Columbia, Louisiana

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2024

Marsha O. Millican A Professional Accounting Corporation Shreveport, Louisiana

Table of Contents

June 30, 2024

1

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT	1-3
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS	4 - 14
BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS GOVERNMENT WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:	
Statement of Net Position	15
Statement of Activities	16
FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:	
Balance Sheet	17
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes In Fund Balances	18
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities	19
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	20-40
SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY GASB STATEMENT 34:	
Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund	41
Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Supportive Services Fund	42
Budgetary Comparison Schedule - C-2	43
SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY GOEA:	
Combining Statement of Program Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Non-Major Special Revenue Funds	44
Schedule of General Fixed Assets and Changes in General Fixed Assets	45
OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION	
Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head	46

Table of Contents

June 30, 2024

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF	
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS	47-48
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS	49
SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS	50
INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING STATEWIDE AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES	51-62



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors Caldwell Council on Aging, Inc. Columbia, Louisiana

Opinion

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Caldwell Council on Aging, Inc. as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Caldwell Council on Aging, Inc.'s basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Caldwell Council on Aging, Inc. as of June 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 Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I am required to be independent of Caldwell Council on Aging, Inc., and to meet my other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to my audit. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

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 Caldwell Council on Aging, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My 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 my 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, I:

- 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 Caldwell Council on Aging, Inc.'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 my judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Caldwell Council on Aging, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

I am 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 I 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 budgetary comparison information be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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. I 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 my inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge I obtained during my audit of the basic financial statements. I do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide me with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Caldwell Council on Aging, Inc.'s basic financial statements. The supplementary information required by GOEA and the schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head, are presented for additional analysis and are not a required part of the basis 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 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 themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In my opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reports Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, I have also issued my report dated November 8, 2024, on my consideration of the Caldwell Council on Aging, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and on my 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 my 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 Caldwell Council on Aging, Inc's 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 Caldwell Council on Aging, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Marsha D. Millican

Certified Public Accountant November 8, 2024

Management's Discussion and Analysis

June 30, 2024

The following discussion and analysis of Caldwell Council on Aging, Inc.'s (the Council) financial performance provides an overview and analysis of the Council's performance and activities for the year ended June 30, 2024. This document focuses on the current year's activities, resulting changes, and currently known facts. This document should be read in conjunction with basic financial statements, which follow this section.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The Council showed an increase in overall net position of \$105,575 this year.
- Net Capital Assets of the Council decreased by \$10,066 this year.
- The Council's revenue, on a modified accrual basis, decreased by \$26,360 this year.
- Expenditures, on a modified accrual basis, increased by \$ 5,331 this year.
- The fund balance for the Council's General Fund was \$809,947 at year-end, which is an increase of \$116,307 from the prior year.
- No deficit fund balances existed at year-end.

HOW TO USE THIS ANNUAL REPORT

The Council's annual financial report consists of five main parts:

- (1) Management's discussion and analysis (this section)
- (2 The basic financial statements (government-wide and fund)
- (3) Supplementary information required by GASB 34
- (4) Supplementary information required by GOEA
- (5) Auditor's reports

Management's Discussion and Analysis

June 30, 2024

Government-wide financial statements are comprised of the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities. These financial statements provide information about the activities of the Council as a whole and present a long-term view of the Council's finances. In contrast, the fund financial statements, which consist of the Fund Balance Sheet and the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances, tell how services were financial statements also report the Council's operations in more detail than the government-wide financial statements by providing information about the Council's most significant funds.

The auditor has provided assurance in her independent auditor's report, located immediately before this Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A), that the Basic Financial Statements are fairly stated. The auditor has also provided assurance about Supplementary Financial Information required by GOEA follows later in this reporting package. A user of this document should read the independent auditor's report carefully to ascertain the level of assurance being provided for each part of the financial section of the auditor's report.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The basic financial statements consist of the government-wide financial statements and fund financial statements, which present different views about the Council, along with notes to the financial statements.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

Management's analysis of the Council as a whole begins on page 15. When reading these financial statements, an important point to consider is whether the Council's finances as a whole, are better or worse off as a result of this year's activities. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, referred to collectively as the government-wide financial statements, report information about the Council as a whole and about its activities in a way that helps when considering this point. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting method used by most private-sector companies. Also, under the accrual basis, all current year revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The government-wide financial statements report the Council's net position and changes in net position. Council has restricted net position of \$-0- which must be used for specific purposes, whereas \$801,634 of net position is unrestricted, meaning that they can be used for any program at management's discretion. The Statement of Net Position is designed to present the financial position of the Council as of year-end. Over time, increases or decreases in the Council's net position are one indicator of whether its financial position is improving or deteriorating. However, to assess the overall financial position of the Council, the reader must consider other non-financial factors, such as the condition of the Council's capital assets and facilities, the addition or termination of grants and other revenue sources, and the expansion or contraction of programs and services.

Management's Discussion and Analysis

June 30, 2024

The Statement of Activities provides information that shows how the Council's net position changed as a result of the year's activities. In this statement all changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving 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 affect cash flows in future periods, All of the Council's significant activities are reported in the Statement of Activities, including an Administration function and a Health, Welfare, and Social Services function. The Health, Welfare and Social Services function is comprised of seven primary programs that include supportive social services, nutritional services, disease prevention and health promotion, family caregiver support, senior citizen activities, Medicare outreach and enrollment. Subprogram activities are also presented, in some cases, to help the reader analyze the Council's operations in more detail. All activities of the Council are considered to be governmental activities. A governmental activity is usually one where the Council uses money it receives from government grants and contracts, along with donations from the general public, to provide services at no charge to the general public, or a segment of the general public, such as the elderly. In other words, the people benefiting from the services are not required to pay for what they receive. If the Council charged fees with the intent to cover all or most of the cost of providing a service, that activity would be classified as a business-type activity. The Council does not have any business-type activities.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide detailed information about the most significant funds, not the Council as a whole entity. In the fund financial statements, there are column presentations for a General Fund, one Special Revenue Fund that has been determined to be a "Major Fund," and a column for the total of all remaining Special Revenue Funds, which are deemed to be "Nonmajor Funds." Major funds are those funds whose revenues, expenditures, assets, or liabilities are at least 10% of corresponding totals for all governmental funds. In addition, a major fund could be a fund that does not meet these criteria but is believed to be important for the Council's financial statement users. This year the IIIB Supportive Services Fund is presented as a major fund. The General Fund is used to account for all financial resources except those that are required to be accounted for in another fund. The Special Revenue Funds account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditures for specified purposes other than debt service of capital projects. By using separate funds to track revenues and expenditures, management can control funds for particular purposes or show that the fund is meeting legal responsibilities for using certain grants and other revenues.

The General Fund and Special Revenue Funds are considered governmental funds. Governmental funds focus on how money flows into and out of funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using an accounting method called the *modified* accrual basis of accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can be readily converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the Council's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps the reader determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future for Council

Management's Discussion and Analysis

June 30, 2024

programs. The difference between net position of governmental activities and fund balances of the governmental funds is reconciled at the bottom of the Balance Sheet for Governmental Funds. In addition, the difference between the change in fund balance for the governmental funds and the change in net position for the governmental activities has been reconciled on a separate page that follows the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances for the Governmental Funds. These two reconciliations will facilitate the comparison between governmental activities and funds.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to the full understanding of the data provided in government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements follow the fund financial statements and should be read before making assumptions or drawing conclusions about the Council's financial condition.

SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY GASB 34

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 34 requires budgetary comparison schedules for the General Fund and for each <u>major</u> Special Revenue Fund that has a legally adopted annual budget. The schedules compare the original and final budgets to actual budget results for the Council's fiscal year. Positive and negative variances between the final budget and actual amounts are also presented.

Management's Discussion and Analysis is also required supplementary information (RSI) by GASB Statement 34. However, GASB 34 requires it to be presented as the first item in this reporting package and not with GASB's other RSI, which is included later in this reporting package.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY GOEA

The Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs (GOEA) has required the Council to present as schedules this information. This information will be used by GOEA to verify the accuracy of the information submitted by the Council during the year to help GOEA monitor certain compliance requirements set forth in the grants that it has with the Council.

AN ANALYSIS OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE USING GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The following table reflects condensed information on the Council's assets, liabilities, and net position for fiscal years 2024 and 2023.

