

Southern Ohio Growth Partnership, Inc. and Affiliates

Scioto County

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We have reviewed the Independent Auditor's Report of the Southern Ohio Growth Partnership, Scioto County, prepared by Balestra, Harr & Scherer CPAs, 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 Southern Ohio Growth Partnership is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Betty Montgomery

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Auditor of State

June 17, 2004

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SOUTHERN OHIO GROWTH PARTNERSHIP, INC. AND AFFILIATES
SCIOTO COUNTY

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Independent Auditors' Report

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of the Southern Ohio Growth Partnership, Inc. and Affiliates, Scioto County, 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 Southern Ohio Growth Partnership, Inc. and Affiliates' 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 Southern Ohio Growth Partnership, Inc. and Affiliates, 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 issued our report dated April 9, 2004 on our consideration of the Southern Ohio Growth Partnership, Inc. and Affiliate'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.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The schedule of functional expenses on pages 13-14 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

The accompanying schedule of federal awards expenditures is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Balestra, Harr & Scherer
Balestra, Harr & Scherer

April 9, 2004

SOUTHERN OHIO GROWTH PARTNERSHIP, INC. AND AFFILIATES
SCIOTO COUNTY

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2003

Assets:

Current Assets:

Cash	\$303,626
Receivables:	
Accounts	7,504
Loans	546,965
Prepaid Asset	2,232
Deposits	583
Total Current Assets	<u>860,910</u>

Long-Term Loans Receivable	2,679,690
Net Property, Plant & Equipment	<u>410,702</u>

Total assets \$3,951,302

Liabilities and Net Assets:

Current Liabilities:

Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$22,693
Notes Payable	113,500
Capital Leases Payable	3,710
Deferred Income	129,312
Total Current Liabilities	<u>269,215</u>

Capital Leases Payable	12,930
Long-Term Notes Payable	<u>2,831,542</u>

Total Liabilities 3,113,687

Net Assets:

Unrestricted	119,014
Temporarily Restricted	<u>718,601</u>

Total Net Assets 837,615

Total Liabilities and Net Assets \$3,951,302

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

SOUTHERN OHIO GROWTH PARTNERSHIP, INC. AND AFFILIATES
SCIOTO COUNTY

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

Changes in Unrestricted Net Assets:	
Unrestricted Revenue:	
Contributions	\$101,631
Grants	169,179
Fees	438,928
Dues	82,461
Gain on Sale of Land	6,331
Miscellaneous	<u>30,929</u>
Total Unrestricted Revenue	829,459
Net Assets Released from Program Restrictions:	
Satisfaction of Program Restrictions	<u>78,003</u>
Total Unrestricted Revenue and Other Support	<u>907,462</u>
Expenses:	
Greater Portsmouth Growth Corporation	271,795
Portsmouth Area Chamber of Commerce	175,866
Portsmouth Murals	18,234
Intermediary Relending Program III	20,627
Intermediary Relending Program II	24,264
Intermediary Relending Program I	22,419
Enterprise Community/Empowerment Zone	96
Junior Achievement	1,000
Community Development Block Grant- Revolving Loan Fund	72
Rural Business Enterprise Grant	10,525
General and Administration Expenses	<u>195,535</u>
Total Expenses before Depreciation	740,433
Depreciation	<u>2,667</u>
Total Expenses	<u>743,100</u>
Increase in Unrestricted Net Assets	<u>164,362</u>
Changes in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets:	
Interest	160,559
Fees	10,882
Net Assets released from Restrictions	<u>(78,003)</u>
Increase in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	<u>93,438</u>
Increase in Net Assets	<u>257,800</u>
Net Assets Beginning of Year	
Unrestricted (Restated - see Note 5)	(45,348)
Temporarily Restricted	<u>625,163</u>
	579,815
Net Assets, End of Year	
Unrestricted	119,014
Temporarily Restricted	<u>718,601</u>
	<u>\$837,615</u>

