

August 13, 2024

Board of Directors East-West Gateway Council of Governments One South Memorial Drive, Suite 1600 St. Louis, MO 63102

We have audited the financial statements of East-West Gateway Council of Governments (the "Council"), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated August 13, 2024. Professional standards require that we advise you of the following matters relating to our audit.

Our Responsibility in Relation to the Financial Statement Audit

As communicated in our engagement letter dated May 20, 2024, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to form and express an opinion about whether the financial statements that have been prepared by management with your oversight are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your respective responsibilities.

Our responsibility, as prescribed by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit of financial statements includes consideration of the system of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, as part of our audit, we considered the system of internal control of the Council solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

We are also responsible for communicating significant matters related to the audit that are, in our professional judgment, relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, we are not required to design procedures for the purpose of identifying other matters to communicate to you.

Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

We conducted our audit consistent with the planned scope and timing we previously communicated to you.

Compliance with All Ethics Requirements Regarding Independence

The engagement team, others in our firm, as appropriate, our firm, and our network firms have complied with all relevant ethical requirements regarding independence.

Significant Risks Identified

We have identified the following significant risk:

 Management override of controls - due to the ability of management to manipulate accounting records and prepare fraudulent financial statements by overriding controls that otherwise appear to be operating effectively. (Required to be identified as a significant risk in all audits by AU-C 240.29)

Qualitative Aspects of the Entity's Significant Accounting Practices

Significant Accounting Policies

Management has the responsibility to select and use appropriate accounting policies. A summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the Council is included in Note 1 to the financial statements. There have been no initial selection of accounting policies and no changes in significant accounting policies or their application during 2023. No matters have come to our attention that would require us, under professional standards, to inform you about (1) the methods used to account for significant unusual transactions and (2) the effect of significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

Significant Accounting Estimates

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's current judgments. Those judgments are normally based on knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ markedly from management's current judgments. There are no sensitive estimates affecting the Council's financial statements.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Significant Difficulties Encountered during the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management relating to the performance of the audit.

Uncorrected and Corrected Misstatements

For purposes of this communication, professional standards also require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that we believe are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Further, professional standards require us to also communicate the effect of uncorrected misstatements related to prior periods on the relevant classes of transactions, account balances or disclosures, and the financial statements as a whole. We did not identify any uncorrected misstatements as a result of our audit.

In addition, professional standards require us to communicate to you all material, corrected misstatements that were brought to the attention of management as a result of our audit procedures. We did not identify any corrected misstatements as a result of our audit.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, which could be significant to the Council's financial statements or the auditors' report. No such disagreements arose during the course of the audit.

Representations Requested from Management

We have requested certain written representations from management, which are included in the attached letter dated August 13, 2024.

Management's Consultations with Other Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters. Management informed us that, and to our knowledge, there were no consultations with other accountants regarding auditing and accounting matters.

Other Significant Matters, Findings, or Issues

In the normal course of our professional association with the Council, we generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, significant events or transactions that occurred during the year, operating and regulatory conditions affecting the entity, and operational plans and strategies that may affect the risks of material misstatement. None of the matters discussed resulted in a condition to our retention as the Council's auditors.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors and management of East-West Gateway Council of Governments and the Council's funding agencies is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Sincerely,

Keller, Eck & Brackel LLP



August 13, 2024



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This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of the business-type activities of East-West Gateway Council of Governments (the "Council"), as of December 31, 2023, and for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, for the purpose of expressing opinions on whether the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position, results of operations, and cash flows, of the Council in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted for governments in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP). This representation letter is also provided in connection with the audit of the schedules of indirect costs and fringe benefits of the Council, as of December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the schedules, for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the schedules are presented fairly in all material respects, in accordance with accounting practices prescribed by the Uniform Guidance.

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information such that, in the light of surrounding circumstances, 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.

We confirm that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, having made such inquiries as we considered necessary for the purpose of appropriately informing ourselves as of August 13, 2024:

Financial Statements

 We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter dated May 20, 2024, for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements referred to above in accordance with U.S. GAAP and for the preparation and fair presentation of the schedules of indirect costs and fringe benefits in accordance with the Uniform Guidance.

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- We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of the system 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.
- We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
- We acknowledge our responsibility for compliance with the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements.
- We have reviewed, approved, and taken responsibility for the financial statements and related notes.
- We have a process to track the status of audit findings and recommendations.
- We have identified and communicated to you all previous audits, attestation engagements, and other studies related to the audit objectives and whether related recommendations have been implemented.
- The methods, data, and significant assumptions used by us in making accounting
 estimates and their related disclosures, are appropriate to achieve recognition,
 measurement, or disclosure that is reasonable in the context of the applicable
 financial reporting framework.
- All related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of U.S. GAAP.
- All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which U.S. GAAP requires adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed.

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- We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation, claims, or assessments, or unasserted claims or assessments that are required to be accrued or disclosed in the financial statements in accordance with GASB Statement No. 62 (GASB-62), Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in Pre-November 30, 1989 FASB and AICPA Pronouncements (FASB Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 450, Contingencies), and we have not consulted a lawyer concerning litigation, claims, or assessments.
- All component units, as well as joint ventures with an equity interest, are included and other joint ventures and related organizations are properly disclosed.
- All funds and activities are properly classified.
- All funds that meet the quantitative criteria in GASB Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements—and Management's Discussion and Analysis—for State and Local Governments, GASB Statement No. 37, Basic Financial Statements—and Management's Discussion and Analysis—for State and Local Governments: Omnibus as amended, and GASB Statement No. 65, Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities, for presentation as major are identified and presented as such and all other funds that are presented as major are considered important to financial statement users.
- All components of net position are properly classified and, if applicable, approved.
- Our policy regarding whether to first apply restricted or unrestricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available is appropriately disclosed and net position is properly recognized under the policy.
- Deposit and investment risks have been properly and fully disclosed.
- Capital assets are properly capitalized, reported, and if applicable, depreciated.
- All required supplementary information is measured and presented within the prescribed guidelines.

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- With respect to the assistance in preparing the Data Collection Form, we have performed the following:
 - Made all management decisions and performed all management functions;
 - Assigned a competent individual to oversee the services;
 - Evaluated the adequacy of the services performed;
 - Evaluated and accepted responsibility for the result of the service performed;
 and
 - Established and maintained controls, including a process to monitor the system of internal control.
- Provisions for uncollectible receivables have been properly identified and recorded.

Information Provided

- We have provided you with:
 - Access to all information, of which we are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements of the various opinion units referred to above, such as records, documentation, meeting minutes, and other matters;
 - Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit:
 - Unrestricted access to persons within the entity and others from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
- All transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
- We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
- We have provided to you our evaluation of the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, including significant conditions and events present, and we believe that our use of the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate.

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- We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud that affects the entity and involves:
 - Management;
 - Employees who have significant roles in internal control; or
 - Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud, or suspected fraud, affecting the entity's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, vendors, regulators, or others.
- We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation, claims, and assessments whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements and we have not consulted legal counsel concerning litigation, claims, or assessments.
- We have disclosed to you the identity of all the entity's related parties and the nature of all the related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.
- There have been no communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with or deficiencies in accounting, internal control, or financial reporting practices.
- The Council has no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities.
- We have disclosed to you all guarantees, whether written or oral, under which The Council is contingently liable.

- We have disclosed to you all significant estimates and material concentrations known to management that are required to be disclosed in accordance with GASB Statement No. 62 (GASB-62), Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in Pre-November 30, 1989 FASB and AICPA Pronouncements. Significant estimates are estimates at the balance sheet date that could change materially within the next year. Concentrations refer to volumes of business, revenues, available sources of supply, or markets or geographic areas for which events could occur that would significantly disrupt normal finances within the next year.
- We have identified and disclosed to you the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements that could have a direct and material effect on financial statement amounts, including legal and contractual provisions for reporting specific activities in separate funds.