Management's Discussion and Analysis

June 30, 2024

	2024	2023	Increase (Decrease)		
Current and Other Assets: Current Assets Other Assets	\$ 875,047	\$ 757,787	\$ 117,260		
Capital Assets, net of depreciation	395,913	405,979	(10,066)		
Total Assets	1,270,960	1,163,766	107,194		
Current and Other Liabilities	73,413	64,147	9,266		
Total Liabilities	73,413	64,147	9,266		
Net Position:					
Invested in Capital Assets	395,913	405,979	(10,066)		
Restricted	-	-	-		
Unrestricted	801,634	685,993	115,641		
Total Net Position	\$ 1,197,547	\$ 1,091,972	\$ 105,575		

As of June 30, 2024, the Council "as a whole" had assets greater than its liabilities of \$1,197,972 whereas at June 30, 2023 net position was \$1,091,972. This is an increase of \$105,575.

About 67% of the Council's total net position is unrestricted as of June 30, 2024 (63% for 2023). Unrestricted net position is important because it provides the discretionary resources management will need so that it can quickly adapt to changes in the economy, emergencies, unexpected needs, and reductions in or termination of grant revenues by government agencies.

The Council has restricted net position at June 30, 2024 of \$-0- (\$-0- for June 30, 2023).

The net position that has been invested in capital assets is presented net of any related outstanding debt incurred to acquire them. For 2024, debt of \$-0- has to be subtracted from the capital asset amount. (\$-0- for 2023).

Management's Discussion and Analysis

June 30, 2024

The table presented below illustrates a condensed presentation of the revenues and expenses:

	2024	% of Total	2023	% of Total
Revenues				
Program Revenues:				
Operating Grants & Contributions	\$ 1,181,521	96.67%	\$1,240,757	99.37%
Capital Grants & Contributions	-	0.00%	-	0.00%
General Revenues				
Other General Revenues	40,704	3.33%	7,828	0.63%
Total Revenues	1,222,225	100.00%	1,248,585	100.00%
Direct Program Expenses for the Health				
Welfare and Social Services Function:				
Supportive Services:				
Transportation for the Elderly	122,202	10.94%	133,150	12.50%
Case Management	584,637	52.36%	484,440	45.46%
Other Supportive Services	66,323	5.94%	55,702	5.23%
Nutrition Services:				
Congregate Meals	43,744	3.92%	39,450	3.70%
Home-delivered Meals	83,543	7.48%	77,791	7.30%
Other Social Service Programs and Activities	20,765	1.86%	15,621	1.47%
Direct Administrative Expenses	195,436	17.50%	259,435	24.35%
Total Expenses	1,116,650	100.00%	1,065,589	100.00%
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	\$ 105,575	MARK STREET	\$ 182,996	

As illustrated by the table above, the Council gets most of its revenues from operating grants and contributions that are specifically related to a program and must be used in the programs to which they relate. Unrestricted grants and contributions make up the second largest percentage of revenues and this revenue is available to management to use at its discretion.

Management's Discussion and Analysis

June 30, 2024

The expenses in the table have been presented by primary programs, with some additional details about the subprograms. In presenting this information, only direct program expenses are shown. The administrative expenses include all administrative expenses of the Council before any allocations were made to the programs. Percentages have been presented for the expenses associated with each program for ease of analysis and to illustrate where the Council has spent its money this year and last year. The expenses allocations are a good indication of the demand for each type of service.

The Council had a \$105,575 increase in its net position for YE 2024, whereas the increase in net position for YE 2023 was \$182,996. There is a reconciliation that follows the Statement of Revenues, and Changes in Fund Balances that presents an analysis of why there are differences between that particular fund financial statement and the government-wide Statement of Activities for YE 2024.

AN ANALYSIS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

When reviewing the government-wide Statement of Activities, there are relationships that are important to the understanding of the Council's operations. As you can see, the Council's largest activities are transportation and nutrition services. The Council's main focus is to meet the needs of the elderly citizens of Caldwell Parish and right now, these services are in the greatest demand. However, there is a growing demand for other supportive services. As these demands increase, management will adjust its annual budget to reallocate available resources to meet the demands.

Another area of interest on the Statement of Activities relates to the total governmental activities column wherein the Council shows that most of the governmental activities have more expenses than revenues. None of the programs are expected to be truly self-supporting; and management has prepared budgets accordingly. However, on occasion, a program might "break even" or even make a slight "profit." Traditionally, general revenues are used to cover the excess of expenses over revenues in these activities. Without the unrestricted grants and contributions, the Council would have a difficult time providing services at current levels. Further, the general nature of these revenues allows management discretion as to how to apply them in paying for the Council's current services as well as reallocating them to meet future demands.

Another indication of how money is used efficiently can be analyzed by comparing the amount of administrative costs from year to year as well as calculating the percentage administration expenses bears in relation to total expenses. For 2024, total administration expenses were \$195,436 or 18% of total expenses. For 2023, total administrative expenses were \$259,435 or 25% of total expenses. Administration expenses include indirect type costs, meaning these are costs that are not specifically identified with a particular program, but which benefit all programs.

Management's Discussion and Analysis

June 30, 2024

AN ANALYSIS OF THE COUNCIL'S FUNDS USING GOVERNMENTAL FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Fund Balances

The Council presents a combined governmental fund balance of \$809,947 (as shown on the Fund Financial Statement's Balance Sheet) at the end of this year, which is an increase of \$116,307 from 2023. When you look at the funds individually, you will see that the Council's General Fund increased by \$117,747 this year, while the Special Revenue Funds decreased by \$1,440.

Also note that this year the Council has implemented the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*. This statement will cause the components of the Fund Balance to be presented differently when compared to prior years.

Revenues

The combined fund revenues increased by \$196,387 this year versus last year, as shown in the table below.

	2024	2023	Amount	Percent
Intergovernmental	\$ 1,204,670	\$ 1,240,757	\$ (36,087)	-2.91%
Other	17,555	7,828	9,727	124.26%
Total Revenues	\$ 1,222,225	\$ 1,248,585	\$ (26,360)	-2.11%

Most of the Council's activities were funded by federal, state, and local grants, which comprise the Council's intergovernmental revenues. The total of these types of grants was \$1,204,670 (2024) and \$1,240,757 (2023) and represent about 99% and 99% of the total revenues of the Council in 2024 and 2023, respectively. Most of these grants are restricted, which means that the money can only be used in certain programs. The amount of funds available from most of the grants remains rather constant from year to year; however, some grant amounts may vary based upon the level of service provided by the Council under the terms of the particular grant award.

Management's Discussion and Analysis

June 30, 2024

Expenditures

Total expenditures increased by \$69,786 this year, as shown in the table that follows.

			Increase/(D	ecrease)	
	2024	2023	Amount	Percent	
Personnel	\$ 616,44	7 \$ 621,333	\$ (4,886)	-0.79%	
Fringe	65,004	4 59,978	5,026	8.38%	
Travel	46,28	0 24,996	21,284	85.15%	
Operating Services	157,75	9 201,576	(43,817)	-21.74%	
Operating Supplies	45,75	1 45,415	336	0.74%	
Other Costs	60,21	1 35,551	24,660	69.37%	
Meals	101,024	4 84,444	16,580	19.63%	
Capital Outlay	13,442	2 27,294	(13,852)	75.58%	
Total	\$ 1,105,91	8 \$ 1,100,587	\$ 5,331	0.48%	

AN ANALYSIS OF THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Over the course of the past fiscal year, the budget was amended one time. The amendment effectively approves any expenditures that had already been incurred that exceeded its original budgeted amount. The primary reasons for amending the budget are to account for unanticipated changes in both revenues and expenditures and to prevent compliance violations under the Council's grants from Capital Area Agency and GOEA.

A schedule of the original and amended budgets for the Major Funds can be found in the Supplementary Financial Information Required by GASB Statement 34 section of this report.

Management's Discussion and Analysis

June 30, 2024

ANALYSIS OF CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets, Net of Depreciation

	2024	2023	ncrease/ Decrease
Buildings	\$ 128,895	\$ 133,045	\$ (4,150)
Building Improvements	118,213	117,005	1,208
Land	140,463	140,463	-
Furniture & Equipment	 8,342	 15,466	 (7,124)
	\$ 395,913	\$ 405,979	\$ (10,066)

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET

The Council receives most of its funding from federal and state agencies. Because of this, the source of income for the Council is rather steady. However, some of the Council's grants and contracts are contingent upon the level of service provided by the Council; therefore, revenues may vary from year to year. All of the Council's grants and contracts from the usual federal and state agencies have been awarded for YE 2025; there were no significant changes to the funding levels or terms of the grants or contracts. Accordingly, the initial budget has been set to provide the same programs and and similar levels of service next year. GOEA has approved the Council's budget for next year. There are no plans to add or discontinue any significant programs for next year.

Management's Discussion and Analysis

June 30, 2024

CONTACTING THE COUNCIL'S MANAGEMENT

Our financial report is designed to provide government agencies and the general public an overview of the Council's finances and to demonstrate accountability for the money that it receives. If you have any questions about this report or wish to ask for more information, you should contact Mrs. Monica Pauley, Executive Director, at the Council's office located at 307 Main Street, Columbia, Louisiana, or by phone at (318) 649-2584.

