. Accordingly, comparative budget and actual results are not presented in this report.

3. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS

Cash Deposits with Financial Institutions

Custodial Credit Risk. In the case of deposits, this is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Council's deposits may not be returned to it. State statutes require that all the Council's deposits in financial institutions be fully collateralized by U. S. government obligations or its agencies and instrumentalities or direct obligations of Texas or its agencies and instrumentalities that have a fair value of not less than the principal amount of deposits. As of September 30, 2024, the Council's deposit balance was entirely covered by FDIC insurance.

Investments

The Council invests in a local government investment pool. As of September 30, 2024, the Council had the following investment:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Net Asset Value</u>	<u>Weighted Average Maturity (Days)</u>	<u>Standard & Poor's Current Rating</u>
TexPool	\$ <u>692,658</u>	26	AAAm

TexPool is a qualifying external investment pool that measures for financial reporting purposes all its investments at amortized cost. The Council's investment in this pool is reported at the net asset value per share (which approximates fair value) even though it is calculated using the amortized cost method.

Interest Rate Risk. In accordance with its investment policy, the Council manages its exposure to declines in fair market values by limiting the weighted average maturity of the investment portfolios to a maximum of 180 days.

Credit Risk. It is the Council's policy to limit its investments to investment types with an investment quality rating not less than A or its equivalent by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization.

Lease Receivable

On January 1, 2013, the Council entered into an agreement as lessor to lease a building to the Heart of Texas Workforce Development Board (HOTWDB) for the operation of the Workforce Center. A new lease agreement was signed and effective as of January 1, 2024.

A summary of the Council's lease receivable as of September 30, 2024, is as follows:

<u>Purpose of Lease</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Initial Year of Lease</u>	<u>Amount of Initial Lease Receivable</u>	<u>Interest Current Year</u>	<u>Lease Receivable 9/30/24</u>
Right to Use:					
Building	3.5%	2024	\$ 2,693,938	<u>\$ 55,303</u>	<u>\$ 1,910,066</u>

Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2024, is as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Government activities:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	<u>\$ 690,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 690,000</u>
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>690,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>690,000</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements	2,867,509	-	-	2,867,509
Machinery and equipment	3,648,271	12,184	92,627	3,567,828
Right to use:				
Facility	6,012,277	-	-	6,012,277
Office space and parking	35,785	-	-	35,785
Equipment	33,249	-	-	33,249
Subscription	<u>136,436</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>136,436</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>12,733,527</u>	<u>12,184</u>	<u>92,627</u>	<u>12,653,084</u>
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Buildings and improvements	1,451,002	70,250	-	1,521,252
Machinery and equipment	2,429,378	355,620	92,627	2,692,371
Right to use:				
Facility	3,921,050	261,403	-	4,182,453
Office space and parking	31,311	4,473	-	35,784
Equipment	22,689	6,464	-	29,153
Subscription	<u>-</u>	<u>27,287</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,287</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>7,855,430</u>	<u>725,497</u>	<u>92,627</u>	<u>8,488,300</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	<u>4,878,097</u>	<u>(713,313)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,164,784</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 5,568,097</u>	<u>\$ (713,313)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,854,784</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs as follows:

Governmental activities:	
General government	\$ 82,023
Aging	99,111
Transportation	385,671
Emergency communications	59,581
Homeland security	26,787
Health and human services	37,501
Environmental quality	8,036
Criminal justice	10,715
Economic development	<u>16,072</u>
Total depreciation expense - governmental activities	<u>\$ 725,497</u>

Due to HOTEDD

The amount shown as "Due to HOTEDD" in the financial statements is owed to the Heart of Texas Economic Development District under the terms of a lease agreement. Under the terms of the agreement, rental revenues received by the Council for the rental of a building (see disclosure above) are first used to pay related debt service payments, insurance and maintenance costs. Any remaining rental receipts are owed to HOTEDD and must be used by HOTEDD for economic development projects.

Additionally, the Council serves as HOTEDD's fiscal agent. Accordingly, a proportionate share of the Council's pooled cash is also part of the "Due to HOTEDD" balance.

Long-term Debt

A summary of long-term liability activity for the year ended September 30, 2024, is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Amount Due in One Year
Governmental activities:					
Notes payable	\$ 262,791	\$ -	\$ 224,147	\$ 38,644	\$ 38,644
Leases	2,151,880	-	265,020	1,886,860	266,430
SBITA payable	136,436	-	25,414	111,022	26,318
Compensated absences	149,839	123,311	130,691	142,459	128,213
Total	<u>\$ 2,700,946</u>	<u>\$ 123,311</u>	<u>\$ 645,272</u>	<u>\$ 2,178,985</u>	<u>\$ 459,605</u>

Notes Payable

The Council issued a note payable for the purchase of land, a building, and related furnishings. The note was issued in 2004 in an original amount of \$2,975,000, has an interest rate of 4.937%, and a maturity date of November 2024.

The following is a schedule of the future minimum payments under these agreements:

Year Ending	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	<u>38,644</u>	<u>217</u>	<u>38,861</u>
Total	<u>\$ 38,644</u>	<u>\$ 217</u>	<u>\$ 38,861</u>

Leases

The Council has entered into multiple leases as lessee for a facility, office space and parking, and equipment. The lease terms range from 48 to 300 months. The Council is required to make monthly payments ranging from \$249 to \$21,643.

