

CITY OF EVANSTON, ILLINOIS
Single Audit Report

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Daniel Biss, Mayor and
Members of the City Council
Evanston, Illinois

Report on the Audit of the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards of the City of Evanston, Illinois (City), for the year ended December 31, 2024 and the related notes (the financial statement).

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the expenditures of federal awards of the City for the year ended December 31, 2024, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards section of our report. We are required to be independent of the City of Evanston, Illinois 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 opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of this financial statement 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 a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards 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 generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, 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 statement.
- 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 City of Evanston, Illinois' 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 statement.

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.



Chicago, Illinois
September 24, 2025

CITY OF EVANSTON, ILLINOIS
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/ Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	Identifying Number	Award Date	Passed-Through to Subrecipients	Federal Expenditures
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE					
Passed through the Illinois State Board of Education Child and Adult Care Food Program	10.558	05-016-510P-00	Jan 1, 2024 - Dec 31, 2024	-	\$ 40,711
Passed through the Illinois State Board of Education Summer Food Service Program for Children	10.559	05-016-510P-00	June 30, 2024 - Aug 31, 2024	-	97,733
Passed through USDA/LINK UP Illinois State Administrative Matching Grants for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	10.561	12-3505-0-1-605	May 1, 2024 - Nov 30, 2024	-	98,317
Total Department of Agriculture					<u>236,761</u>
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT					
Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants *					
Entitlement year 46	14.218	B20MC-170012	August 21, 2020	-	6,470
Entitlement year 47	14.218	B21MC-170012	August 3, 2021	35,928	86,107
Entitlement year 48	14.218	B22MC-170012	September 8, 2022	-	216,372
Entitlement year 49	14.218	B23MC-170012	July 12, 2023	-	302,912
Entitlement year 50	14.218	B24MC-170012	September 8, 2024	<u>280,558</u>	<u>1,058,842</u>
Total Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants				316,486	1,670,703
COVID-19 Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants *					
Entitlement year 46	14.218	B20MW170012	July 16, 2020	-	8,819
Emergency Solutions Grant Program	14.231	E22MC170012	September 8, 2022	40,676	40,910
Emergency Solutions Grant Program	14.231	E23MC170012	July 12, 2023	<u>127,382</u>	<u>138,561</u>
Total Emergency Solutions Grant Programs				168,058	179,471
Home Investment Partnerships Program	14.239	M21-MC-170218	August 3, 2021	74,050	74,050
Home Investment Partnerships Program	14.239	M22-MC-170218	September 8, 2022	3,312	4,727
Home Investment Partnerships Program	14.239	M23-MC-170218	July 12, 2023	5,331	38,003
Home Investment Partnerships Program	14.239	M24-MC-170218	September 8, 2024	<u>8,103</u>	<u>8,103</u>
Total Home Investment Partnerships Program				90,795	124,883
COVID-19 Home Investment Partnerships Program	14.239	M21MP170218	September 27, 2021	-	45,012
Total Department of Housing and Urban Development					<u>2,028,888</u>
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE					
Equitable Sharing Program	16.922	N/A	January 31, 2024	-	105,909
Total Department of Justice					<u>105,909</u>
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION					
Passed through Illinois Department of Transportation					
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	D-91-143-21	March 10, 2022	-	158,026
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	C-91-123-22	March 27, 2023	-	126,408
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	P-91-017-24	October 23, 2023	-	319,309
Total Highway Planning and Construction					<u>603,743</u>
Passed through Illinois Department of Transportation					
State and Community Highway Safety	20.600	HS-24-0048	June 20, 2023	-	53,315
Total State and Community Highway Safety					<u>53,315</u>
Total Department of Transportation					<u>657,058</u>

* Denotes a major program

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Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/ Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	Identifying Number	Award Date	Passed-Through to Subrecipients	Federal Expenditures
DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY					
COVID-19 CoronaVirus State/Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF) *	21.027	N/A	March 11, 2021	793,380	9,172,527
Total Department of Treasury					<u><u>9,172,527</u></u>
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES					
Passed through Age Options					
Special Programs for the Aging Title III, Part B, Grants for Supportive Services and Senior Centers	93.044	402-03-0027	June 14, 2023	-	6,517
Special Programs for the Aging Title III, Part B, Grants for Supportive Services and Senior Centers	93.044	2567-29728	September 10, 2024	-	1,011
Total Special Programs for the Aging Title III, Part B, Grants for Supportive Services and Senior Centers					<u>7,528</u>
Passed through the Illinois Department of Public Health					
Public Health Emergency Preparedness	93.069	37580003K	April 19, 2023	-	62,944
Public Health Emergency Preparedness	93.069	47580003L	July 28, 2023	-	64,841
Total Public Health Emergency Preparedness					<u>127,785</u>
Total Department of Health and Human Services					<u><u>135,313</u></u>
INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM & LIBRARY SERVICES					
Passed through Office of Sec of State - IL State Library					
Grants to States					
Project Next Generation (PNG)	45.310	24-3019-PNG	July 18, 2023	-	30,555
Project Next Generation (PNG)	45.310	25-3040-PNG	August 19, 2024	-	5,204
Total Institute of Museum & Library Services					<u><u>35,759</u></u>
NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS					
FY24-25 Grants For Arts Program	45.024	2023NEA01GAP2	April 15, 2024	-	22,900
FY24-25 Big Read	45.024	1920421-52-C-23	May 14, 2024	-	10,500
Promotion of the Arts Grants to Organizations and Individuals	45.024	#1904440-62-23	February 1, 2023	-	50,000
Total National Endowment For The Arts					<u><u>83,400</u></u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards				<u><u>\$ 1,368,720</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 12,455,615</u></u>

