CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

REPORTS ON FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

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

To the Honorable Mayor, the City Council, and Management
City of Springfield, Massachusetts

Report on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of City of Springfield, Massachusetts' as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City of Springfield, Massachusetts' basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated January 30, 2025, which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Uniform Guidance and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

CBIZ CPAs P.C.

Boston, MA
July 28, 2025

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Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance

To the Honorable Mayor, the City Council, and Management
City of Springfield, Massachusetts

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the City of Springfield, Massachusetts' compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the City of Springfield, Massachusetts' major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. The City of Springfield, Massachusetts' major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the City of Springfield, Massachusetts complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024.

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; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; 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 the City of Springfield, Massachusetts 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 the City of Springfield, Massachusetts' 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 the City of Springfield, Massachusetts' federal programs.

Auditors' Responsibility for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the City of Springfield, Massachusetts' 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 generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the City of Springfield, Massachusetts' compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the City of Springfield, Massachusetts' compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the City of Springfield, Massachusetts' internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Springfield, Massachusetts' 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.

Other Matters

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed an instance of noncompliance with is required to be reported in accordance with the *Uniform Guidance* and which is described in the accompanying schedules of findings and questioned costs as item 2024-001. Our opinion on each major federal program is not modified with respect to this matter.

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the City of Springfield, Massachusetts' response to the noncompliance findings identified in our compliance audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The City of Springfield, Massachusetts' response was not subjected to other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we did identify a deficiency in internal control over compliance that we consider to be a material weakness.

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. We consider the deficiency in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2024-001 to be a material weakness.

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.

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the City of Springfield, Massachusetts' response to the internal control over compliance findings identified in our compliance audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The City of Springfield, Massachusetts' response was not subjected to other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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.

CBIZ CPAs P.C.

Boston, MA
July 28, 2025

City of Springfield

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Amount Passed Through to Sub-Recipients	Expenditures
CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER:				
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE:				
Passed through Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education:				
Non-Cash Assistance (Commodities):				
National School Lunch Program	10.555	07-281	$ -	$ 1,608,887
Cash Assistance:				
National School Lunch Program	10.555	07-281	-	17,007,958
Total National School Lunch Program			-	18,616,845
Cash Assistance:				
School Breakfast Program	10.553	07-281	-	10,073,944
Summer Food Service Program for Children	10.559	07-281	-	538,105
USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program	10.582	SCDOE1875A70532008A	-	672,603
TOTAL CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER			-	29,901,497
CDBG - ENTITLEMENT GRANTS CLUSTER:				
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT:				
Direct Programs:				
Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants - CDBG Entitlement	14.218	N/A	432,075	4,891,461
COVID-19 - Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants - CDBG Entitlement	14.218	N/A	257,175	688,835
TOTAL CDBG - ENTITLEMENT GRANTS CLUSTER			689,250	5,580,296
CDBG - DISASTER RECOVERY GRANTS CLUSTER:				
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT:				
Direct Program:				
National Disaster Resilience Competition	14.272	N/A	-	726,689
HIGHWAY SAFETY CLUSTER:				
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:				
Passed through Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security:				
National Priority Safety Programs	20.616	PD PED/BIKE	-	56,320
SPECIAL EDUCATION CLUSTER:				
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:				
Passed through Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education:				
Special Education Grants to States (IDEA, Part B)	84.027	PD PED/BIKE	-	8,182,794
Special Education Grants to States (IDEA, Part B)	84.027	PD PED/BIKE	-	933
Special Education Grants to States (IDEA, Part B)	84.027	not available	-	25,070
COVID-19 - Special Education Grants to States (IDEA, Part B)	84.027	252-583147-2022-0281	-	38,399
Total Special Education Grants to States			-	8,247,196
Passed through Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education:				
Special Education Preschool Grants	84.173	262-000559-2024-0281	-	238,401
Special Education Preschool Grants	84.173	262-689237-2023-0281	-	2,208
Total Special Education Preschool Grants			-	240,609
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION CLUSTER			-	8,487,805
HEALTH CENTER PROGRAM CLUSTER:				
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES:				
Direct Program:				
Health Center Program	93.224	N/A	-	2,465,481
COVID-19 Health Center Program	93.224	N/A	-	132,411
Total Health Center Program			-	2,597,892
Grants for New and Expanded Services under the Health Center Program	93.527	N/A	-	49,301
TOTAL HEALTH CENTER PROGRAM CLUSTER			-	2,647,193
DIRECT AND PASS-THROUGH PROGRAMS:				
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY:				
Direct Program:				
COVID-19 - Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds	21.027	N/A	1,851,016	31,575,645
Passed through Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education:				
COVID-19 - Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds	21.027	0209-000623-2024-0281	-	3,347,405
Total Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds			1,851,016	34,923,050