A summary of the governmental activities long-term lease payable as of September 30, 2024, is as follows:

Purpose of Lease	Interest Rate	Initial Year of Lease	Amount of Initial Lease Liability	Interest Current Year	Amounts Outstanding 9/30/24
Right to Use:					
Facility	3.50%	2008	\$ 6,012,277	\$ 6,230	\$ 1,882,441
Office space and parking	3.50%	2019	35,785	49	-
Postage meter	3.50%	2020	19,541	203	3,675
Copier	3.50%	2020	13,708	82	744
Totals				<u>\$ 6,564</u>	<u>\$ 1,886,860</u>

Annual lease payments to maturity are as follows:

Year Ending September 30,	Lease Payable		Total Requirements
	Principal	Interest	
2025	\$ 266,430	\$ 5,559	\$ 271,989
2026	262,775	4,726	267,501
2027	263,541	3,960	267,501
2028	272,335	3,191	275,526
2029	273,129	2,397	275,526
2030-2031	548,650	2,401	551,051
Totals	<u>\$ 1,886,860</u>	<u>\$ 22,234</u>	<u>\$ 1,909,094</u>

SBITA Payable

During the fiscal year, the Council held a subscription for the use of software. An initial subscription liability was recorded in the amount of \$136,436. As of September 30, 2024, the value of the subscription liability is \$111,022. The Council is required to make annual fixed payments of \$2,482. The subscriptions have an interest rate of 3.5%. The value of the right to use asset, net of accumulated depreciation, as of September 30, 2024, is \$109,149.

Debt service requirements on SBITA payable as of September 30, 2024, are as follows:

Year Ending September 30	Governmental Activities - SBITA		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 26,318	\$ 3,466	\$ 29,784
2026	27,254	2,530	29,784
2027	28,223	1,561	29,784
2028	<u>29,227</u>	<u>557</u>	<u>29,784</u>
Total	<u>\$ 111,022</u>	<u>\$ 8,114</u>	<u>\$ 119,136</u>

Risk Management

The Council is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Council maintains workers' compensation and other risks of loss coverage through commercial insurance carriers. The Council management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the Council. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from coverage in the prior year or settlements that have exceeded insurance coverage in the past three fiscal years.

Contingencies

The Council contracts with local governments or other local delegate agencies to perform the specific services set forth in certain grant agreements. The Council disburses grant funds to the delegate agencies based on monthly expenditure reports received from each delegate agency.

Each delegate agency is required to have an independent audit at least once every two years. The Council requires each delegate agency to submit a copy of the audit reports. If such audits disclose expenditures not in accordance with the terms of the grants, the grantor agency could disallow the costs and require reimbursement of the disallowed costs either from the Council or the delegate agency. The Council generally has the right of recovery from the delegate agency.

Some of the audits of the delegate agencies' expenditures for the year ended September 30, 2024, have not been completed. Based on prior experience, the Council management believes that the Council will not incur significant losses from possible grant disallowances.

4. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN

Plan Description

The Council participates in a nontraditional defined benefit pension plan in the statewide Texas County and District Retirement System ("TCDRS"). The Board of Trustees of TCDRS is responsible for the administration of the statewide agent, multiple-employer, public employee retirement system consisting of nontraditional defined benefit pension plans. TCDRS issues a publicly available annual comprehensive financial report (ACFR) that can be obtained at www.tcdrs.org.

All full-time and part-time non-temporary employees participate in the plan, regardless of the number of hours they work in a year. Employees in temporary positions are not eligible for membership.

Benefits Provided

TCDRS provides retirement, disability and survivor benefits for all its eligible employees. Benefit terms are established by the TCDRS Act. The benefit terms may be amended as of January 1, each year, but must remain in conformity with the Act.

Members can retire at age 60 and above with 10 or more years of service, with 30 years of service regardless of age, or when the sum of their age and years of service equals 80 or more. Members are vested after ten years of service but must leave their accumulated contributions in the plan to receive any employer-financed benefit. Members who withdraw their personal contributions in a lump sum are not entitled to any amounts contributed by their employer.

Benefit amounts are determined by the sum of the employee's contributions to the plan, with interest, and employer-financed monetary credits. The level of these monetary credits is adopted by the governing body of the employer within the actuarial constraints imposed by the TCDRS Act so that the resulting benefits can be expected to be adequately financed by the employer's commitment to contribute. At retirement, death or disability, the benefit is calculated by converting the sum of the employee's accumulated contributions and the employer-financed monetary credits to a monthly annuity using annuity purchase rates prescribed by the TCDRS Act.

A summary of plan provisions for the Council are as follows:

Employee deposit rate	4%
Matching ratio (Council to employee)	250%
Years required for vesting	2.5 to 1
Service retirement eligibility	10
	30 years at any age, 10 years at age 60 and above

Employees covered by benefit terms

At the December 31, 2023, valuation and measurement date, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	4
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	7
Active employees	<u>31</u>
	<u>42</u>

Contributions

The contribution rates for employees in TCDRS are either 4%, 5%, 6%, or 7% of employee gross earnings, as adopted by the employer's governing body. Participating employers are required to contribute at actuarially determined rates to ensure adequate funding for each employer's plan. Under the state law governing TCDRS, the contribution rate for each entity is determined annually by the actuary and approved by the TCDRS Board of Trustees. The replacement life entry age actuarial cost method is used in determining the contribution rate. The actuarially determined rate is the estimated amount necessary to fund benefits in an orderly manner for each participant over his or her career so that sufficient funds are accumulated by the time benefit payments begin, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability.

Employees for the Council were required to contribute 4% of their annual gross earnings during the fiscal year. The contribution rates for the Council were 7.90% and 8.16% in calendar years 2023 and 2024, respectively. The Council's contributions to TCDRS for the year ended September 30, 2024, were \$146,720, and were equal to the required contributions.

