

**HOBOKEN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
(A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE CITY OF HOBOKEN)**

**REPORT ON AUDIT OF
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Trustees of the
Hoboken Free Public Library
Hoboken, New Jersey 07030

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying balance sheet - regulatory basis of the Hoboken Free Public Library (A Component Unit of the City of Hoboken) for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, the related statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance - regulatory basis for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Library's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey (the "Division"), and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.



An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 1 of the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared by the Hoboken Free Public Library on the basis of the financial reporting provisions prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, to meet the requirements of New Jersey.

The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the "Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles" paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of each fund of the Hoboken Free Public Library as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, or changes in financial position for the years then ended.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the regulatory basis balance sheet as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the regulatory basis statements of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance - regulatory basis for the years then ended, in accordance with the basis of financial reporting prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey as described in Note 1.

Other Matters

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Hoboken Free Public Library's basic financial statements. The supplementary information listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The supplemental information listed in the table of contents 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. Such 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 supplemental information listed in the table of contents 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 November 11, 2024 on our consideration of the Hoboken Free Public Library's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Hoboken Free Public Library's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



WIELKOTZ & COMPANY, LLC
Certified Public Accountants
Pompton Lakes, New Jersey

November 11, 2024



HOBOKEN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

		<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>Ref.</u>		
General Fund			
Cash and Cash Equivalents:			
Checking	C	\$ 1,953,923	\$ 1,656,828
Petty Cash	C	1,231	483
Grants Receivable	D	750,000	1,005,980
Prepaid Expense	E	<u>519</u>	<u>353</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$ 2,705,673</u>	<u>\$ 2,663,644</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</u>			
Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	F	\$ <u>97,663</u>	\$ <u>160,841</u>
Fund Balance:			
Restricted:			
Capital Projects	C	2,522,555	2,397,812
Accumulated Sick and Vacation	C	<u>85,455</u>	<u>104,991</u>
Total Fund Balance		<u>2,608,010</u>	<u>2,502,803</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		<u>\$ 2,705,673</u>	<u>\$ 2,663,644</u>

The accompanying "Notes to the Financial Statements" are an integral part of this financial statement.

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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS

Revenue and Other Income Realized	Ref.	UNRESTRICTED		RESTRICTED		Total		UNRESTRICTED		RESTRICTED		Total	
		Unrestricted		Capital Projects	Accumulated Sick and Vacation	December 31, 2023		Unrestricted		Capital Projects	Accumulated Sick and Vacation	December 31, 2022	
City of Hoboken -													
Budget Appropriation	A	6,010,867		-	-	6,010,867		5,609,737		-	-	5,609,737	
State Aid	A	17,006		-	-	17,006		31,111		-	-	31,111	
Fines and Fees	A	11,544		-	-	11,544		7,688		-	-	7,688	
Interest	A	49,533		-	-	49,533		13,538		-	-	13,538	
Donations	A	20,151		-	-	20,151		56,450		-	-	56,450	
Grants	A	-		-	-	-		10,000		-	-	10,000	
		<u>6,109,101</u>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,109,101</u>		<u>5,728,524</u>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,728,524</u>	
<u>Expenditures</u>													
Payroll Expense:	B	4,024,032		-	-	4,024,032		3,330,572		-	-	3,330,572	
General Operations Expense	B	445,579		-	-	445,579		823,219		-	-	823,219	
Subscriptions and Publications	B	370,010		-	-	370,010		403,660		-	-	403,660	
Technology	B	142,517		-	-	142,517		199,594		-	-	199,594	
Professional Staff Development	B	38,594		-	-	38,594		34,202		-	-	34,202	
Community Programming	B	140,398		-	-	140,398		112,918		-	-	112,918	
Travel and Lifeage	B	27,658		-	-	27,658		17,168		-	-	17,168	
Advertising	B	21,494		-	-	21,494		76,173		-	-	76,173	
Capital Improvements	B	109,901		427,731	-	537,632		127,587		3,737,448	-	3,865,035	
Cancellation of Accounts Receivables	B	255,980		-	-	255,980		-		-	-	-	
		<u>5,576,163</u>		<u>427,731</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,003,894</u>		<u>5,125,093</u>		<u>3,737,448</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,862,541</u>	
Excess or (Deficit) of Revenues Over Expenditures		532,938		(427,731)	-	105,207		603,431		(3,737,448)	-	(3,134,017)	
Fund Balance January 1	L-1	-		2,397,812	104,991	2,502,803		-		5,561,109	75,711	5,636,820	
Transfer of Net Assets		(532,938)		552,474	(19,536)	-		(603,431)		574,151	29,280	-	
Fund Balance December 31	L-1	-		2,522,555	85,455	2,608,010		-		2,397,812	104,991	2,502,803	

