

**COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION
OF CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO**

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2003



**Auditor of State
Betty Montgomery**

Board of Trustees
Community Improvement Corporation of Cuyahoga Falls
Wadsworth, Ohio

We have reviewed the Independent Auditor's Report of the Community Improvement Corporation of Cuyahoga Falls, Summit County, prepared by Gary B. Fink & Associates, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Community Improvement Corporation of Cuyahoga Falls is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betty Montgomery".

BETTY MONTGOMERY
Auditor of State

December 21, 2004

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Trustees
Community Improvement Corporation of Cuyahoga Falls
2310 Second Street
Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of the Community Improvement Corporation of Cuyahoga Falls (the Corporation), a component unit of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, as of December 31, 2003, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Corporation's management. 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 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 includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Community Improvement Corporation of Cuyahoga Falls, as of December 31, 2003 and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 1, 2004 on our consideration of the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

GARY B. FINK & ASSOCIATES, INC.
Certified Public Accountants

April 1, 2004
Except for Note 6, as to which the
date is November 23, 2004

Community Improvement Corporation of Cuyahoga Falls
Statement of Financial Position
December 31, 2003

CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash	\$669,367
Loan Receivable - Current	<u>10,561</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>679,928</u>
Loan Receivable - Net of Current	<u>103,991</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$783,919</u></u>

NET ASSETS:

Net Assets:	
Unrestricted	\$304,646
Temporarily Restricted	<u>479,273</u>
Total Net Assets	<u><u>\$783,919</u></u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Community Improvement Corporation of Cuyahoga Falls
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2003

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
REVENUES			
Interest	\$10,319	\$0	\$10,319
Rents	8,900	0	8,900
Tax Incentive Financing Revenue	0	86,947	86,947
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Total Earned Revenue	19,219	86,947	106,166
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EXPENSES			
Donations	500	0	500
Postage	37	0	37
Accounting and Audit	1,362	0	1,362
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Total Expenses	1,899	0	1,899
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Increase in Net Assets	17,320	86,947	104,267
Net Assets, Beginning of Year (Restated, See Note 6)	287,326	392,326	679,652
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Net Assets, End of Year	<u>\$304,646</u>	<u>\$479,273</u>	<u>\$783,919</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Community Improvement Corporation of Cuyahoga Falls
Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended December 31, 2003

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Change in net assets	<u>\$17,320</u>	<u>\$86,947</u>	<u>\$104,267</u>
Net increase in cash	<u>17,320</u>	<u>86,947</u>	<u>104,267</u>
Cash at beginning of year	<u>172,774</u>	<u>392,326</u>	<u>565,100</u>
Cash at end of year	<u><u>\$190,094</u></u>	<u><u>\$479,273</u></u>	<u><u>\$669,367</u></u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION OF CUYAHOGA FALLS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

1. **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

A. **DESCRIPTION OF THE REPORTING ENTITY**

The Community Improvement Corporation of Cuyahoga Falls (the Corporation) was formed in June, 1970, and incorporated as a corporation not for profit under Title XVII, Chapters 1702 and 1724 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Corporation is discreetly presented as a component unit of the City of Cuyahoga Falls.

The stated purpose of the corporation is to advance, encourage and promote the industrial, commercial, civic and economic development of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio under the applicable sections of the Ohio Revised Code.

2. **SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

This summary of significant accounting policies of the Corporation is presented to assist in understanding the organizations financial statements. The financial statements and notes are representations of the organizations management who is responsible for their integrity and objectivity. These accounting policies conform to generally accepted accounting principles and have been consistently applied in the preparation of the financial statements.

The Corporation accounts for periodic revenue and expense using the accrual method, recognizing revenues when earned and expenses when incurred.

A. **FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION**

The Corporation prepares its financial statements in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 117 "Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Organizations". Under SFAS No. 117, the Corporation is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets and permanently restricted net assets. In addition, the Corporation is required to present a statement of cash flows. At December 31, 2003, the Corporation did not have any permanently restricted net assets.

B. **INCOME TAXES**

The Corporation is a not-for-profit organization that is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(C)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. The organization is not classified as a private foundation and as such, is not subject to Federal, state or local income taxes.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION OF CUYAHOGA FALLS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

2. **SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

C. **CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, the Corporation considers all short-term debt securities purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

D. **USE OF ESTIMATES**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

3. **LOANS RECEIVABLE**

During 1999 the Corporation loaned \$150,000 to LeFever's Riverfront Grille. The loan is ten years in duration and bears interest at the rate of 7.5% per annum. Monthly installments of \$1,696.26, including interest, began May 15, 2000. The Corporation suspended loan payments from January, 2003 through April, 2004 and suspended interest for January, 2003 through December, 2003. Interest will accrue from January, 2004 through April, 2004. Payments will resume in April, 2004 with monthly payments of \$2,025.40, including interest.

4. **CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK**

The Corporation has interest-bearing deposits in one commercial bank account. Accounts are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$100,000. Cash and cash equivalents at the institution exceeded federally insured limits. The amount in excess of the FDIC limit totaled \$569,367 as of December 31, 2003.

5. **NET ASSETS**

Unrestricted Funds

These funds have no imposed stipulations and the funds are used for general operating purposes deemed necessary by the Board of Trustees.

Temporarily Restricted Funds

Tax Incentive Financing funds (TIF) are restricted for the acquisition of property and clearance, and redevelopment or rehabilitation of the Front and Center Urban Renewal Project Area, and for the future uses of land situated within the project area.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION OF CUYAHOGA FALLS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

6. **RESTATEMENT OF PRIOR YEAR NET ASSETS**

The Tax Incentive Financing funds (TIF) were not properly identified as Temporarily Restricted in prior years. On November 23, 2004, the Board of Trustees approved accounting for TIF funds as Temporarily Restricted.

The reclassification to Temporarily Restricted had the following effect on the increase in Net Assets for 2002:

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>
Increase in Net Assets as previously Reported	\$102,800	\$0
Reclassification of Tax Incentive Financing Funds	<u>(87,296)</u>	<u>87,296</u>
Increase in Net Assets as Restated, December 31, 2002	<u>\$15,504</u>	<u>\$87,296</u>

The restatement to the beginning Net Assets is as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>
Net Assets as Stated, December 31, 2002	\$679,652	\$0
Reclassification of Tax Incentive Financing Funds	<u>(392,326)</u>	<u>392,326</u>
Net Assets as Restated, January 1, 2003	<u>\$287,326</u>	<u>\$392,326</u>

**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED
IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

Board of Trustees
Community Improvement Corporation of Cuyahoga Falls
2310 Second Street
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We have audited the financial statements of the Community Improvement Corporation of Cuyahoga Falls (the Corporation), a component unit of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2003, and have issued our report thereon dated April 1, 2004, except for Note 6, as to which the date is November 23, 2004. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Corporation's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, 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 that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operations that we consider to be material weaknesses.

REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS* (continued)

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and the Board of Trustees, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

GARY B. FINK & ASSOCIATES, INC.
Certified Public Accountants

April 1, 2004



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**COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION OF CUYAHOGA FALLS
SUMMIT COUNTY**

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
DECEMBER 30, 2004**