Net Pension Liability (Asset)

The Council's Net Pension Liability (Asset) was measured as of December 31, 2023, and the Total Pension Liability (TPL) used to calculate the Net Pension Liability (Asset) was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

Actuarial Assumptions

The Total Pension Liability in the December 31, 2023, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions:

Inflation	2.50% per year
Investment rate of return	7.50%, net of administration and investment expenses, including inflation

Mortality rates for active members, retirees, and beneficiaries were based on the following:

Depositing members	135% of Pub-2010 General Employees Amount-Weighted Mortality Table for males and 120% Pub-2010 General Employees Amount-Weighted Mortality Table for females, both projected with 100% of the MP-2021 Ultimate scale after 2010.
Service retirees, beneficiaries and non-depositing members	135% of Pub-2010 General Retirees Amount-Weighted Mortality Table for males and 120% Pub-2010 General Retirees Amount-Weighted Mortality Table for females, both projected with 100% of the MP-2021 Ultimate scale after 2010.
Disabled retirees	160% of Pub-2010 General Disabled Retirees Amount-Weighted Mortality Table for males and 125% Pub-2010 General Disabled Retirees Amount-Weighted Mortality Table for females, both projected with 100% of the MP-2021 Ultimate scale after 2010.

All actuarial assumptions that determined the total pension liability as of December 31, 2023, were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2020, except where required to be different by GASB 68.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments is 7.6%, net of administrative and investment expenses, including inflation and was determined using a building-block method. Ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension-plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges were combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and adding expected inflation.

The target allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Benchmark	Target Allocation ⁽¹⁾	Geometric Real Rate of Return (Expected minus Inflation) ⁽²⁾
U.S. Equities	Dow Jones U.S. Total Stock Market Index	11.50%	4.75%
Global Equities	MSCI World (net) Index	2.50%	4.75%
Int'l Equities - Developed Markets	MSCI World Ex USA (net) Index	5.00%	4.75%
Int'l Equities - Emerging Markets	MSCI EM Standard (net) Index	6.00%	4.75%
Investment-Grade Bonds	Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond index	3.00%	2.35%
Strategic Credit	FTSE High-Yield Cash-Pay Capped Index	9.00%	3.65%
Direct Lending	S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index	16.00%	7.25%
Distressed Debt	Cambridge Associates Distressed Securities Index ⁽³⁾	4.00%	6.90%
REIT Equities	67% FTSE NAREIT Equity REITs Index + 33% S&P Global REIT (net) Index	2.00%	4.10%
Master Limited Partnerships (MLPs)	Alerian MLP Index	2.00%	5.20%
Private Real Estate Partnerships	Cambridge Associates Real Estate Index ⁽⁴⁾	6.00%	5.70%
Private Equity	Cambridge Associates Global Private Equity & Venture Capital Index ⁽⁵⁾	25.00%	7.75%
Hedge Funds	Hedge Fund Research, Inc. (HFRI) Fund of Funds Composite Index	6.00%	3.25%
Cash Equivalents	90-Day U.S. Treasury	2.00%	0.60%

⁽¹⁾ Target asset allocation adopted at the March 2024 TCDRS Board meeting.

⁽²⁾ Geometric real rates of return equal the expected return minus the assumed inflation rate of 2.2% per Cliffwater's 2024 capital market assumptions.

⁽³⁾ Includes vintage years 2005-present of Quarter Pooled Horizon IRRs.

⁽⁴⁾ Includes vintage years 2007-present of Quarter Pooled Horizon IRRs.

⁽⁵⁾ Includes vintage years 2006-present of Quarter Pooled Horizon IRRs.

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.6%. Cost-of-living adjustments for the Council are not considered to be substantively automatic under GASB 68. Therefore, no assumption for future cost-of-living adjustments is included in either the GASB 68 calculations or the funding valuation, unchanged from that of the previous year. The projection of cash flows used to determine this discount rate assumed that plan members and the employer contributed at the statutorily required rates. Based on that assumption, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be sufficient to make all future benefit payments to current members of the plan. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension-plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Changes in the Net Pension Liability (Asset)

	Increase (Decrease)		
	Total Pension Liability (a)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)	Net Pension Liability (Asset) (a) - (b)
Balance as of December 31, 2022	\$ 1,729,307	\$ 1,606,340	\$ 122,967
Changes for the year:			
Service cost	165,397	-	165,397
Interest on total pension liability ⁽¹⁾	140,751	-	140,751
Effect of economic/demographic gains or losses	39,551	-	39,551
Refund of contributions	(5,480)	(5,480)	-
Benefit payments	(81,545)	(81,545)	-
Administrative expenses	-	(995)	995
Member contributions	-	67,993	(67,993)
Net investment income	-	177,679	(177,679)
Employer contributions	-	134,290	(134,290)
Other ⁽²⁾	-	6,415	(6,415)
Balance as of December 31, 2023	<u>\$ 1,987,981</u>	<u>\$ 1,904,697</u>	<u>\$ 83,284</u>

⁽¹⁾ Reflects the change in the liability due to the time value of money. TCDRS does not charge fees or interest.

⁽²⁾ Relates to allocation of system-wide items.

Sensitivity Analysis

The following presents the net pension liability (asset) of the Council, calculated using the discount rate of 7.6%, as well as what the Council's net pension liability (asset) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.6%) or 1-percentage-higher (8.6%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease 6.60%	Current Discount Rate 7.60%	1% Increase 8.60%
Total pension liability	\$ 2,247,621	\$ 1,987,981	\$ 1,768,637
Fiduciary net position	<u>1,904,697</u>	<u>1,904,697</u>	<u>1,904,697</u>
Net pension liability (asset)	<u>\$ 342,924</u>	<u>\$ 83,284</u>	<u>\$ (136,060)</u>

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in a separately issued TCDRS financial report. The report may be obtained on the Internet at www.tcdrs.org.

Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

For the year ended September 30, 2024, the Council recognized pension expense of \$120,535.

As of September 30, 2024, the Council reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Deferred Outflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 890	\$ 50,618
Changes in actuarial assumptions	1,770	23,880
Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings	-	25,598
Contributions made subsequent to the measurement date	-	110,780
Total	<u>\$ 2,660</u>	<u>\$ 210,876</u>

\$110,780 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the total pension liability (asset) for the year ending September 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended September 30,		
2025	\$	24,088
2026		23,570
2027		43,726
2028		(539)
2029		6,591

5. FORTHCOMING ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

Significant new accounting standards issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) not yet implemented by the Council include the following:

GASB Statement No. 101, Compensated Absences - The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. That objective is achieved by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures. This Statement will become effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2023, and the impact has not yet been determined.