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

SOUTHERN OHIO GROWTH PARTNERSHIP, INC. AND AFFILIATES
SCIOTO COUNTY

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

Cash Flows from Operating Activities:	
Change in net assets	\$ 257,800
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation	2,667
Decrease in accounts receivable	28,686
Increase in prepaid assets	(107)
Decrease in deposits	1,233
Decrease in accounts payable & accrued expenses	(43,248)
Decrease in deferred income	(96,941)
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Net cash provided by operating activities	150,090
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Cash Flows from Investing Activities	
Payments for Capital Acquisitions	(385,014)
Principal disbursements on notes receivable	(1,040,215)
Proceeds from Sale of Fixed Assets	50,000
Payments received on notes receivable	788,670
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Net cash used in investing activities	(586,559)
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Cash Flows from Financing Activities	
Payments on long-term debt	(139,969)
Proceeds from long-term debt	372,427
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Net cash provided by financing activities	232,458
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Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(204,011)
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Cash at January 1, 2003	507,637
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Cash at December 31, 2003	\$ 303,626
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Supplemental Cash Flow Information	
Cash paid for interest	\$ 36,162
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SOUTHERN OHIO GROWTH PARTNERSHIP, INC. AND AFFILIATES
SCIOTO COUNTY

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2003

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTITY

Southern Ohio Growth Partnership and Affiliates is a private non-profit corporation created in accordance with Section 1702.010et. Seq. of the Ohio Revised Code. The Southern Ohio Growth Partnership and Affiliates was created in 1991 to stimulate area-wide economic growth by acting as an integral part of economic development in southern Ohio, and northern Kentucky in the direction and coordination of the activities of area organizations to accomplish a cohesive, non-duplicating effort.

B. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The financial statements of the Southern Ohio Growth Partnership and Affiliates have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting and accordingly reflect all significant receivables, payables and other liabilities.

C. CONSOLIDATION OF RELATED ENTITIES

The Southern Ohio Growth Partnership and Affiliates has adopted the provisions of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) Statement of Position No. 94-3 (SOP 94-3), *Reporting of Related Entities by Not-for profit Organizations*. SOP 94-3 states that a not-for-profit organization should consolidate another not-for-profit organization if the reporting not-for-profit organization has both the control of the other not for profit organization, as evidenced by either majority ownership or a majority voting interest in the board of the other not-for-profit organization, and an economic interest in the other not-for-profit organization.

A brief description of each of the related entities follow:

Greater Portsmouth Growth Corporation

The Greater Portsmouth Growth Corporation (GPCC) strives to create development in southern Ohio, including developing an industrial land park.

Portsmouth Area Chamber of Commerce

The Portsmouth Area Chamber of Commerce (PACC) was created to promote business in Portsmouth, Ohio and the surrounding areas.

Retail Merchants Association

The Retail Merchants Association (RMA) is a business association organized to promote business in downtown Portsmouth, Ohio.

Portsmouth Murals, Inc.

Portsmouth Murals Inc (PMI) is a business association organized to promote the historic preservation of the Portsmouth area through the painting of murals on various buildings and landmarks inside the city limits.

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SCIOTO COUNTY

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION

The Southern Ohio Growth Partnership and Affiliates has adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 116, *Accounting of Contributions Received and Made*, and SFAS No. 117, *Financial Statement for Not-Profit Organizations*. SFAS No. 117 establishes standards for external financial reporting by not-for-profit organizations and requires that resources be classified for accounting and reporting purposes into three net asset categories according to externally (donor) imposed restrictions. SFAS No. 116 requires that unconditional promises to give (pledges) be recorded as receivables and revenues and requires the organization to distinguish between contributions received and for each net asset category in accordance with donor imposed restrictions. A description of the three net asset categories follows:

Permanently Restricted Net Assets – The Southern Ohio Growth Partnership and Affiliates reports gifts of cash and other assets as permanently restricted support if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets in perpetuity.

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets - The Southern Ohio Growth Partnership and Affiliates reports gifts of cash, grants and other assets as temporarily restricted support if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets. When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Unrestricted Net Assets - The Southern Ohio Growth Partnership and Affiliates reports gifts of cash, land, buildings and equipment as unrestricted unless explicit donor stipulations specify how the donated assets must be used.

E. FUNCTIONAL ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES

The costs of providing the various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of activities.

Costs are allocated between management and general or the appropriate program based on evaluations of the related benefits. Management and general expenses include those expenses that are not directly identifiable with any other specific function but provide for the overall support and direction of the Southern Ohio Growth Partnership and Affiliates.

F. ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reporting of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period.

Actual results could differ from those estimates.

G. PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

Fixed assets acquired for the general use of the Southern Ohio Growth Partnership and Affiliates in providing service are recorded at cost. Depreciation of fixed assets of the Southern Ohio Growth Partnership and Affiliates is calculated utilizing the straight line method. All assets reported in the financial statements are at cost less accumulated depreciation.

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SCIOTO COUNTY

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DECEMBER 31, 2003

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

G. PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT (Continued)

The estimated useful lives by major fixed asset class are as follows:

Buildings	40 years
Equipment	5 years
Furniture & Fixtures	5 years

H. INCOME TAXES

The Southern Ohio Growth Partnership and Affiliates, is a not-for-profit corporation and is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Southern Ohio Growth Partnership and Affiliates is also exempt from Ohio income tax.

The Greater Portsmouth Growth Corporation is a not-for-profit organization exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Portsmouth Area Chamber of Commerce and the Retail Merchants Association are not-for-profit organizations exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code and the Portsmouth Murals, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. These related organizations are also exempt from Ohio franchise or income tax.

I. REVENUES

Revenues are recognized in the accompanying financial statements as follows:

1. Grants and Reimbursement Contracts

The funds from various funding sources under reimbursement contracts are recognized as revenue in the accounting period in which the grant is awarded.

2. Interest Income

Interest Income is recognized in the accounting period when it is earned. The Southern Ohio Growth Partnership and Affiliates, maintains funds received from the various sources in interest bearing checking accounts. The portion of interest earned on advances of direct federal funds is remitted to the federal funding sources in accordance with OMB Circular A-110, Attachment D, Uniform Administrative Requirements of Grants and Agreements with Nonprofit Organizations. The interest earned on other funds is included in unrestricted funds and is used to support the Southern Ohio Growth Partnership and Affiliates programs.

3. Contributions

Private sector contributions are recognized as revenue in the accounting period in which they are earned.

4. Fees

Fees for services are recognized as revenue in the accounting period in which they are earned.

5. Dues

Dues for memberships in various organizations are recognized as revenue in the accounting period in which they are earned.

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SCIOTO COUNTY

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2003

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

I. REVENUES (Continued)

6. Rental Income

Rental Income received for nonrelated organizations is recognized as revenue in the accounting period in which it is earned.

J. EXPENDITURES

Disbursements for goods, services, materials and equipment are recorded as expenses when incurred.

K. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Investments with original maturities of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the Southern Ohio Growth Partnership and Affiliates are presented on the financial statements as cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months not purchased from the pool are reported as investments.

NOTE 2 - CASH

Protection of the Southern Ohio Growth Partnership and Affiliates' deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), by eligible securities pledged by the financial institution as security for repayment or by a single collateral pool established by the financial institution to secure the repayment of all public money deposited with the institution.

Cash on Hand At December 31, 2003, the Southern Ohio Growth Partnership and Affiliates had \$175 in undeposited cash on hand which is included on the statement of financial position of the Southern Ohio Growth Partnership and Affiliates as part of cash.

Deposits At year end, the carrying amount of the Southern Ohio Growth Partnership and Affiliate's deposits was \$303,626 and the bank balance was \$352,480. Of the bank balance:

1. \$309,495 was covered by federal depository insurance.
2. \$28,202 was covered by National Credit Union Association.
2. \$14,783 was collateralized by securities held by the financial institution in the institution's name.

NOTE 3 - PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

The balance of property and equipment at December 31, 2002, consists of the following:

Buildings	\$353,955
Land	15,000
Equipment	63,849
Furniture and fixtures	33,197
Leased equipment	<u>35,077</u>
Total	501,078
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(90,376)</u>
Net	<u>\$410,702</u>

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NOTE 4 - LOANS RECEIVABLE

The loans receivable balance consists of loans to various local and regional businesses. Interest rates were based on the current rates and risk at the time of the loans ranging from 5% to 11.5%. The loans have various lengths and maturity dates and all loans are collateralized by one or more of the following: business assets, personal assets or personal guarantees of the borrowers. The changes in the Loans Receivable balances during 2003 are as follows:

Balance at 12/31/02	New Loans During 2003	Principal Paid in 2003	Balance at 12/31/03	Current Portion
2,975,110*	1,040,215	(788,670)	3,226,655	546,965