See notes to schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

City of Springfield

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (Continued)

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Amount Passed Through to Sub-Recipients	Expenditures
DIRECT PROGRAMS:				
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT:				
Direct Programs:				
Urban Development Action Grants	14.221	N/A	-	1,678
Emergency Solutions Grants Program	14.231	N/A	246,320	269,955
COVID-19 - Emergency Solutions Grants Program	14.231	N/A	-	62,721
Total Emergency Solutions Grants Program			246,320	334,354
Home Investment Partnerships Program	14.239	N/A	280,943	1,369,372
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS	14.241	N/A	767,676	789,661
Homeless Management Information Systems Technical Assistance	14.261	N/A	-	11,822
Continuum of Care Program	14.267	N/A	5,480,080	6,075,995
Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control In Privately-Owned Housing	14.900	N/A	-	79,180
TOTAL HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT			6,775,019	8,660,384
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR:				
Direct Program:				
Outdoor Recreation Acquisition, Development and Planning	15.916	N/A	-	1,519,646
NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION:				
Direct Program:				
Computer and Information Science and Engineering	47.070	N/A	-	90,640
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES:				
Direct Programs:				
Drug Abuse and Addiction Research Programs	93.279	N/A	-	543,886
PASS-THROUGH PROGRAMS:				
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE:				
Passed through Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education:				
Child and Adult Care Food Program	10.558	07-281	-	674,506
School Nutrition Equipment Assistance for Schools	10.579	722-800944-2024-0281	-	14,951
School Nutrition Equipment Assistance for Schools	10.579	757-800945-2024-0281	-	11,174
Total School Nutrition Equipment Assistance for Schools			-	26,125
TOTAL AGRICULTURE			-	700,631
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE:				
Passed through Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety:				
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program	16.738	SCEPSFY24SHANSPRINGF	-	4,695
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program	16.738	SCEPSFY23SHANSPRINGF	-	145,015
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program	16.738	SCEPSFY22SHANSPRINGF	-	5,422
Total Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program			-	155,132
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR:				
Passed through Senior Service America, Inc.:				
Senior Community Service Employment Program	17.235	10008592D-100474-103567076	-	513,673
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:				
Passed through Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security:				
Recreational Trails Program	20.219	P22-3472-G16A	-	65,346
Interagency Hazardous Materials Public Sector Training and Planning Grants	20.703	HMEP 23-24 SPRINGFIELD	-	4,989
Interagency Hazardous Materials Public Sector Training and Planning Grants	20.703	HMEP 22-23 SPRINGFIELD	-	2,474
Total Interagency Hazardous Materials Public Sector Training and Planning Grants			-	7,463
Safe Streets and Roads for All	20.939	not available	-	221,295
TOTAL TRANSPORTATION			-	294,104
INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES:				
Passed through Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners:				
Grants to States	45.310	LSTA Citizenship Corners FY24	-	8,419
NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION:				
Passed through Springfield Technical Community College:				
Education and Human Resources	47.076	not available	-	69,779

See notes to schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

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Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (Continued)