GASB Statement No. 102, Certain Risk Disclosures - This Statement requires governments to disclose essential information about risks related to vulnerabilities due to certain concentrations or constraints. Concentrations and constraints may limit a government's ability to acquire resources or control spending. The requirements of Statement No. 102 are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2024, and the impact has not yet been determined.

GASB Statement No. 103, Financial Reporting Model Improvements - The objective of this Statement is to improve key components of the financial reporting model to enhance its effectiveness in providing information that is essential for decision making and assessing a government's accountability. This Statement also addresses certain application issues. This Statement will become effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2025, and the impact has not yet been determined.

GASB Statement No. 104, Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets - The objective of this Statement is to provide users of government financial statements with essential information about certain types of capital assets. This Statement requires certain types of capital assets to be presented separately in the note disclosures, including right-to-use assets related to leases, Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements, and public-private or public-public partnerships. Other intangible assets are also required to be presented separately by major class. Additional disclosures have also been required for capital assets held for sale. This Statement will become effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2025, and the impact has not yet been determined.

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HEART OF TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Plan Year Ended December 31	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Total Pension Liability			
Service Cost	\$ 40,740	\$ 180,990	\$ 164,519
Interest total pension liability	1,614	10,621	31,004
Effect of plan changes	(713)	-	-
Effect of assumption changes or inputs	583	-	2,220
Effect of economic/demographic (gains) or losses	171	(15,611)	(2,938)
Benefit payments/refunds of contributions	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(309)</u>
Net change in total pension liability	42,395	176,000	194,496
Total pension liability - beginning	<u>-</u>	<u>42,395</u>	<u>218,395</u>
Total pension liability - ending (a)	<u>\$ 42,395</u>	<u>\$ 218,395</u>	<u>\$ 412,891</u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position			
Employer contributions	\$ 26,103	\$ 99,023	\$ 100,773
Member contributions	15,221	57,740	58,082
Investment income net of investment expenses	(351)	3,125	32,392
Benefit payments refunds of contributions	-	-	(309)
Administrative expenses	(15)	(34)	(264)
Other	<u>(2)</u>	<u>3,633</u>	<u>2,121</u>
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	40,956	163,487	192,795
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	<u>-</u>	<u>40,956</u>	<u>204,443</u>
Plan fiduciary net position - ending (b)	<u>40,956</u>	<u>204,443</u>	<u>397,238</u>
Net pension liability (asset) - ending (a) - (b)	<u>\$ 1,439</u>	<u>\$ 13,952</u>	<u>\$ 15,653</u>
Fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability (asset)	97%	94%	96%
Pensionable covered payroll	\$ 1,522,022	\$ 1,443,496	\$ 1,452,053
Net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll	0.1%	0.97%	1.08%

This schedule is required to present ten years of information. This information will be presented as it becomes available.

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
\$ 160,433 46,381 - -	\$ 158,700 63,178 - -	\$ 159,761 81,827 - 70,807	\$ 175,693 101,088 - (3,540)	\$ 179,854 121,060 - 18,527	\$ 165,397 140,751 - -
4,413	13,917	7,072	(1,045)	-	39,551
<u>(1,457)</u>	<u>(2,826)</u>	<u>(10,561)</u>	<u>(20,624)</u>	<u>(6,242)</u>	<u>(87,025)</u>
209,770	232,969	308,906	251,572	313,199	258,674
<u>412,891</u>	<u>622,661</u>	<u>855,630</u>	<u>1,164,536</u>	<u>1,416,108</u>	<u>1,729,307</u>
<u>\$ 622,661</u>	<u>\$ 855,630</u>	<u>\$ 1,164,536</u>	<u>\$ 1,416,108</u>	<u>\$ 1,729,307</u>	<u>\$ 1,987,981</u>
\$ 101,023 57,892 (5,642)	\$ 106,113 60,119 90,704	\$ 113,075 63,257 84,280	\$ 117,143 65,533 252,949	\$ 136,505 66,102 (103,850)	\$ 134,290 67,993 177,679
(1,457) (444) 4,731	(2,825) (619) 5,708	(10,561) (782) 4,986	(20,624) (804) 4,885	(6,242) (941) 28,888	(87,025) (995) 6,415
156,103	259,200	254,255	419,082	120,462	298,357
<u>397,238</u>	<u>553,341</u>	<u>812,541</u>	<u>1,066,796</u>	<u>1,485,878</u>	<u>1,606,340</u>
<u>553,341</u>	<u>812,541</u>	<u>1,066,796</u>	<u>1,485,878</u>	<u>1,606,340</u>	<u>1,904,697</u>
<u>\$ 69,320</u>	<u>\$ 43,089</u>	<u>\$ 97,740</u>	<u>\$ (69,770)</u>	<u>\$ 122,967</u>	<u>\$ 83,284</u>
89%	95%	92%	105%	93%	96%
\$ 1,447,300	\$ 1,502,986	\$ 1,581,427	\$ 1,638,336	\$ 1,652,559	\$ 1,699,824
4.79%	2.87%	6.18%	-4.26%	7.44%	4.90%

HEART OF TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS****FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

Fiscal Year Ended September 30,	Actuarially Determined Contribution	Actual Employer Contribution	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Pensionable Covered Payroll	Actual Contribution as a % of Covered Payroll
2024	\$ 146,720	\$ 146,720	\$ -	\$ 1,812,534	8.09%
2023	133,603	133,603	-	1,671,734	7.99%
2022	131,358	131,358	-	1,646,864	7.98%
2021	116,363	116,363	-	1,627,508	7.15%
2020	112,341	112,341	-	1,576,346	7.13%
2019	103,600	103,600	-	1,471,706	7.04%
2018	100,850	100,850	-	1,446,974	6.97%
2017	100,323	100,323	-	1,449,834	6.92%
2016	99,680	99,680	-	1,444,644	6.90%

This schedule is required to present ten years of information. This information will be presented as it becomes available.