Government Wide Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2024

	Governmental Activities
Assets	
Cash	\$ 781,260
Grants and contracts receivable	93,787
Capital assets, net of	
accumulated depreciation	395,913
Total assets	1,270,960
Deferred outflows of resources	<u> </u>
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	25,862
Accrued compensated absences	8,313
Unearned revenue	36,574
Due to funding agency	2,664
Total liabilities	73,413
Deferred inflows of resources	
Net position	
Invested in Capital Assets, net of debt	395,913
Unrestricted	801,634
Total net position	\$ 1,197,547

GOVERNMENT WIDE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Year ended June 30, 2024

				Program Revenues	Capital Grants	Net (Expenses) Revenues and Increases (Decreases) in Net Position Total
	Direct	Indirect	Charges for	Operating Grants and	and	Governmental
	Expenses	Expenses	Services	Contributions	Contributions	Activities
Functions/Programs						
Governmental Activities						
Health, Welfare & Social Services:						
Supporting Services:						
Homemaker	37,460	16,634	-	44,172	÷	\$ (9,922)
Information and Assistance	9,558	4,240	-	11,271	-	(2,527)
Outreach	17,080	1,762	-	20,140	-	1,298
Legal Assistance	-	-	-		-	-
Transportation	122,202	54,264	-	144,100	-	(32,366)
Other Services	2,225	990		2,623	-	(592)
Case Management	584,637	50,415		763,484	-	128,432
Nutrition Services:						-
Congregate Meals	43,744	13,749	-	52,593	-	(4,900)
Home Delivered Meals	83,543	29,641	-	102,864	-	(10,320)
Utility Assistance		-	-	-	-	-
Disease Prevention and Health Promotion	5,501	476	-	5,501	-	(476)
National Family Caregiver Support	15,264	1,092	-	12,600	-	(3,756)
Administration	195,436	(173,263)		22,173	-	-
Total Governmental activities	\$ 1,116,650	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,181,521	\$-	\$ 64,871

General Revenues:	
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs	30,432
Miscellaneous	10,272
Total general revenues and special items	40,704
Increase (Decrease) in net position	105,575
Net position- beginning of year	1,091,972
Net position - end of the year	\$ 1,197,547

		Balance Sheet Governmental Funds									
	General Fund		Fund Title IIIB			June 30, 2024 Title IIIC-2 Non-Majo		or Funds	r Funds Total		
Assets				mb							
Cash	\$	781,260	\$		\$	-	\$	-	\$	781,260	
Grants and contracts receivable		93,787		-		-		-		93,787	
Due from other funds		-		-		· .		-		-	
Total Assets	\$	875,047	\$	-	\$	-	\$	<u> </u>	\$	875,047	
Liabilities and Fund Balances											
Liabilities:											
Accounts payable	\$	25,862	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	25,862	
Unearned revenue		36,574		-		-		-		36,574	
Due to funding agency		2,664		-				-		2,664	
Due to other funds		<u> </u>		•		<u> </u>		<u> </u>	_	-	
Total Liabilities		65,100				<u> </u>		<u> </u>		65,100	
Fund Balances:											
Reserved for NSIP								-		-	
Unassigned		809,947		-		<u>·</u>				809,947	
Total Fund Balances		809,947								809,947	
Total Liabilities and Fund											
Balances	\$	875,047	\$		\$	<u> </u>	\$	-	\$	875,047	
	Amou	nts reported for	r governmen	tal activities	s in the state	ment of net	assets are di	fferent beca	use:		
		ensated absenc e funds.	es are not pa	id out of cu	rrent financi	ial resources	and are not	reported		(8,313)	
		al assets used in	overnmen	tal activities	are not fins	ancial resour	ces and ther	efore are no	t renort		
		e funds.	r governmen	tal activitie.	are not tine	inenai resoui	ees and the	ciore are no		395,913	
	Net Po	osition of Gove	rnmental Ac	tivities					\$	1,197,547	

CALDWELL COUNCIL ON AGING, INC. Balance Sheet

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Governmental Funds For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	General	Supportive Services	C-2	Non-Major Funds	Total
REVENUES					
Intergovernmental:					
Governor's Office of					
Elderly Affairs	\$ 175,649	\$ 34,480	\$ 39,371	\$ 67,127	\$ 316,627
American Rescue Funds	7,437	19,539	16,657	6,312	49,945
STPH Funds	- 1. C. C.		2,901		2,901
Louisiana DOTD	71,713		-		71,713
Health & Hospitals	763,484			-	763,484
Public Support:					
Unrestricted	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted - Utility					-
Programs	-	-	-	-	-
Client Contributions	1,434	936	2,289	2,624	7,283
Miscellaneous	10,272	-	-	-	10,272
Total Revenues	1,029,989	54,955	61,218	76,063	1,222,225
EXPENDITURES Health, Welfare & Social Services					
Current:					
Salaries	517,800	65,957	20,333	12,357	616,447
Fringe	51,185	9,273	2,998	1,548	65,004
Travel	44,069	1,503	502	206	46,280
Operating services	110,654	32,592	11,275	3,238	157,759
Operating supplies	25,682	15,400	3,880	789	45,751
Other costs	16,266	21,533	1,011	21,401	60,211
Meals	-	-	65,766	35,258	101,024
Capital outlay	13,442	-	-	-	13,442
Total expenditures	779,098	146,258	105,765	74,797	1,105,918
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over		(0.1.000)	<i>(</i> , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		
expenditures	250,891	(91,303)	(44,547)	1,266	116,307
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USE	<u>S)</u>				
Operating transfers in	-	91,303	44,547	15,777	151,627
Operating transfers out	(133,144)	-	-	(18,483)	(151,627)
Excess (defiiency) of revenues and					
other sources over expenditures					
and other uses	117,747	-	-	(1,440)	116,307
FUND BALANCES					
Beginning of year	692,200	-	-	1,440	693,640
End of year	\$ 809,947	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 809,947

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities

Year Ended June 30, 2024

Net Increase (Decrease) in fund balances total governmental funds.	\$ 116,307
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures.	
However, in the statement of activities the cost of these assets	
is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as	
depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation	
(\$23,508) exceeds capital outlay (\$13,442) in the current period.	(10,066)
Other transactions involving fixed assets	-
Proceeds from debt are recorded as revenue in the funds, but	
are recorded in the statement of net position as liabilities	-
Long term liabilities applicable to the Council's governmental activities are	
not due and payable in the current period and accordingly are not reported as fund liabilities	
Repayment of long-term debt	-
Change in compensated absences	 (666)
Increase (Decrease) in net position of governmental activities.	\$ 105,575

Notes to the Financial Statements

June 30, 2024

Note 1 - PURPOSE OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting and reporting policies of Caldwell Council on Aging (the Council) to the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) applicable to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental and financial principles. Governments are also required to follow pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued through November 30, 1989, (when applicable) that do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The following is a summary of certain significant accounting policies used by the Council:

a. Purpose of the Council on Aging

The purpose of the Council is to collect facts and statistics and make special studies pertaining to the employment, financial status, recreation, social adjustment, mental and physical health or other conditions affecting the welfare of the aging in Caldwell Parish; to keep abreast of the latest developments in these fields of activity throughout Louisiana and the United States; to interpret its findings to the citizens of parish and state; to provide for the mutual exchange of ideas and information on the parish and state level; to conduct public meetings; to make recommendations for improvements and additional resources; to promote the welfare of aging people; to coordinate and monitor services with other local agencies serving the aging people of the parish; to assist and cooperate with the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs (GOEA) and other departments of state and local governments serving the elderly, and; to make recommendations relevant to the planning and delivery of services to the elderly of the parish.

The primary services provided by the Council to the elderly residents of Caldwell Parish include congregate and home-delivered meals, nutritional education, information and assistance, outreach, homemaker services, transportation, legal assistance, and in-home respite care.

b. Reporting Entity

In 1964, the State of Louisiana passed Act 456 authorizing the charter of a council on aging for the welfare of the aging people in each parish of Louisiana. In 1979, the Louisiana Legislature created the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs (La. R.S. 46:931) with the specific intention that GOEA administer and coordinate services and programs for the elderly population of Louisiana through sixty-four voluntary councils on aging.

Before a council on aging can begin operations in a specific parish, its application charter must receive approval from GOEA pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute La. R.S. 46:1602. Each council on aging in Louisiana must comply with the state laws that apply to quasi-public agencies, as well as the policies and regulations established by GOEA.

Caldwell Parish Council on Aging (the Council) is a legally separate, non-profit, public corporation. The Council incorporated under the provisions of Title 12, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes on June 25, 1969.