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Description of Funds

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the recognized standard setting body for establishing governmental generally accepted accounting and financial reporting principles. GASB Codification establishes seven fund types and two account groups to be used by general purpose governmental units when reporting financial position and results of operations in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

The accounting policies of the Library conform to the accounting principles and practices prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey (the "Division"). Such principles and practices are designed primarily for determining compliance with legal provisions and budgetary restrictions and as a means of reporting on the stewardship of public officials with respect to public funds. Under this method of accounting, the Library accounts for its financial transactions through the following separate fund which differs from the fund structure required by generally accepted accounting principles:

General Fund - Resources and expenditures for governmental operations of a general nature.

Basis of Accounting

A modified accrual basis of accounting is followed, with minor exceptions. Modifications from the accrual basis are as follows:

Revenues are recorded as received or determinable.

Expenditures are recorded as incurred.

Inventories of Supplies - The cost of inventories of supplies is recorded as expenditures at the time individual items are purchased. The cost of inventories is not included on the Balance Sheet.

Fixed Assets - Property and equipment purchased by the General Fund are recorded as expenditures at the time of purchase and are not capitalized. A General Fixed Assets Account Group has not been established to account for library property and equipment purchased either by Library or the City.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (continued)

Description of Funds, (continued)

Contributed Services - The Library is located on property owned by the City of Hoboken. Rent is provided free of charge by the City. At various times during the year, volunteers performed services for the Library without remuneration. The fair value of these costs is not reported in the financial statements.

Investments - Investments are stated at cost. Investments are limited to bonds or obligations of guarantee by the Federal government and bonds or other obligations of Federal or local units.

NOTE 2 - FINANCIAL REPORTING ENTITY

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 14 requires that disclosure be made in the financial statements regarding the financial reporting entity of governmental units.

The financial reporting entity consists of the primary government organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable and other organizations for which the primary government is not accountable but for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

A component unit is a legally separate organization for which the elected officials of the primary government are financially accountable. The primary government is financially accountable if it appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing body and either the primary government is able to impose its will on the organization; or there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on the primary government. A primary government may also be financially accountable for another entity when the other entity is fiscally dependent on the primary government.

The Hoboken Free Public Library is a component unit of the primary government the City of Hoboken. The Board of the Hoboken Free Public Library is appointed by the Council of the City of Hoboken and the Hoboken Free Public Library is fiscally dependent on the City of Hoboken for a major portion of its revenue through the budget of the City of Hoboken.

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NOTE 3 - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The Library considers petty cash, change funds, cash in banks and certificates of deposit as cash and cash equivalents.

Deposits

New Jersey statutes permit the deposit of public funds in institutions located in New Jersey which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), or by any other agencies of the United States that insures deposits or the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund.

New Jersey statutes require public depositories to maintain collateral for deposits of public funds that exceed insurance limits as follows:

The market value of the collateral must equal five percent of the average daily balance of public funds; or

If the public funds deposited exceed 75 percent of the capital funds of the depository, the depository must provide collateral having a market value equal to 100 percent of the amount exceeding 75 percent.

All collateral must be deposited with the Federal Reserve Bank, the Federal Home Loan Bank Board or a banking institution that is a member of the Federal Reserve System and has capital funds of not less than \$25,000,000.

At December 31, 2023 and 2022, the book value of the Library's deposit was \$1,953,923 and \$1,656,828 and the bank balances were \$2,012,716 and \$1,885,325, respectively. The insured and collateral status of the year end bank balances were as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Checking/Money Market	\$1,331,575	\$1,238,123
NJ CMF	<u>679,910</u>	<u>647,202</u>
	<u>\$2,011,485</u>	<u>\$1,885,325</u>

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NOTE 3 - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, (continued)

New Jersey Cash Management Fund

All investments in the Fund are governed by the regulations of the Investment Council, which prescribe specific standards designed to insure the quality of investments and to minimize the risks related to investments. In all the years of the Division of Investment's existence, the Division has never suffered a default of principal or interest on any short-term security held by it due to the bankruptcy of a securities issuer; nevertheless, the possibility always exists, and for this reason a reserve is being accumulated as additional protection for the "Other-than-State" participants. In addition to the Council regulations, the Division sets further standards for specific investments and monitors the credit of all eligible securities issuers on a regular basis.

As of December 31, 2023, the Library had \$679,910 on deposit with the New Jersey Cash Management Fund.