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Amount Passed Through to Sub-Recipients	Expenditures
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:				
Passed through Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education:				
Adult Education - Basic Grants to States	84.002	340-000600-2024-0281	-	210,000
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	305-000549-2024-0281	-	15,446,321
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	305-689235-2023-0281	-	3,818,273
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	305-542967-2022-0281	-	224,175
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	322-796926-2024-0281	-	155,000
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	323-782135-2024-0281	-	6,147
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	323-678172-2023-0281	-	33,911
Total Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies			-	19,683,827
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States	84.048	400-000552-2024-0281	-	658,959
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States	84.048	400-694204-2023-0281	-	91,584
Total Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States			-	750,543
Education for Homeless Children and Youth	84.196	310-782074-2024-0281	-	86,540
Education for Homeless Children and Youth	84.196	310-677971-2023-0281	-	26,991
Total Education for Homeless Children and Youth			-	113,531
Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers	84.287	646-714718-2023-1528	-	62,608
English Language Acquisition State Grants	84.365	180-000547-2024-0281	-	494,830
English Language Acquisition State Grants	84.365	180-689240-2023-0281	-	154,263
English Language Acquisition State Grants	84.365	180-542962-2022-0281	-	34,723
English Language Acquisition State Grants	84.365	186-000516-2024-0281	-	4,150
English Language Acquisition State Grants	84.365	186-000516-2023-0281	-	32,919
Total English Language Acquisition State Grants			-	720,885
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367	140-000546-2024-0281	-	1,069,746
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367	140-689239-2023-0281	-	407,672
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367	140-542958-2022-0281	-	1,476
Total Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants			-	1,478,894
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424	309-000548-2024-0281	-	1,029,948
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424	309-689238-2023-0281	-	372,909
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424	309-542968-2022-0281	-	18,174
Total Student Support and Academic Enrichment Programs			-	1,421,031
COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund	84.425D	115-527397-2022-0281	-	17,238,343
COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund	84.425U	119-577428-2022-0281	-	52,068,215
COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund	84.425D	185-782296-2024-0281	-	290,129
COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund	84.425D	185-775081-2023-0281	-	108,840
COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund	84.425W	301-510575-2022-0281	-	452,269
COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund	84.425U	324-698782-2023-0281	-	2,066
COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund	84.425U	332-787160-2024-0281	-	53,578
COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund	84.425U	339-000652-2024-0281	-	13,444
COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund	84.425U	435-000695-2024-0281	-	29,184
COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund	84.425U	653-784112-2024-0281	-	75,769
COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund	84.425U	654-786232-2024-0281	-	6,000
COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund	84.425U	729-784151-2024-0281	-	27,079
COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund	84.425U	FY24 CHRONIC ABSENCES	-	18,032
Total Education Stabilization Fund			-	70,382,948
TOTAL EDUCATION			-	94,824,267
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES:				
Passed through Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services:				
Food and Drug Administration Research	93.103	not available	-	16,591
OMBIDSMAN One Care Plan Initiative	93.242	SHINE	-	14,370
Immunization Cooperative Agreements	93.268	SPRINGFIELD040521	-	10,335
Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases	93.323	F24127056	-	217,055
State Health Insurance Assistance Program	93.324	SHINE	-	59,716
Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Response - Public Health Crisis Response	93.354	NTF3202P*135	-	776
Refugee and Entrant Assistance State/Replacement Designee Administered Programs	93.566	652-799535-2024-0281	-	48,201
Refugee and Entrant Assistance State/Replacement Designee Administered Programs	93.566	652-782274-2024-0281	-	17,368
Refugee and Entrant Assistance State/Replacement Designee Administered Programs	93.566	652-773650-2023-0281	-	16,578
Total Refugee and Entrant Assistance State/Replacement Designee Administered Programs			-	82,147

See notes to schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

City of Springfield

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (Continued)

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Amount Passed Through to Sub-Recipients	Expenditures
Opioid STR	93.788	not available	-	242,211
Block Grants for Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse	93.959	not available	-	129,715
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant	93.991	VC6000192140MIMFY24	-	44,000
TOTAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES			-	816,916
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY:				
Passed through Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security:				
Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)	97.036	DR 4496 PW-00657	-	909,390
Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)	97.036	DR 4496 PW-00749	-	877,845
Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)	97.036	DR 4496 PW-02158	-	504,514
Total Disaster Grants - Public Assistance			-	2,291,749
Passed through Executive Office of Public Safety and Security:				
Emergency Management Performance Grants	97.042	EMPG18- SPRINGFIELD	-	114,185
Pre-Disaster Mitigation	97.047	Not available	-	233,183
TOTAL HOMELAND SECURITY			-	2,639,117
TOTAL			$ 9,315,285	$ 193,159,444

See notes to schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

City of Springfield

Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Note 1 – Basis of Presentation

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (Schedule) includes the federal award activity of the City of Springfield, Massachusetts under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2024. The information 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 City of Springfield, Massachusetts, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in the net position, or cash flows of the City of Springfield, Massachusetts.

Note 2 – Summary Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting and reporting policies of the City of Springfield, Massachusetts, are set forth below:

(a) Basis of Accounting - The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

(b) Cash Assistance – Child Nutrition Cluster -- Program expenditures represent federal reimbursement for meals provided during the year.

(c) Non-Cash Assistance (Commodities) – Child Nutrition Cluster – Program expenditures represent the value of donated foods received during the year.

(d) The City of Springfield, Massachusetts has elected not to use the 10-precent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

(e) Disaster grants are recorded in the year the project workbook is approved.

City of Springfield

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Section I - Summary of Auditors' Results

Financial Statements:

Type of auditors' issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with GAAP:	*Unmodified Opinion*
Internal Control over Financial Reporting:	
Material weakness(es) identified?	____Yes ___X___No
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	____Yes ___X___None reported
Noncompliance material to the financial statements noted?	____Yes ___X___No

Federal Awards:

Internal Control Over Major Federal Programs:	
Material weakness(es) identified?	___X__Yes _____No
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	____Yes ___X___None reported
Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for the major federal award programs unmodified opinion:	*Unmodified Opinion*
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with CFR 200.516(a)?	__X___Yes _____No

Identification of Major Program(s):

Community Development Block Grants	AL No. 14.218
Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	AL No. 21.027
Special Education Cluster	AL No.'s 84.027 and 84.173
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Types A and B programs:	$3,000,000
Auditee qualified as low risk auditee for Federal Awards?	__X___Yes _____No

Section II - Findings – Financial Statements Audit

None

City of Springfield

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Continued)

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Section III - Findings and Questioned Costs – Major Federal Award Program Audit

Finding Number: 2024-001

Program Name: Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund

Assistance Listing Number: 21.027

Compliance Requirement: L - Reporting

Criteria: According to Uniform Guidance 2 CFR 200.303, the non-federal entity must establish and maintain effective internal controls over compliance for federal awards to provide reasonable assurance of compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the federal awards.

