

D.A.R.T.
(Domestic Abuse Resistance Team)
Ruston, Louisiana

Financial Statements
For The Year Ended December 31, 2023



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors
D.A.R.T (Domestic Abuse Resistance Team)
Ruston, Louisiana

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of D.A.R.T. (Domestic Abuse Resistance Team), (a nonprofit organization) which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2023, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of D.A.R.T. (Domestic Abuse Resistance Team), as of December 31, 2023, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of D.A.R.T (Domestic Abuse Resistance Team) and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the 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 State 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 D.A.R.T.'s ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

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Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of D.A.R.T.'s internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about D.A.R.T.'s ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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Report on Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The schedule of grant activities on page 18, the schedule of compensation, reimbursements, benefits and other payments to agency head on page 19, and the accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, on page 22, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the 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 financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 21, 2024, on our consideration of D.A.R.T.'s (Domestic Abuse Resistance Team's) internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on 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 D.A.R.T.'s (Domestic Abuse Resistance Team's) internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Cameron, Hines & Company (APAC)

West Monroe, Louisiana
June 21, 2024

D.A.R.T.
(Domestic Abuse Resistance Team)
Statement of Financial Position
December 31, 2023

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 699,587
Investments	389,589
Accounts Receivable	165,659
Prepaid Expenses	3,503
Total Current Assets	1,258,338

Property and Equipment

Net of accumulated depreciation of \$212,126	218,067
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TOTAL ASSETS

\$ 1,476,405

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities	\$ 25,658
Deferred Revenues	197,799
Accrued Salaries & Payroll Taxes	24,818
Accrued Vacation & Sick Time	26,139
Total Current Liabilities	274,414

Total Liabilities

274,414

Net Assets

Without Donor Restrictions	
Undesignated	848,934
Invested in property and equipment, net of related debt	218,067
With Donor Restrictions	
Time or use restricted for future periods	134,990
Total Net Assets	1,201,991

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

\$ 1,476,405

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

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Statement of Activities
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	<u>Without Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>With Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>Total</u>
Public Support and Grant Revenue			
Public Support:			
Grants	\$ -	\$ 843,848	\$ 843,848
State General Funds	-	36,143	36,143
Public Support Donations	71,172	36,569	107,741
Fund Raisings	149,944	-	149,944
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	906,254	(906,254)	-
Total Public Support and Grant Revenue	<u>1,127,370</u>	<u>10,306</u>	<u>1,137,676</u>
Other Support:			
Miscellaneous Income	-	-	-
Investment Return	41,736	-	41,736
Total Other Support	<u>41,736</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,736</u>
Total Public Support, Grant Revenue, And Other Support	1,169,106	10,306	1,179,412
Expenses and Losses:			
Program Services	891,123	-	891,123
Fundraising	500	-	500
Management and General	128,273	-	128,273
Total Expenses	<u>1,019,896</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,019,896</u>
Loss on Disposal of Equipment	224	-	224
Total Expenses and Gains	<u>1,020,120</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,020,120</u>
Increase in Net Assets	148,986	10,306	159,292
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	<u>918,015</u>	<u>124,684</u>	<u>1,042,699</u>
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 1,067,001</u>	<u>\$ 134,990</u>	<u>\$ 1,201,991</u>

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Statement of Functional Expenses
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	Program Services	Fundraising	Management & General	Total
Salaries	\$ 532,061	\$ -	\$ 71,953	\$ 604,014
Fringe	108,347	-	24,567	132,914
Travel	17,662	-	1,497	19,159
Operating Expense	98,294	-	28,523	126,817
Supplies	15,237	-	1,574	16,811
Equipment - Non Capital	7,900	-	-	7,900
Client Care	72,464	-	-	72,464
Other Costs	5,593	-	-	5,593
Audit & Legal Fees	8,590	-	-	8,590
Fundraising	-	500	159	659
Depreciation	24,975	-	-	24,975
Totals	\$ 891,123	\$ 500	\$ 128,273	\$ 1,019,896

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

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Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Cash Flows From Operating Activities

Receipts from Granting Agencies and Contributors	\$ 1,026,047
Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(329,617)
Payments to Employees	(604,014)
Payments of Payroll Taxes & Fringe Benefits	(131,215)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>(38,799)</u>

Cash Flows From Investing Activities

Purchases of Property and Equipment	(34,957)
Increase in Investments	(1,252)
Net Cash Used by Investing Activities	<u>(36,209)</u>

Cash Flows From Financing Activities

Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities	<u>-</u>
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Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents (75,008)

Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year 774,595

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR \$ 699,587

**Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Provided
by Operating Activities:**

Increase in Net Assets	\$ 159,292
Adjustments to Reconcile Increase in Net Assets to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:	
Depreciation	24,975
Unrealized gains on investments	(39,357)
Realized losses on investments	8,979
Non-Cash Contributions	(25,064)
Interest Earned	1,252
Investment Fees	3,640
Dividend Income	(10,106)
Loss on Disposition of Equipment	224
Increase in Accounts Receivable	(86,565)
Decrease in Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	5,464
Increase in Prepaid Expenses	(141)
Increase in Deferred Revenues	(83,091)
Increase in Accrued Salaries and Payroll Taxes	534
Decrease in Accrued Sick Time	1,165
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u><u>\$ (38,799)</u></u>

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Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

a. Reporting Entity:

D.A.R.T. (Domestic Abuse Resistance Team) is a nonprofit organization established in 1994 under the provisions of Louisiana law (Louisiana Revised Statutes 12.1201 et. seq. and Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code) with its mission, as described in its Articles of Incorporation, being “to provide services for abused residents of Lincoln Parish and to organize, maintain, and perpetuate a shelter for the benefit, advantage, and welfare of its citizens of Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, who may be subjected to some form of abuse.” D.A.R.T. was also established to coordinate the activities of other agencies offering services to victims of domestic abuse in Lincoln, Union, Bienville, Claiborne, Jackson, Grant, and Winn Parishes in an effort to avoid unnecessary and wasteful duplication and to provide services not available in the service area.

D.A.R.T. was formed through the efforts of local agencies and is supported by several organizations and offices (including the District Judge’s Office, Ruston City Police Department, Lincoln Parish Health Department, Volunteers of America, Lincoln Parish Sheriff’s Office, Ruston Mental Health Center, District Attorney’s Office, Lincoln Council on Aging, United Way, and Christian Community Action).

Since the inception of D.A.R.T. in January 1994, the Board of Directors has overseen the procurement of funds through grants, fundraising activities, and donations. A shelter has been opened in Ruston to provide residential assistance to victims of domestic violence and their dependents. This assistance includes, but is not restricted to, 24-hour shelter to provide safe refuge and temporary lodging for victims of family violence and their dependents; a 24-hour crisis line; individual and group counseling; legal advocacy and case management. In addition, D.A.R.T. has opened 7 non-residential offices to provide non-residential assistance to victims of domestic violence.

b. Presentation of Statements:

ASC section 958-605 *Not-for-Profit Entities, Revenue Recognition* requires that unconditional promises to give (pledges) be recorded as receivables and revenue and requires the organization to distinguish between contributions received for each net asset category in accordance with donor-imposed restrictions.

Net assets, revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets are classified based on the existence or absence of donor restrictions. Accordingly, net assets and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions – Net assets available for use in general operations and are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations.

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions – Net assets subject to donor-imposed restrictions. Some donor-imposed restrictions are temporary in nature, such as those that will be met by the passage of time or other events specified by the donor. Other donor-imposed restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor stipulates that resources be maintained in perpetuity. Donor-imposed restrictions are released when a restriction

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Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

expires, that is, when the stipulated time has elapsed, when the stipulated purpose for which the resource has been fulfilled, or both. As of the year ended December 31, 2023, D.A.R.T. does not have any donor-imposed restrictions that are perpetual in nature.

c. Contributions:

D.A.R.T. has adopted ASC 958-310 (Formerly Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 116, *Accounting for Contributions Received and for Contributions made.*) In accordance with ASC 958-310, contributions are recognized when the donor makes a promise to give and are recorded as unrestricted, temporarily restricted or permanently restricted support depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions.

D.A.R.T. reports gift of cash and other assets as restricted support if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets. When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

The organization reports contributions of assets other than cash at their estimated fair value at the date of the gift and are reported as revenues of the unrestricted net asset class unless explicit donor stipulations specify how the donated asset must be used. Gifts of long-lived assets with explicit restrictions that specify how the assets are to be used and gifts of cash or other assets that must be used to acquire long-lived assets are reported as revenues of the temporarily restricted or permanently restricted net asset classes. Absent explicit donor stipulations about how long those long-lived assets must be maintained, the Organization reports expirations of donor restriction when the donated or acquired long-lived assets are placed in service.

