

TOWN OF WINSLOW, MAINE

**Reports Required by *Government Auditing
Standards* and the Uniform Guidance**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Town Council
Town of Winslow, Maine

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Winslow, Maine as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Winslow, Maine's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated January 6, 2022.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Town of Winslow, Maine'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 Town of Winslow, Maine's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Winslow, Maine'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 Town's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2021-001 that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

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*, CONTINUED

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town of Winslow, Maine'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*.

We noted certain other matters that we reported to management of the Town of Winslow, Maine in a separate letter dated January 6, 2022.

Town of Winslow, Maine’s Response to Finding

The Town of Winslow, Maine’s response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The Town of Winslow, Maine’s response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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 Town’s internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town’s internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



January 6, 2022
South Portland, Maine

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

To the Town Council
Town of Winslow, Maine

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Town of Winslow, Maine's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Town of Winslow, Maine's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2021. The Town of Winslow, Maine's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the Town of Winslow, Maine's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Town of Winslow, Maine's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Town of Winslow, Maine's compliance.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE, CONTINUED

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the Town of Winslow, Maine complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2021.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Management of the Town of Winslow, Maine is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the Town of Winslow, Maine's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Winslow, Maine's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in the 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 may exist that have not been identified.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE, CONTINUED

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

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Winslow, Maine as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Winslow, Maine's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated January 6, 2022, which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Uniform Guidance and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.



January 6, 2022
South Portland, Maine

TOWN OF WINSLOW, MAINE
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the year ended June 30, 2021

Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	Pass-through Grantor's Number	Total Federal Expenditures	Listing/ Cluster Totals	Passed Through to Subrecipients
U. S. Department of Agriculture, passed through Maine Department of Education:					
Child Nutrition Cluster:					
Donated Commodities	10.555	N/A	33,248		-
Summer Food Service - CARES	10.559	7008/7009	571,422		-
National School Lunch Program	10.555	3024	1,392		-
Total Child Nutrition Cluster				606,062	
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables	10.582	3028	23,205		-
Passed through Rural Development:					
Water and Waste Disposal Systems for Rural Communities	10.760	N/A	752,330		-
Total U. S. Department of Agriculture			1,381,597		-
Environmental Protection Agency, passed through Maine Municipal Bond Bank:					
Capitalization Grants for Clean Water State Revolving Funds	66.458	C230085-02	16,189		-
Total Environmental Protection Agency			16,189		-
National Border Regional Commission:					
Economic and Infrastructure Development Investment Program	90.601	NRBC17GME04	260,310		-
Total National Border Regional Commission			260,310		-
U.S. Department of Justice, passed through Kennebec County:					
Justice Assistance Grant	16.738	N/A	1,529		-
Total U.S. Department of Justice			1,529		-
U.S. Department of the Treasury, passed through Maine Department of Education:					
Coronavirus Relief Fund 1 - COVID 19	21.019	7010	956,623		-
Coronavirus Relief Fund 2 - COVID 19	21.019	7015	1,003,668		-
Coronavirus Relief Fund Child Care - COVID 19	21.019	7020	117,189	2,077,480	-
Total U.S. Department of the Treasury			2,077,480		-
U. S. Department of Education, passed through Maine Department of Education:					
Special Education Cluster:					
Local Entitlement	84.027	3046	312,964		-
Preschool Grant	84.173	6247	4,437		-
Total Special Education Cluster				317,401	
Title IA	84.010	3107	415,564		-
Title IIA - Supporting Effective Instruction	84.367	3042	21,522		-
Title V - Rural Low Income	84.358	3305	13,209		-
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief - COVID 19	84.425D	7006	77,132		-
Total U. S. Department of Education			844,828		-
Department of Homeland Security, passed through the Maine Emergency Management Agency:					
FEMA - Assistance to Firefighters	97.044	EMW-2018-FO-04355	10,351		-
FEMA - Assistance to Firefighters	97.044	EMW-2019-FG-03169	97,905		-
Total Department of Homeland Security			108,256		-
Total federal awards			\$ 4,690,189		-