Condition: As allowed under program requirements, the City determined its' eligible actual revenue for the calendar year December 31, 2023. The calendar year approach has been consistently used since calendar year 2020. The amount of actual revenue for the calendar year ended December 31, 2023, was $900,087,916; however, when completing the Project & Expenditure Report for the calendar year ended December 31, 2023, the City only reported actual revenue of $795,459,017. The difference in calculation did not impact amounts claimed as lost revenue.

Cause: The deficiency was a result of a misinterpretation of program requirements when reporting the amount of actual revenue on the Project & Expenditure report. The City should have reported the actual revenue used in the revenue loss calculation but only reported the General Fund portion of the actual revenue.

Effect: Incorrect reporting can effect the administration of the program by the grantor.

Questioned Costs: None.

Context: The program instruction were misinterpreted. The revenues spanned multiple funds rather than just the general fund which led to the inaccurate reporting regarding this specific award.

Recommendation: We recommend that the City enhance their internal controls over the requirements of this program to ensure those preparing and reviewing the reports have the appropriate understanding and information needed to ensure completeness and accuracy of information being reported.

Views of Responsible Officials: See corrective action plan.

Section IV - Prior Year Audit Findings and Questioned Costs

None

THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

July 28, 2025

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

Oversight Agency for Audit: U.S. Department of Education

The City of Springfield, Massachusetts respectfully submits the following corrective action plan for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Name and address of independent public accounting firm:

Marcum LLP
53 State Street, 17th Floor
Boston, MA 02109

Audit period: July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

The finding from the June 30, 2024, schedule of findings and questioned costs is discussed below. The finding is numbered consistently with the number assigned in the schedule.

FINDINGS and QUESTIONED COSTS – MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAM AUDIT

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund

Federal Assistance Listing Number 21.027

2024-001: REPORTING TO UNITED STATES TREASURY

Compliance Requirement: Reporting

Type of Finding: Compliance and Internal Control over Compliance – Other Matter

Criteria: According to Uniform Guidance 2 CFR 200.303, the non-federal entity must establish and maintain effective internal controls over compliance for federal awards to provide reasonable assurance of compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the federal awards.

Condition: As allowed under program requirements, the City determined its' eligible actual revenue for the calendar year December 31, 2023. The calendar year approach has been consistently used since calendar year 2020. The amount of actual revenue for the calendar year ended December 31, 2023, was $900,087,916; however, when completing the Project & Expenditure Report for the calendar year ended December 31, 2023, the City only reported actual revenue of $795,459,017. The difference in calculation did not impact the amounts claimed as lost revenue.

Cause: The deficiency was a result of a misinterpretation of program requirements when reporting the amount of actual revenue on the Project & Expenditure report. The City should have reported the actual revenue used in the revenue loss calculation but only reported the General Fund portion of the actual revenue.

Effect: Incorrect reporting can effect the administration of the program by the grantor.

Questioned Costs: None.

Context: The program instruction were misinterpreted. The revenues spanned multiple funds rather than just the general fund which led to the inaccurate reporting regarding this specific award.

Recommendation: We recommend that the City enhance their internal controls over the requirements of this program to ensure those preparing and reviewing the reports have the appropriate understanding and information needed to ensure completeness and accuracy of information being reported.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions: Management agrees and plans to provide for additional training to ensure those preparing and reviewing the reports have the appropriate understanding and information to ensure accuracy and completeness in the information being reported.

Management will create, to review and sign, a "checklist" of requirements needed to ensure compliance with the program's rules. The checklist will be reviewed, and incorporated into the minutes, as part of the weekly ARPA Oversight Meetings. The checklist will be completed and signed by management prior to submitting any reports.

Past reports will be reviewed and corrected prior to submission of the next quarterly report.
All changes will be incorporated into the City's controls prior to the submission of the next quarterly report due April 30, 2025.

If the Oversight Agency has requests regarding this plan, please call Cathy Buono, Chief Administrative and Financial Officer, at 413-886-5004.

Sincerely yours,

Cathy Buono
Chief Administrative and Financial Officer