* - As restated (See Note 5)

NOTE 5 – RESTATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

For the Southern Ohio Growth Partnership and Affiliates, we noted accounting errors which caused the following restatements of net assets:

	12/31/02 Audited Balance	Restatement Amount	Restated 12/31/02 Balance
Unrestricted Net Assets	(\$60,498)	\$15,150	(\$45,348)

NOTE 6 - NOTES PAYABLE

Notes payable at December 31, 2003 consists of the following:

Note payable to United States Department of Agriculture at 1.0% interest with annual payments of \$42,450 (including interest). The note is secured by a UCC lien on the revolving loan fund.	\$ 866,844
Note payable to United States Department of Agriculture at 1.0% interest with annual payments of \$42,450 (including interest). The note is secured by a UCC lien on the revolving loan fund.	967,549
Note payable to United States Department of Agriculture at 1.0% interest with annual payments of \$31,855 (including interest), starting in 2004. The note is secured by a UCC lien on the revolving loan fund.	713,295

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SCIOTO COUNTY

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 6 - NOTES PAYABLE (Continued)

Note payable to American Savings Bank at 1.8% interest with quarterly payments of \$14,956 (principal and interest). The note is secured by water contract revenues.	43,399
Note payable to Oak Hill Banks at 4.25% interest with interest payments only due for the first Year. Quarterly principal and interest payments will commence on October 30, 2004. The Note is secured by real property and water contract revenue.	353,955
Lease payable to PBCC at 7.81% interest with monthly payments of \$648 (principal and interest). The lease is secured by a copier.	<u>16,640</u>
	2,961,682
Less current maturities	<u>(117,210)</u>
	<u>\$2,844,472</u>

The aggregate maturities on long-term debt as of December 31, 2003, are as follows:

2004	\$ 113,233
2005	95,766
2006	97,696
2007	95,704
2008	93,873
Thereafter	<u>2,465,410</u>
	<u>\$2,961,682</u>

NOTE 7 - RELATED PARTIES

Three trustees have part ownership in companies receiving funds from IRP. Grafco Hardwood Floors received a \$150,000 note from the Southern Ohio Growth Partnership and Affiliates dated July, 1999. The unpaid balance at December 31, 2003 was \$67,381. Portsmouth Insurance Agency received a \$150,000 note from the Southern Ohio Growth Partnership and Affiliates dated August, 2000. The unpaid balance at December 31, 2003 was \$112,341.

NOTE 8 - CONCENTRATIONS

The Southern Ohio Growth Partnership and Affiliates depends on grants from federal, state and local sources for its continued existence.

SOUTHERN OHIO GROWTH PARTNERSHIP, INC. AND AFFILIATES
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SCHEDULE OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

	Greater Portsmouth Growth Partnership	Portsmouth Area Chamber of Commerce	Portsmouth Murals	Intermediary Relending Program I	Intermediary Relending Program II	Intermediary Relending Program III
Personnel	\$ 4,140	\$ 67,893	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Consultants/Contractual	69,000	8,775	6,984	12,858	12,833	12,833
Travel	-	676	-	-	-	-
Training	-	259	-	-	-	-
Space	-	14,269	55	-	-	-
Supplies	-	13,075	1,386	-	-	-
Equipment Lease and Maintenance	-	1,200	164	-	-	-
Promotions/Community functions	-	50,024	6,792	-	-	-
Interest	-	-	2,502	8,970	10,033	7,418
Other	198,655	19,695	151	591	1,398	376
Total	\$ 271,795	\$ 175,866	\$ 18,234	\$ 22,419	\$ 24,264	\$ 20,627

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SOUTHERN OHIO GROWTH PARTNERSHIP, INC. AND AFFILIATES
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SCHEDULE OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

	Empowerment/ Community Enterprise Zone	Junior Achievement	Community Development Block Grant- Rural Loan Fund	Rural Business Enterprise Grant	Total Programs	General and Administrative	Total Expenses
Personnel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 72,233	\$ 104,540	\$ 176,773
Consultants/Contractual	-	-	-	10,000	133,283	28,009	161,292
Travel	-	-	-	-	676	7,282	7,958
Training	-	-	-	-	259	-	259
Space	-	-	-	-	14,324	20,938	35,262
Supplies	-	-	-	-	14,461	10,829	25,290
Equipment Lease and Maintenance	-	-	-	-	1,364	158	1,522
Promotions/Community functions	-	-	-	-	56,816	7,882	64,698
Interest	-	-	-	-	28,923	9,010	37,933
Other	96	1,000	72	525	222,559	6,887	229,446
Total	\$ 96	\$ 1,000	\$ 72	\$ 10,525	\$ 544,898	\$ 195,535	\$ 740,433