There are no:

- Violations or possible violations of laws or regulations, or provisions of contracts or grant agreements whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements or as a basis for recording a loss contingency, including applicable budget laws and regulations.
- Unasserted claims or assessments that our lawyer has advised are probable of assertion and must be disclosed in accordance with GASB-62.
- Other liabilities or gain or loss contingencies that are required to be accrued or disclosed by GASB-62.
- The Council has satisfactory title to all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets nor has any asset or future revenue been pledged as collateral, except as disclosed to you.
- We have complied with all aspects of grant agreements and other contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance.

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Supplementary Information in Relation to the Financial Statements as a Whole

With respect to the supplementary information accompanying the financial statements:

- We acknowledge our responsibility for the presentation of the supplementary information in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- We believe the supplementary information, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- The methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period.
- We believe the significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the supplementary information, and the basis for our assumptions and interpretations, are reasonable and appropriate in the circumstances.
- When the supplementary information is not presented with the audited financial statements, management will make the audited financial statements readily available to the intended users of the supplementary information no later than the date of issuance by the entity of the supplementary information and the auditors' report thereon.
- We acknowledge our responsibility to present the supplementary information with the audited financial statements or, if the supplementary information will not be presented with the audited financial statements, to make the audited financial statements readily available to the intended users of the supplementary information no later than the date of issuance by the entity of the supplementary information and the auditors' report thereon.

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Required Supplementary Information

With respect to management's discussion and analysis accompanying the financial statements:

- We acknowledge our responsibility for the presentation of management's discussion and analysis in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- We believe management's discussion and analysis, including its form and content, is measured and fairly presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- The methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period.
- We believe the significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of management's discussion and analysis, and the basis for our assumptions and interpretations, are reasonable and appropriate in the circumstances.

SEFA

With respect to federal award programs:

• We are responsible for understanding and complying with and have complied with the requirements of Title 2 CFR Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements of Federal Awards (the Uniform Guidance), including requirements relating to preparation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, or we acknowledge our responsibility for presenting the schedule of expenditures of federal awards (SEFA) in accordance with the requirements of the Uniform Guidance and we believe the SEFA, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with the Uniform Guidance. The methods of measurement or presentation of the SEFA have not changed from those used in the prior period and we have disclosed to you any significant assumptions and interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the SEFA.

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- If the SEFA is not presented with the audited financial statements, we will make
 the audited financial statements readily available to the intended users of the
 SEFA no later than the date we issue the SEFA and the auditors' report thereon.
- We have identified and disclosed to you all of our government programs and related activities subject to the Uniform Guidance and included in the SEFA made during the audit period for all awards provided by federal agencies in the form of grants, federal cost-reimbursement contracts, loans, loan guarantees, property (including donated surplus property), cooperative agreements, interest subsidies, insurance, food commodities, direct appropriations, and other direct assistance.
- We are responsible for understanding and complying with, and have complied with, the requirements of laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements related to each of our federal programs and have identified and disclosed to you the requirements of laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements that are considered to have a direct and material effect on each major program.
- We are responsible for establishing and maintaining, and have established and maintained, effective internal control over compliance requirements applicable to federal programs that provides reasonable assurance that we are managing our federal awards in compliance with laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements that could have a material effect on our federal programs. We believe the internal control system is adequate and is functioning as intended.
- We have made available to you all contracts and grant agreements (including amendments, if any) and any other correspondence with federal agencies or pass-through entities relevant to federal programs and related activities.
- We have received no requests from a federal agency to audit one or more specific programs as a major program.

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- We have complied with the direct and material compliance requirements (except for noncompliance disclosed to you), including when applicable, those set forth in the OMB Compliance Supplement, relating to federal awards and have identified and disclosed to you all amounts questioned and all known noncompliance with the requirements of federal awards.
- We have disclosed any communications from grantors and pass-through entities concerning possible noncompliance with the direct and material compliance requirements, including communications received from the end of the period covered by the compliance audit to the date of the auditors' report.
- We have disclosed to you the findings received and related corrective actions taken for previous audits, attestation engagements, and internal or external monitoring that directly relate to the objectives of the compliance audit, including findings received and corrective actions taken from the end of the period covered by the compliance audit to the date of the auditors' report.
- Amounts claimed or used for matching were determined in accordance with relevant guidelines in the Uniform Guidance.
- We have disclosed to you our interpretation of compliance requirements that may have varying interpretations.
- We have made available to you all documentation related to compliance with the direct material compliance requirements, including information related to federal program financial reports and claims for advances and reimbursements.
- We have disclosed to you the nature of any subsequent events that provide additional evidence about conditions that existed at the end of the reporting period affecting noncompliance during the reporting period.
- There are no such known instances of noncompliance with direct and material compliance requirements that occurred subsequent to the period covered by the auditors' report.

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- No changes have been made in internal control over compliance or other factors that might significantly affect internal control, including any corrective action we have taken regarding significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance (including material weaknesses in internal control over compliance), subsequent to the date as of which compliance was audited.
- Federal program financial reports and claims for advances and reimbursements are supported by the books and records from which the financial statements have been prepared.
- The copies of federal program financial reports provided you are true copies of the reports submitted, or electronically transmitted, to the respective federal agency or pass-through entity, as applicable.
- We have monitored subrecipients to determine that they have expended passthrough assistance in accordance with applicable laws and regulations and have met the requirements of the Uniform Guidance.
- We have taken appropriate action, including issuing management decisions, on a timely basis after receipt of subrecipients' auditor's reports that identified noncompliance with laws, regulations, or the provisions of contracts or grant agreements and have ensured that subrecipients have taken the appropriate and timely corrective action on findings.
- We have considered the results of subrecipient audits and have made any necessary adjustments to our books and records.
- We have charged costs to federal awards in accordance with applicable cost principles.
- We are responsible for and have accurately prepared the summary schedule of prior audit findings to include all findings required to be included by the Uniform Guidance and we have provided you with all information on the status of the follow-up on prior audit findings by federal awarding agencies and passthrough entities, including all management decisions.

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> We are responsible for and have accurately prepared the auditee section of the Data Collection Form as required by the Uniform Guidance.

James M. Wild, Executive Director

Stacia Alvarez, Director of Administration

8-13-2024

Date

8/13/2024

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

DECEMBER 31, 2023

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Independent Auditors' Report

Board of Directors
East-West Gateway Council of Governments

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the business-type activities of East-West Gateway Council of Governments, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities of East-West Gateway Council of Governments as of December 31, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position and its cash flows thereof 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 (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* (GAS), 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 East-West Gateway Council of Governments 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 States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about East-West Gateway Council of Governments' ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

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 GAS 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 GAAS and GAS, 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 East-West Gateway Council of Governments' 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 East-West Gateway Council of Governments' 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.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 4 – 7 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise East-West Gateway Council of Governments' basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of revenues and expenses by program and schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The accompanying schedule of revenues and expenses by program and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of revenues and expenses by program and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic 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 August 13, 2024 on our consideration of 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 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 East-West Gateway Council of Governments' 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 East West Gateway Council of Governments' internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Keller, Eck & Brackel LLP

St. Louis, Missouri August 13, 2024

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 (UNAUDITED)

Introduction

This section of the East-West Gateway Council of Governments' annual financial report offers a narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities during the year ended December 31, 2023. It should be read in conjunction with the accompanying financial statements in order to obtain a thorough understanding of East-West Gateway's financial condition. This management's discussion and analysis (MD&A) along with the financial statement presentations combine to form an integrated set of basic financial statements.

East-West Gateway Council of Governments Overview

East-West Gateway Council of Governments (the "Council") was incorporated in 1965 to provide a forum for cooperative problem solving and the coordinated development of regional policy. The Council's service area covers a bi-state geographic region of approximately 4,500 square miles that includes the city of St. Louis; Franklin, Jefferson, St. Charles, and St. Louis counties in Missouri; and Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair counties in Illinois.

The Council is governed by a 29 member Board of Directors that includes 24 voting members comprised of 18 locally elected officials and 6 citizen representatives and 5 non-voting members representing our states. With input from federal, state, and local governments, the Council provides the community with a regional perspective.