HEART OF TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Valuation Timing Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated on a calendar year basis as of December 31, two years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which the contributions are reported.

Methods and assumptions used to determine contributions rates:

Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age (level percentage of pay)
Amortization Method	Level percentage of payroll, closed
Remaining Amortization Period	17.3 years (based on contribution rate calculated in 12/31/2023 valuation)
Asset Valuation Method:	
Smoothing period	5 years
Recognition method	Non-asymptotic
Corridor	None
Inflation	2.5%
Salary Increases	Varies by age and service. 4.7% average over career including inflation.
Investment Rate of Return	7.50%, net of administrative and investment expenses, including inflation.
Retirement Age	Members who are eligible for service retirement are assumed to commence receiving benefit payments based on age. The average age at service retirement for recent retirees is 61.
Mortality	135% of the Pub-2010 General Retirees Table for males and 120% of the Pub-2010 General Retirees Table for females, both projected with 100% of the MP-2021 Ultimate scale after 2010.
Changes in Assumptions and Methods Reflected in the Schedule of Employer Contributions	2015: New inflation, mortality and other assumptions were reflected. 2017: New mortality assumptions were reflected. 2019: New inflation, mortality and other assumptions were reflected. 2022: New investment return and inflation assumptions were reflected.
Changes in Plan Provisions Reflected in the Schedule of Employer Contributions	2016: No changes in plan provisions were reflected in the Schedule. 2017: New Annuity Purchase Rates were reflected for benefits earned after 2017. 2019: Employer contributions reflect that the current service matching rate was increased to 150% for future benefits. 2020: No changes in plans provisions were reflected in the Schedule. 2021: No changes in plans provisions were reflected in the Schedule. 2022: No changes in plans provisions were reflected in the Schedule. 2023: No changes in plan provisions were reflected in the Schedule.

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HEART OF TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES BY OBJECT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services	Texas Governor's Office *	Texas Department of Agriculture	Texas Department of Transportation	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
EXPENDITURES					
Salaries	\$ 416,590	\$ 42,425	\$ 3,585	\$ 169,438	\$ 31,054
Benefits	217,960	22,197	1,875	88,650	16,247
Delegate agencies	2,199,258	17,347	-	-	-
Contractual services	175,684	11,140	-	700,304	191,533
Office space	15,921	1,059	281	4,097	1,267
Supplies and materials	15,541	549	1	231,782	136
Travel	38,873	4,851	1,101	5,575	2,149
Repairs and maintenance	-	-	-	105,809	-
Utilities/telephone	3,947	437	32	25,676	356
Other	76,037	65	1,429	58,605	25
Debt service:					
Principal	64,141	4,440	1,119	46,493	5,040
Interest	1,590	113	28	2,339	124
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	-
Indirect cost allocation	<u>371,085</u>	<u>37,791</u>	<u>3,192</u>	<u>150,930</u>	<u>27,662</u>
Total expenditures	<u>\$ 3,596,627</u>	<u>\$ 142,414</u>	<u>\$ 12,643</u>	<u>\$ 1,589,698</u>	<u>\$ 275,593</u>

* Does not include funds passed through from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Those are presented in a separate column.

<u>Texas Commission on State Emergency Communications</u>	<u>U. S. Department of Commerce</u>	<u>U. S. Department of Homeland Security</u>	<u>Texas Health and Human Services Commission</u>	<u>Local</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$ 94,816	\$ 62,135	\$ 106,325	\$ 149,679	\$ -	\$ 1,076,047
49,607	32,509	55,631	78,312	-	562,988
1,173,669	-	-	-	-	3,390,274
2,007	10,455	43,008	17,817	-	1,151,948
5,216	2,547	4,893	4,121	-	39,402
21,311	931	2,277	355	-	272,883
4,767	10,153	9,664	3,792	-	80,925
-	-	-	-	-	105,809
1,183	556	1,593	-	-	33,780
2,613	802	1,999	16,632	248,672	406,879
20,901	10,647	19,657	16,591	325,552	514,581
517	271	486	411	9,155	15,034
-	-	350,551	-	-	350,551
<u>84,459</u>	<u>55,347</u>	<u>94,712</u>	<u>133,331</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>958,509</u>
<u>\$ 1,461,066</u>	<u>\$ 186,353</u>	<u>\$ 690,796</u>	<u>\$ 421,041</u>	<u>\$ 583,379</u>	<u>\$ 8,959,610</u>

HEART OF TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

SCHEDULE OF INDIRECT COSTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
INDIRECT COSTS			
Salaries	\$ 446,626	\$ 456,011	\$ (9,385)
Benefits	203,438	238,585	(35,147)
Total indirect salaries and benefits	<u>650,064</u>	<u>694,596</u>	<u>(44,532)</u>
Travel	10,000	9,569	431
Supplies	4,000	5,479	(1,479)
Legal fees	500	1,577	(1,077)
Audit	35,000	35,000	-
Space costs	115,800	118,161	(2,361)
Communications	11,800	13,095	(1,295)
Copies/printing	6,200	6,153	47
Computer costs	56,100	59,814	(3,714)
Postage	7,700	5,750	1,950
Insurance/bonding	5,500	5,014	486
Dues/subscriptions/publications	17,000	16,479	521
Other costs/miscellaneous	4,000	9,684	(5,684)
Prior period carryforward	<u>140,530</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>140,530</u>
Total other indirect costs	<u>414,130</u>	<u>285,775</u>	<u>128,355</u>
Total indirect costs	1,064,194	980,371	83,823
Less: HOTEDD admin/fiscal contracts	<u>(59,585)</u>	<u>(59,585)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net indirect costs	<u>\$ 1,004,609</u>	<u>920,786</u>	<u>\$ 83,823</u>
Indirect costs recovered		<u>(958,509)</u>	
Current year over (under) recovery to be recaptured in future years		37,723	
Over (under) recovery carried forward from previous years		<u>(146,772)</u>	
Cumulative over (under) recovery to be recovered in future years		<u>\$ (109,049)</u>	
CALCULATION OF INDIRECT COST RATE:			
Adjusted gross salaries	\$ 1,554,576	\$ 1,532,058	
Net fringe benefits recovered	813,355	801,573	
Less: indirect salaries and benefits	<u>(650,064)</u>	<u>(694,596)</u>	
Total program personnel costs	<u>\$ 1,717,867</u>	<u>\$ 1,639,035</u>	
Indirect rate	<u>58.48%</u>	<u>56.18%</u>	