All contributions are considered to be available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor. Amounts received that are designated for future periods or restricted or permanently restricted support that increases those net assets classes. When a qualifying expenditure occurs or a time restriction expires, temporarily restricted assets are recognized in unrestricted net assets as “net assets released from restriction” in the statement of activities.

d. Fund Accounting:

The accounts of the organization are maintained in accordance with the principles of fund accounting. Under fund accounting, resources for various purposes are classified for accounting and reporting purposes into funds established according to their nature and purpose. Separate accounts are maintained for each fund; however, in the accompanying financial statements, funds that have similar characteristics have been combined into fund groups. In accordance with FASB ASC 958, fund balances are classified on the Statement of Financial Position as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted net assets based on the absence or existence and type of donor-imposed restrictions.

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Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Program funding is provided by grants from the following sources:

Emergency Shelter Grant Program

The Louisiana Housing Corporation has deemed it appropriate to grant, through the state, certain sums of money to be used by the Contractor in assisting needy homeless individuals to receive shelter and other essential services to assist pursuant to rules and authorized by this agreement will be performed in accordance with the approved project descriptions(s), approved budget(s), and relevant state and federal directives and policies.

Crime Victims Assistance Grant Program

The program is to be operated by a public agency or non-profit organization, or combination thereof, and provides service to crime victims. The program requires promotion of, within the community served, coordinated public and private efforts to aid crime victims. The program must demonstrate that it will coordinate its activities with other service providers in the community so that the best interests of the crime victim are served and interagency communication enhanced.

Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services, Federal and State Family Violence Funds, TANF Funds, Cares Act, & Marriage License and Civil Fee Funds

These funds are to be used to provide services to victims of family violence and their children including crisis intervention, emergency safe shelter, advocacy, support groups, counseling, operation of crisis line, children's services, and community education and outreach activities.

The program/agency assures and certifies the following upon receipt of State and Federal Family Violence Funds.

These funds will not be used as direct payment of any victim or dependent of a victim of family violence.

No income eligibility standard will be imposed on individuals receiving assistance of services supported with these funds.

All services shall be provided without discrimination on the basis of age, handicap, sex, race, color, national origin, religion, or on the basis of sexual orientation.

That the program/agency shall have staffing provision and personnel policy that employment practices will be executed without discrimination on the basis of age, handicap, sex, race, color, national origin, religion, or on the basis of sexual orientation.

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Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Violence Against Women Grant

The project funds a portion of the legal advocate’s salary and fringe benefits to assist clients with services. All activities authorized by this agreement will be performed in accordance with the approved project description(s), approved budget(s) state and federal directives and policies.

Interest on Lawyers’ Trust Accounts Grant

The Louisiana Bar Foundation provides grant revenue to assist in providing legal advocacy to the indigent victims of domestic violence. These funds assist in the continuation and expansion of the legal advocacy program.

United Way

The United Way funding is used to pay a portion of the salaries and taxes of several D.A.R.T employees.

LCADV Domestic Violence Flexible Housing Program

The program provides assistance to survivors to help acquire or maintain safe, stable housing.

e. Budget Policy:

The D.A.R.T. follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in these financial statements.

The various grant sources have established budgets by which expenditures are determined and monitored at the time of applications and approval of grants.

The budget is prepared on modified accrual basis, consistent with the basis of accounting for comparability of budgeted and actual revenues and expenditures. Budgeted amounts included in the accompanying financial statements include the original adopted budget amounts and all subsequent amendments.

Actual amounts are compared to budgeted amounts periodically during the fiscal year as a management control device. Expenditures cannot legally exceed appropriations on an individual fund level.

f. Fixed Assets:

All fixed assets are stated at historical cost. Donated fixed assets are stated at their estimated fair market value on the date donated if listed in schedule of assets. Depreciation of furniture and equipment is provided on the straight-line basis over an estimated useful life of five years. Depreciation of leasehold improvements is provided on the straight-line basis over an estimated useful life of 15 years. The board has established a \$500 capitalization policy.

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Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

g. Reclassifications:

Certain amounts presented in the prior year have been reclassified in order to compare with the current year's presentation.

h. Annual and Sick Leave:

Compensated leave will be recorded as fund expenditures in the year in which they are paid. The Agency's sick leave policy provides for the accumulation of up to 80 hours per year and a maximum of 120 hours total. Accumulated sick leave at December 31, 2023 is \$10,960. Vacation time is accrued each pay period. If the vacation time is not used in the current year, the time may be carried over to the following year. Employees are paid their accrued vacation time if they terminate their employment with D.A.R.T. Accrued vacation time at December 31, 2023 is \$15,179.

i. Use of Estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

j. Income Tax Status:

D.A.R.T., a non-profit corporation, is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, except for taxes pertaining to unrelated business income. In addition, it has been determined that D.A.R.T. is not a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. No provision has been made for income taxes in the accompanying financial statements since D.A.R.T. does not have a significant amount of unrelated business income for the year ended December 31, 2023.

