



Town of East Bridgewater, Massachusetts

Independent Auditor's Reports Pursuant
to Government Auditing Standards
and Uniform Guidance

For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

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**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**

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Honorable Select Board
Town of East Bridgewater, Massachusetts

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of East Bridgewater, Massachusetts (the Town), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 29, 2023.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Town's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or 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.

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity'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 entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



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June 29, 2023



**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM,
REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE, AND
REPORT ON SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Honorable Select Board
Town of East Bridgewater, Massachusetts

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Town of East Bridgewater, Massachusetts's (the Town) 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 each of the Town's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2022. The Town's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

In our opinion, the Town complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2022.

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 (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the Town and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit

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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 Town's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to Town's federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material, noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the Town's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the Town's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we

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



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

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

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

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of East Bridgewater, Massachusetts as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated June 29, 2023, 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.

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June 29, 2023

TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

<u>Federal Agency</u> Cluster Pass-through Agency Program Title	<u>Federal</u> <u>Assistance</u> <u>Listing</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>Pass Through</u> <u>Identifying</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>Federal</u> <u>Expenditures</u>
<u>U.S. Department of Agriculture</u>			
Child Nutrition Cluster			
Passed Through the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education			
National School Breakfast Program	10.553	12-083	\$ 98,342
National School Lunch Program - Cash Assistance	10.555	12-083	846,731
National School Lunch Program - Non-Cash Assistance	10.555	12-083	94,817
Total National School Lunch Program	10.555		941,548
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			1,039,890
COVID-19 - Pandemic EBT Administrative Costs	10.649	FY22 SCHOOL EBT ADMIN REIMB	1,842
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			1,041,732
<u>U.S. Department of Justice</u>			
Direct Federal Program			
Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF) Grant	16.111	N/A	12,834
Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program	16.838	N/A	398,704
Total U.S. Department of Justice			411,538
<u>U.S. Department of Transportation</u>			
Passed Through the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security			
State and Community Highway Safety	20.600	Not Available	47,237
Total U.S. Department of Transportation			47,237
<u>U.S. Department of the Treasury</u>			
Passed Through the Commonwealth of Massachusetts			
COVID-19 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	Not Available	497,241
Passed Through the County of Plymouth			
COVID-19 - Coronavirus Relief Fund	21.019	Not Available	267,710
Passed Through the Old Colony Planning Council			
COVID-19 - Coronavirus Relief Fund	21.019	Not Available	981
Total COVID-19 - Coronavirus Relief Fund	21.019		268,691
Total U.S. Department of the Treasury			765,932
<u>U.S. Department of Education</u>			
Special Education Cluster			
Passed Through the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education			
Special Education Grants to States	84.027	240-398446-2021-0803	93,012
Special Education Grants to States	84.027	240-540081-2022-0803	440,208
COVID-19 - Special Education Grants to States	84.027	252-539741-2022-0803	89,761
Total Special Education Grants to States	84.027		622,981
Special Education Preschool Grants	84.173	262-539435-2022-0083	9,861
COVID-19 - Special Education Preschool Grants	84.173	264-558191-2022-0083	10,888
Total Special Education Preschool Grants	84.173		20,749
Total Special Education Cluster			643,730
Passed Through the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education			
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	305-413405-2021-0083	26,390
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	305-558158-2022-0083	186,976
Total Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010		213,366
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grant	84.367	140-218906-2019-0083	1,350
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grant	84.367	140-413414-2021-0083	10,788
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grant	84.367	140-558161-2022-0083	42,750
Total Supporting Effective Instruction State Grant	84.367		54,888
COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund	84.425	120-510138-2022-0083	67,705
COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund	84.425D	125-665256-2022-0083	123,878
COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund	84.425D	113-395149-2021-0083	3,415
COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund	84.425D	115-509595-2022-0083	431,971
COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund	84.425D	119-582123-2022-0083	220,410
Total COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund			847,379
Total U.S. Department of Education			1,759,363
<u>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</u>			
Direct Federal Program			
COVID-19 - Head Start	93.600	N/A	2,642
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			2,642
<u>U.S. Department of Homeland Security</u>			
Direct Federal Program			
Assistance to Firefighters Grant	97.044	N/A	(467)
Passed Through the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency			
Emergency Management Performance Grant	97.042	FY22EMPG2100000EBRID	2,068
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security			1,601
Total Federal Expenditures			\$ 4,030,045

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

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Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

- The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of the Town of East Bridgewater, Massachusetts (the Town) under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2022. The information in the 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). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Town, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position or cash flows of the Town.
- Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited to reimbursement.
- The amounts reported for the National School Lunch Program – Non-Cash Assistance represent the fair value of commodities received.
- Negative amounts shown on the Schedule represent adjustments or credits made in the normal course of business to amounts reported as expenditures in prior years.

Note 2. De Minimis Cost Rate

The Town has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

Note 3. Donated Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) (Unaudited)

During fiscal year 2022 the Town did not receive donated PPE from federal sources.

Note 4. Subrecipients

Of the federal expenditures presented in the Schedule, the Town did not provide federal awards to subrecipients.

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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Financial Statements

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

Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weaknesses identified? ☐ yes ☒ no
- Significant deficiencies identified? ☐ yes ☒ none reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? ☐ yes ☒ no

Federal Awards

Internal control over major federal programs:

- Material weaknesses identified? ☐ yes ☒ no
- Significant deficiencies identified? ☐ yes ☒ 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 2 CFR 200.516(a)? ☐ yes ☒ no

Identification of major federal programs:

Assistance Listing Number(s)

10.553 / 10.555
84.425

Name of Federal Program or Cluster

Child Nutrition Cluster
Education Stabilization Fund

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

\$750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? ☐ yes ☒ no

SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

None.

SECTION III - FEDERAL AWARDS FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

None.

SECTION IV - SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

<u>Finding #</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Finding/Noncompliance</u>	Current Year <u>Status</u>
2021-001	21.019	Maintenance of support to ensure allowability of expenditures within program	Resolved