The Council's services are funded by a variety of sources including contributions by member governments, formula and discretionary grants from the federal government, states of Missouri and Illinois, and contributions for specific programs from private foundations and civic organizations.

Overview of the Financial Statements

The Council adopted the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – Management's Discussion and Analysis – For State and Local Governments*, as of January 1, 2004. GASB 34 established standards for external financial reporting for all state and local governmental entities. Additionally, during the year ended December 31, 2023, the Council implemented the provisions of GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITAs)*, as required. There was no impact on the financial statements as a result of the adoption of GASB 96.

Required Financial Statements

The financial statements report information of the Council and its component activities using accounting methods similar to those used by private sector companies and offer short and long-term financial information about the 2023 activities. The statement of net position presents information on all of the assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Council is improving or deteriorating.

The current year revenue and expenses are accounted for in the statement of revenues, expenses, and change in net position using the accrual basis of accounting. All of the Council's operations and programs are included here.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Continued)

The final required financial statement is the statement of cash flows. This statement reports cash receipts, cash disbursements, and net changes in cash resulting from operating, investing, capital and related financing activities, and noncapital financing activities and indicates the source of the cash, how the cash was used, and the net change in the cash balance during the reporting period.

In addition, the notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statements. The notes are followed by supplementary information that further explains and supports the information in the financial statements.

Financial Highlights

The assets of the Council exceeded its liabilities at the close of 2023 and 2022 by \$4,737,788 and \$4,480,070, respectively. Of this amount \$3,366,054 for 2023 and \$2,821,063 for 2022 represents unrestricted net position, which may be used to meet ongoing obligations to grantor agencies and creditors.

The total net position increased in 2023 by \$257,718 which represents an increase of 5.75% in 2023.

SCHEDULE OF NET POSITION FOR 2023 COMPARED TO 2022 (Dollars in thousands)

	2023		2023			2022	crease)	Change	
Current assets Capital assets - net	\$	6,244 1,372	\$	5,816 1,659	\$ 428 (287)	7.4% -17.3%			
Total assets	\$	7,616	\$	7,475	\$ 141	1.9%			
Total current liabilities Total noncurrent liabilities	\$	1,702 1,176	\$	1,552 1,443	\$ 150 (267)	9.7% -18.5%			
Total liabilities	\$	2,878	\$	2,995	\$ (117)	-3.8%			
Invested in capital assets Unrestricted	\$	1,372 3,366	\$	1,659 2,821	\$ (287) 545	-17.3% 19.3%			
Total net position	\$	4,738	\$	4,480	\$ 258	5.8%			

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of financial position. The Council's assets at December 31, 2023 and 2022, exceeded liabilities by \$4,737,788 and \$4,480,070, respectively. The Council's 2023 unrestricted net position represented 71.05% of the total net position while investments in capital assets (e.g., equipment) made up 28.95%. The 7.37% increase in current assets during 2023 is primarily the result of a reduction in receivables and an increase in cash payments received. The 9.68% increase in current liabilities is mainly attributable to increase in unearned revenue for 2023 compared to 2022.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Continued)

Schedule of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position for 2023 Compared to 2022

CONDENSED SCHEDULE OF REVENUE, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION (Dollars in thousands)

					Inc	rease
	2023			2022		crease)
Operating revenues:						
Federal and state funding	\$	7,619	\$	7,058	\$	561
Local fees		1,407		1,287		120
Miscellaneous revenues		17		17		-
Total operating revenues		9,043		8,362		681
Operating expenses:						
Property and facilities		472		434		38
Salaries, wages, and employee benefits		4,166		4,213		(47)
Consultants/contractual services		1,416		1,214		202
Subrecipient expenses		2,025		1,881		144
In-kind services		212		202		10
Other expenses		724		269		456
Total operating expenses		9,015		8,213		802
Operating income (loss) before						
nonoperating revenues		28		149		(121)
Nonoperating revenues		229		143		86
Change in net position		257		292		(35)
Net position at beginning of year		4,480		4,188		292
Net position at end of year	\$	4,738	\$	4,480	\$	257

A comparison of 2023 to 2022 activity is shown in the condensed schedule of revenue, expenses, and changes in net position. Operating revenues increased by 8.16% between 2023 and 2022 primarily due to the increased revenue from federal grants, state grants, and local contributions. In 2023, the Council's project activities returned to pre-COVID levels. During 2023 the Council provided training for first responders under its Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant program. The Council also began work on several major projects including developing guidance documents pertaining to investigation, reunification, and recovery following a Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attack (CCTA); Arterial Study; O'Fallon Great Streets; developing a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan for the St. Louis Region; and Regional Catastrophic Preparedness (RCPG) planning, training, and exercise. The Council continued its support of the Saint Louis Fusion Center's operations under the UASI grant program, which included developing a training, exercise, and planning

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Continued)

activities for the Intelligence Liaison Officer program. The Council's staff were able to attend meetings, conferences, and training events during the year. The increased activities and expenses in 2023 resulted in additional revenue across all sources of operating revenue.

The Council's total operating expenses increased by 9.77%, in 2023 compared to 2022. The increase in expenses is primarily due to the resumption of some pre-COVID-19 activities noted above which resulted in additional consultant and contractual and other project related expenses and an increase in staff meeting and travel expenses.

Economic Conditions

The Council relies on federal and state grants for the majority of its revenue. Its expenditures vary from year to year depending on the number and size of projects that are undertaken by the agency. The fundamental transportation planning funding continues to remain relatively stable. These stable transportation-funded activities are supplemented with competitively awarded transportation projects and significant activities in other areas such as safety and security, environmental, and economic development. In addition, locally funded studies are undertaken for the advancement of the St. Louis metropolitan area.

Since 2013, the Council has received annual UASI funding that, in recent years, has increased to approximately \$3,400,000 per year on average. The existing UASI funding will continue into 2025. The level of funding for this program in the federal fiscal year 2024 is expected to decrease slightly from the current level.

The cash match generated from the member counties and municipalities in the form of fees provides some of the necessary match required to access much of our federal planning funds. The Council's match is a combination of per capita contributions, state appropriated funds, transportation project administrative fees, local government commitments, and contributed services. These sources will continue to provide adequate non-federal match for many of the federal planning assistance programs that are available to the Council in 2024.

In 2022, the Council was able to return to pre-pandemic activities such as in-person meetings, travel, and consultant projects. In 2023, the Council's COVID-related expenditures reduced to almost zero. In 2023 these expenditures were approximately \$18 compared to \$2,700 in 2022.

Given the Council's return to normal operations following the pandemic, the Council feels that it is well-positioned to continue to provide planning services to the St. Louis metropolitan area.

Contacting the Council

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the East-West Gateway Council of Government's finances for all those with an interest in the Council. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Director of Administration, East-West Gateway Council of Governments, One Memorial Drive, St. Louis, MO 63102.