The provisions of ASC 740-10 (Formerly FASB Interpretation No. 48 (FIN 48)) were adopted by the organization on January 1, 2009. The adoption of ASC 740-10 did not result in any changes to net assets or deferred income tax liabilities.

Accrued interest and penalties associated with uncertain tax positions are included as a component of the provision for income taxes. There were no unrecognized tax benefits at January 1, 2009. For the year ended December 31, 2023, there were no unrecognized tax benefits, or accrued interest and penalties. The company files Form 990, an informational tax return in the U.S. federal tax jurisdiction. Federal tax returns prior to 2020 are closed.

k. Cash and Cash Equivalents:

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, the organization considers all unrestricted highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Fair value approximates carrying amounts.

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Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

I. Investments:

ASC section 820 *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* and ASC section 825 *Financial Instruments* require all entities to disclose the fair value of financial instruments for which it is practicable to estimate fair value.

The organization carries investments in marketable securities with readily determinable fair values and all investments in debt securities at their fair values in the Statement of Financial Position. Unrealized gains and losses are included in the change in net assets in the accompanying Statement of Activities.

Note 2 – Restrictions on Net Assets

Substantially all of the restrictions on net assets at the end of 2023 are related to funds raised through various campaigns targeting local outreach areas. These areas include Bienville, Union, Claiborne, Jackson, and Grant parishes. Public support in the amount of \$134,990 was restricted at December 31, 2023. These restrictions will expire as the funds are utilized for their intended purposes.

Note 3 – Funding Policies and Sources of Funds

D.A.R.T. receives its monies through various methods of funding. The Board of Directors has overseen the procurement of funds through grants, fundraising activities, and donations.

Note 4 – Investments

The organization’s investments at December 31, 2023, consisted of cash reserve funds, mutual funds, and exchange traded products (ETPs). They are recorded in the financial statements at fair value based on quoted prices in active markets (level 1) of the securities on a recurring basis as summarized below:

		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1 Inputs)	Other Observable Inputs (Level 2 Inputs)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3 Inputs)
Cash Reserves	\$	94,299	\$ -	\$ -
Mutual Funds		202,507	-	-
Equities		-	-	-
ETPs		92,783	-	-
Totals	\$	389,589	\$ -	\$ -

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Note 4 – Investments (continued)

Investment return at December 31, 2023 is as follows:

Net Realized and Unrealized Gains/(Losses)	\$	30,378
Dividends		10,106
Interest		1,252
Total Investment Return	\$	<u>41,736</u>

Note 5 – Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable at December 31, 2023 consisted of reimbursements for expenses incurred under the following programs:

Crime Victims Assistance	\$	10,738
Family Violence Prevention		106,303
Violence Against Women Act		3,194
LCADV Flex Housing 23-24		9,281
DCFS State General Funds		36,143
Total	\$	<u>165,659</u>

Note 6 – Fixed Assets

D.A.R.T. has classified its fixed assets as follows:

	Balance				Balance
	December 31,		Additions	Deletions	December 31,
	2022				2023
Fixed Assets:					
Office Furniture & Equipment	\$ 80,291	\$ 14,860	\$ 5,987	\$	89,164
Vehicles	32,458	-	-		32,458
Land	18,650	-	-		18,650
Building & Improvements	181,536	17,430	14,772		184,194
Leasehold Improvements	103,060	2,667	-		105,727
Total Fixed Assets	<u>415,995</u>	<u>34,957</u>	<u>20,759</u>		<u>430,193</u>
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>207,686</u>	<u>24,975</u>	<u>20,535</u>		<u>212,126</u>
Net Fixed Assets	\$ <u>208,309</u>	\$ <u>9,982</u>	\$ <u>224</u>	\$	<u>218,067</u>

Current year depreciation was recorded in the amount of \$24,975.

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Note 6 – Fixed Assets (continued)

The agency typically purchases fixed assets with funds provided through various funding agencies and grants. The table below summarizes the sources of fixed assets.