A board of directors, consisting of 17 voluntary members, who serve three-year term, governs the Council. The board of directors is comprised of, but not limited to representatives of the Parish's elderly population, general public, private businesses and elected public officials. Board members are elected in the following manner:

- The Council conducts an annual membership drive the first week of November. The membership rolls are closed two weeks prior to the annual meeting. Membership applications are available at the Council's office during regular office hours.
- Members of the board of directors are elected by the general membership of Caldwell Council on Aging, Inc. at the annual meeting.

Membership in the Council is open at all times, without restriction, to all residents of Caldwell Parish who have reached the age of majority, and who express an interest in the Council and wish to contribute to or share in its programs. Membership fees are not charged.

b. Reporting Entity (Continued)

Based on the criteria set forth in GASB Statement 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, the Council is not a component unit of another primary government, nor does it have component units that are related to it. In addition, based on the criteria set forth in this statement, the Council has presented its financial statements as a special purpose, stand alone government; accordingly, it is applying the provisions of Statement14 as if it were a primary government.

c. Basis of Presentation of the Basic Financial Statements

The Council's basic financial statements consist of "government-wide" financial statements on all activities of the Council, which are designed to report the Council as a whole entity, and "fund" financial statements, the purpose of which are to report individual major governmental funds and combined nonmajor funds.

Both the government-wide and fund financial statements categorize primary activities either "governmental" or "business-type". The Council's functions and programs have been categorized as "governmental" activities. The Council does not have any business-type activities, fiduciary funds, or any component units that are fiduciary in nature. Accordingly, the government-wide financial statements do not include any of these activities or funds.

Government-Wide Financial Statements:

The government-wide financial statements include the Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities for all activities of the Council. As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from these statements. The government-wide presentation focuses primarily on the sustainability of the Council as an entity and the change in its net position (financial position) resulting from the activities of the current year. Intergovernmental revenues primarily support governmental activities.

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position, only one column of numbers has been presented for total governmental activities. The numbers are presented on a consolidated basis and represent only governmental type activities.

The Statement of Net Position has been prepared on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. The Council's net position is reported in three parts - invested in net capital assets, net of related debt; restricted net position; and unrestricted net position.

c. Basis of Presentation of the Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

The government-wide Statement of Activities reports both the gross and net cost of the Council's functions and significant programs. Many functions and programs supported by general government revenues such as intergovernmental revenues and unrestricted public support, particularly if the function or program has a net cost. The Statement of Activities begins by presenting gross direct and indirect expenses that include depreciation and amortization, and then reduces the expenses by related revenues, such as charges for services, operating and capital grants, and restricted contributions, to derive the net cost of each function or program. Program revenues be directly associated with the function or program to be used to directly offset its Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants, while the capital grants column reflects capital-specific grants.

Direct expenses reported in the Statement of Activities are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or program, whereas, the Council allocates its expenses among various functions and programs in accordance with OMB Circular A-*Cost Principles for States, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments*. The Statement of Activities shows this allocation in a separate column labeled "indirect expenses."

In the Statement of Activities, charges for services represent program revenues by the Council when it renders services provided by a specific function or program to people or other entities. Unrestricted contributions, unrestricted grants, interest and miscellaneous revenues that are not included among program revenues are instead as general revenues in this statement. Special items, if any, are significant transactions within the control of management that are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence and are separately reported below general revenues. The Council did not have any material special items this year.

Fund Financial Statements:

The fund financial statements present financial information very similar to that which was included in the general-purpose financial statements issued by governmental entities before GASB Statement No. 34 required the format change.

The daily accounts and operations of the Council continue to be organized using Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions relating to certain governmental functions or activities. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, equity, revenues, and expenditures. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purpose for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

c. Basis of Presentation of the Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

The Council uses governmental fund types. The focus of the governmental funds' measurement (in the fund statements) is on determination of the financial position and changes in financial position (sources, uses, and balances of financial resources) rather than on net income. An additional emphasis is placed on major funds within the governmental fund types. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the Council or if its total assets, liabilities, revenues or expenditures are at least 10% of the corresponding total for all funds in that category or type. In addition, management may also choose to report any other governmental fund as a major fund if it believes the fund is particularly important to financial statement users. The nonmajor funds are summarized by category or fund type into a single column in the fund financial statements.

Governmental fund equity is called the fund balance. Fund balance is further classified on a hierarchy that shows, from the highest to the lowest, the level or form of constraints on a fund balance and accordingly, the extent to which the Council is bound to honor them: nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned.

The following is a description of the governmental funds of the Council:

The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the Council and is used to account for all the financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The following is a brief description of the programs or funding sources that comprise the Council's General Fund:

Local Programs and Funding

The Council receives revenues that are not required to be accounted for in a specific program or fund. Accordingly, these revenues have been recorded in the local program of the General Fund. These funds are mostly unrestricted, which means they may be used at management's discretion. Expenditures to acquire fixed assets and expenditures costs not allowed by another program due to budget limitations or the nature of the expenditures, are charged to the local program. Because of their unrestricted nature, local funds are often transferred to other programs to eliminate deficits in cases where expenditures of the other programs exceeded their revenues. In addition, capital outlay expenditures are usually made with local funds to minimize restrictions on the use and disposition of fixed assets.

c. Basis of Presentation of the Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

PCOA Funding

PCOA funds are appropriated annually for the Council by the Louisiana Legislature and are remitted to the Council via the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs (GOEA). The Council's management may use these "Act 735" funds at its discretion to fund any programs provided the program is benefiting elderly people (those who are at least 60 years old). In FY 2024 the Council transferred monies to the following funds :Title IIIB - (\$30,390, Title III C-1 - (\$13,114), and Title III C-2- (\$26,064).

Senior Center and Supplemental Senior Center Funding

Senior Center and Supplemental Senior Center grant funds are also appropriated annually for the Council and remitted to the Council via GOEA. These grant funds can be used at management's discretion to pay for costs of any program involving elderly persons who are at least 60 years old. To obtain supportive services and participate in activities which foster their independence, enhance their dignity, and encourage their involvement in and with the community, the elderly person will come to a "senior center". During the year, management transferred of all \$60.913 its Senior Center (\$50,000)and Supplemental Senior Center (\$10,913) grant funds to subsidize that program's cost of providing supportive social ervices to elderly persons who use the senior centers.

Transportation Program Services

The Council provides various transportation services to the residents of Caldwell who are at least 60 years old, which are accounted for in the "Elderly Transportation" program of the Title III B Fund.

c. Basis of Presentation of the Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

NonMajor Governmental Funds:

Title III B Fund

The Title III B Fund is used to account for funds used to provide various types of supportive social services to the elderly. GOEA has established the criteria for a qualifying unit of service for each Title III program. Specific supportive services, with the number of units provided during the fiscal year, are as follows:

Type of Service Provided	Units	
Information and Assistance	257	
Outreach	51	
Homemaker	511	
Transportation for persons age 60 or older	8,414	

There were six main sources of revenues received this year that form the basis of this fund: Special Programs for the Aging - Title III, Part B - Grants for Supportive Services - (\$34,480) restricted, voluntary contributions from those persons who received supportive services (\$936), Senior Center Funds - (\$50,000) Supplemental Senior Funds - (\$10,913), PCOA - (\$30,390) and American Rescue Funds - (\$19,539).

Title III C-1 Fund

The Title III C-1 Fund accounts for funds used to provide nutritional congregate meals to persons age 60 or older in strategically located centers throughout Caldwell Parish. During the year, the Council provided 5,109 meals to persons eligible to participate in this program. The two main sources of revenues received this year that form the basis of this fund: Special Programs for the Aging - Title III, Part C-1 Nutrition Services grant funds (\$32,926),American Rescue - (\$3,929), and PCOA Funds (\$13,113).

Title III C-2 Fund

The Title III C-2 Fund accounts for funds that are used to provide nutritional meals to homebound persons who are age 60 or older. During the year the Council provided 8,545 home-delivered meals.

c. Basis of Presentation of the Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

There were seven main sources of revenue received this year that form the basis of this this fund: Special Programs for the Aging - Title III, Part C-2 - Nutrition Services funds (\$39,371; NSIP funds (\$18,483); restricted voluntary contributions from the public (\$2,289); PCOA - (\$26,064) and American Rescue Funds - (\$16,657).

Title III D Fund

The Title III D Fund is used to account for funds used for disease prevention and health promotion (wellness) activities. During the year the Council provided 543 units of service of medication management to eligible participants. The main source of the revenue forming the basis for this fund is a grant the Council received from GOEA via CAAA for Special Programs for the Aging - Title III, Part D - Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Services.