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2023

	 2023
ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS:	
Cash	\$ 3,868,079
Receivables:	
Grants	498,975
Project costs in process	1,597,985
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	 279,598
Total current assets	6,244,637
CAPITAL ASSETS - at cost:	
Equipment	181,132
Building and improvements	1,702,742
Software	 263,536
	2,147,410
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	(894,340)
Construction in progress	 118,664
	 1,371,734
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 7,616,371
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	
CURRENT LIABILITIES:	
Payroll withholdings	\$ 43,851
Accrued salaries payable	97,004
Accounts payable and other accrued expenses	646,148
Unearned revenue	448,560
Accrued vacation payable	200,017
Current portion of software licensing agreements	11,256
Current portion of leases payable	 255,868
Total current liabilities	1,702,704
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES:	
Noncurrent portion of leases payable	 1,175,879
Total liabilities	 2,878,583
NET POSITION:	
Invested in capital assets	1,371,734
Unrestricted	 3,366,054
Total net position	4,737,788
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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

OPERATING REVENUES:	
Federal grants	\$ 7,349,741
State grants	269,227
Local fees	1,407,197
Miscellaneous	17,147
Total operating revenues	9,043,312
OPERATING EXPENSES:	
Salaries and wages	2,764,870
Employee benefits	1,401,054
Services	1,415,761
Property	397,786
Facilities	74,399
Publications	14,873
Meetings and conferences	96,688
Travel and parking	38,688
Supplies	13,755
Professional development	14,717
Non-program	140,967
In-kind match	211,924
Training and exercises	404,291
Subrecipient expenses	 2,024,929
Total operating expenses	 9,014,702
Operating income before nonoperating revenues	28,610
NONOPERATING REVENUES:	
Interest income	168,395
State appropriations	59,752
Miscellaneous	961
Total nonoperating revenues	 229,108
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	257,718
NET POSITION AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	 4,480,070
NET POSITION AT END OF YEAR	\$ 4,737,788

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Cash received from federal grants	\$	6,888,524
Cash received from state grants		246,469
Cash received from local fees		1,482,859
Payments to employees		(3,276,546)
Payments to vendors		(5,289,328)
Other miscellaneous - nongrants		65,660
Net cash provided by operating activities		117,638
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
State appropriations		59,752
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Purchases of capital assets		(40,662)
Payments on leases		(290,603)
Net cash used in capital and financing activities		(331,265)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Interest on cash		168,395
Cash received from nonoperating miscellaneous revenue		961
Payments on software licensing agreements		(51,260)
Net cash provided by investing activities		118,096
Net decrease in cash		(35,779)
CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR		3,903,858
CASH AT END OF YEAR	\$	3,868,079
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET CASH FLOWS PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Operating income before nonoperating revenues	\$	28,610
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash flows	•	20,0.0
provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization		327,935
Interest on leases		51,462
Net changes in other assets and liabilities:		31,102
Grant and other receivables		110,125
Project costs in process		(446,127)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		(128,542)
Accounts payable, accrued, and other liabilities		174,175
Net cash flows provided by operating activities	\$	117,638

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2023

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Reporting Entity

East-West Gateway Council of Governments (the "Council"), a wholly owned instrumentality of the political subdivisions of the States of Missouri and Illinois, was established in 1965 as a result of the 1962 Highway Act, which required metropolitan areas to plan highway improvements and construction on an area-wide basis. The Council is a voluntary association of local governments, which includes the city of St. Louis and the Missouri counties of Franklin, Jefferson, St. Charles, and St. Louis, plus the Illinois counties of Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair. Its purpose is to provide a means for planning St. Louis Metropolitan area projects through local government coordination.

The major area of emphasis is transportation; however, regional security, economic development, natural resources, environmental studies, community facilities, and the general improvement of living conditions also come within the scope of the Council's activities.

Basis of Presentation and Accounting

The financial statements of the Council are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements — and Management's Discussion and Analysis — for State and Local Governments: Omnibus, U.S. Amended, the Council's financial statements have been prepared on the basis of the governmental enterprise fund concept, which pertains to financial activities that operate similarly to a private business enterprise. The Council accounts for resources received and expenses incurred on a source, grant, and "work element" basis as required by the Missouri Department of Transportation. For financial statement presentation, such resources and related expenses are reported by major granting agency. Financial records and statements are maintained on the accrual basis.

Use of Management Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make certain 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 amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

Project Costs in Process

The Council reports current project costs in process as an asset as prescribed by the Federal Transit Administration. Project costs in process represent expenditures incurred that are not currently billable to the granting agency. At December 31, 2023, project costs in process included open projects totaling \$1,597,985.

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

Capital Assets, Depreciation, and Amortization

Capital assets are recorded at cost, except for those purchases under federal and nonfederal grants where the title of the capital asset has transferred to the subrecipient organization under the terms of the grant. The Council's policy is to capitalize all expenditures in excess of \$1,000. Depreciation and amortization are provided on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets (3 years for computers and 5 to 20 years for all other property).

Net Position

The net position of the Council is classified into two categories: unrestricted and invested in capital assets. Invested in capital assets consists of capital assets such as office equipment, building improvements, and software, including leased assets. Unrestricted net assets include net assets available for the operation of the Council.

Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues generally result from providing services and include all transactions and other events that are not defined as capital and related financing, noncapital financing, or investing activities. Grant revenue is received for specific grant expenditures. The grants are contracts for services and therefore the grant revenue and related expenses are classified as operating revenues in the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position. This grant revenue is the principal source of funds necessary to carry out the purpose of the Council's activities as described above.

Grant Revenue

Federal and nonfederal grant resources are recognized as revenue when project costs are expended and all eligibility requirements are met. Reimbursement requests to granting agencies are made primarily on a monthly basis.

Indirect Cost and Employee Benefit Allocations

The indirect cost and employee benefit pools are composed of expenses that benefit more than one grant. Indirect costs and employee benefit pools are allocated based on the rates established in the Council's Indirect Cost Allocation Plan. Allocation rates are based on a fixed rate with carry-forward.

Tax Status

The Council is exempt from federal and state income taxes.

Risk Management

The Council is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors and omissions, and employee injuries. Coverage for these various risks of loss is obtained through commercial insurance. There has been no significant reduction in insurance coverage from the prior year for all categories of risk. Commercial insurance is purchased in an amount that is sufficient to cover the Council's risk of loss. The Council will record an estimated loss from a claim as an expense and a liability if it meets the following requirements: (1) information available before the financial statements are issued indicates that it is probable that an asset has been impaired or a liability has

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

been incurred at the date of the financial statements and (2) the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated.

Amounts received or receivable from grant agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies, principally the federal government. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability. The amount, if any, of expenditures that may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time, although the Council expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

Implementation of GASB Statement No. 96, Subscription-based Information Technology Arrangements

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Council implemented the provisions of GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-based Information Technology Arrangements*. There was no impact on the financial statements as a result of the implementation of GASB 96.

2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

As of December 31, 2023, the Council had bank deposits of \$3,867,979 and cash on hand of \$100.

Credit Risk

It is the Council's investment policy to only invest in time deposits, money market funds, U.S. Treasury and federal agency securities, and repurchase agreements. As of December 31, 2023, the Council was in compliance with this policy.

<u>Interest Rate Risk</u>

Under the Council's established investment policy, the maximum allowed maturity for time deposits is five years. U.S. Treasury and federal agency securities and repurchase agreements have an allowed maximum maturity of 90 days or less. The Council had no investments during 2023.

Custodial Credit Risk

For a deposit, custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Council's deposit may not be returned to it. The Council does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. State law requires depository financial institutions to pledge governmental unit securities as collateral for public funds on deposit, which, when combined with Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insurance, are at least equal to the amount on deposit at all times. At December 31, 2023, the Council's carrying amount of deposits was \$3,867,979 and the bank balance was \$3,999,616. At December 31, 2023, none of the Council's bank balances were exposed to custodial credit risk.

For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of failure of the counterparty, the Council will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Council has an informal policy to reduce custodial credit risk where securities pledged are held by the pledging financial institution's safekeeping department in the Council's name. U.S. agency securities are held in the Council's name at the Bank of New York under a custodial relationship with the Bank of America. The Council does not have a concentration of credit risks policy.

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

3. CAPITAL ASSETS

For the year ended December 31, 2023, capital asset activity is as follows:

	2023									
	E	Beginning			Ret	irements/		Ending		
	balance		Additions			Other		balance		
Equipment	\$	159,198	\$	-	\$	-	\$	159,198		
Leasehold improvements		23,262		-		-		23,262		
Software		260,368		3,168		-		263,536		
Construction in progress		81,170		37,494		-		118,664		
Right-to-use leased building		1,679,480		-		-		1,679,480		
Right-to-use leased equipment		21,934		-		-		21,934		
Total capital assets		2,225,412		40,662		-		2,266,074		
Less accumulated depreciation										
and amortization		(566,405)	(3	327,935)		-		(894,340)		
Net	\$	1,659,007	\$ (2	287,273)	\$	-	\$	1,371,734		

Depreciation and amortization expense allocated to the grant funds as part of indirect costs was \$322,139 in 2023.