HEART OF TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

SCHEDULE OF FRINGE BENEFITS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Payroll taxes	\$ 135,828	\$ 135,449
Group insurance	220,804	200,620
Retirement contribution	146,717	143,328
Release time	279,285	215,993
Prior period carryforward	<u>-</u>	<u>117,965</u>
TOTAL FRINGE BENEFITS	<u>\$ 782,634</u>	<u>\$ 813,355</u>
TOTAL WAGES	\$ 1,532,058	\$ 1,554,576
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT RATE	51.08%	52.32%
FRINGE BENEFITS RECOVERED	<u>\$ 801,573</u>	
CURRENT YEAR OVER (UNDER) RECOVERY TO BE RECAPTURED IN FUTURE YEARS	18,939	
OVER (UNDER) RECOVERY CARRIED FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS YEARS	<u>(93,641)</u>	
CUMULATIVE OVER (UNDER) RECOVERY TO BE RECOVERED IN FUTURE YEARS	<u>\$ (74,702)</u>	

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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

Executive Committee
Heart of Texas Council of Governments
Waco, 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 and the major fund of the Heart of Texas Council of Governments (the "Council") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Council's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 20, 2025.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Council'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 opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council'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 Council'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 and significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Council'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*.

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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 Council'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 Council's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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

Waco, Texas
February 20, 2025



**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 TEXAS GRANT MANAGEMENT STANDARDS**

Executive Committee
Heart of Texas Council of Governments
Waco, Texas

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal and State Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal and State Program

We have audited the Heart of Texas Council of Governments' (the "Council") compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Compliance Supplement* and the *Texas Grant Management Standards (TXGMS)* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Council's major federal and state programs for the year ended September 30, 2024. The Council's major federal and state programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the Council 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 and state programs for the year ended September 30, 2024.

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; 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 the Council 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 the Council'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 Council's 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 the Council'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*, 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 the Council's compliance with the requirements of each major federal and state programs 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 the Council'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 Council'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* and *TXGMS*, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council'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 and state programs 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 and state programs 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 and state programs 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. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses and 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* and *TXGMS*. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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

Waco, Texas
February 20, 2025

HEART OF TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Assistance Listing Number	Pass-through Entity Identifying Number	Total Federal Expenditures	Passed Through to Subrecipients
FEDERAL AWARDS				
<u>U. S. Department of Agriculture</u>				
Passed through the Texas Department of Agriculture:				
2023-2024 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP) Food Stamps (FS) OPS FD	10.561	HHS000979200014	\$ 65,894	\$ -
2023-2024 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP) Food Stamps (FS) Rider 28 HB1	10.561	HHS000979200014	5,830	-
2024-2025 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP) Food Stamps (FS) OPS FD	10.561	HHS000979200014	5,466	-
2024-2025 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP) Food Stamps (FS) Rider 28 HB1	10.561	HHS000979200014	640	-
Subtotal SNAP Cluster			77,830	-
Total Texas Department of Agriculture			77,830	-
Total U. S. Department of Agriculture			77,830	-
<u>U. S. Department of Commerce</u>				
Passed through the Heart of Texas Economic Development District:				
Continuation Planning Assistance	11.302	ED21AUS3020006	23,333	-
Economic Development Support for Planning Organizations	11.302	ED24AUS0G0277	52,500	-
Total Heart of Texas Economic Development District			75,833	-
Total U. S. Department of Commerce			75,833	-
<u>U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development</u>				
Passed through the Texas Department of Agriculture:				
TxCDBG - CEDAF Technical Assistance (CDBG - Entitlement Grants Cluster)	14.218	CEDAF 23-15	11,198	-
TxCDBG - CEDAF Technical Assistance (CDBG - Entitlement Grants Cluster)	14.218	CEDAF 24-15	1,445	-
Total Entitlement Grants Cluster			12,643	-
Total Texas Department of Agriculture			12,643	-
Total U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development			12,643	-
<u>U. S. Department of Justice</u>				
Passed through Texas Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division:				
Violence Against Women Formula Grant	16.588	4762801	3,357	-
Total Texas Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division			3,357	-
Total U. S. Department of Justice			3,357	-
<u>U. S. Department of Transportation</u>				
Passed through the Texas Department of Transportation:				
Short Range Transit Planning Section 5304	20.505	51008010924	23,715	-
Short Range Transit Planning Section 5304	20.505	51008020925	3,102	-
Subtotal 20.505			26,817	-
Rural Public Transportation Section 5311	20.509	51018011823	433,921	-
Rural Public Transportation Section 5311	20.509	51018010924	431,699	-
Rural Public Transportation Section 5311	20.509	51018010925	63,981	-
Subtotal 20.509			929,601	-
Total Texas Department of Transportation			956,418	-
Total U. S. Department of Transportation			956,418	-

