

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SINGLE AUDIT

of the

BELMONT METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY

for the

Year Ended March 31, 2003



Auditor of State Betty Montgomery

Board of Directors Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority 100 South 3rd Street Martins Ferry, Ohio 43935-1457

We have reviewed the Independent Auditor's Report of the Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority, Belmont County, prepared by Jones, Cochenour & Company, for the audit period April 1, 2002 to March 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 Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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October 10, 2003

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority Martins Ferry, Ohio Regional Inspector General of Audit Department of Housing and Urban Development

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority, as of and for the year ended March 31, 2003, as listed in the table of contents. These basic financial statements are the responsibility of the Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these basic 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 basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority, as of March 31, 2003, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its proprietary funds activities 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 a report dated June 26, 2003 on our consideration of Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority'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.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion thereon.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements of the Authority taken as a whole. The supplemental data listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements of the Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority. 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 Government and Non-Profit Organizations* and is not a required part of the 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 presented in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Jones, Cochenour & Co. June 26, 2003

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It is a privilege to present for you the financial picture of Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority. The Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority's ("the Authority") management's discussion and analysis is designed to (a) assist the reader in focusing on significant financial issues, (b) provide an overview of the Authority's financial activity, (c) identify changes in the Authority's financial position (its ability to address the next and subsequent year challenges), and (d) identify individual fund issues or concerns.

Since the Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is designed to focus on the current years activities, resulting changes and currently known facts, please read it in conjunction with the Authority's financial statements.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Net assets were \$16.6 million and \$16.9 million for 2002 and 2003 respectively. The Authority-wide statements reflect an increase in total net assets of \$313,361 (or 1.9%) during 2003. This increase is reflective of the year's activities.
- The business-type activity revenue increased by \$344,320 (or 7.3%) during 2002, and was \$4.7 million and \$5.1 million for 2002 and 2003 respectively.
- The total expenses of all Authority programs increased by \$201,976 (or 4.5%). Total expenses were \$4.5 million and \$4.7 million for 2002 and 2003 respectively.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

The following graphic outlines the format of this report:

MD&A ~ Management Discussion and Analysis ~	
Basic Financial Statements ~ Authority-wide Financial Statements ~ ~ Fund Financial Statement ~ ~ Notes to Financial Statements ~	
Other Required Supplementary Information ~ Required Supplementary Information (other than MD&A) ~	

The focus is on both the Authority as a whole (authority-wide) and the major individual funds. Both perspectives (authority-wide and major fund) allow the user to address relevant questions, broaden a basis for comparison (year to year or Authority to Authority) and enhance the Authority's accountability.

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Authority-Wide Financial Statements

The Authority-wide financial statements are designed to be corporate-like in that all business type activities are consolidated into columns, which add to a total for the entire Authority.

These statements include a <u>Statement of Net Assets</u>, which is similar to a Balance Sheet. The Statement of Net Assets reports all financial and capital resources for the Authority. The statement is presented in the format where assets, minus liabilities, equal "Net Assets", formerly known as equity. Assets and liabilities are presented in order of liquidity, and are classified as "Current" (convertible into cash within one year), and "Non-current".

The focus of the Statement of Net Assets (the "<u>Unrestricted</u> Net Assets") is designed represent the net available liquid (non-capital) assets, net of liabilities, for the entire Authority. Net Assets (formerly equity) are reported in three broad categories:

<u>Net Assets</u>, <u>Invested in Capital Assets</u>, <u>Net of Related Debt</u>: This component of Net Assets consists of all Capital Assets, reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

<u>Restricted Net Assets</u>: This component of Net Assets consists of restricted assets, when constraints are placed on the asset by creditors (such as debt covenants), grantors, contributors, laws, regulations, etc.

<u>Unrestricted Net Assets</u>: Consists of Net Assets that do not meet the definition of "Net Assets Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt", or "Restricted Net Assets". This account resembles the old operating reserves account.

The Authority-wide financial statements also include a <u>Statement of Revenues</u>, <u>Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets</u> (similar to an Income Statement). This Statement includes Operating Revenues, such as rental income, Operating Expenses, such as administrative, utilities, and maintenance, and depreciation, and Non-Operating Revenue and Expenses, such as grant revenue, investment income and interest expense.

The focus of the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets is the "Change in Net Assets", which is similar to Net Income or Loss.

Finally, a <u>Statement of Cash Flows</u> is included, which discloses net cash provided by, or used for operating activities, non-capital financing activities, and from capital and related financing activities.