	December 31,		December 31,
	2022	Additions	2023
E.S.G.P	\$ 37,395	\$ 4,697	\$ 39,896
C.V.A	56,175	-	55,321
FVP	37,466	1,914	39,380
L.C.A.D.V. Rural Projects	15,961	-	15,674
R.P.A.P – L.C.A.D.V.	2,612	-	2,612
Marriage License/Civil Fees	3,337	-	2,975
V.A.W.A.	791	-	791
Cares Act	2,804	696	3,500
TANF	1,477	-	1,477
State General Funds	-	5,681	5,681
D.A.R.T	257,977	21,969	262,886
Total Investment in Fixed Assets	\$ 415,995	\$ 34,957	\$ 430,193

Note 7 – In-Kind Contributions

The organization receives various in-kind contributions from time to time. The value of these contributions is reflected in the accompanying financial statements at estimated fair market value. The primary in-kind contributions consisted of furniture, supplies and equipment.

In addition, many individuals volunteer their time and perform a variety of tasks that assist the Agency; but these services do not meet the criteria for recognition as contributed services.

Note 8 – Board of Director’s Compensation

The Board of Director’s is a voluntary board; therefore, no compensation has been paid to any member.

Note 9 – Judgments, Claims, and Similar Contingencies

The organization receives revenues from various Federal and State grant programs, which are subject to final review and approval as to allowable expenditures by the respective grantor agencies. Any settlements or expenses arising out of a final review are recognized in the period in which agreed upon by the organization and the Federal or State Agency. Also, it is management’s opinion that any audits by the grantor agencies would not produce disallowed program costs and liabilities to such an extent that they would materially affect the organizations financial position.

D.A.R.T.
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Note 10 – Federally Assisted Programs

D.A.R.T. participates in a number of federally assisted programs. These programs are audited in accordance with the *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Audits of prior years have not resulted in any disallowed costs; however, grantor agencies may provide for further examinations. Based on prior experience, the organizations management believes that further examinations would not result in any significant disallowed costs.

Note 11 – Economic Dependency

D.A.R.T. receives the majority of its revenue from funds provided through grants administered by the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services. The grant amounts are appropriated each year by the federal and state governments. If significant budget cuts are made at the federal and/or state level, the amount of the funds the organization receives could be reduced significantly and have an adverse impact on its operations.

Note 12 – Concentrations of Credit Risk

The organization maintains deposits in a local financial institution. The carrying amounts of those accounts totaled \$699,587 at December 31, 2023. The corresponding bank balances totaled \$707,142. The balances were covered by federal depository insurance in the amount of \$250,000 and \$457,142 is in an insured sweep account.

Note 13 – Liquidity and Availability

Financial assets available for general expenditure, that is, without donor or other restrictions limiting their use, within one year of the balance sheet date, comprise the following:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 699,587
Investments	389,589
Accounts receivable to be collected within one year	<u>165,659</u>
	\$ <u><u>1,254,835</u></u>

Note 14 – Subsequent Events

Date of Management Evaluation

Management has evaluated subsequent events through June 21, 2024, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.

Supplemental Information

D.A.R.T.
(Domestic Abuse Resistance Team)
Schedule of Grant Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	<u>V.A.W.A</u>	<u>FVP</u>	<u>C.V.A</u>	<u>E.S.G.</u>	<u>Flex Hsg.</u>
<u>Revenues</u>					
Grant Income	\$ 16,767	\$ 404,058	\$ 126,179	\$ 11,123	\$ 51,704
Total Grant Income	<u>16,767</u>	<u>404,058</u>	<u>126,179</u>	<u>11,123</u>	<u>51,704</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>					
Current:					
Salaries	14,326	280,126	102,573	-	-
Fringe	2,441	43,024	13,115	-	-
Travel	-	-	4,663	-	-
Operating Expense	-	70,116	3,398	3,989	-
Supplies	-	4,861	1,160	543	-
Client Care	-	-	-	-	51,704
Training to Public	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment - Non-capital	-	1,908	1,270	1,894	-
Capital Outlays	-	4,023	-	4,697	-
Total Expenditures	<u>16,767</u>	<u>404,058</u>	<u>126,179</u>	<u>11,123</u>	<u>51,704</u>
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</u>					
Operating Transfers - In	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers - Out	-	-	-	-	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year					
Fund Balances, End of Year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