Southern Ohio Growth Partnership, Inc. and Affiliates
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Schedule of Federal Awards Expenditures
For the Year Ended December 31, 2003

Federal Grantor/ Pass Through Grantor/ Program Title	Pass Through Entity Number	Federal CFDA Number	Receipts	Disbursements
U. S. Department of Agriculture				
<i>Direct from Federal Government</i>				
Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	N	10.769	\$ 160,000	\$ 160,000
Total U. S. Department of Agriculture			<u>160,000</u>	<u>160,000</u>
Total Federal Financial Assistance			<u>\$160,000</u>	<u>\$160,000</u>

N - Direct from Federal Government

See Accompanying Notes to the Schedule of Federal Awards Expenditures

SOUTHERN OHIO GROWTH PARTNERSHIP, INC. AND AFFILIATES
NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS EXPENDITURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

NOTE A - - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying schedule of federal awards expenditures is a summary of the activity of the Southern Ohio Growth Partnership and Affiliate's federal award programs. The schedule has been prepared on the cash basis of accounting.

NOTE B - - USDA LOAN PROGRAM

The Southern Ohio Growth Partnership and Affiliates participates in the United States Department of Agriculture Intermediary Relending Program. The objective of the Intermediary Relending Program is to finance business facilities and community development projects in rural areas. The outstanding loan balance for the Intermediary Relending Program totaled \$2,547,688 at December 31, 2003.

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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
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We have audited the financial statements of the Southern Ohio Growth Partnership, Inc. and Affiliates, Scioto County, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2003, and have issued our report thereon dated April 9, 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 Southern Ohio Growth Partnership and Affiliate'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 and 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 Southern Ohio Growth Partnership and Affiliate'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 operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133

Board of Trustees

Southern Ohio Growth Partnership, Inc. and Affiliates

324 Chillicothe Street

Portsmouth, Ohio 45662

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the Southern Ohio Growth Partnership, Inc. and Affiliates with the types of compliance requirements described in the *U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that are applicable to its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2003. The Southern Ohio Growth Partnership and Affiliate's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its major federal program is the responsibility of the Southern Ohio Growth Partnership and Affiliate's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Southern Ohio Growth Partnership and Affiliate's compliance based on our audit.

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 OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Southern Ohio Growth Partnership and Affiliate's compliance with those requirements and performing other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on the Southern Ohio Growth Partnership and Affiliate's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, the Southern Ohio Growth Partnership and Affiliates complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2003.

Internal Control over Compliance

The management of the Southern Ohio Growth Partnership and Affiliates is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Southern Ohio Growth Partnership and Affiliate's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

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Our consideration of the internal control over compliance would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be a material weakness. 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 noncompliance with applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants that would be material in relation to a major federal program 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 compliance and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
OMB CIRCULAR A-133 SECTION .505

SOUTHERN OHIO GROWTH PARTNERSHIP, INC. AND AFFILIATES
SCIOTO COUNTY
DECEMBER 31, 2003

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

(d)(1)(i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unqualified
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any material control weakness conditions reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any other reportable control weakness conditions reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iii)	Was there any reported noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any material internal control weakness conditions reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any other reportable internal control weakness conditions reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(v)	Type of Major Programs ? Compliance Opinion	Unqualified
(d)(1)(vi)	Are there any reportable findings under section .510?	No
(d)(1)(vii)	Major Programs (list):	Intermediary Relending Program CFDA #10.767
(d)(1)(viii)	Dollar Threshold: Type A\B Programs	Type A: > \$300,000 Type B: all others
(d)(1)(ix)	Low Risk Auditee?	No

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**2. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS**

Finding Number	None
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3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

Finding Number	None
CFDA Title and Number	
Federal Award Number/Year	
Federal Agency	
Pass-Through Agency	



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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
JUNE 29, 2004**