Fund Financial Statements

Traditional users of governmental financial statements will find the Fund Financial Statements presentation more familiar. The focus is now on Major Funds, rather than fund types. The Authority consists of exclusively Enterprise Funds. Enterprise funds utilize the full accrual basis of accounting. The Enterprise method of accounting is similar to accounting utilized by the private sector accounting.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development requires the funds be maintained by the Authority.

Business Type Funds:

<u>Conventional Public Housing</u> – Under the Conventional Public Housing Program, the Authority rents units that it owns to low-income households. The Conventional Public Housing Program is operated under an Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) with HUD, and HUD provides Operating Subsidy to enable the PHA to provide the housing at a rent that is based upon 30% of adjusted gross household income.

<u>Comprehensive Grant Program (CGP)</u> – The Conventional Public Housing Program also included the CGP, which was the primary funding source for physical and management improvements to the Authority's properties. CGP funding was based on a formula allocation that took into consideration the size and age of your housing stock. The Capital Fund Program replaced this program in Federal Fiscal Year 2000.

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<u>Capital Fund Program (CFP)</u> – This is the current primary funding source for the Authority's physical and management improvements. While the formula funding methodology used for the CGP was revised for the CFP, funds are still provided by formula allocation and based on size and age of your units.

Housing Choice Voucher Program – Under the Housing Choice Voucher Program, the Authority subsidizes rents to independent landlords that own the property. The Authority subsidizes the family's rent through a Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) made to the landlord. The program is administered under an Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) with HUD. HUD provides funding to enable the Authority to structure a lease that requires the participant to pay a rent based on a percentage of their adjusted gross household income, typically 30%, and the Housing Authority subsidizes the balance.

AUTHORITY-WIDE STATEMENT

Statement of Net Assets

The following table reflects the condensed Statement of Net Assets compared to prior year. The Authority is engaged only in Business-Type Activities.

TABLE 1STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

	2003 (in millions of dollars)	2002 (in millions of dollars)
Current and Other Assets	\$ 2.0	\$ 1.9
Capital Assets	15.4	15.3
Total Assets	17.4	17.2
Other Liabilities	.4	.5
Long-Term Liabilities	.1	.2
Total Liabilities	.5	.7
Net Assets:		
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	15.4	15.3
Restricted	.1	- 0 -
Unrestricted	1.4	1.2
Total Net Assets	\$16.9	\$16.5

For more detailed information see the Statement of Net Assets.

Major Factors Affecting the Statement of Net Assets

Current assets were increased by \$.1 million while liabilities decreased by \$.2 million.

Capital assets increased by \$.1 million, from \$15.3 million to \$15.4 million. The unrestricted net assets, the account that resembles the old operating reserves, increased by \$170,563.

The Authority's unrestricted net assets increased, indicating a positive change in the financial well being of the Authority.

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TABLE 2

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

The following schedule compares the revenues and expenses for the current and previous fiscal year. The Authority is engaged only in Business-Type Activities.

	2003 (millions of dollars)	2002 (millions of dollars)
Revenues		,
Tenant Revenue – Rents and Other	\$ 1.3	\$ 1.2
Operating Subsidies and Grants	2.5	2.4
Capital Grants	1.2	1.0
Investment Income	0.1	0.1
Total Revenue	5.1	4.7
Expenses		
Administrative	.7	.9
Utilities	.7	.6
Maintenance	1.2	1.0
General	.1	.1
Housing Assistance Payments	.9	.8
Depreciation	1.1	1.1
Total Expenses	4.7	4.5
Net Increase	\$ 0.4	\$ 0.2

MAJOR FACTORS AFFECTING THE STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

Tenant revenue and operating subsidies and grants increased modestly and the Capital Grants increased significantly. Most expenses increased modestly due to inflation, except for depreciation, which remained stable and utilities and maintenance expenses increased due to harsh weather.

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CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

As of year end, the Authority had 15.4 million invested in a variety of capital assets as reflected in the following schedule, which represents a net increase (addition, deductions and depreciation) of \$.1 million from the end of last year.

TABLE 3

CAPITAL ASSETS AT YEAR-END (NET OF DEPRECIATION)

	Business-type Activities		
	2003	2002	
Land and land rights Buildings Equipment – Administrative	\$ 1,446,016 28,358,036 482,572	\$ 1,446,016 27,297,803 301,599	
Accumulated Depreciation	(16,385,275)	(15,251,506)	
Construction In Progress	1,535,370	1,540,009	
Total	\$15,436,719	\$15,333,921	

Debt Administration

The Authority's only debt is listed in the current liabilities in the form of accounts payable. The Authority has no long-term debt.