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CITY OF EVANSTON, ILLINOIS
NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

NOTE 1 – REPORTING ENTITY

This report on Federal Awards includes the federal awards of the City of Evanston, Illinois. The reporting entity for the city is based upon criteria established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

The City of Evanston is the primary government according to GASB criteria. On April 30, 2014, the Township was discontinued and dissolved following the March 18, 2014 general election vote taken by the registered voters of the Evanston Township. Pursuant to 60 ILCS 1/27-15 and 1/27-20, effective 12:00 a.m. May 1, 2014, the City of Evanston assumed all rights, powers, assets, property, obligations and duties of the Evanston Township, including the responsibilities of providing the services that were previously provided by the Township. Beginning May 1, 2014, the functions of the Township are reported along with the City.

NOTE 2 – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accounting records for some grant programs are maintained on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual, i.e., both measurable and available. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures are recorded when the liability is incurred. The accounting records for other grant programs are maintained on the accrual basis, i.e., when the revenue has been earned and the liability is incurred.

The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of OMB Uniform Guidance. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in preparation of, the basic financial statements.

NOTE 3 – SUBRECIPIENTS

Of the federal expenditures presented in the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, the City of Evanston provided federal awards to subrecipients as follows:

Program Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Amount Provided to Subrecipients
Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants	14.218	\$316,486
Emergency Solutions Grant Program	14.231	\$168,058

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NOTE 3 – SUBRECIPIENTS – Continued

HOME Investment Partnerships Program	14.239	\$90,795
COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	\$793,380

NOTE 4 – PROGRAM INCOME

The City of Evanston received the following program income amounts for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Program Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Amount
Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants	14.218	\$8,813
Home Investment Partnerships Program	14.239	\$42,384
Neighborhood Stabilization Program	14.256	\$6,555

NOTE 5 – NOTES RECEIVABLE OUTSTANDING

The City of Evanston has several notes receivable outstanding as of December 31, 2024. These loans are for various uses. The Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants Loan funds a number of programs to make decent housing available and affordable to low- and moderate-income families, and to help low- and moderate-income residents maintain their property. The Home Investment Partnerships Program Loan provides loans to housing developers to acquire, rehab or construct housing for low and moderate income households.

Program Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Amount
Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants	14.218	\$1,766,805
Home Investment Partnerships Program	14.239	\$5,221,483

The notes receivable balances are not subject to continuing OMB Uniform Guidance compliance requirements.

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NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
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NOTE 6 – LOANS PAYABLE OUTSTANDING

The City of Evanston has the following loans payable outstanding as of December 31, 2024. These loans are from The Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water and Clean Water State Revolving Funds. Projects funded were the sewer lining at Emerson and Davis streets, rehab of large diameter sewers and rehab of the Cleveland street sewer.

Program Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Amount
Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water State Revolving Funds	66.468	\$617,787
Capitalization Grants for Clean Water State Revolving Funds	66.458	\$601,515

The loan payable balances are not subject to continuing OMB Uniform Guidance compliance requirements.

NOTE 7 – NONCASH ASSISTANCE

Of the federal expenditures presented in the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, the City of Evanston did not receive any noncash assistance during the year ended December 31, 2024.

NOTE 8 – FEDERAL INSURANCE

The City of Evanston had no federal insurance for the year ended December 31, 2024.

NOTE 9 – INDIRECT COST RATE

The City of Evanston has not elected to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate.

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

The Honorable Daniel Biss, Mayor and
Members of the City Council
Evanston, Illinois

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the City of Evanston, Illinois' (City) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on the City's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2024. The City's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the City 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 December 31, 2024.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; 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 Award* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the City and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the City's compliance with the 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 City's federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility 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 City's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the City's compliance with the requirements of the federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the City's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the City's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

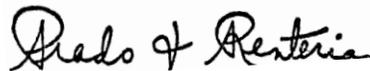
A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or 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 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shado J. Renteria". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Chicago, Illinois
September 24, 2025

CITY OF EVANSTON, ILLINOIS
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

SECTION I – SUMMARY OF AUDITOR’S RESULTS

Financial Statements

- 1) Type of report the auditor issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with GAAP: **Unmodified**
- 2) Internal control over financial reporting:
- Material weakness(es) identified? _____ Yes X No
 - Significant deficiency(ies) identified? _____ Yes X None reported
- 3) Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? _____ Yes X No

Federal Awards

- 1) Internal control over major federal programs:
- Material weakness(es) identified? _____ Yes X No
 - Significant deficiency(ies) identified? _____ Yes X None reported
- 2) Type of auditors’ report issued on compliance for major federal programs: **Unmodified**
- 3) Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)? _____ Yes X No

Identification of major programs:

CFDA Number	Name of Federal Program or Cluster
14.218	Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants
14.218	COVID-19 Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants
21.027	COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF)

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

Auditee qualified as low risk auditee? _____ Yes X No

**CITY OF EVANSTON, ILLINOIS
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024**

SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

No matters were reported.

SECTION III – FEDERAL AWARDS FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No matters were reported.

SECTION IV – PRIOR YEAR FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

TYPE OF FINDINGS

<u>FINDING NUMBER/ DESCRIPTION</u>	Financial Statement	Federal Award	<u>STATUS</u>
<u>Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, AL 21.027:</u>			
2023-001, 2022-001 and 2021-001 – Procurement, Suspension and Debarment		X	The City has corrected this finding during the current year.