4. SOFTWARE LICENSING AGREEMENTS

During a prior year, the Council entered into various software licensing agreements which are recorded at the present value of the future payments. Payments are made quarterly or annually depending on the agreement with the final payment due in January 2024. At December 31, 2023, \$11,256 is recorded as current and \$0 as long term.

The related software is included in capital assets, net of accumulated amortization. At December 31, 2023, the total cost is \$202,745 and the total accumulated amortization is \$185,715.

Future minimum payments under the agreements described above are as follows:

December 31,	P	rincipal	Inte	erest	Total
2024	\$	11,256	\$	97	\$ 11,353

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

5. LEASES

As of December 31, the Council had the following lease obligations outstanding:

- a) Facilities lease for office space and related parking facilities with a remaining balance of \$1,420,695. This lease calls for monthly payments of principal and interest of \$23,481 through December 1, 2028.
- b) A copier lease with a remaining balance of \$11,052. This lease calls for monthly payments of principal and interest of \$496 through November 1, 2025.

The remaining cost of the lease assets as of December 31, 2023 is \$1,701,414 which is included in capital assets and net of accumulated amortization of \$491,051.

The annual requirements to retire the lease obligations outstanding at December 31, 2023 are as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	Principal		lr	nterest	Total
2024	\$	255,868	\$	42,785	\$ 298,653
2025		271,984		34,224	306,208
2026		283,579		25,220	308,799
2027		301,106		15,744	316,850
2028		319,210		5,690	324,900
Total	\$	1,431,747	\$	123,663	\$ 1,555,410

6. COMMITMENTS

Sub-Awards and Contracts

The Council has entered into sub-award agreements and contracts with various governmental agencies and consulting firms for projects and studies in connection with the grants administered by the Council. At December 31, 2023, the aggregate amount of outstanding contractual commitments for which services are to be performed in future periods is \$2,216,482.

7. RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

The Council adopted the East-West Gateway Council of Governments Retirement Savings Plan and Trust (the "Plan"), a defined contribution plan, which allows voluntary tax-deferred contributions pursuant to the provisions of Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. The investment management and recordkeeping services for the Plan are performed by Principal Financial Group. The Council is required to make matching contributions to the Plan. The Council contributes a maximum of 6.0% of gross employee salary. The Plan is available to all employees over the age of 21 regardless of their time of service. During 2023, the Council contributed \$175,812 and employees contributed \$278,624 to the Plan.

EAST-WEST GATEWAY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS —
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
This section of the Council's annual financial report presents detailed information about the Council's
revenues and expenses by program for the year ended December 31, 2023. For federally funded programs,
this section provides information about the federal participation and share of expenses for each grant.
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This section is organized alphabetically by the federal funding agency followed by the pass-through entity
with an overall summary at the beginning. Locally funded projects are presented last.

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES BY PROGRAM FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

SUMMARY BY FUNDER											
	U.S.	DHHS, ASPR	U.S. DHS, FEMA	U.S. DOT, FHWA	U.S. DOT, FTA	U.S. EPA	Local Projects	Total			
REVENUES											
Federal grants	\$	142,549 \$	3,306,218 \$	3,767,533 \$	26,522 \$	106,919 \$	- \$	7,349,741			
State grants & appropriations		-	-	252,084	-	17,143	-	269,227			
Local contributions		-	-	59,340	-	-	-	59,340			
Other grants		-	-	-	-	-	267,672	267,672			
In-Kind match		-	-	222,589	-	-	-	222,589			
EWG Contributions		-	-	414,042	-	-	-	414,042			
Total revenues		142,549	3,306,218	4,715,588	26,522	124,062	267,672	8,582,611			
EXPENSES											
Salaries & Wages		62,627	228,597	1,701,010	12,273	57,266	155,834	2,217,607			
Employee Benefits		-	-	-	-	-	11,258	11,258			
Services		-	563,323	581,753	-	-	54	1,145,130			
Property		-	-	30,508	-	-	8,181	38,689			
Facilities		-	-	2,367	-	2	3,523	5,892			
Publications		-	1,184	12,573	-	-	-	13,757			
Meeting & Conferences		1,830	3,100	9,293	-	-	1,059	15,282			
Travel & Parking		5,676	4,874	17,552	56	78	187	28,423			
Supplies		-	-	35	-	-	508	543			
Professional Development		-	-	-	-	500	-	500			
In-Kind Match		-	-	211,924	-	-	-	211,924			
Training & Exercises		-	404,291	-	-	-	-	404,291			
Sub-Recipient Expenses		-	1,836,515	181,676	-	-	6,737	2,024,928			
Allocations				•			•				
Fringe benefits		31,915	116,495	866,834	6,255	29,182	79,413	1,130,094			
Indirect costs		40,501	147,839	1,100,063	7,938	37,034	918	1,334,293			
Total expenses	\$	142,549 \$	3,306,218 \$	4,715,588 \$	26,522 \$	124,062 \$	267,672 \$	8,582,611			

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES BY PROGRAM (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR)

PASSED THROUGH, MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES						
	5U3R	EP190554-04				
FAIN	6U3R	EP190554-04		5U3REP190554-05		
FALN		93.889		93.889		Total
Grant	FY	2023 HPP		FY 2024 HPP		
Pass-Through ID #	CS	200690001		CS23273001		
REVENUES						
Federal grants	\$	71,226	\$	71,323	\$	142,549
State grants & appropriations		-		-		-
Local contributions		-		-		-
Other grants		-		-		-
In-Kind match		-		-		-
EWG contributions		-		-		<u>-</u>
Total revenues		71,226		71,323		142,549
EXPENSES						
Salaries & Wages		32,001		30,626		62,627
Employee Benefits		-		-		-
Services		-		_		-
Property		-		_		_
Facilities		-		_		-
Publications		-		_		_
Meeting & Conferences		610		1,220		1,830
Travel & Parking		1,612		4,064		5,676
Supplies		.,		.,00 .		-
Professional Development		_		_		_
Non-Program Expenses		_		_		_
In-Kind Match		-		_		_
Training & Exercises		_		_		_
Sub-Recipient Expenses		_		_		_
Allocations						
Fringe benefits		16,308		15,607		31,915
Indirect costs		20,695		19,806		40,501
	-					
Total expenses	\$	71,226	\$	71,323	\$	142,549
Revenues over expenses		-		-		-
Federal Award Information						
Total grant award amount	\$	270,980	\$	261,952	\$	532,932
Federal participation percentage		100%		100%		
Maximum federal grant allowable	\$	270,980	\$	261,952	\$	532,932
Federal share of expenses	\$	71,226	\$	71,323	\$	142,549

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES BY PROGRAM (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency

DIRECT, FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY							
FAIN FALN Grant Pass-Through ID #		0-CA-00014-S01 97.111 2020 RCPG n/a	Total				
REVENUES Federal grants State grants & appropriations Local contributions Other grants In-Kind match EWG contributions	\$	299,579 - - - - -	\$	299,579 - - - - -			
Total revenues		299,579		299,579			
EXPENSES Salaries & Wages Employee Benefits Services Property Facilities Publications Meeting & Conferences Travel & Parking Supplies Professional Development Non-Program Expenses In-Kind Match Training & Exercises Sub-Recipient Expenses Allocations Fringe benefits		14,375 - 268,581 - - - - - - - - - - - -		14,375 - 268,581 - - - - - - - - - - - - -			
Indirect costs		9,297		9,297			
Total expenses	\$	299,579	\$	299,579			
Revenues over expenses		-		-			
Federal Award Information Total grant award amount Federal participation percentage Maximum federal grant allowable	\$	929,414 100% 929,414	\$	929,414 929,414			
Federal share of expenses	\$	299,579	\$	299,579			

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES BY PROGRAM (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency – Continued