<u>Jock Scott</u>	<u>ARP-1 & 2</u>	<u>I.O.L.T.A.</u>	<u>United Way</u>	<u>Marriage License</u>	<u>Civil Fees</u>	<u>Community Foundation</u>	<u>Allstate</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>\$ 2,096</u>	<u>\$ 81,191</u>	<u>\$ 52,051</u>	<u>\$ 76,399</u>	<u>\$ 8,009</u>	<u>\$ 1,966</u>	<u>\$ 7,680</u>	<u>\$ 4,625</u>	<u>\$ 843,848</u>
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-	55,843	41,340	61,011	-	-	-	-	555,219
-	4,272	10,711	8,432	3,226	1,588	-	-	86,809
251	7,754	-	-	-	-	1,112	-	13,780
1,304	9,024	-	3,843	3,721	116	5,644	-	101,155
541	1,538	-	3,113	979	262	924	-	13,921
-	2,064	-	-	-	-	-	4,625	58,393
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	83	-	-	-	5,155
-	696	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,416
<u>2,096</u>	<u>81,191</u>	<u>52,051</u>	<u>76,399</u>	<u>8,009</u>	<u>1,966</u>	<u>7,680</u>	<u>4,625</u>	<u>843,848</u>
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<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

See independent auditors' report.

D.A.R.T.
(Domestic Abuse Resistance Team)
Schedule of Compensation, Reimbursements, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Agency Head:

Executive Director - Cathy Ayo

Purpose:

Salary	\$ 63,771
Benefits - Payroll Taxes and Insurance	15,476
Travel	-
Reimbursements	-
Total Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments	<u><u>\$ 79,247</u></u>

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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
D.A.R.T. (Domestic Abuse Resistance Team)
Ruston, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of D.A.R.T. (Domestic Abuse Resistance Team), (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2023, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 21, 2024.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered D.A.R.T.'s (Domestic Abuse Resistance Team's) internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of D.A.R.T.'s (Domestic Abuse Resistance Team's) internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control.

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

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

Board of Directors
D.A.R.T. (Domestic Abuse Resistance Team)
Ruston, Louisiana
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Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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

Cameron Hines & Company (APAC)

West Monroe, Louisiana
June 21, 2024

D.A.R.T.
(Domestic Abuse Resistance Team)
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

<u>Grant Title</u>	<u>Fund Number</u>	<u>Sub-Grant Award Number</u>	<u>Federal AL Number</u>	<u>Federal Expenditures</u>
United States Department of Housing and Urban Development:				
Community Planning and Development				
HUD Emergency Shelter Grants Program to:				
Louisiana Housing Corporation				
Subgranted to City of Ruston				
COVID-19 Emergency Shelter Grant Program				
01-01-21 to 06-30-23	ESGP 2021		14.231	\$ 11,123
Total United States Department of Housing and Urban Development				11,123
United States Department of Justice:				
Bureau of Justice Assistance, subgranted to:				
Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration				
of Criminal Justice				
Domestic Violence Program, Crime Victim Assistance				
04-01-23 to 9-30-2023	CVA	2021-VA-02-7163	16.575	44,584
07-01-22 to 3-31-2023	CVA	2020-VA-02-6810	16.575	24,094
10-01-23 to 9-30-2024	CVA	2022-VA-02-7565	16.575	4,838
07-01-22 to 6-30-2023	CVA - Jackson/Union	2020-VA-02-6216	16.575	14,280
07-01-23 to 12-31-2023	CVA - Jackson/Union	2021-VA-02-7294	16.575	13,387
10-01-23 to 9-30-2024	CVA-Grant/Winn	2022-VA-02-7520	16.575	2,847
04-01-23 to 9-30-2023	CVA-Grant/Winn	2021-VA-02-7174	16.575	14,477
07-01-22 to 3-31-2023	CVA-Grant/Winn	2020-VA-02-6812	16.575	7,672
Violence Against Women Formula Grants				
01-01-23 to 12-31-2023	VAWA	2022-WF-03-7566	16.588	16,767
Total Department of Justice				142,946
United States Department of Health and Human Services:				
Pass through Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services				
Family Violence Prevention and Services Act				
07-01-22 to 06-30-23	FVP-27		93.671	215,886
07-01-23 to 06-30-24	FVP-28		93.671	188,172
03-15-21 to 09-30-25	ARP-1		93.671	20,804
10-25-21 to 09-30-25	ARP-2		93.671	60,387
Total Department of Health and Human Services				485,249
Total Federal Awards				\$ 639,318

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D.A.R.T.
(Domestic Abuse Resistance Team)
Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

Note A – Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards included the federal grant activity of D.A.R.T. (Domestic Abuse Resistance Team) is presented on the accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in or used in the presentation of the basic financial statements. These programs have been clustered to create a major type program for audit purposes.

D.A.R.T. (Domestic Abuse Resistance Team)
Schedule of Findings and Responses
For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

We have audited the financial statements of D.A.R.T. (Domestic Abuse Resistance Team) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated June 21, 2024. We conducted our audit in accordance with 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. Our audit of the financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, resulted in an unmodified opinion.

