JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSION

UNIFORM GUIDANCE AUDIT REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024



The report accompanying this deliverable was issued by Warren Averett, LLC.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

To the Commissioners of Jefferson County Commission

Report on the Audit of the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the Schedule) of Jefferson County Commission (the Commission) for the year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to the Schedule.

In our opinion, the accompanying Schedule presents fairly, in all material respects, the expenditures of federal awards of the Commission for the year ended September 30, 2024, 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; 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 the Schedule section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the Commission 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 Schedule

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the Schedule 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 the Schedule that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Schedule

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Schedule as a whole is 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 generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards* and the Uniform Guidance 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 Schedule.

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 misstatement of the Schedule, 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 Schedule.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit
 procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing
 an opinion on the effectiveness of the Commission's internal control. Accordingly, no such
 opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the Schedule.

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.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 21, 2025, on our consideration of the Commission's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements and other matters related to the Schedule. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Commission's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Commission's internal control over financial reporting and compliance applicable to the Schedule.

Birmingham, Alabama

Warren averett, LLC

March 21, 2025

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Passed Through to Subrecipients	Expenditures	Contract / Grant Number
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT					
Direct Programs:					
CDBG – Entitlement Grants Cluster					
Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants	14.218		\$ -	\$ 23,688	B-19-UC-01-0001
Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants	14.218		-	22,971	B-20-UC-01-0001
Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants	14.218		164,281	307,779	B-21-UC-01-0001
Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants	14.218		-	351,225	B-21-UC-01-001
Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants	14.218		99,949	670,881	B-22-UC-01-001
Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants	14.218		65,379	949,511	B-23-UC-01-002
			329,609	2,326,055	
Direct Programs: CDBG – Disaster Recovery Grants Cluster Hurricane Sandy Community Development Block Grant					
Disaster Recovery Grants	14.269		<u>-</u>	709	B-13-UT-01-0001
				709	
Emergency Solutions Grant Program	14.231		-	1,731	E-20-UW-01-0001
Emergency Solutions Grant Program	14.231		195,221	211,049	E-22-UC-01-0001
Emergency Solutions Grant Program	14.231		54,404	58,548	E-23-UC-01-0001
			249,625	271,328	
Home Investment Partnerships Program	14.239		-	66,713	M-21-UC-01-0202
Home Investment Partnerships Program	14.239		-	10,175	M-20-UC-01-0202
Home Investment Partnerships Program	14.239		-	104,368	M-22-UC-01-0202
Home Investment Partnerships Program	14.239		<u> </u>	17,360	M-23-UC-01-0202
				198,616	
			<u> </u>	100,010	

See accompanying notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

Passed Through Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA): Community Affairs (ADECA): Community Development Block Grants/State's Program and Non-Entitlement Grants in Hawaii 14.228 CV-EC-20-001 \$ 77,777 \$ 96,575 B -20-DW-01-0001 TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT colspan="6">	Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Passed Through to Subrecipients	Expenditures	Contract / Grant Number
DEVELOPMENT OF JUSTICE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF	Community Affairs (ADECA): Community Development Block Grants/State's Program and	14.228	CV-EC-20-001	\$ 77,777	\$ 96,575	B-20-DW-01-0001
Direct Programs: Treatment Court Discretionary Grant Program 16.585 85,126 93,640 2020-VC-BX-0053 Treatment Court Discretionary Grant Program 16.585 86,503 95,226 15PBJA-21-GG-04127-DGCT Treatment Court Discretionary Grant Program 16.585 299,599 314,917 15PBJA-22-GG-0446-COAP				657,011	2,893,283	
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			15PJDP-21-GG-02832-DGC1	-	•	15PJDP-21-GG-02832-DGC1
	Equitable Sharing Program	16.922			6,080	
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE 969,659 1,151,611					21,518	
	TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE			969,659	1,151,611	

See accompanying notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Passed Through to Subrecipients	Expenditures	Contract / Grant Number
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES					
Direct Programs:					
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Projects of					
Regional and National Significance	93.243		\$ 223,857	\$ 232,294	18TI81163A-01
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Projects of					
Regional and National Significance	93.243		333,329	352,594	H79TI082946-01
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Projects of Regional and National Significance	93.243		218,848	227,396	H79TI086351
Regional and National Significance	93.243		776,034	812,284	117911000331
			770,034	012,204	
Passed Through Centers for Disease Control Foundation:					
Strengthening Public Health Systems and Srvices thrugh National					
Partnerships to Improve and Protect the Nation's Health	93.421	582106707		123,194	582106707
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES			776,034	935,478	
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE					
Passed Through Alabama State Department of Education:					
School Breakfast Program	10.553	A2X-000	<u>-</u> _	116,768	A2X-000
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT AGRICULTURE			<u> </u>	116,768_	
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY					
Passed Through Alabama Department of Homeland Security:					
Homeland Security Grant Program	97.067	EMW-2022-SS-00101	-	41,027	EMW-2022-SS-00101
Homeland Security Grant Program	97.067	EMW-2023-SS-00068	-	24,330	EMW-2023-SS-00068
Homeland Security Grant Program	97.067	EMW-2023-SS-00068	-	61,678	EMW-2023-SS-00068
Homeland Security Grant Program	97.067	EMW-2023-SS-00068		97,380	EMW-2023-SS-00068
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY				224,415	