Title III E Fund

The Title III E Fund is used to account for funds that are used to provide support for family caregivers and for grandparents or older individuals who are relative caregivers. During the year, the Council provided 504 units of respite under this program. The main source of the revenue forming the basis for this fund is a grant the Council received from GOEA for the Title III, Part E - National Family Caregivers Support Program.

Utility Assistance Fund

This fund is used to account for the administration of the utility assistance programs that are sponsored by local utility companies. The companies collect contributions from service customers and remit the funds to the parish councils on aging throughout the state to provide assistance to the elderly for the payment of utility bills. The Council provided no units of service under this program.

Medicare Improvement for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) Fund

The MIPPA Fund is used to account for funds relating to supporting outreach and assistance efforts directed toward Medicare beneficiaries with limited incomes who may be eligible for Medicare Part D, Low Income Subsidy (LIS) and Medicare Savings Plan (MSP) programs. The goal is to provide outreach to individuals in Caldwell Parish, Louisiana with special emphasis on rural communities and to increase awareness. The Council did not receive MIPPA funds in FY 2024.

c. Basis of Presentation of the Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

EFSP Fund

The EFSP Fund is used to account for the administration of the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program (EFSP), the purpose of which is to supplement food and shelter assistance to individuals. Funds are provided by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to the United Way of America, which in turn "passes through" the funds to the Council. The Council did not receive EFSP Funds in FY 2024.

d. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Measurement focus is a term used to describe "which" transactions are recorded in the various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to "when" transactions are recorded regardless of the measurement focus applied.

• Government-Wide Financial Statements - Accrual Basis

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

• Fund Financial Statements - Modified Accrual Basis

Governmental fund level financial statements are reported using a current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. A current financial resources measurement focus means that only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the fund balance sheet. The operating statements of the funds present increases (revenues and other financing sources) decreases (expenditures and other uses) in net current assets. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual; when they are both measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Council considers revenues to be "available" if they are collected sixty days of the current fiscal year end. Expenditures are generally recorded on the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related liability is incurred, if measurable, except for the following: (1) unmatured principal and interest on longterm debt, if any, are recorded when due, and (2) claims, judgments, and compensated absences are recorded as expenditures when paid with expendable

d. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

available financial resources. Depreciation and amortization are costs that are not recognized in the governmental funds.

e. Interfund Activity

In the fund financial statement, interfund activity is reported as either loans or transfers. Loans between funds are reported as interfund receivables (due from) and payables (due to) as appropriate. Transfers represent a permanent reallocation of resources between funds. In other words, they are not expected to be repaid.

In the government-wide financial statements, all types of interfund transactions are eliminated when presenting the governmental activity information.

f. Cash

Cash includes not only currency on hand, but demand deposits with banks or other financial institutions.

For the purpose of the Statement of Net Position, restricted cash are amounts received or earned by the Council with an explicit understanding between the Council and the resource provider that the resource would be used for a specific purpose. At year end, there was no restricted cash.

g. Receivables

The financial statements for the Council do not contain an allowance for uncollectible receivables because management believes all amounts will be collected. However, if management becomes aware of information that would change its assessment about collectability of any receivable, management would write off the receivable as a bad debt at that time.

h. Investments

GASB Statement 31 requires the Council to report its investments at fair value in the balance sheet, except for investments in non-participating interest-earning contracts, as non-negotiable certificates of deposit with redemption terms that do not consider market rates. This type of investment is reported using a cost-based measure, provided the fair market value of the contract is not significantly affected by the impairment of credit standing of the issuer or other factors. The Council did not own any investments of this type at year end.

h. Investments (Continued)

Investments, which include securities traded on a national or international exchange, valued based on their last reported sales price. Investments that do not have an established market value are reported at estimated fair value. The Council did not own any investments of this type at year-end.

i. Prepaid Expenses/Expenditures

Prepaid expenses include amounts paid in advance for goods and services. Prepaid expense are shown as either current or other assets on the government-wide Statement of Net Position, depending on when management expects to realize their benefits.

In the fund financial statements, management has elected not to include amounts paid for future goods and services as expenditures until those services are consumed. This method of accounting for prepaid expenditures helps assure management that costs incurred will be reported in accordance with the Council's cost reimbursement grants. These types of grants do not permit the Council to obtain reimbursement for qualified expenditures until the goods and services relating to them are consumed. As a result, prepaid expenditures are shown as an asset on the balance sheet of the fund financial statements until they are consumed. In addition, a corresponding amount of the fund balance of the General Fund has been classified as nonspendable to reflect the amount of fund balance not currently available for expenditure.

For purposes of presenting prepaid expenses in the government-wide statements, the Council will follow the same policy it uses to record prepaid expenditures in the fund financial statements with one exception. Disbursements made as "matching" to acquire vehicles that will be titled to another government are recorded as prepaid expense and amortized in the Statement of Net Position to better present this type of transaction and to keep from distorting the Council's transportation expenses in the Statement of Activities. In contrast, 100% of the "matching" payments are in the fund financial statements as intergovernmental expenditures when the vehicles are received.

j. Capital Assets

The accounting and reporting treatment used for property, vehicles, and equipment (capital assets) depends on whether the capital assets are reported in the government-wide financial statements or the fund financial statements.

j. Capital Assets (Continued)

Government-Wide Financial Statements

Capital assets are long-lived assets purchased or acquired with an original cost of at least \$1,000 and have an estimated useful life of greater than one year. When purchased or acquired, these assets are recorded as capital assets in the government-wide Statement of Net Position. If the asset was purchased, it is recorded in the books at its cost. If the asset was donated, then it is recorded at its estimated fair market value at the date of donation. Capital assets will also include major repairs to equipment and vehicles that significantly extend the asset's useful life. Routine repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred.

For capital assets recorded in the government-wide financial statements, depreciation is computed and recorded using the straight-line method for the assets estimated useful life. The Council follows a guideline issued by the State of Louisiana's Office of Statewide Reporting and Accounting to establish the useful lives of the various types of capital assets that are depreciated and the method used to calculate annual depreciation.

Using this guideline, the estimated useful lives of the various classes of depreciable capital assets are as follows:

Office equipment - other than computer	6 years
Vehicles	5 years
Computer equipment	5 years
Leasehold improvements	20 years
Nutrition equipment	10 years

When calculating depreciation, the State's guideline assumes that capital assets will not have any salvage value and that a full year's worth of depreciation will be taken in the year the capital assets are placed in service or disposed.

k. Non-Current (Long-Term) Liabilities

The accounting treatment of non-current liabilities depends on whether they are in the government-wide or fund financial statements. In the government-wide statements, all non-current liabilities that will be repaid from governmental resources are reported as liabilities. In the fund financial statements, non-current liabilities for governmental funds are not reported as liabilities or presented elsewhere in these statements.

I. Unpaid Compensated Absences

The Council's policy for vacation time allows its employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation leave. Accordingly, a liability for unpaid vacation leave has been recorded in the Government-Wide Statements, The amount accrued as the absence liability was determined using the number of vested vacation hours for each employee multiplied by the employee's wage rate in effect at the end of the year.

m. Advances from Funding Agency

Advances from funding agency represent unexpected balances of grants awarded to Council that are required to be returned to the funding agency at the end of the grant period. Grant funds due back to the funding agency are recorded as a liability when amount due becomes known, normally when a final accounting is submitted to the funding agency. The Council owed \$2,664 to the funding agency at June 30, 2024.

n. Unearned Revenue

The Council reports unearned revenues on both the Statement of Net Position (government-wide) and the Balance Sheet (fund financial statements). Unearned revenues arise when the Council receives resources before it has a legal claim to them.

Unearned Revenue at June 30, 2024 totaled \$36,574 and was composed of the following: American Rescue Funds - ARP AAA - \$-0-, ARP IIIB - \$19, C-1 - \$12,781, ARP C-2 - \$11,517, and ARP IIIE - \$12,257.

o. Net Position in the Government-Wide Financial Statements

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position, the net position amount is displayed in three different components:

• Invested in capital assets - This component consists of capital assets, including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those capital assets.

o. Net Position in the Government-Wide Financial Statements (Continued)

- Restricted net position This component consists of net position with constraints on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional or enabling legislation.
- Unrestricted net position This component consists of all other net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted" or "invested in capital" assets.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the policy to use restricted resources first to finance its activities.

p. Fund Equity - Fund Financial Statements

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Beginning with FY 2010, the Council's management implemented GASB Statement 54, *Fund Balance Reporting Governmental Fund Type Definitions*. This Statement provides more clearly defined fund balance categories to make the nature and extent of the constraints placed on a government's fund balance more transparent. The following classifications describe relative strength of the spending constraints placed on the purposes for which can be used:

- Nonspendable: This classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. Management has classified prepaid expenditures as being nonspendable as this item is not expected to be converted to cash.
- Restricted: This classification includes amounts for which constraints have been placed on the use of resources that are either:
 - Externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or
 - Imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Note 1 - PURPOSE OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

p. Fund Equity - Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

- Committed: This classification includes amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action (resolution) of the Council's board of directors, which is the Council's highest level of decision-authority. These amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the board of directors removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action that was employed when the funds were initially committed. This classification includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements. The Council did not have any committed resources as of year end.
- Assigned: This classification includes amounts that are constrained by the intent to be used for a specific purpose but are neither restricted nor committed. This intent should be expressed by the Council's (1) board of directors, (2) its finance committee, or (3) an official, such as the executive director, to which the board of directors has delegated the authority to assign amounts to be used for a specific purpose. The Council has no assigned fund balance at year end.
- Unassigned: This classification is the residual fund balance for the General Fund. It also represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the General Fund.

