

WHEATFIELD LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2023

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Board of Directors
Wheatfield Local Development Corporation

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the balance sheets of Wheatfield Local Development Corporation (the Corporation) as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Corporation as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the changes in its net assets and cash flows for the years then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) 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 the Corporation, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe 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 GAAP, 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 the Corporation's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are issued.

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 auditors' 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 GAAS 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 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 GAAS 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 the Corporation'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 the Corporation'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 audits.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 22, 2024 on our consideration of the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely 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 the effectiveness of the Corporation'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 Corporation's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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March 22, 2024

WHEATFIELD LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Balance Sheets

December 31,	2023	2022
Assets		
Cash	<u>\$ 91,923</u>	<u>\$ 96,108</u>
Net Assets	<u>\$ 91,923</u>	<u>\$ 96,108</u>

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Statements of Activities

For the years ended December 31,	2023	2022
Changes in net assets without donor restrictions		
Revenues and support:		
Interest from loans	\$ 71	\$ 244
Expenses:		
General and administrative		
Advertising and marketing	226	164
Legal and professional fees	2,200	2,200
Insurance and other	1,830	1,575
Total expenses	<u>4,256</u>	<u>3,939</u>
Change in net assets	(4,185)	(3,695)
Net assets - beginning	<u>96,108</u>	<u>99,803</u>
Net assets - ending	\$ 91,923	\$ 96,108

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Statements of Cash Flows

For the years ended December 31,	2023	2022
Operating activities:		
Change in net assets	\$ (4,185)	\$ (3,695)
Investing activities:		
Payments on loans receivable	17,000	13,833
Increase in loans receivable	(17,000)	-
Net investing activities	-	13,833
Net change in cash	(4,185)	10,138
Cash - beginning	96,108	85,970
Cash - ending	\$ 91,923	\$ 96,108

Notes to Financial Statements

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

Organization and Purpose

Wheatfield Local Development Corporation (the Corporation) is a not-for-profit corporation which fosters the creation, retention, and expansion of jobs and economic opportunities for the benefit of the Town of Wheatfield, New York (the Town) and local economies. The Corporation administers loan programs to create favorable conditions for Town enterprises to expand or locate businesses. Further, it provides for the financing of capital improvements, equipment, or working capital, where such financing will relieve and reduce unemployment, promote and provide for additional and maximum employment, and improve and maintain job opportunities in the Town.

The Corporation's funding was established through grants awarded by the United States Community Development Block Grant for Small Cities (CDBG) program. The Corporation has the right to re-use principal repayments and interest income for furtherance of its mission.

Net Assets

The Corporation is required to report information regarding financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets: net assets with donor restrictions and net assets without donor restrictions. Net assets with donor restrictions are those whose use has been limited by donors for a specific time period, purpose, or to be maintained by the Corporation in perpetuity. The Corporation does not currently maintain any net assets with donor restrictions.

Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements through March 22, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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 amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash

At various times during the year, cash in financial institutions may exceed federally insured limits and subject the Corporation to concentrations of credit risk.

Loans Receivable

Loans receivable, if any, are stated at the amount management expects to collect from outstanding balances. Management provides for probable uncollectible amounts through a charge to net assets and a credit to allowance for uncollectible loans based on its assessment of the current status of individual loans, historical trends, and forecasted economic conditions.

Balances still outstanding after management has used reasonable collection efforts are written off through a charge to allowance for uncollectible loans and a credit to loans receivable.

Interest on loans receivable is accrued as required by the terms of the agreement; management considers that collection is probable based on the current economic condition of the borrower. Interest accrual stops when a loan becomes past due and does not commence again until the loan is current.

Contributions

Contributions (grants) received from government agencies generally consist of conditional contributions and revenue is recognized as the Corporation meets required conditions. Any funding received before required conditions are met is reported as a refundable advance on the accompanying balance sheets.

Loan Repayments

CDBG loan repayments, including interest thereon, are no longer considered restricted for program purposes and, accordingly, can be used by the Corporation to finance other eligible activities.

Functional Expense Allocation

The Corporation's costs of providing its services have been summarized on a functional basis in the accompanying statements of activities. Accordingly, all costs are specifically identified and charged to the functions to which they benefit.

Income Taxes

The Corporation is a §501(c)(4) organization exempt from income taxes under §501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

2. Loans Receivable:

Loans are granted directly by the Corporation to local businesses to facilitate economic development in the Town. The Corporation issued a new loan in 2023 that was repaid in September 2023. There are no loans outstanding at December 31, 2023 or 2022.

3. Financial Assets Available for Operations:

The Corporation funds its operations primarily through government grants and monthly principal and interest receipts from loans receivable. The financial assets are acquired throughout the year to meet the Corporation's cash needs for general expenditures and consist of cash totaling \$91,923 and \$96,108 at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

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*

The Board of Directors
Wheatfield Local Development Corporation

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 Wheatfield Local Development Corporation (the Corporation), which comprise the balance sheet as of December 31, 2023, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 22, 2024.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Corporation'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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify a deficiency in internal control, described below, that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

Segregation of duties

The lack of staff at the Corporation makes it difficult to achieve an adequate segregation of duties and increases the risk that material errors, whether intentional or unintentional, may occur and go undetected. The Board provides oversight in the financial operations of the Corporation by thoroughly reviewing monthly financial data, requesting support for all payments when checks are signed, asking questions about unusual transactions, and reviewing monthly reconciliations provided by the Treasurer. We recommend that the Board continue to provide monthly oversight of all financial activity to help mitigate the risks resulting from the Corporation's lack of segregation of duties.

Management's response

In order to eliminate this condition, the Corporation would need to hire part-time individuals and segregate incompatible accounting duties. Based on an evaluation of resources and cost/benefit scenarios, we do not believe this is practical for the Corporation at this time. Until the time comes when the Corporation has consistent cash flow in-order to hire staff, in the interim the Treasurer will send a copy of the monthly bank statement to all Board members along with an explanation of any activity in the account after each month end. When the Board meets, the Treasurer will report the current bank balance along with any activity for Board approval. The Board will continue to monitor controls and provide guidance as necessary to help mitigate any further risks identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

Management's Response to Findings

The Corporation's response to the finding identified in our audit is described above. It was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

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

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March 22, 2024

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 2925(3)(f) OF THE NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC AUTHORITIES LAW

The Board of Directors
Wheatfield Local Development Corporation

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the balance sheet of Wheatfield Local Development Corporation (the Corporation) as of December 31, 2023 and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and we have issued our report thereon dated March 22, 2024.

In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that the Corporation failed to comply with §2925(3)(f) of the New York State Public Authorities Law regarding investment guidelines during the year ended December 31, 2023. However, our audit was not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of such noncompliance. Accordingly, had we performed additional procedures, other matters may have come to our attention regarding the Corporation's noncompliance with the above rules and regulations.

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope and results of our testing. This communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



March 22, 2024