FAIN		19-SS-00039	EMW-202	0-SS-00051	EMW-2021-SS-0003	8	EMW-2022-SS-00094		
FALN		7.067		.067	97.067		97.067		Total
Grant		19 UASI		20 UASI	FY 2021 UASI		FY 2022 UASI		
Pass-Through ID #	1	n/a	n	/a	n/a		n/a		
REVENUES									
Federal grants	\$	1,400,555	\$	863,803	\$ 556,	284	185,997	\$	3,006,639
State grants & appropriations		-		-		-	-		
Local contributions		-		-		-	-		-
Other grants		-		-		_	-		
In-Kind match		_		_		-	_		-
EWG contributions		-		-		-	-		-
Total revenues		1,400,555		863,803	556,	284	185,997		3,006,639
EVDENCES									
EXPENSES		107.576		101 100	4	000	210		24.4.222
Salaries & Wages		107,576		101,499	4,	828	319		214,222
Employee Benefits		-		-		-	-		-
Services		294,742		-		-	-		294,742
Property		-		-		-	-		-
Facilities		-		-		-	-		-
Publications		740		444		-	-		1,184
Meeting & Conferences		700		2,400		-	-		3,100
Travel & Parking		2,767		2,107		-	-		4,874
Supplies		-		-		-	-		-
Professional Development		-		-		-	-		-
Non-Program Expenses		-		-		-	-		-
In-Kind Match		-		-		-	-		-
Training & Exercises		241,900		158,991	3,	400	-		404,291
Sub-Recipient Expenses		627,736		480,997	542,	472	185,310		1,836,515
Allocations									
Fringe benefits		54,822		51,724	2,	461	162		109,169
Indirect costs		69,572		65,641	3,	123	206		138,542
Total expenses	\$	1,400,555	\$	863,803	\$ 556,	284 \$	185,997	\$	3,006,639
Revenues over expenses		-		-		-	-		-
Federal Award Information									
Total grant award amount	\$	3,082,570	\$	3,309,319	\$ 3,593,	980 4	3,595,000	\$	13,580,869
Federal participation percentage	Ψ	100%	*	100%		00%	100%		13,300,003
Maximum federal grant allowable	\$	3,082,570	\$		\$ 3,593,				12 500 060
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SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES BY PROGRAM (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration

DIRECT, FEDERA	AL HIGHW	AY ADMINISTRATI	ON			
FAIN FALN Grant Pass-Through ID #	FFY 2022	3JJ32340389 20.205 Safe Streets for All 3JJ32340389		Total		
REVENUES						
Federal grants	\$	48,255	\$	48,255		
State grants & appropriations		-		-		
Local contributions		-		-		
Other grants		-		-		
In-Kind match		-		-		
EWG contributions		12,064		12,064		
Total revenues		60,319		60,319		
EXPENSES						
Salaries & Wages		21,187		21,187		
Employee Benefits		-		-		
Services		13,949		13,949		
Property		-		-		
Facilities		-		-		
Publications		684		684		
Meeting & Conferences Travel & Parking		-		-		
Supplies		_		_		
Professional Development		-		-		
Non-Program Expenses		-		-		
In-Kind Match		-		-		
Training & Exercises		-		-		
Sub-Recipient Expenses		-		-		
Allocations		10.707		10.707		
Fringe benefits Indirect costs		10,797 13,702		10,797 13,702		
munect costs	-	13,702		13,702		
Total expenses	\$	60,319	\$	60,319		
Revenues over expenses		-		-		
Federal Award Information						
Total grant award amount	\$	725,690	\$	725,690		
Federal participation percentage		80%				
Maximum federal grant allowable	\$	580,552	\$	580,552		
Federal share of expenses	\$	48,255	\$	48,255		

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES BY PROGRAM (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration – Continued

	PASSED	THROUGH, ILLI	NOIS DEPARTME	NT OF TI	RAN	NSPORTATION				
FAIN FALN Grant Pass-Through ID #	FY 20	KCIX(228) 20.205 FY 2023 MTP - IL 23-1009-33514		STDV(653) 20.205 FY 2024 MTP - IL 24-1009-40911		RQM3519 20.205 FY 2022 SPR - IL 21-1439-24818		3ERM(641) 20.205 FY 2024 SPR - IL 24-1439-44989		Total
REVENUES										
Federal grants State grants & appropriations Local contributions Other grants	\$	422,636 105,653 -	\$	91,060 97,764 -	\$	259,984 - 50,392	\$	3,585 - -	\$	1,077,265 203,417 50,392
In-Kind match EWG contributions		-		-		- 14,603		- 897		- 15,500
Total revenues		528,289	4	188,824		324,979		4,482		1,346,574
EXPENSES										
Salaries & Wages		231,725	2	207,480		33,768		2,076		475,049
Employee Benefits		-		-		-		-		
Services		83		62		251,961		-		252,106
Property		4,032		4,668		-		-		8,700
Facilities		429		237		-		-		666
Publications		2,634		662		-		-		3,296
Meeting & Conferences		1,327		1,106		-		-		2,433
Travel & Parking		2,341		2,169		202		6		4,718
Supplies		-		10		-		-		10
Professional Development		-		-		-		-		-
Non-Program Expenses		-		-		-		-		-
In-Kind Match		-		-		-		-		-
Training & Exercises		17.774		-		-		-		F0 204
Sub-Recipient Expenses Allocations		17,774		32,520		-		-		50,294
Fringe benefits		118,086		05,731		17,209		1,058		242,084
Indirect costs		149,858		34,179		21,839		1,342		307,218
Total expenses	\$	528,289	\$ 4	88,824	\$	324,979	\$	4,482	\$	1,346,574
Revenues over expenses		-		-		-		-		-
Federal Award Information										
Total grant award amount	\$	1,712,094	\$ 1,9	904,712	\$	622,992	\$	705,572	\$	4,945,370
Federal participation percentage		80%	,	80%		80%		80%		
Maximum federal grant allowable	\$	1,369,675	\$ 1,5		\$	498,394	\$	564,458	\$	3,956,296
Federal share of expenses	\$	422,636	\$	391,060	\$	259,984	\$	3,585	\$	1,077,265

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES BY PROGRAM (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration – Continued

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FALN		20.505		20.505	
Grant	i	Y 2023 MTP - MO		FY 2024 MTP - MO	
Pass-Through ID #	MP5230	1C / MP52302C / MP2303C		MP52401C/MP52402C MP2303/MP52304C	
REVENUES					
Federal grants	\$	1,326,207	\$	1.315.806	\$ 2,642,013
State grants & appropriations	,	5,360	7	43,307	48,66
Local contributions		4,563		4,385	8,94
Other grants		4,505		4,363	0,34
In-Kind match		103,350		119,239	222,589
EWG contributions		224,458		162,020	386,47
Total revenues		1,663,938		1,644,757	3,308,69
EXPENSES					
Salaries & Wages		664,679		540,095	1,204,77
Employee Benefits		-			, - ,
Services		55,821		259,877	315,69
Property		10,823		10,985	21,80
Facilities		1,146		555	1,70
Publications		7,040		1,553	8,59
Meeting & Conferences		3,548		3,312	6,86
Travel & Parking		6,293		6,541	12,83
Supplies		-		25	2
Professional Development		-		- -	
Non-Program Expenses		-		-	
In-Kind Match		92,685		119,239	211,92
Training & Exercises		· -		· -	•
Sub-Recipient Expenses		53,327		78,055	131,38
Allocations		•-		,,,,,	,
Fringe benefits		338,720		275,233	613,95
Indirect costs		429,856		349,287	779,14
Total expenses	\$	1,663,938	\$	1,644,757	\$ 3,308,69
Revenues over expenses		-		-	
Federal Award Information					
Total grant award amount	\$	5,731,255	\$	5,479,094	\$ 11,210,34
Federal participation percentage		80%		80%	
Maximum federal grant allowable	\$	4,585,004	\$	4,383,275	\$ 8,968,27
Federal share of expenses	\$	1,326,207			\$ 2,642,013

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES BY PROGRAM (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration

PASSED THROUGH, BI-STATE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY							
FAIN FALN Grant Pass-Through ID #	FY 19 &	Total					
REVENUES Federal grants State grants & appropriations Local contributions Other grants In-Kind match EWG contributions	\$	26,522 \$ - - - - -	5 26,522 - - - - -				
Total revenues		26,522	26,522				
EXPENSES Salaries & Wages Employee Benefits Services Property Facilities Publications Meeting & Conferences Travel & Parking Supplies Professional Development Non-Program Expenses In-Kind Match Training & Exercises Sub-Recipient Expenses Allocations Fringe benefits Indirect costs		12,273 - - - - - 56 - - - - - - 6,255 7,938	12,273 56				
		7,938	7,938				
Total expenses	\$	26,522 \$	26,522				
Revenues over expenses		-	-				
Federal Award Information Total grant award amount Federal participation percentage Maximum federal grant allowable	\$ \$	47,218 \$ 100% 47,218 \$					
Federal share of expenses	\$	26,522 \$	26,522				

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES BY PROGRAM (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

DIRECT, U.S. ENVIRONMEN	TAL PROTECTION AGENCY		
FAIN FALN Grant Pass-Through ID #	96704501 66.046 FFY 2022 Climate Pollution Reduction n/a		
REVENUES			
Federal grants	\$ 53,471		
State grants & appropriations	-		
Local contributions	-		
Other grants	-		
In-Kind match	-		
EWG contributions			
Total revenues	53,471		
EXPENSES			
Salaries & Wages	24,558		
Employee Benefits	,,sss		
Services	_		
Property	-		
Facilities	-		
Publications	-		
Meeting & Conferences	-		
Travel & Parking	18		
Supplies	-		
Professional Development	500		
Non-Program Expenses	-		
In-Kind Match	-		
Training & Exercises	-		
Sub-Recipient Expenses	-		
Allocations			
Fringe benefits	12,514		
Indirect costs	15,881		
Total expenses	\$ 53,471		
Revenues over expenses	-		
Federal Award Information			
Total grant award amount	\$ 1,000,000		
Federal participation percentage	100%		
Maximum federal grant allowable	\$ 1,000,000		
Federal share of expenses	\$ 53,471		

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES BY PROGRAM (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Continued

PASSED THROUGH, ILLINOIS	ENVIRONME	NTAL PROTECTIO	ON AGE	NCY	
FAIN FALN Grant Pass-Through ID #	FY23		Total		
REVENUES					
Federal grants	\$	35,564	\$	35,564	
State grants & appropriations	·	-		-	
Local contributions		_		_	
Other grants		_		_	
In-Kind match		_		_	
EWG contributions		-		-	
Total revenues		35,564		35,564	
EVDENCEC					
EXPENSES Solarios & Wagos		16,478		16,478	
Salaries & Wages Employee Benefits		10,476		10,478	
Services				_	
Property		_		_	
Facilities				_	
Publications		_		_	
Meeting & Conferences		_		_	
Travel & Parking		33		33	
Supplies		-		-	
Professional Development		_		_	
Non-Program Expenses		_		_	
In-Kind Match		_		_	
Training & Exercises		_		_	
Sub-Recipient Expenses		_		_	
Allocations					
Fringe benefits		8,397		8,397	
Indirect costs		10,656		10,656	
Total expenses	\$	35,564	\$	35,564	
Revenues over expenses		-		-	
Federal Award Information					
Total grant award amount	\$	105,000	\$	105,000	
Federal participation percentage	₩	100%	~	100%	
Maximum federal grant allowable	\$		\$	105,000	
Federal share of expenses	\$	35,564		35,564	

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES BY PROGRAM (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Continued

FAIN FALN Grant Pass-Through ID #	FFY 2020	C9007407-26 66.460 FFY 2020 Section 319 G22-NPS-06		BG99731320 66.605 FY 2023 PPG - MO A-3001-23		9731324 6.605 4 PPG - MO 8001-24		Total	
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REVENUES									
Federal grants	\$	2,965	\$	12,842	\$	2,077	\$	17,884	
State grants & appropriations		-		14,757		2,386		17,143	
Local contributions		-		-		-		-	
Other grants		-		-		-		-	
In-Kind match		-		-		-		-	
EWG contributions		-		-		-		-	
Total revenues		2,965		27,599		4,463		35,027	
EXPENSES									
Salaries & Wages		1,371		12,790		2,069		16,230	
Employee Benefits		-				_,005			
Services		_		_		_		-	
Property		_		_		-		_	
Facilities		_		2		_		2	
Publications		_		-		_		-	
Meeting & Conferences		_		_		_		_	
Travel & Parking		10		17		_		27	
Supplies		-				_		_,	
Professional Development		_		_		_		_	
Non-Program Expenses		_		_		_		_	
In-Kind Match		_		_		_		_	
Training & Exercises		_		_		_		_	
Sub-Recipient Expenses		_		_		_		_	
Allocations									
Fringe benefits		698		6,518		1,055		8,271	
Indirect costs		886		8,272		1,339		10,497	
Total expenses	\$	2,965	\$	27,599	\$	4,463	\$	35,027	
Revenues over expenses		-		-		-		-	
Federal Award Information									
Total grant award amount	\$	85,500	\$	35,595	\$	35,595	ŧ	156,690	
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Federal participation percentage Maximum federal grant allowable	\$	85,500	¢	46.53% 16,562	¢	46.53% 16,562	t	118,625	
maximum reactar grant allowable	Ψ	00,500	\$	12,842	Ψ	10,302	₽ \$	110,023	

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES BY PROGRAM (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Local Projects

DIRECT, SW ILLINOIS FLOOD PREVENTION DISTRICT COUNCIL

		Total
REVENUES Federal grants State grants & appropriations	\$	- -
Local contributions Other grants In-Kind match EWG contributions		244,363 -
Total revenues		244,363
EXPENSES		
Salaries & Wages		154,415
Employee Benefits		11,258
Services		, <u>-</u>
Property		-
Facilities		-
Publications		-
Meeting & Conferences		-
Travel & Parking		-
Supplies		-
Professional Development		-
Non-Program Expenses		-
In-Kind Match		-
Training & Exercises		-
Sub-Recipient Expenses		-
Allocations		70,000
Fringe benefits Indirect costs		78,690
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Total expenses	\$	244,363
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Revenues over expenses

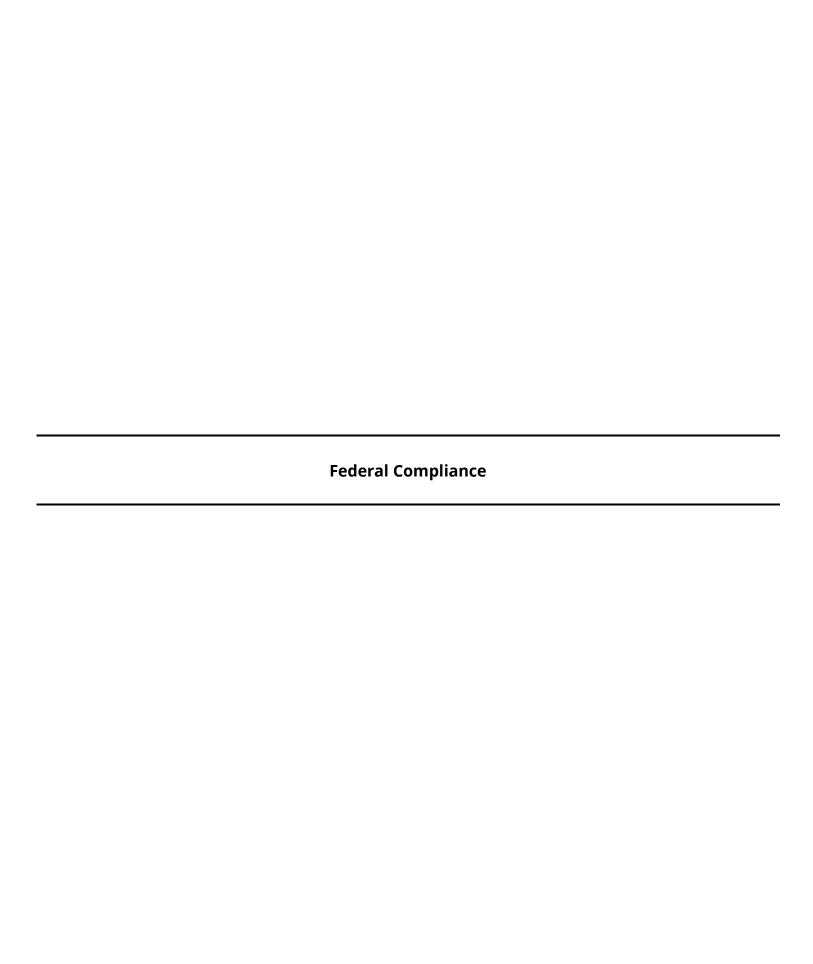
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES BY PROGRAM (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Local Projects - Continued