When fund balance resources are available for a specific purpose in multiple classifications, the Council will generally use the most restrictive funds first in the following order: restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned as they are needed. However, the Council's management reserves the right to selectively spend unassigned resources first and to defer the use of other classified funds.

q. Management's Use of Estimates

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

Note 1 - PURPOSE OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

r. Allocation of Indirect Expenses

The Council reports all direct expenses by function and programs of functions in the Statement of Activities. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a function or program. Indirect expenses are recorded as direct costs of the Administration function. The net cost of the Administration function is allocated using a formula based primarily on the relationship the direct cost a program bears to the cost of all programs. There are some programs that cannot absorb any indirect expense allocation according to their grant or contract restrictions.

s. Elimination and Reclassifications

In the process of aggregating data for the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, some amounts reported as interfund activity and balances in the funds were eliminated or reclassified. Interfund receivables and payables were eliminated to minimize the "grossing up" effect on assets and liabilities within the governmental activities column.

t. Accounting Pronouncement

Management has adopted the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions.* The main financial statement effects relating to this accounting standard are how the components of the Council's fund balances will be presented on the fund balance sheet and on the presentation of special revenue funds on the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances. The number of special revenue funds will be less than in previous years because of the new definition of what constitutes a revenue fund.

Note 2 - REVENUE RECOGNITION

Revenues are recorded in the government-wide financial statements when they are earned using the accrual basis of accounting.

Revenues are recorded in the fund financial statements using the modified accrual basis of accounting. In applying the susceptible to accrual concept using this basis of accounting, intergovernmental grant revenues, program service fees, and interest income must be both measurable and available. However, the timing and amounts of the receipts of public and miscellaneous revenues are often difficult to measure; therefore, they are recorded as revenue in the period received.

Note 3 - CASH

The Council maintains a consolidated operating bank account at a bank, which is for use by all funds to deposit revenues and pay expenses. The purpose of this account is to reduce administration costs and facilitate cash management. The account also allows those funds with available cash resources to temporarily cover any negative cash balances in other funds. The carrying amount of the Council's deposits at June 30, 2024 was \$781,260 while the amount on deposit at the bank totaled \$833,430. The difference is due to outstanding checks at June 30, 2024. Deposits of \$276,002 were collateralized by FDIC insurance and deposits of \$557,428 were collateralized by securities held in the Council's name.

Note 4 - IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS

The Council received a variety of in-kind contributions during the year; but it does not record the fair value of them in its government-wide and fund financial statements, except for the donation of capital assets. In the case of a donation of a capital asset, accounting principles for governmental entities require the fair value of a donated capital asset be recorded in the Statement of Activities at the time of acquisition. However, these same principles do not permit the recording of the fair value of capital assets (or other in-kind contributions) in the fund financial statements because of the measurement focus of such statements.

Note 5 - CHANGES IN CAPITAL ASSETS AND ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION

Capital Assets	Balance 7/1/2023	Increase	Decrease	Balance 6/30/2024		
Building	\$ 197,993	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 197,993		
Building Improvements	192,420	6,503	-	198,923		
Land	140,463	-	-	140,463		
Furniture and Equipment	226,972	6,939	-	233,911		
Subtotal	757,848	13,442	-	771,290		
Accumulated Depreciation:						
Building	64,948	4,150	-	69,098		
Building Improvements	75,415	5,295	-	80,710		
Furniture and Equipment	211,506	14,063	-	225,569		
Subtotal	351,869	23,508	-	375,377		
Net Assets	\$ 405,979	\$ (10,066)	\$ -	\$ 395,913		

A summary of changes in capital assets and accumulated depreciation is as follows:

Depreciation was charged to governmental activities as follows:

Administration	\$ 9,445
IIIB Supportive Services	14,063
Total depreciation for governmental activities	\$ 23,508

Note 6 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMPENSATION

The Board of Directors is a voluntary board; therefore, no compensation has been paid to any member. However, board members are reimbursed for any out-of-pocket costs they might incur on behalf of the Council in accordance with the Council's applicable reimbursement policy.

Note 7 - INCOME TAX STATUS

The Council, a non-profit corporation, is exempt from federal income taxes under 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and as an organization that is not a private foundation as defined in Section 509 (a) of the Code. The Council is also exempt from Louisiana income tax. The Council is in compliance with the filing requirements of the Internal Revenue Service. Returns are subject to examination by the IRS, generally for three years after they are filed. As of June 30, the Council is not aware of any uncertain tax positions that could cause future tax liabilities. Returns for the years ended 2022, 2023, and 2024 are subject to review by the IRS.

Note 8 - 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; job related illnesses or injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Council has purchased commercial insurance to cover the risk of loss that might arise should one of these incidents occur. There have been no significant reductions in coverage from the prior year. No settlements were made during the current or prior three fiscal years that exceeded the Council's insurance coverage.

Note 9 - JUDGMENTS, CLAIMS AND SIMILAR CONTINGENCIES

At the end of this fiscal year, the Council's management has no knowledge of any litigations, lawsuits or claims against the Council. Furthermore, the Council's management believes that any unexpected lawsuits or claims that might be filed against the Council would be adequately covered by insurance or resolved without any material impact upon the Council's financial statements.

Note 10 - CONTINGENCIES - GRANT PROGRAMS

The Council participates in a number of state and federal grant programs which are governed by various rules and regulations. Costs charged to the respective grant are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor agencies; therefore, to the extent that the Council has not complied with the rules and regulations governing the grants, refunds of any money and the collectability of any related receivables at year end may be impaired. In management's opinion, there are no significant contingent liabilities relating to the rules and regulations governing state and federal grants; therefore, no provision has been recorded in the accompanying financial statements for such contingencies. Audits of prior years have not resulted in any disallowed costs or refunds. Any costs that would be disallowed would be recognized in the period agreed upon by the grantor agency and the Council.

Note 11 - INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

Because the Council operates most of its programs under cost reimbursement type grants, it has to pay for costs using its General Fund money and then request reimbursement for the advanced costs under the grant programs. Such advances create short-term interfund loans in the Fund Financial Statements. A summary of those interfund loans at year end is as follows:

	Due from 0	Other Funds	Due to Other Funds				
General Fund	\$	-	\$				
Special Revenue		-		-			
Total	\$		\$	-			

These loans have been eliminated as a part of the consolidation process in preparing the Government-Wide Financial Statements.

Note 12 - INTERFUND TRANSFERS

Interfund transfers are listed by fund for the fiscal year as follows:

	Fund Transferred To											
To Loca		cal	IIIB		C-1		C-2		IIIE		Total	
Transfers In	\$	-	\$ 9	1,303	\$13,	113	\$	44,547	\$	2,664	\$	151,627
Total Transfers In		-	9	1,303	13,	113		44,547		2,664	1	151,627
Transfers From												
Local	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	2,664	\$	2,664
NSIP		-		-		-		18,483		-		18,483
Senior Center		-	50	0,000		-		-		-		50,000
PCOA		-	30	0,390	13,	113		26,064		-		69,567
Supplemental Senior												-
Center		-	10	0,913		-		-		-		10,913
Total Transfers Out	\$	-	\$ 9	1,303	\$13,	113	\$	44,547	\$	2,664	\$	151,627

Note 13 - ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

The Council receives the majority of its revenue from other governments in the form of intergovernmental revenues. Intergovernmental type revenues are appropriated each year by the federal, state, and local governments. If significant budget cuts are made at the federal, state and/or local level, the amount of funds the Council receives could be reduced significantly and have an adverse impact on its operations. Management is not aware of any actions that will adversely affect the amount of funds the Council will receive in the fiscal year 2024 relating to its usual sources of intergovernmental revenues.

Note 14 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no related party transactions during the fiscal year.

Note 15 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through October 19, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued, and determined no additional disclosures are warranted.

Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budgeted	Budgeted Amounts		Variance with Final Budget		
	Original	Final	GAAP Basis	Favorable (Unfavorable)		
REVENUES						
Intergovernmental						
Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs American Rescue Funds	\$ 175,653	\$ 175,653	\$ 175,649 7,437	\$ (4) 7,437		
Louisiana Department of Transportation	05.025	04.404	71 712	(22.771)		
and Development	95,025 628,356	94,484 615,508	71,713 763,484	(22,771) 147,976		
Department of Health and Hospitals Miscellaneous			11,706	11,706		
Total Revenues	899,034	885,645	1,029,989	144,344		
EXPENDITURES						
Current:						
Personnel	517,097	474,288	517,800	(43,512)		
Fringe	47,097	47,066	51,185	(4,119)		
Travel	60,200	41,500	44,069	(2,569)		
Operating Services	64,283	69,732	110,654	(40,922)		
Operating Supplies Other Costs	18,220 16,484	18,993 58,413	25,682 16,266	(6,689) 42,147		
Capital Outlay			13,442	(13,442)		
Total Expenditures	723,381	709,992	779,098	(69,106)		
Excess (deficiency) of revenues						
over expenditures	175,653	175,653	250,891	75,238		
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Transfers in	(175 (52)	(175 (52)	-	12 500		
Transfers out	(175,653)	(175,653)	(133,144)	42,509		
Total other financing sources and uses	(175,653)	(175,653)	(133,144)	42,509		
Net increase (decrease) in fund balances	-		117,747	117,747		
FUND BALANCES						
Beginning of year	545,642	545,642	692,200	<u> </u>		
End of year	\$ 545,642	\$ 545,642	\$ 809,947	\$ 264,305		

.

Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Title III B

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budgetee	<u>d Amounts</u>	Actual Amounts GAAP	Variance with Final Budget Favorable		
	Original	Final	Basis	(Unfavorable)		
REVENUES						
Intergovernmental						
Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs	\$ 34,480	\$ 34,480	\$ 34,480	\$-		
American Rescue Funds	20,633	19,558	19,539	(19)		
Public Support	1,500	1,000	936	(64)		
Total Revenues	56,613	55,038	54,955	(83)		
EXPENDITURES						
Current:						
Personnel	75,967	66,874	65,957	917		
Fringe	8,556	9,407	9,273	134		
Travel	1,788	1,798	1,503	295		
Operating Services	36,062	33,813	32,592	1,221		
Operating Supplies	15,375	15,890	15,400	490		
Other Costs	24,396	21,730	21,533	197		
Meals	·	<u> </u>		<u> </u>		
Total Expenditures	162,144	149,512	146,258	3,254		
Excess (deficiency) of revenues						
over expenditures	(105,531)	(94,474)	(91,303)	3,171		
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Transfers in	105,531	94,474	91,303	(3,171)		
Transfers out			<u> </u>	<u> </u>		
Total other financing sources and uses	105,531	94,474	91,303	(3,171)		
Net increase (decrease) in fund balances				-		
FUND BALANCES						
Beginning of year	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>		
End of year	<u>\$ -</u>	\$ -	\$ -	<u>\$</u> -		

Budgetary Comparison Schedule - C-2

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budgetee	d Amounts	Actual Amounts GAAP	Variance with Final Budget Favorable
	Original	Final	Basis	(Unfavorable)
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental				
Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs	\$ 39,371	\$ 39,371	\$ 39,371	\$ -
American Rescue Funds	27,921	28,174	16,657	(11,517)
STPH Funds	2,901	2,901	2,901	-
Public Support	1,500	2,200	2,289	89
			-	
Total Revenues	71,693	72,646	61,218	(11,428)
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Personnel	24,929	20,512	20,333	179
Fringe	2,811	2,869	2,998	(129)
Travel	589	544	502	42
Operating Services	13,157	10,877	11,275	(398)
Operating Supplies	3,898	3,835	3,880	(45)
Other Costs	28,983	1,015	1,011	4
Meals	49,170	77,498	65,766	11,732
Captial Outlay			-	<u> </u>
Total Expenditures	123,537	117,150	105,765	11,385
Excess (deficiency) of revenues				
over expenditures	(51,844)	(44,504)	(44,547)	(43)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	51,844	44,504	44,547	43
Transfers out		<u> </u>	-	
Total other financing sources and uses	51,844	44,504	44,547	43
Net increase (decrease) in fund balances	-			
FUND BALANCES				
Beginning of year			<u> </u>	<u> </u>
End of year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Combining Statement of Program Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Non-Major Special Revenue Funds For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Title C-1		Title IIID	Title IIIE	NSIP	Totals
REVENUES		-				
Intergovernmental:						
Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs	\$ 32,926	\$	3,118	\$ 12,600	\$ 18,483	\$ 67,127
American Plan Rescue Act	3,929		2,383	-	-	6,312
Public Support:						-
Restricted - Utility Programs	-		-	-	-	-
Client Contributions	 2,624		-		 	2,624
Total Revenues	 39,479		5,501	12,600	 18,483	76,063
EXPENDITURES						
Salaries	12,357		-	-	-	12,357
Fringe	1,548		-	-	-	1,548
Travel	206		-	-		206
Operating Services	3,238		-	-	-	3,238
Operating Supplies	789		-	-	-	789
Other Costs	636		5,501	15,264	-	21,401
Meals	33,818		-	-	1,440	35,258
Utility Assistance	-		-	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	 -		-	<u> </u>	 -	
Total Expenditures	 52,592		5,501	15,264	 1,440	74,797
Excess (deficiency) of revenues						
over expenditures	(13,113)		-	(2,664)	17,043	1,266
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Operating transfers in	13,113		-	2,664	-	15,777
Operating transfers out	 -		-		 (18,483)	(18,483)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues						
expenditures and other uses			-	-	(1,440)	(1,440)
FUND BALANCES						
Beginning of year	 -				 1,440	1,440
End of Year	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Statement of General Fixed Assets and Changes in General Fixed Assets For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Balance le 30, 2023	A	dditions	Dele	etions		Balance e 30, 2024
General Fixed Assets, at cost:							
Building	\$ 197,993	\$	-	\$	-	\$	197,993
Building Improvements	192,420		6,503				198,923
Land	140,463		-		-		140,463
Furniture and Equipment	 226,972		6,939		-		233,911
Total	\$ 757,848	\$	13,442	\$	-	\$	771,290
Investment in General Fixed Assets:							
Section 18	\$ 42,024	\$	-	\$	-	\$	42,024
IIIB Cares	11,620		-		-		11,620
ARP AAA	9,600		-		-		9,600
Case Management	42,827		-		-		42,827
PCOA	206,305		13,442		-		219,747
Local	 445,472		-		-		445,472
Total	\$ 757,848	\$	13,442	\$	-	\$	771,290

CALDWELL COUNCIL ON AGING, INC. Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Agency Head: Executive Director		Crystal Grafton		Monica Pauley		
Salary		\$	30,263	\$	65,197	
Payroll Taxes		\$	2,315	\$	5,179	
Insurance		\$		\$	-	
Reimbursements	1	\$	-	\$	63	
Travel		\$	1,587	\$	748	
Seminars		\$	1,577	\$	616	



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

Board of Directors Caldwell Council on Aging, Inc. Columbia, Louisiana

I 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 Caldwell Council on Aging, Inc., as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Council's basic financial statements, and have issued my report thereon dated November 8, 2024.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit of the financial statements, I considered Caldwell Council on Aging, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements, but not for the .purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control over financial reporting.

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 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.

My 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 over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during my audit, I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that I consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Caldwell Council on Aging, Inc.'s financial statements are free of material misstatement, I 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 determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

810 WILKINSON SHREVEPORT, LA 71104-3036 (318) 221-3881 FAX: (318) 221-4641

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of my 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. Although the intended use of this report may be limited, under Louisiana Revised Statutes, it is issued by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Marsha O. Millian

Certified Public Accountant November 8, 2024

Schedule of Findings

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Summary of Audit Results

- 1. The auditor's report expresses an unmodified opinion on the financial statements.
- 2. No significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting were disclosed during the audit of the financial statements.
- 3. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements were disclosed during the audit.

FINDING/NONCOMPLIANCE

There were no findings for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Schedule of Prior Year Findings

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

There were no findings for the year ended June 30, 2023.



INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING STATEWIDE AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

The Board of Directors Caldwell Council on Aging, Inc. Columbia, Louisiana

I have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Management of Caldwell Council on Aging, Inc. is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPS.

The Board of Directors of Caldwell Council on Aging, Inc. has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in the LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

1) Written Policies and Procedures

- A. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe whether they address each of the following categories and subcategories if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations:
 - i. Budgeting, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.
 - ii. Purchasing, including (1) how purchases are initiated; (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list; (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders; (4) controls to ensure compliance with Public Bid Law; and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.
 - iii. Disbursements, including processing, reviewing, and approving.