Section I- Summary of Auditors' Results

A. Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

Internal Control

Material Weakness yes no

Significant Deficiencies not considered to be
Material Weaknesses yes no

Compliance

Compliance Material to Financial Statements yes no

B. Federal Awards: N/A

Material Weakness Identified yes no

Significant Deficiencies not considered to be
Material Weaknesses yes no

Type of Opinion on Compliance For Major Programs

Unmodified Modified

Disclaimer Adverse

Are there findings required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance?

C. Identification of Major Programs: N/A

Name of Federal Program (or cluster):

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B Programs:

Is the auditee a "low-risk" auditee, as defined by the Uniform Guidance?

Section II- Financial Statement Findings – N/A

Section III- Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs – N/A

D.A.R.T.
(Domestic Abuse Resistance Team)
Schedule of Prior Year Findings
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

There were no findings for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Management Letter

No management letter was issued.

D.A.R.T.
(Domestic Abuse Resistance Team)
Ruston, Louisiana

*Independent Accountants' Report on
Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023*



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Board of Directors of the Domestic Abuse Resistance Team (DART)
and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We 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 January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. DART's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

DART has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. 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:¹
- 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 the Public Bid Law, and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.
 - iii. **Disbursements**, including processing, reviewing, and approving.
 - 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.,

¹ For governmental organizations, the practitioner may eliminate those categories and subcategories not applicable to the organization's operations. For quasi-public organizations, including nonprofits, the practitioner may eliminate those categories and subcategories not applicable to public funds administered by the quasi-public.

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 Reimbursement***, 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***², including (1) the prohibitions 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 the 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.

Findings: Three exceptions noted where the written policies and procedures did not address the required subcategories listed above.

2) Board or Finance Committee³

- A. Obtain and inspect 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

² The Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics (Ethics Code) is generally not applicable to nonprofit entities but may be applicable in certain situations, such as councils on aging. If the Ethics Code is applicable to a nonprofit, the nonprofit should have written policies and procedures relating to ethics.

³ These procedures are not applicable to entities managed by a single elected official, such as a sheriff or assessor.

- i. Observe 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, observe whether the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on proprietary funds⁴, and semi-annual budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds. *Alternatively, for those entities reporting on the not-for-profit accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included financial activity relating to public funds⁵ if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.*
- iii. For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe 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. Observe 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.⁶

Findings: No exceptions noted.

3) Bank Reconciliations

- A. Obtain a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts⁷ (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe 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 or a board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation within 1 month of the date the reconciliation was prepared (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged); and
 - iii. Management has documentation reflecting it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

⁴Proprietary fund types are defined under GASB standards and include enterprise and internal service funds. The related procedure addresses these funds as a way to verify that boards are provided with financial information necessary to make informed decisions about entity operations, including proprietary operations that are not required to be budgeted under the Local Government Budget Act.

⁵ R.S. 24:513 (A)(1)(b)(iv) defines public funds.

⁶ No exception is necessary if management's opinion is that the cost of taking corrective action for findings related to improper segregation of duties or inadequate design of controls over the preparation of the financial statements being audited exceeds the benefits of correcting those findings.

⁷ Accounts selected may exclude savings and investment accounts that are not part of the entity's daily business operations.

Findings: One exception noted where a bank reconciliation did not include evidence that it was reviewed.

4) Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)⁸

- A. Obtain a listing of deposit sites⁹ for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5).
- B. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations¹⁰ and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (e.g., 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if there are no written policies or procedures, then inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe 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 also 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. Randomly select 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.* Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:
 - i. Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.¹¹
 - ii. Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.

⁸ The Collections category is not required to be performed if the entity has a third-party contractor performing all collection functions (e.g., receiving collections, preparing deposits, and making deposits).

⁹ A deposit site is a physical location where a deposit is prepared and reconciled.

¹⁰ A collection location is a physical location where cash is collected. An entity may have one or more collection locations whose collections are brought to a deposit site for deposit. For example, in a school district a collection location may be a classroom and a deposit site may be the school office. For school boards only, the practitioner should consider the deposit site and collection location to be the same if there is a central person (secretary or bookkeeper) through which collections are deposited.

¹¹ The practitioner is not required to test for completeness of revenues relative to classroom collections by teachers.

- 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 receipt¹² 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.

Findings: No exceptions noted.

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

- A. Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).
- B. For each location selected under procedure #5A above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain 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 or 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 employee/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 #5A above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction, and
 - i. Observe whether the disbursement, whether by paper or electronic means, matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates that deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity, and

¹² As required by Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1212.