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposit may not be returned to it. New Jersey Statutes require cash to be deposited only in New Jersey based banking institutions that participate in New Jersey Governmental Depository Protection Act (GUDPA) or in a qualified investment established in New Jersey Statutes 40A:5-15.1(a) that are treated as cash equivalents. As of December 31, 2023, \$-0- of the Library's bank balance of \$2,011,485 was exposed to custodial credit risk.

Interest Rate Risk

The Library does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. However, New Jersey Statutes 40A:5-15(a) limit the length of time for most investments to 397 days.

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NOTE 3 - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, (continued)

Credit Risk

New Jersey Statutes 40A:5-15(a) limit municipal investment maturities to those specified in the Statutes. The type of allowance investments are: bonds of the United States of America or the local unit or school districts of which the local unit is part of; obligations of federal agencies not exceeding 397 days; government money market funds; the State of New Jersey Cash Management Plan; local government investment pools; or repurchase of fully collateralized securities.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The Library places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one issuer.

NOTE 4 - GRANTS RECEIVABLE

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Library had a grant receivable balance of \$750,000 and \$1,055,980, respectively, which is made up of the following:

	Grants Receivable <u>12/31/2022</u>	Amounts Received/ <u>Cancelled</u>	Grants Receivable <u>12/31/2023</u>
2008 NJ Historical Trust Grant - City Match	\$255,980	\$255,980	\$ -0-
2019 NJ Historical Preservation Grant	<u>750,000</u>	<u> </u>	<u>750,000</u>
	<u>\$1,005,980</u>	<u>\$255,980</u>	<u>\$750,000</u>

These grants are funding an ongoing preservation project which is included in the Library's Strategic Capital Improvement Plan. The Library has not established a "Reserve for Receivables" account and has included these amounts in Fund Balance: Restricted for Capital Projects.

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NOTE 5 - ACCUMULATED VACATION AND SICK PAY

Under the existing policies of the Library, employees are allowed to accumulate (with certain restrictions) unused sick and vacation pay over the life of their working careers and to redeem such unused leave time in cash upon death, retirement or by extended absence immediately preceding retirement.

It is estimated that, on December 31, 2023, the amount of such unpaid compensation would approximate \$85,455. On December 31, 2022, the cost was \$104,991. The Library has set aside separate funds from the General Fund to fund the current portion of this liability.

NOTE 6 - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

Those Library employees who are eligible for pension coverage are enrolled in the State Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and included within the City's Pension Plan.

The System is a cost-sharing multiple-employer contributory defined benefit plan which was established in January 1955, under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:15A. The System is considered a component unit of the State of New Jersey and is included along with other State-administered pension trust funds in the general purpose financial statements of the State.

Financial information pertaining to this system is contained in the City's Report of Audit.

NOTE 7 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION

On December 15, 2007, the Library implemented the Government Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 45, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions". This statement provides a more complete, reliable and decision-useful financial statement in regards to the costs and financial obligations that governments occur when they provide postemployment benefits other than pensions (OPEB) as part of the compensation for services rendered by employees.

Financial information pertaining to postemployment benefits other than pensions is contained in the City's report of audit.

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NOTE 8 - CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Legal Counsel advises us there are no pending lawsuits against the Library which would have a material effect on the financial statements.

NOTE 9 - STRATEGIC CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The Library developed a strategic capital improvement plan which, among other things, includes the renovations to the lower, main, second and third levels of the building, exterior stabilization. The project is estimated to cost \$11,600,000 to be completed in phases, the first phase of construction began in January 2017 and was completed in January 2018. In November 2020, the Library made additional changes for the new Capital Master Plan costing an estimated \$17,536,908 with the new total of \$29,136,908.

In May 2021, the Third Floor renovation started and is almost complete. Additional changes were added costing an additional \$98,579 with the new total of \$29,235,487. The Library currently has \$2,397,812 reserved for this project, of which \$1,647,812 is held in cash and investments and amount of \$750,000 of grants receivable from The New Jersey Historical Trust.

The Third Floor renovation and HVAC Improvement project was completed in 2023 for a total cost of \$7,130,949. The next phase of the capital improvement plan is in the early stages of development and includes renovation of the first and second floors.

NOTE 10 - UNRESTRICTED FUND BALANCE

As of December 31, 2023, the Library appropriated the 2023 unspent funds from the Unrestricted Fund to the Restricted Capital Projects Fund.

NOTE 11 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Library has evaluated subsequent events through November 11, 2024, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued and no other items were noted for disclosure.