810 WILKINSON SHREVEPORT, LA 71104-3036 (318) 221-3881 FAX: (318) 221-4641

- iv. **Receipts/Collections**, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g. periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).
- v. **Payroll/Personnel**, including (1) payroll processing, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee rates of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.
- vi. **Contracting**, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.
- vii. **Travel and expense reimbursements**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
- viii. Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, purchase Cards, if applicable), including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).
- ix. Ethics, including (1) the prohibition as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.
- x. **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
- xi. Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from a network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.
- xii. **Prevention of Sexual Harassment**, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

Procedure Results - The entity has written policies and procedures that adequately address each of the categories above.

2) Board or Finance Committee

- A. I obtained and inspected the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and:
 - i. I observed that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.
 - ii. For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, I observed that the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds. *Alternately, for those entities reporting on the nonprofit accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included financial activity relating to the public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.*
 - iii. For governmental entities, I obtained the prior year audit report and observed the unassigned fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unassigned fund balance in the general fund.
 - iv. I observed whether the board/finance committee received written updates of the progress of resolving audit finding(s), according to management's corrective action plan at each meeting until the findings are considered fully resolved.

Procedure Results - No exceptions were noted.

3) Bank Reconciliations

- A. I obtained a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. I asked management to identify the entity's main operating account. I selected the entity's main operating account and randomly selected 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). I randomly selected one month from the fiscal period, obtained and inspected the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected accounts, and observed that:
 - i. Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged);
 - ii. Bank reconciliations include written evidence that a member of management/board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged); and

iii. Management has documentation reflecting that it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

Procedure Results - No exceptions were noted.

(4 Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)

- A. I obtained a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. I selected 1 deposit site (there is only 1).
- B. For each deposit site selected, I obtained a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. I selected one collection location for each deposit site (i.e., 1 collection locations for 1 deposit site), obtained and inspected written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if no written policies or procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observed that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that:
 - i. Employees responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers;
 - ii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g., pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit;
 - iii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit; and
 - iv. The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions, is (are) not also responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation.
- C. Obtain from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe that the bond or insurance policy for theft was in force during the fiscal period.
- D. I randomly selected two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). Alternatively, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc. I obtained supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:

- i. Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
- ii. Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
- iii. Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
- iv. Observe that the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer).
- v. Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

Procedure Results - No exceptions were noted.

5) Non-Payroll Disbursements (excluding card purchases/payments, travel reimbursements, and petty cash purchases)

- A. I obtained a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. I selected 1 location (there is only 1).
- B. For each location selected under procedure #5A above, I obtained a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. I obtained written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, then inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that:
 - i. At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order/making the purchase;
 - ii. At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors;
 - iii. The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files;
 - iv. Either the employees/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments; and
 - v. Only employees/officials authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds, whether through automated clearinghouse (ACH), electronic funds transfer (EFT), wire transfer, or some other electronic means.

[Note: Findings related to controls that constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality) should not be reported.]

- C. For each location selected under procedure #5 above, I obtained the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtained management's representation that the population is complete. I randomly selected 5 disbursements for each location, obtained supporting documentation for each transaction, and
 - i. Observed whether the disbursement, whether by paper or electronic means, matched the related original itemized invoice and that supporting documentation indicates that deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity, and
 - ii. Observed whether the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under procedure #5B above, as applicable.
- D. Using the entity's main operating account and the month selected in Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A, I randomly selected 5 non-payroll-related electronic disbursements (or all electronic disbursements if less than 5) and observed that each electronic disbursement was (a) approved by only those persons authorized to disburse funds (e.g., sign checks) per the entity's policy, and (b) approved by the required number of authorized signers per the entity's policy. [Note: If no electronic payments were made from the main operating account during the month selected, the practitioner should select an alternative month and/or account for testing that does include electronic disbursements.

Procedure Results - No exceptions were noted.

6) Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/Purchase Cards (Cards)

- A. I obtained from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and purchase cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. I obtained management's representation that the listing is complete.
- B. Using the listing prepared by management, I randomly selected 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. I randomly selected one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select on monthly bank statement). I obtained supporting documentation, and:
 - i. Observed whether there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) were reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved), by someone other than the authorized card holder. [Note: Those instances requiring such approval that may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials, such as the mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality, should not be reported]; and
 - ii Observed that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.

C. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under procedure #7B above, <u>excluding fuel cards</u>, I randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement and obtained supporting documentation for the transactions (e.g., each card should have 10 transactions subject to inspection). For each transaction, I observed that it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For missing receipts, the practitioner should describe the nature of the transaction and observe whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

Procedure Results - I noted that interest and late fees were assessed for one month for one card.

Management's Response - This was an oversight for one month during a change in duties and employees. We will try not to allow this to happen in the future.

7) Travel and Travel-Related Expense Reimbursements (excluding card transactions)

- A. I obtained from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements and obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected:
 - i. If reimbursed using a per diem, observe that the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov;
 - ii. If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased;
 - iii. Observe that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by Written Policies and Procedures procedure #1A(vii) and
 - iv. Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

Procedure Results - No exceptions were noted.

8) Contracts

A. I obtained from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period.

Alternatively, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list. I obtained management's representation that the listing is complete. I selected 1 contract (there is only 1) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and:

- i. Observe whether the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law;
- ii. Observe that the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g., Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter).
- iii. If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observe that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment was approval documented).
- iv. Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

Procedure Results - No exceptions were noted.

9) Payroll and Personnel

- A. I obtained a list of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. I randomly select 5 employees or officials, obtained related salaries and personnel files, and agreed paid salaries to authorized salaries/ pay rates in the personnel files.
- B. I randomly selected one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under procedure #9A above, I obtained attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and
 - i. Observed that all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory);
 - ii. Observed whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials;
 - iii. Observed that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's accumulative leave records; and
 - iv. Observed that the rate paid to the employees or officials agree to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.

C. I obtained a listing of those employees or officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees or officials and obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the entity's policy on termination payments.

Agree the hours to the employees' or officials' cumulative leave records, agree the pay rates to the employee or officials' authorized pay rates in the employee's or official's personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy.

D. I obtained management's representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts (e.g., payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, garnishments, workers' compensation premiums, etc.) have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed by the required deadlines.

Procedure Results - No exceptions were noted.

10) Ethics

- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A obtain ethics documentation from management, and:
 - i. Observe whether the documentation demonstrates that each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:1170; and
 - ii. Observe whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates that each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.
- B. Inquire and/or observe whether the entity has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.

Procedure Results - No exceptions were noted.

11) Debt Service

A I obtained a listing of bonds/notes and other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all debt instruments on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued as required by Article VII, Section 8 of the Louisiana Constitution.

B. I obtained a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one bond/note, inspect debt covenants, obtain supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agree actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants (including contingency funds. short-lived asset funds, or other funds required by the debt covenants).

The entity has no debt.

12) Fraud Notice

- A. I obtained a listing of misappropriation of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all misappropriations on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that the entity reported the misappropriation(s) to the legislative auditor and to the district attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled as required by R.S. 24:523.
- B. I observed the entity has posted, on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

Procedure Results - No exceptions were noted.

13) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

- A. Perform the following procedures, verbally discuss the results with management, and report, "I performed the procedure and discussed the results with management."
 - i. I obtained and inspected the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe evidence that such backup (a) occurred within the past week, (b) was not stored on the government's local server or network, and (c) was encrypted.
 - ii. I obtained and inspected the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/ verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.
 - iii. I obtained a listing of the entity's computers currently in use and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.

- B. Randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in procedure #9C. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.
- C. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, I obtained cybersecurity training documentation from management, and observed the documentation demonstrates that the following employees/officials with access to the agency's information technology assets have completed cybersecurity training as required by R.S.42:1267. The requirements are as follows:
 - * Hired before June 9, 2020 completed the training; and
 - * Hired on or after June 9, 2020 completed the training within 30 days of initial service or employment.

I performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

Procedure Results - No employees completed cybersecurity training.

Management's Response - We will complete cybersecurity training in the future.

14) Prevention of Sexual Harassment

- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, I obtained sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observed that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:343.
- B. I observed that the entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website (or in a conspicuous location on the entity's premises if the entity does not have a website).
- C. I obtained the entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observed that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observed that the report includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:
 - i. Number and percentage of public servants in the entity who have completed the training requirements.;
 - ii. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the entity;
 - iii. Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
 - iv. Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and

v. Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

No exceptions were noted as a result of this procedure.

I was engaged by the Council to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted my engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. I was not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had I performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to my attention that would have been reported to you.

I am required to be independent of the Council and to meet my other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to my agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the LLA as a public document.

Masha D. million

Certified Public Accountant November 8, 2024