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The following reconciliation summarizes the change in Capital Assets.

TABLE 4

CHANGE IN CAPITAL ASSETS

	Business Type Activities
Beginning Balance	\$15,333,921
Additions-Operations	28,010
Additions-CFP	1,208,557
Depreciation	(1,133,769)
Ending Balance	\$15,436,719
This year's major additions are:	
Business – Type Activities	
Capital improvements (CFP) completed on variety of the Authority's Public Housing complexes	\$1,208,557

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ECONOMIC FACTORS

Significant economic factors affecting the Authority are as follows:

- Federal funding of the Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Local labor supply and demand, which can affect salary and wage rates
- Local inflationary, recessionary and employment trends, which can affect resident incomes and therefore the amount of rental income
- Inflationary pressure on utility rates, supplies and other costs

IN CONCLUSION

The Authority had a very good year financially as reflected in the \$170,563 increase in unrestricted net assets.

Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority takes great pride in its financial management and is pleased to report on the sound financial condition of the Authority.

FINANCIAL CONTACT

If you have any questions regarding this report, you may contact Jody Geese, Executive Director of the Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority at (740) 633-5085.

Respectfully submitted,

Jody Robinson Geese Executive Director

BELMONT METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS March 31, 2003

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 723,792
Investments	1,046,019
Receivables - net of allowance	66,601
Inventories - net of allowance	35,387
Due to other programs	51,969
Prepaid expenses	43,228
TOTAL CURRENT	ASSETS 1,966,996
CAPITAL ASSETS	
Land and construction in progress	2,981,386
Other capital assets - net	12,455,333
TOTAL	ASSETS 17,403,715
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	76,579
Accounts payable - other government	51,557
Accrued wages and payroll taxes	57,441
Accrued compensated absences - current	54,050
Tenant security deposits	104,854
Due from other programs	51,969
Deferred revenue	12,925
TOTAL CURRENT LIAB	ILITIES 409,375
Accrued compensated absences - noncurrent	108,132
TOTAL LIAB	ILITIES <u>517,507</u>
NET ASSETS	
Invested in capital assets - net of related debt	15,436,719
Unrestricted net assets	1,409,489
Restricted net assets	40,000
TOTAL NET	ASSETS <u>\$ 16,886,208</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

BELMONT METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS Year Ended March 31, 2003

OPERATING REVENUES Tenant revenue HUD operating grants Other operating revenues		\$	1,301,527 2,506,509 14,398
	TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES		3,822,434
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Administrative			613,346
Utilities			712,661
Maintenance			1,223,811
Depreciation			1,133,769
PILOT			51,557
Insurance Bad debts			76,554
			11,059 903,418
Housing assistance payments		-	903,410
	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		4,726,175
	OPERATING LOSS		(903,741)
NON-OPERATING REVENUES			
Interest income			19,508
HUD CAPITAL GRANTS			1,208,557
	CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		324,324
Net Assets Beginning of Year			16,572,847
Prior period adjustments			(10,963)
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Net Assets Beginning of Year - Restated			16,561,884
	NET ASSETS END OF YEAR	\$	16,886,208

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

BELMONT METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS Year Ended March 31, 2003

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Cash received from tenants	\$ 1,315,925
Cash received from HUD	2,419,945
Cash payments for housing assistance payments	(903,418)
Cash payments for administrative	(1,465,177)
Cash payments for other operating expenses	(1,170,106)
Cash payments to HUD and other governments	(48,529)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY	
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	148,640
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Capital grants received	1,208,557
Acquisition of capital assets	(1,236,568)
CASH ELOWS EDOM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	11 100
Change in investments	 11,189
INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	131,818
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING	 591,974
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, ENDING	\$ 723,792
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	
TO NET CASH (USED FOR) OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Operating (loss)	\$ (903,741)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash used by	())
operating activities:	
Depreciation	1,133,769
(Increase) decrease in:	
Receivables - net of allowance	132,023
Due from other programs	(47,441)
Inventories - net of allowance	(878)
Deferred charges and other assets	(1,051)
Increase (decrease) in:	
Accounts payable	(130,052)
Accrued wages and payroll taxes	57,441
Accrued compensated absences	(61,081)
Due to other programs	47,441
Accounts payable - other government	3,028
Tenant security deposits	5,746
Deferred credits and other liabilities	 (86,564)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$ 148,640

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority (the "Authority") have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The Authority also applies Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Statements and Interpretations issued on or before November 30, 1989, to its business-type activities and to its proprietary fund provided they do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The more significant of the Authority's accounting policies are described below.