HOBOKEN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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SCHEDULE OF BUDGET REVENUES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	2023 Budget	Realized	Excess or (Unrealized)
City of Hoboken - Budget Appropriations	\$ 6,010,867	\$ 6,010,867	\$ -
State Aid	30,000	17,006	12,994
Fines and Fees	50,000	11,544	38,456
Interest	20,000	49,533	(29,533)
Donations	5,000	20,151	(15,151)
	<u>\$ 6,115,867</u>	<u>\$ 6,109,101</u>	<u>\$ 6,766</u>

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SCHEDULE OF BUDGET EXPENDITURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	2023 Budget	Paid or Charged	Unexpended Balance (Deficit)
Payroll Expenses:			
Salaries	\$ 2,815,000	\$ 2,347,082	\$ 467,918
Overtime	65,000	77,088	(12,088)
Payroll Taxes and Unemployment Insurance	238,000	196,275	41,725
Pension	325,000	372,373	(47,373)
Health Insurance	1,055,000	979,576	75,424
Workers Compensation Insurance	30,000	29,390	610
Payroll Processing	10,000	7,446	2,554
Shared Services Agreement	30,000	14,802	15,198
Total Payroll Expenses	<u>4,568,000</u>	<u>4,024,032</u>	<u>526,216</u>
Library Operational Expenses:			
General Operations:			
Audit	8,000	7,250	750
Legal	50,000	54,341	(4,341)
Consultants	70,000	66,867	3,133
Property and Casualty Insurance	180,000	19,458	160,542
Office Supplies	80,000	91,967	(11,967)
Maintenance	90,000	102,025	(12,025)
Security	20,000	12,411	7,589
Utilities and Phones	90,000	89,288	712
Inter-Library Loan	1,000	1,972	(972)
Total General Operations	<u>589,000</u>	<u>445,579</u>	<u>143,421</u>
Subscription and Publications:			
Print Materials	120,000	133,188	(13,188)
Non-Print Materials	50,000	29,009	20,991
Online Database and eBooks	180,000	172,361	7,639
Periodical	18,000	13,517	4,483
Special Collection	30,000	21,935	8,065
Total Subscriptions and Publications	<u>398,000</u>	<u>370,010</u>	<u>27,990</u>
Technology:			
BCCLS	94,000	92,198	1,802
Equipment Purchase	70,000	50,319	19,681
Total Technology	<u>164,000</u>	<u>142,517</u>	<u>21,483</u>
Professional Staff Development:			
Staff Development	15,000	10,280	4,720
Conventions and Seminars	6,000	10,069	(4,069)
Memberships and Dues	15,000	18,245	(3,245)
Total Professional Staff Development	<u>36,000</u>	<u>38,594</u>	<u>(2,594)</u>
Community Programming	130,000	140,398	(10,398)
Travel and Mileage	20,000	27,658	(7,658)
Marketing/Advertising	30,000	21,494	8,506
Non-recurring Costs:			
Facilities Improvement	25,000	20,345	4,655
Furniture	38,000	27,588	10,412
Technology	65,000	61,968	3,032
Total Non-Recurring Costs	<u>128,000</u>	<u>109,901</u>	<u>18,099</u>
Capital Improvements	7,867	-	7,867
Cancellation of Accounts Receivables	-	255,980	(255,980)
Total Library Operational Expenses	<u>1,502,867</u>	<u>1,552,131</u>	<u>(49,264)</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ <u>6,070,867</u>	\$ <u>5,576,163</u>	\$ <u>620,373</u>
Analysis of Budget Expenditures			
Cash Disbursements	C	\$ 5,383,527	
Accounts Receivable (Increase)/ Decrease	L-1	255,980	
Prepaid Expense (Increase)/ Decrease	L-1	(166)	
Accounts Payable Increase/ (Decrease)	L-1	<u>(63,178)</u>	
		\$ <u>5,576,163</u>	

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SCHEDULE OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

		Total	Operating	NJCMF	Donations	Construction Account	Petty Cash Account
Balance December 31, 2022	L-1	1,657,311	708,917	647,202	75,711	224,998	483
Increased by Receipts:							
Borough Budget	A	6,010,867	6,010,867	-	-	-	-
State Aid	A	17,006	17,006	-	-	-	-
Fines, Rentals and Miscellaneous	A	11,544	11,544	-	-	-	-
Interest	A	49,533	16,471	32,708	-	354	-
Donation & Grants	A	20,151	20,151	-	-	-	-
Transfers	A	475,813	-	-	29,280	435,281	11,252
		6,584,914	6,076,039	32,708	29,280	435,635	11,252
Decreased by Expenditures:							
Budget Expenditures	B	5,383,527	5,373,023	-	-	-	10,504
Capital Expenditures	B	427,731	-	-	-	427,731	-
Transfers	A	475,813	475,813	-	-	-	-
		6,287,071	5,848,836	-	-	427,731	10,504
Balance December 31, 2023	L-1	1,955,154	936,120	679,910	104,991	232,902	1,231

