



**GROW LICKING COUNTY COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION  
LICKING COUNTY**

**REGULAR AUDIT**

**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015-2014**



**Dave Yost • Auditor of State**



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Grow Licking County Community Improvement Corporation  
Licking County  
50 West Locust Street  
Newark, Ohio 43055

To the Board of Directors:

### ***Report on the Financial Statements***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Grow Licking County Community Improvement Corporation, Licking County, Ohio (the Corporation), (a not-for-profit corporation), which comprise the statement of net assets, the statement of receipts, disbursements and change in net assets and statement of cash flows, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Corporation's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to opine on these financial statements based on our audit. We audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit requires obtaining evidence about financial statement amounts and disclosures. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including assessing the risks of material financial statement misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In assessing those risks, we consider internal control relevant to the Corporation's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control. Accordingly, we express no opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of management's accounting policies and the reasonableness of their significant accounting estimates, as well as our evaluation of the overall financial statement presentation.

We believe the audit evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to support our audit opinion.

***Opinion***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Grow Licking County Community Improvement Corporation, Licking County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2015 and 2014 and the changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

***Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 29, 2016, 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 grant agreements and other matters. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine 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 Corporation's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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**Dave Yost**  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

August 29, 2016

**GROW LICKING COUNTY COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION**  
**LICKING COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014**

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	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 76,630	\$ 91,848
Prepaid	37,326	39,700
Fixed Assets	<u>5,346</u>	<u>3,226</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 119,302</u>	<u>\$ 134,774</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Unrestricted	<u>\$ 119,302</u>	<u>\$ 134,774</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 119,302</u>	<u>\$ 134,774</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

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**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014**

	2015	2014
<b>Operating Receipts</b>		
Contributions	\$ 344,600	\$ 220,000
Grants	500	2,000
Interest	239	-
<i>Total Operating Receipts</i>	<u>345,339</u>	<u>222,000</u>
<b>Operating Disbursements</b>		
General	192,192	101,572
Contractual Services	153,809	131,175
Supplies	6,120	6,480
Other	8,690	6,911
<i>Total Operating Disbursements</i>	<u>360,811</u>	<u>246,138</u>
<i>Change in Net Assets</i>	(15,472)	(24,138)
<i>Net Assets Beginning of Year</i>	<u>134,774</u>	<u>158,912</u>
<i>Net Assets End of Year</i>	<u><u>\$ 119,302</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 134,774</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements



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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014**

	2015	2014
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>		
(Decrease) in Net Assets	\$ (15,472)	\$ (24,138)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to Net Cash provided by Operating Activities:		
(Increase) Decrease in Prepaid Expenses	2,374	(16,200)
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities	(13,098)	(40,338)
<b>Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities</b>		
Payments for Capital (Furniture & Equipment)	(2,120)	(1,928)
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Capital and Related Financing Activities	(2,120)	(1,928)
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(15,218)	(42,266)
Beginning Cash Balance	91,848	134,114
Ending Cash Balance	\$ 76,630	\$ 91,848

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LICKING COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014**

**1. Nature of Activities and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**A. Description of the Entity**

The Grow Licking County Community Improvement Corporation (the Corporation) was incorporated on November 29, 2011. The Corporation is a nonprofit entity which was formed for the specific purpose to advance, encourage, and promote the industrial, economic, commercial, and civic development of Licking County, Ohio, and to relieve County government from the responsibility for economic development functions such as retention and expansion and the enterprise zone/community reinvestment area program. There shall be three members of the Corporation, the Licking County Chamber of Commerce, Licking County and Heath-Newark-Licking County Port Authority.

The Corporation's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the Corporation is financially accountable.

**B. Accounting Basis**

The financial statements of the Corporation have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**C. Basis of Presentation**

Financial Statement presentation follows the recommendations of the *Financial Accounting Standards Board* in its Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) 117, *Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Organizations*. Under SFAS No. 117 the Corporation is required to report information regarding its net assets and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets. As of December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, net assets of the Corporation is unrestricted.

**D. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

For purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows and for presentation of the Statement of Net Assets, all cash in checking accounts are considered to be cash and cash equivalents.

**E. Income Taxes**

The Corporation is a not-for-profit organization that is exempt from income taxes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**F. Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014  
(Continued)**

**1. Nature of Activities and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

**G. Fixed Assets**

The Corporation's only fixed assets are furniture and equipment. Acquisitions of property in excess of \$500 are capitalized. Furniture and equipment are reported at cost. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over a useful life of 5 years.

**2. Cash**

The bank balance of cash deposits at December 31, 2015 and 2014 was \$76,630 and \$91,848, respectively. Deposits are fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

**3. Restriction of Net Assets**

The Corporation did not have any restrictions on cash as of December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

**4. Contingent Liabilities**

Management believes there are no pending claims or lawsuits.

**5. Risk Management**

**Commercial Insurance**

The Corporation has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability;
- Vehicles; and
- Errors and omissions.

**6. Contributions**

The Corporation receives contributions from individuals, governmental entities and private institutions to be used to accomplish the Corporation's purposes.



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Grow Licking County Community Improvement Corporation  
Licking County  
50 West Locust Street  
Newark, Ohio 43055

To the Board of Directors:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of the Grow Licking County Community Improvement Corporation, Licking County, Ohio (the Corporation) (a not-for-profit corporation) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated August 29, 2016.

### ***Internal Control Over Financial Reporting***

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances to the extent necessary to support our opinion on the financial statements, but not to the extent necessary to opine on the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control. Accordingly, we have not opined on it.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in a reasonable possibility that internal control will not prevent or detect and timely correct a material misstatement of the Corporation's financial statements. 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 internal control deficiencies that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider material weaknesses. However, unidentified material weaknesses may exist.

***Compliance and Other Matters***

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Corporation's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, opining on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

***Purpose of this Report***

This report only describes the scope of our internal control and compliance testing and our testing results, and does not opine on the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Corporation's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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**Dave Yost**  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

August 29, 2016



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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  
OCTOBER 6, 2016**