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

HEART OF TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS
(Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Assistance Listing Number	Pass-through Entity Identifying Number	Total Federal Expenditures	Passed Through to Subrecipients
FEDERAL AWARDS (Continued)				
<u>U. S. Department of the Treasury</u>				
Passed through the Texas Commission on State Emergency Communications:				
COVID-19 ARP 911 Emergency Communications	21.027	CSEC 2024	\$ 135,486	\$ -
Total Texas Commission of Emergency Communications			135,486	-
Total U. S. Department of the Treasury			135,486	-
<u>U. S. Department of Health and Human Services</u>				
Passed through Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services:				
Title VII EAP	93.041	539-16-0019-00001	1,250	-
Subtotal 93.041			1,250	-
2024 Title VII - OM	93.042	539-16-0019-00001	11,133	-
2024 PY Title VII - EAP	93.042	539-16-0019-00001	2,224	-
2024 PY Title VII - OM	93.042	539-16-0019-00001	29,351	-
COVID-19 2024 ARP Title VII - OM	93.042	539-16-0019-00001	6,723	-
Subtotal 93.042			49,431	-
2023 Title III - D	93.043	539-16-0019-00001	1,189	-
2024 Title III - D Evidence Based Intervention	93.043	539-16-0019-00001	7,492	-
2024 PY Title III - D	93.043	539-16-0019-00001	18,652	-
COVID-19 2024 ARP Title III - D Evidence Based Intervention	93.043	539-16-0019-00001	13,509	-
Subtotal 93.043			40,842	-
Expanding Public Health Workforce	93.044	539-16-0019-00001	63,160	-
2023 Title III - B	93.044	539-16-0019-00001	(1,790)	-
2024 PY Title III - B	93.044	539-16-0019-00001	374,529	-
COVID-19 2024 ARP Title III - B	93.044	539-16-0019-00001	231,690	-
2024 Title III - B	93.044	539-16-0019-00001	3,003	-
2024 PY Title III - C1	93.045	539-16-0019-00001	68,459	68,459
COVID-19 2024 ARP Disaster Flex Title III-C1	93.045	539-16-0019-00001	147,442	147,442
2024 Title III - C1	93.045	539-16-0019-00001	126,765	126,765
2024 Title III - C2	93.045	539-16-0019-00001	599,288	599,288
2024 PY Title III - C2	93.045	539-16-0019-00001	165,839	165,839
COVID-19 2024 ARP Title III - C2	93.045	539-16-0019-00001	159,225	159,225
2024 Nutrition Services Incentive Program	93.053	539-16-0019-00001	133,266	133,266
Subtotal Aging Cluster			2,070,876	1,400,284
2024 PY Title III - E	93.052	539-16-0019-00001	116,909	-
2024 Title III - E	93.052	539-16-0019-00001	15,469	-
COVID-19 2024 ARP Title III - E	93.052	539-16-0019-00001	45,046	-
Subtotal 93.052			177,424	-
Medicare Improvements for Patients & Providers Act	93.071	539-16-0019-00001	328	-
2024 ACL Medicare Improvements for Patients & Providers Act	93.071	539-16-0019-00001	20,296	-
2024 ADRC Medicare Improvements for Patients & Providers Act	93.071	HHS000270200023	6,426	-
Subtotal 93.071			27,050	-

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integral part of this schedule.

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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Assistance Listing Number	Pass-through Entity Identifying Number	Total Federal Expenditures	Passed Through to Subrecipients
FEDERAL AWARDS (Continued)				
<u>U. S. Department of Health and Human Services (cont.)</u>				
Passed through Texas Department of				
Aging and Disability Services (cont.):				
2024 ADRC Texas Lifespan Program	93.072	HHS000270200023	\$ 13,680	\$ -
Subtotal 93.072			13,680	-
2023 Health Information, Counseling, and Advocacy Program (HICAP)	93.324	539-16-0019-00001	22,834	-
2024 Health Information, Counseling, and Advocacy Program (HICAP)	93.324	539-16-0019-00001	48,003	-
Subtotal 93.324			70,837	-
COVID-19 2023 ARP Elder Justice Act Ombudsman - Staff	93.747	539-16-0019-00001	11,743	-
Subtotal 93.747			11,743	-
2024 ADRC Housing Navigator	93.791	HHS000270200023	37,708	-
2024 ADRC Local Contact Agency (OC)	93.791	HHS000270200023	6,239	-
Subtotal 93.791			43,947	-
Total Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services			2,507,080	1,400,284
2023-2024 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) OPS FD	93.558	HHS000979200014	773	-
2023-2024 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Rider 28 HB1	93.558	HHS000979200014	68	-
2024-2025 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) OPS FD	93.558	HHS000979200014	64	-
2024-2025 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) FD Rider 28 HB1	93.558	HHS000979200014	8	-
Subtotal 93.558			913	-
2023-2024 211 Area Information - Childcare	93.575	HHS000979200014	5,573	-
2024-2025 211 Area Information - Childcare	93.575	HHS000979200014	482	-
Subtotal CCDF Cluster			6,055	-
2023-2024 Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) OPS FD	93.767	HHS000979200014	3,404	-
2023-2024 Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Rider 28	93.767	HHS000979200014	294	-
2024-2025 Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) OPS FD	93.767	HHS000979200014	282	-
2024-2025 Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Rider 28	93.767	HHS000979200014	32	-
Subtotal 93.767			4,012	-
2023-2024 Medicaid Administration (MA) Rider 28 HB 1 OPS FD	93.778	HHS000979200014	106,819	-
2023-2024 Medicaid Administration (MA) Rider 28 HB 1	93.778	HHS000979200014	9,451	-
2024-2025 Medicaid Administration (MA) Rider 28 HB 1 OPS FD	93.778	HHS000979200014	8,861	-
2024-2025 Medicaid Administration (MA) Rider 28 HB 1	93.778	HHS000979200014	1,038	-
Subtotal Medicaid Cluster			126,169	-
Total Texas Health and Human Services Commission			137,149	-
Total U. S. Department of Health and Human Services			2,644,229	1,400,284