- ii. Observe 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, randomly select 5 non-payroll-related electronic disbursements (or all electronic disbursements if less than 5) and observe 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.

Findings: No exceptions noted.

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

- A. Obtain 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 cards¹³. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.
- B. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement). Obtain supporting documentation, and
- i. Observe 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 (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. Observe 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, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (e.g., each card should have 10 transactions subject to inspection)¹⁴. For each transaction, observe 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.

¹³ Including cards used by school staff for either school operations or student activity fund operations.

¹⁴ For example, if 3 of the 5 cards selected were fuel cards, transactions would only be selected for each of the 2 credit cards. Conceivably, if all 5 cards randomly selected under procedure #7B were fuel cards, procedure #7C would not be applicable.

Findings: One exception noted where there was no approval by someone other than the cardholder on the credit card statement.

7) *Travel and Travel-Related Expense Reimbursements*¹⁵ (excluding card transactions)

- A. Obtain 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.

Findings: One exception noted where the expense was not reviewed and approved by someone other than the employee who was being reimbursed.

8) *Contracts*

- A. Obtain 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.* Obtain management’s representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner’s contract, and
- i. Observe whether the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law¹⁶ (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law;
 - ii. Observe whether 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

¹⁵ Non-travel reimbursements are not required to be inspected under this category.

¹⁶ If the entity has adopted the state Procurement Code, replace “Louisiana Public Bid Law” with “Louisiana Procurement Code.”

contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment, the documented approval); and

- 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.

Findings: No exceptions noted.

9) Payroll and Personnel

- A. Obtain a listing of employees and officials¹⁷ employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees or officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.
- B. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under procedure #9A above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and
 - i. Observe that all selected employees or officials¹⁸ documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory);
 - ii. Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials;
 - iii. Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records; and
 - iv. Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agrees to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.
- C. Obtain 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 employee's or official's cumulative leave records, agree the pay rates to the employee's or official's authorized pay rates in the employee's or official's personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy.
- D. Obtain 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 required deadlines.

Findings: No exceptions noted.

¹⁷ "Officials" would include those elected, as well as board members who are appointed.

¹⁸ Generally, officials are not eligible to earn leave and do not document their attendance and leave. However, if the official is earning leave according to a policy and/or contract, the official should document his/her daily attendance and leave.

10) *Ethics*¹⁹

- 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 agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.

Findings: This procedure is not applicable to this entity.

11) *Debt Service*²⁰

- A. Obtain 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. Obtain 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).

Findings: This procedure is not applicable to this entity.

12) *Fraud Notice*²¹

- A. Obtain a listing of misappropriations 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 the district attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled as required by R.S. 24:523.

¹⁹ The Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics (Ethics Code) is generally not applicable to nonprofit entities but may be applicable in certain situations, such as councils on aging. If the Ethics Code is applicable to a nonprofit, the procedures should be performed.

²⁰ This AUP category is generally not applicable to nonprofit entities. However, if applicable, the procedures should be performed.

²¹ Observation may be limited to those premises that are visited during the performance of other procedures under the AUPs and the notice is available for download at www.la.gov/hotline

- B. Observe that 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.

Findings: No exceptions noted.

13) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

- A. Perform the following procedures, **verbally discuss the results with management, and report “We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.”**
- i. Obtain and inspect 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. Obtain and inspect 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. Obtain 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, obtain cybersecurity training documentation from management, and observe that 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. 42:1267²². The requirements are as follows:
- i. Hired before June 9, 2020 - completed the training; and
 - ii. Hired on or after June 9, 2020 - completed the training within 30 days of initial service or employment.

Findings: We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

²² While it appears to be a good practice for charter schools to ensure its employees are trained to keep their information technology assets safe from cyberattack, charter schools do not appear required to comply with 42:1267. An individual charter school, though, through specific provisions of its charter, may mandate that all employees/officials receive cybersecurity training.

14) Prevention of Sexual Harassment²³

- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe 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. Observe 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. Obtain the entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observe that the report includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:
 - i. Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
 - ii. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
 - 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.

Findings: This procedure is not applicable to this entity.

Management's Response

We agree with the results of the procedures and will address the identified exceptions.

We were engaged by DART to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. We were 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, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of DART and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

²³ While it appears to be a good practice for charter schools to ensure it has policies and training for sexual harassment, charter schools do not appear required to comply with the Prevention of Sexual Harassment Law (R.S. 42:341 et seq). An individual charter school, through the specific provisions of its charter, may mandate sexual harassment training.

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.

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