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STATEMENT OF PREPAID EXPENSE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 2022	L-1	\$	353
Increased by:			
Cash Disbursements	B		<u>519</u>
			872
Decreased by:			
Expenditures	B		<u>353</u>
BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 2023	L-1	\$	<u><u>519</u></u>

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 2022	L-1	\$	160,841
Increased by:			
Expenditures	B		<u>5,320,349</u>
			5,481,190
Decreased by:			
Cash Disbursements	B		<u>5,383,527</u>
BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 2023	L-1	\$	<u><u>97,663</u></u>



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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 Trustees of the
Hoboken Free Public Library
Hoboken, New Jersey 07465

We have audited the financial statement-regulatory basis of the Hoboken Free Public Library and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated November 11, 2024. Our report disclosed that, as described in Note 1 to the Financial Statements - regulatory basis, the Hoboken Free Public Library prepares its financial statements on a basis of accounting prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; audit requirements as prescribed by the division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey; and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements-regulatory basis, we considered the Hoboken Free Public Library's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements-regulatory basis, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Hoboken Free Public Library's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Hoboken Free Public Library'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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's



financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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



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Certified Public Accountants
Pompton Lakes, New Jersey

November 11, 2024

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GENERAL COMMENTS

The bid threshold with a qualified purchasing agent in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3 (as amended) is \$44,000.

N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 contains definitions for terms used throughout N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. and was amended under P.L. 1999, c.440. It includes as subsection (23) the term 'competitive contracting', which is defined as "the method described in sections 1 through 5 of P.L. 1999, c.440 (C.40:11-4.1 through C.40A:11-4.5) of contracting for specialized goods and services in which formal proposals are solicited from vendors' formal proposals are evaluated by the purchasing agent or counsel; and the governing body awards a contract to a vendor or vendors from among the formal proposals received."

N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3 was amended with P.L. 1999, c.440 to raise the bid threshold and require award by governing body resolution. "When the cost or price of any contract awarded by the purchasing agent in the aggregate does not exceed in a contract year the total sum of \$17,500, the contract may be awarded by a purchasing agent when so authorized by ordinance or resolution as appropriate to the contracting unit, of the governing body of the contracting unit without public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, except that the governing body may adopt an ordinance or resolution to set a lower threshold for the receipt of public bids or the solicitation of competitive quotations."

N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15 was amended with P.L. 1999, c.440 to extend the base contract period. "Any contract made pursuant to this section may be awarded for a period of 24 consecutive months, except that contracts for professional services pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 may be awarded for a period not exceeding 12 consecutive months."

The governing body of the Library has the responsibility of determining whether the expenditures in any category will exceed the bid threshold within the contract year. Where question arises as to whether any contract or agreement might result in violation of the statute, the Library Counsel's opinion should be sought before a commitment is made.

The minutes indicate that bids were requested by public advertising for the following items: none.

Inasmuch as the system of records did not provide for an accumulation of payments for categories for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any material or supplies, the results of such an accumulation could not reasonably be ascertained. Disbursements were reviewed, however, to determine whether any clear cut violation existed. No violations were disclosed.

Our examination of expenditures did not reveal any individual payments for contracts or agreements in excess of the statutory threshold "for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies," other than those where bids had been previously sought by public advertisement or where a resolution had been previously adopted under the provisions of N.J.S.40A:11-6.

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GENERAL COMMENTS
(continued)

40:54-12.1 PURCHASES NOT REQUIRING ADVERTISEMENTS FOR BIDS

The Board of Trustees of the Free Public Library of any municipality or of a Joint Free Public Library may, within the limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the Board, purchase the following without advertising for bids therefore: (1) library materials including books, periodicals, newspapers, documents, pamphlets, photographs, reproductions, microfilms, pictorial or graphic works, musical scores, maps, charts, globes, sound recordings, slides, films, filmstrips, video and magnetic tapes, other printed or published matter, and audiovisual and other materials of a similar nature; (2) necessary binding or rebinding of library materials; and (3) specialized library services.

EXPENDITURES

Vouchers, payrolls and other documents supporting claims paid in 2023 were examined on a test basis.

RECOMMENDATIONS

None

APPRECIATION

We wish to express our appreciation of the assistance and courtesies rendered by the Library officials during the course of the audit.

Should any questions arise as to the audit comments please do not hesitate to call us.



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