DIRECT, ST. LOUIS AREA REGIONAL RESPONSE SYSTEM

		Total
REVENUES		
Federal grants	\$	-
State grants & appropriations		-
Local contributions		-
Other grants		23,309
In-Kind match		-
EWG contributions	-	-
Total revenues		23,309
EXPENSES		
Salaries & Wages		1,419
Employee Benefits		, -
Services		54
Property		8,181
Facilities		3,523
Publications		-
Meeting & Conferences		1,059
Travel & Parking		187
Supplies		508
Professional Development		-
Non-Program Expenses		-
In-Kind Match		-
Training & Exercises		- 6 707
Sub-Recipient Expenses Allocations		6,737
Fringe benefits		723
Indirect costs		918
Total expenses	\$	23,309

Revenues over expenses





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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
East-West Gateway Council of Governments

We have audited, 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, the financial statements of the business-type activities of East-West Gateway Council of Governments as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise East-West Gateway Council of Governments' basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated August 13, 2024.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered East-West Gateway Council of Governments' internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing 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 East-West Gateway Council of Governments' internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of East-West Gateway Council of Governments' 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 East-West Gateway Council of Governments' 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 or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of East-West Gateway Council of Governments' internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering East-West Gateway Council of Governments' internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Keller, Eck & Brackel LLP

St. Louis, Missouri August 13, 2024





Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and Report on Internal Control Over Compliance In Accordance with the Uniform Guidance

Board of Directors East-West Gateway Council of Governments

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited East-West Gateway Council of Governments' compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on each of East-West Gateway Council of Governments' major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2023. East-West Gateway Council of Governments' major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, East-West Gateway Council of Governments complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

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

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

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

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

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

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

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

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

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

Keller, Eck & Brackel LLP

St. Louis, Missouri August 13, 2024

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Federal Assistance Listing	Federal Award Identification	Pass-Through Identification		Passed Through to
Federal Grantor/Program Title	Number	Number	Number	Expenditures	Subrecipients
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES / ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE: Passed Through the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services:					
DHHS: National Bioterrorism Hospital Preparedness Program	93.889	5U3REP190554-04	CS200690001-04	\$ 71,226	\$ -
		6U3REP190554-04			-
DHHS: National Bioterrorism Hospital Preparedness Program	93.889	5U3REP190554-05	CS23273001	71,323	
Subtotal Assistance Listing 93.889				142,549	
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES				142,549	
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY:					
Direct from Federal Emergency Management Agency:					
Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program	97.111	EMK-2020-CA-00014-S01	N/A	299,579	
Passed Through the Missouri Office of Homeland Security:					
FEMA: Homeland Security Grant Program	97.067	EMW-2019-SS-00039	N/A	1,400,555	-
FEMA: Homeland Security Grant Program	97.067	EMW-2020-SS-00051	N/A	863,803	287,782
FEMA: Homeland Security Grant Program	97.067	EMW-2021-SS-00038	N/A	556,284	294,722
FEMA: Homeland Security Grant Program	97.067	EMW-2022-SS-00094	N/A	185,997	68,432
Subtotal Assistance Listing 97.067				3,006,639	650,936
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY				3,306,218	650,936
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:					
Direct from Federal Highway Administration:					
Safe Streets and Roads for All	20.939	693JJ32340389	693JJ32340389	48,255	
Passed through the Bi-State Development Agency:					
Transit Services Programs Cluster: FTA:Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities	20.513	MO-2020-033	N/A	26,522	
The Elimancea Wooling of Seriors and Individuals with Disabilities	20.515	WO-2020-033	IV/A	20,322	
Passed Through the Illinois Department of Transportation:					
FHWA: Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	KCIX(228)	23-1009-33514	422,636	14,219
FHWA: Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	STDV(653)	24-1009-40911	391,060	68,432
FHWA: Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	RQM3519	21-1439-24818	259,984	-
FHWA: Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	3ERM(641)	24-1439-44989	3,585	-
Passed Through the Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission:		693JJ22230000****MO00FY523			
		19MP			
		20MP			
		21MP 45E			
		Y410			
		Z450			
FHWA: Highway Planning and Construction	20.505	Z45E	MP52301C / MP52302C	1,326,207	-
		693JJ22330000****MO00FY524			
		M450	MP52401C /		
		Y410	MP52402C		
		Y450	Arterial Study -		
		Z450	MP2303C /		
FHWA: Highway Planning and Construction	20.505	Z45E	MP52304C	1,315,806	
				2,642,013	
Subtotal Assistance Listing 20.205				3,719,278	82,651
TOTAL U. S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION				3,794,055	82,651
U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY:					
Direct from Environmental Protection Agency:					
Climate Pollution Reduction Grant	66.046	96704501	N/A	53,471	
Passed Through the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency:					
EPA: Performance Partnership Grants	66.605	98542817	FA-20001	35,564	-
December 11 to 12 to 15					
Passed Through the Missouri Department of Natural Resources: EPA: Performance Partnership Grants	66.605	BG99731320	A-3001-23	12,842	_
EPA: Performance Partnership Grants	66.605	BG99731324	A-3001-23 A-3001-24	2,077	_
Subtotal Assistance Listing 66.605	66.460	C9007407-26	G22-NPS-06	50,483	
319 Nonpoint Source Implementation Grant, FFY 2020	00.400	CJ00/40/-Z0	322-INI 3-00	2,965	
TOTAL U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY				106,919	
TOTAL FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE				\$ 7,349,741	\$ 733,587

NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

Note 1 - Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal award activity of the Council under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2023. The Council's reporting entity is defined in Note 1 to the Council's financial statements. The information reported in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Council, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position or cash flows of the Council.

Note 2 - Significant Accounting Policies

The Council prepares its Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards on the accrual basis of accounting which is described in Note 1 to the Council's financial statements. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

Note 3 - Indirect Cost Rate

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

Note 4 - Insurance

The Council did not have any federal insurance in effect during the year ended December 31, 2023.

Note 5 - Donated Personal Protective Equipment (Unaudited)

The Council did not receive donations of personal protective equipment during the year ended December 31, 2023.

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

1. <u>SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS</u>

<u>Financial Statements</u>	
Type of auditors' report issued:	Unmodified
Internal control over financial reporting: Material weakness(es) identified? Significant deficiency(ies) identified not considered to be material weakness	Yes _X_ No es?Yes _X_ None reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	Yes _X_ No
<u>Federal Awards</u>	
Internal control over major programs: Material weakness(es) identified? Significant deficiency(ies) identified not considered to be material weakness	YesX No es?YesX None reported
Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major programs:	e Unmodified
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR Section 200.516(a)?	Yes _X_ No
Identification of major programs:	
Assistance Listing Number(s)	Name of Federal Program or Cluster
97.067 97.111	Homeland Security Grant Program Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs: \$750,000	
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	XYes No
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS	
There were no financial statement findings.	

3. FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

2.

There were no findings and questioned costs related to federal awards.

4. FOLLOW-UP OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

There were no prior year findings and questioned costs.