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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Assistance Listing Number	Pass-through Entity Identifying Number	Total Federal Expenditures	Passed Through to Subrecipients
<u>U. S. Department of Homeland Security</u>				
Passed through Texas Governor's Office, Homeland Security Grants Division:				
Homeland Security Grant Program - Regional Planning	97.067	2954108	\$ 43,883	\$ -
Homeland Security Grant Program - Regional Citizen Corps Program	97.067	2954008	12,707	-
Homeland Security Grant Program - ENS Information Sharing	97.067	2953608	(432)	-
Homeland Security Grant Program - Regional Planning	97.067	2954109	135,058	-
Homeland Security Grant Program - Regional Citizen Corps Program	97.067	2954009	9,126	-
Homeland Security Grant Program - ENS Information Sharing	97.067	2953609	45,336	-
Bomb Making Materials Awareness Program	97.067	4468802	<u>21,676</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Texas Governor's Office, Homeland Security Grants Division			<u>267,354</u>	<u>-</u>
Total U. S. Department of Homeland Security			<u>267,354</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Federal Awards			<u>\$ 4,173,150</u>	<u>\$ 1,400,284</u>

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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

State Grantor/ Grant Description	Pass-through Entity Identifying Number	Total State Expenditures	Passed Through to Subrecipients
STATE AWARDS			
<u>Texas Commission on Environmental Quality</u>			
Solid Waste Planning	582-24-50088	\$ 85,998	\$ -
Air Quality	582-20-10505	187,490	-
Total Texas Commission on Environmental Quality		273,488	-
<u>Texas Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division</u>			
2023-2024 Regional Law Enforcement Training	1784713	85,828	-
2023-2024 Purchase of Juvenile Justice Alternatives	1424125	21,357	-
2024-2025 Purchase of Juvenile Justice Alternatives	1424126	1,276	-
Total Texas Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division		108,461	-
<u>Texas Governor's Office, Homeland Security Division</u>			
Regional Communication Infrastructure	4559401	403,101	-
Total Texas Governor's Office, Homeland Security Division		403,101	-
Total Texas Governor's Office		511,562	-
<u>Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services</u>			
2024 State General Revenue (SGR) - ARP	539-16-0019-00001	59,032	59,032
2024 State General Revenue (SGR) - Title III-E Match	539-16-0019-00001	97,688	-
2024 Assisted Living Facility Long-Term Care Ombudsman	539-16-0019-00001	20,368	-
2025 Assisted Living Facility Long-Term Care Ombudsman	539-16-0019-00001	2,301	-
2024 ADRC State General Revenue (SGR)	HHS000270200024	96,651	-
2024 ADRC Promoting Independence	HHS000270200024	13,413	-
2025 ADRC State General Revenue (SGR)	HHS000270200025	7,917	-
2025 ADRC Promoting Independence	HHS000270200025	7,055	-
Total Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services		304,425	59,032
<u>Texas Commission on State Emergency Communications</u>			
2023 - 911 Emergency Communications	N/A	617,857	-
2024 - 911 Emergency Communications	N/A	669,767	-
2025 - 911 Emergency Communications	N/A	37,459	-
Total Texas Commission on State Emergency Communications		1,325,083	-

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integral part of this schedule.

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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

State Grantor/ Grant Description	Pass-through Entity Identifying Number	Total State Expenditures	Passed Through to Subrecipients
STATE AWARDS (Continued)			
<u>Texas Department of Transportation</u>			
Rural Public Transportation - Section 5311	51218010923	\$ 146,497	\$ -
Rural Public Transportation - Section 5311	51218010924	387,589	-
Rural Public Transportation - Section 5311	51218010925	<u>54,134</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Texas Department of Transportation		<u>588,220</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>Texas Health and Human Services Commission</u>			
2023-2024 211 Area Information - Operational	HHS000979200014	174,465	-
2023-2024 211 Area Information - Rider 28 HB1	HHS000979200014	15,429	-
2024-2025 211 Area Information - Operational	HHS000979200014	14,473	-
2024-2025 211 Area Information - Rider 28 HB1	HHS000979200014	<u>1,695</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Texas Health and Human Services Commission		<u>206,062</u>	<u>-</u>
Total State Awards		<u>\$ 3,208,840</u>	<u>\$ 59,032</u>
Total Federal and State Awards		<u>\$ 7,381,990</u>	<u>\$ 1,459,316</u>

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NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF

FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

1. GENERAL

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards presents the activity of all applicable federal and state awards programs of the Council. The Council's reporting entity is defined in Note 1 of the basic financial statements. Federal and state awards received directly from federal and state agencies, as well as federal awards passed through other government agencies, are included on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards.

2. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards is presented using the modified accrual basis of accounting. The modified accrual basis of accounting is described in Note 1 of the basic financial statements. The information in this 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)* and the *Texas Grant Management Standards ("TxGMS")*. Therefore, some of the amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the financial statements.

3. RELATIONSHIP TO FEDERAL AND STATE FINANCIAL REPORTS

Grant expenditure reports as of September 30, 2024, which have been submitted to grantor agencies will, in some cases, differ slightly from amounts disclosed herein. The reports prepared for grantor agencies are often prepared at different dates and sometimes reflect refined estimates of year-end accruals. The reports will agree at termination of the grant, as the discrepancies noted are timing differences.

4. INDIRECT COSTS

The Council has not elected to use the de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed in the *Uniform Guidance*.

5. NEGATIVE AMOUNTS

Due to a revision in the allocation of certain costs, the grantor has retroactively allocated certain grant expenditures. As a result of this, the effected grants reflect a negative balance on the current Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards.

HEART OF TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements:

Type of auditors' 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? No

Federal and State Awards:

Internal control over major programs:

Material weakness(es) identified? No

Significant deficiency(ies) identified? None reported

Type of auditors' 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)
or Texas Grant Management Standards?

No

Identification of major programs:

Assistance Listing Number:

#93.044, 93.045, and 93.053

Name of Program or Cluster:

Aging Cluster

State

911 Emergency Communications

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?

Yes

**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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Vice-President

Councilmember Jimmy Rogers
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**SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF
PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

None