See accompanying notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Passed Through to Subrecipients	Expenditures	Contract / Grant Number
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE					
Direct Programs:					
Economic Development Cluster					
Economic Adjustment Assistance	11.307		\$ -	\$ 1,150,000	
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE				1,150,000	
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY					
Direct Programs:					
Equitable Sharing	21.016		-	15,492	AL0010000
COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027		10,676,318	24,565,459	FAIN SLFRP1176
COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027			142,691	SLFRP2635
			10,676,318	24,708,150	
COVID-19 Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund	21.032		-	33,584	LATCFO0872
COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program	21.023		4,897,345	30,180,488	
COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program	21.023			1,685,956	
			4,897,345	31,866,444	
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY			15,573,663	56,623,670	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS			\$ 17,976,367	\$ 63,095,225	

1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the Schedule) summarizes the expenditures of the Jefferson County Commission (the Commission) under programs of the federal government for the year ended September 30, 2024. The information in the 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 Commission, it is not intended to, and does not, present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the Commission.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

For purposes of the Schedule, expenditures for federal awards programs are recognized on the modified 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.

3. FEDERAL PASS-THROUGH FUNDS

The Commission is a subrecipient of federal funds which have been subject to testing and are reported as expenditures and listed as federal pass-through funds in the Schedule.

4. INDIRECT COST RATE

The Commission has elected not to use the ten percent de minimis cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

5. OTHER

The Commission issues loans through the Workforce & Economic Development Office for eligible recipients. The following loans were outstanding as of September 30, 2024:

	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Loans Outstanding	Less Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	Net Loans Outstanding	
Economic Development Administration	11.307	\$ 1,265,267	\$ 162,700	\$ 1,102,567	
Community Development Block Grants /					
Entitlement Grants	14.218	1,466,137	526,489	939,648	
Home Investment Partnerships Program	14.239	16,246,823	13,238,481	3,008,342	

6. EDA/RLF SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS CALCULATION

The Federal Assistance Listing #11.307 Economic Adjustment Assistance Revolving Loan (EDA/RLF) schedule of expenditures of federal awards calculation was performed as follows:

Balance of EDA/RLF principal outstanding	\$ 955,716
Cash and investment balance in the EDA/RLF	194,284
Administrative expenses paid using EDA/RLF income	-
Administrative expenses paid using award funds designated	
for administrative expenses, plus	-
Unpaid principal of all loans written off during fiscal year 2024	-
Federal share of the RLF	1,150,000 100%
	\$ 1,150,000





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

To the Commissioners of Jefferson County Commission Birmingham, Alabama

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the Schedule) of the Jefferson County Commission (the Commission), for the year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to the Schedule, and have issued our report thereon dated March 21, 2025.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the Schedule, we considered the Commission's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the Schedule, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Jefferson County Commission's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Commission's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's Schedule 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 the Commission's Schedule is 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 Schedule. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of This Report

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

Birmingham, Alabama

Warren averett, LLC

March 21, 2025





INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

To the Commissioners of Jefferson County Commission Birmingham, Alabama

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Jefferson County Commission's (the Commission) 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 Commission's major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2024. The Commission's 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 Commission 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 September 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 Commission 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 Commission's 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 Commission's 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 the Commission's 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 Commission's 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 Commission's 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 Commission's 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
 Commission's 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.

Birmingham, Alabama March 21, 2025

Warren averett, LLC

JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSION SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

SECTION I – SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS

Financial Statement – Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

The audit of the basic financial statements of the Commission was performed by other auditors. The report by the auditor of the Commission on those financial statements as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, dated March 21, 2025, expressed unmodified opinions on those statements.

Type of auditors' report issued on the financial				
statements:			Unmodifie	d
Internal control over financial reporting:				
Material weakness(es) identified?		yes	X	no
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?		yes	X	none reported
Noncompliance material to financial statement?		yes	X	no
Federal Awards				
Internal control over major programs:				
Material weakness(es) identified?		yes	Χ	no
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?		yes	X	none reported
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be				
reported in accordance with 2 CFR Section 200.516(a)?		yes	X	no
dentification of major programs and type of auditors' report issue	•	liance for majo	or programs	:
	Α	ssistance		
Federal Program	L	isting No.	Opinior	Туре
Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants		14.218	Unmod	dified
COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program		21.023	Unmod	dified
COVID-19 State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds		21.027	Unmod	dified
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A				
and Type B program:				
<i>,</i>	\$	1,892,857		

JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSION SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS SECTION

This section identifies the significant deficiencies, material weaknesses and instances of noncompliance related to the Schedule that are required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

None noted.

SECTION III – FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAM FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS SECTION

This section identifies the significant deficiencies, material weaknesses and instances of noncompliance related to the major federal programs that are required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance.

None noted.