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Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
June 30, 2021

PURPOSE OF THE SCHEDULE

Office of Management and Budget (OMB)'s Uniform Guidance requires a schedule of expenditures of federal awards showing total expenditures for each federal award program as identified in the Assistance Listings in the System for Award Management.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- A. Reporting Entity - The accompanying schedule includes all federal award programs of the Town of Winslow, Maine for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. The reporting entity is defined in notes to basic financial statements of the Town of Winslow, Maine.
- B. Basis of Presentation - The information in the accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented in accordance with the Uniform Guidance.
 - 1. Pursuant to the Uniform Guidance, federal awards are defined as assistance provided by a federal agency, either directly or indirectly, in the form of grants, contracts, cooperative agreements, loans, loan guarantees, property, interest subsidies, insurance, or direct appropriations.
 - 2. Major Programs - the Uniform Guidance establishes the levels of expenditures or expenses to be used in defining major federal financial award programs. Major programs for the Town of Winslow, Maine have been identified in the attached Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs - Summary of Auditor's Results.
- C. Basis of Accounting - The information presented in the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting, which is consistent with the reporting in the Town of Winslow, Maine's fund financial statements.
- D. The Town of Winslow, Maine has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

TOWN OF WINSLOW, MAINE
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
June 30, 2021

Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with GAAP: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weaknesses identified? No
 Significant deficiencies identified? Yes

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? No

Federal Awards

Internal control over major federal programs:

Material weaknesses identified? No
 Significant deficiencies identified? None reported

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major federal programs: Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance? No

Identification of major federal programs:

<u>Assistance Listing</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
<u>10.760</u>	<u>Water and Waste Disposal Systems for Rural Communities</u>
<u>21.019</u>	<u>Coronavirus Relief Funds</u>

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

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? Yes

TOWN OF WINSLOW, MAINE
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs, Continued

Section II - Findings Required to be Reported Under *Government Auditing Standards*

SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCY

2021-001 – Preparation of Financial Statements

Criteria: Client personnel designated as having responsibility over the financial reporting process would need to have the knowledge of all the various financial statement disclosure requirements in addition to an understanding of fund financial statements and government-wide financial statements.

Statement of Condition: Auditing standards require external auditors to determine whether or not client personnel designated as having responsibility over the financial reporting process possess the expertise to identify all financial reporting matters in compliance with generally accepted accounting principles without the reliance on external auditors.

Cause: The Town does not employ an individual that possesses the expertise to prepare a complete set of financial statements that are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Effect: The Town is considered to have a control deficiency in the design of internal controls over the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and as a result, we are required to report this as such in this letter.

Recommendation: From a practical standpoint, the costs of maintaining the expertise in-house to meet these requirements often exceed the benefit. As a result, it is common practice for governmental entities to rely on assistance from their auditing firm to assist in the preparation of the financial statements and the related disclosures. When the auditing firm prepares the financial statements, the Town must assign a competent management level individual to oversee this service. Additionally, management must review, approve, and accept responsibility for the financial statements and related notes.

Management's response/corrective action plan: *Regarding the noted significant deficiency pertaining to the preparation of financial statements, management for the Town of Winslow, Maine understands the current accounting standards. The cost of having an expert in-house to prepare the financial statements exceeds the benefits; therefore, we hire an outside audit firm to prepare our financial statements.*

TOWN OF WINSLOW, MAINE
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs, Continued

Section III - Findings and Questioned Costs for Federal Awards

NONE

TOWN OF WINSLOW, MAINE
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs, Continued

Section IV - Status of Prior Year Findings and Questioned Costs for Federal Awards and *Government Auditing Standards*

***Government Auditing Standards* –**

2020-001 – Preparation of Financial Statements

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Status: See 2021-001