In June 1999, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) unanimously approved Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements – Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments. Certain of the significant changes in the Statement include the following:

- The financial statements include:
 - A Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section providing analysis of the Authority's overall financial position and results of operations.

These and other changes are reflected in the accompanying financial statements (including notes to financial statements). The Authority elected to implement the provisions of the Statement for the year ended March 31, 2002.

Reporting Entity

The Authority was created under the Ohio Revised Code, Section 3735.27. The Authority contracts with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to provide low and moderate income persons with safe and sanitary housing through subsidies provided by HUD. The Authority depends on the subsidies from HUD to operate.

Basis of Presentation

The Authority's basic financial statements consist of a statement of net assets, a statement of revenue, expenses and changes in net assets, and a statement of cash flows.

The Authority uses a single enterprise fund to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

Enterprise fund reporting focuses on the determination of the change in net assets, financial position and cash flows. An enterprise fund may be used to account for any activity for which a fee is charged to external users for goods and services.

Measurement Focus

The enterprise fund is accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. All assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of the Authority are included on the statement of net assets. The statement of changes in net assets presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in net total assets. The statement of cash flows provides information about how the Authority finances and meets the cash flow needs of its enterprise activity.

Enterprise Fund

The Authority uses the proprietary fund to report on its financial position and the results of its operations for the Section 8 and public housing programs. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

Funds are classified into three categories: governmental, proprietary and fiduciary. The Authority uses the proprietary category for its programs.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

The following are the various programs which are included in the single enterprise fund:

<u>Conventional Public Housing (PH)</u> – Under the Conventional Public Housing Program, the Authority rents units that it owns to low-income households. The Conventional Public Housing Program is operated under an Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) with HUD, and HUD provides Operating Subsidy to enable the PHA to provide the housing at a rent that is based upon 30% of adjusted gross household income.

<u>Comprehensive Grant Program (CGP)</u> – The Conventional Public Housing Program also included the CGP, which was the primary funding source for physical and management improvements to the Authority's properties. CGP funding was based on a formula allocation that took into consideration the size and age of your housing stock. The Capital Fund Program replaced this program in Federal Fiscal Year 2000. The final equity transfer to public housing occurred during the current year.

<u>Capital Fund Program (CFP)</u> – This is the current primary funding source for the Authority's physical and management improvements. While the formula funding methodology used for the CGP was revised for the CFP, funds are still provided by formula allocation and based on the size and age of the units.

Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP) – Under the Housing Choice Voucher Program, the Authority subsidizes rents to independent landlords that own the property. The Authority subsidizes the family's rent through a Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) made to the landlord. The program is administered under an ACC with HUD. HUD provides funding to enable the Authority to structure a lease that requires the participant to pay a rent based on a percentage of their adjusted gross household income, typically 30%, and the Housing Authority subsidizes the balance.

Accounting and Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions

The Authority adopted GASB 33 effective for the year ended March 31, 2002. Nonexchange transactions occur when the Public Housing Authority (PHA) receives (or gives) value without directly giving equal value in return. GASB 33 identifies four classes of nonexchange transactions as follows:

- Derived tax revenues: result from assessments imposed on exchange transactions (i.e., income taxes, sales taxes and other assessments on earnings or consumption).
- Imposed nonexchange revenues: result from assessments imposed on nongovernmental entities, including individuals, other than assessments on exchange transactions (i.e. property taxes and fines).
- Government-mandated nonexchange transactions: occur when a government at one level provides resources to a government at another level and requires the recipient to use the resources for a specific purpose (i.e., federal programs that state or local governments are mandated to perform).
- Voluntary nonexchange transactions: result from legislative or contractual agreements, other than exchanges, entered into willingly by the parties to the agreement (i.e., certain grants and private donations).

PHA grants and subsidies will be defined as a government-mandated or voluntary nonexchange transactions.

GASB 33 establishes two distinct standards depending upon the kind of stipulation imposed by the provider.

- Time requirements specify (a) the period when resources are required to be used or when use may begin (for example, operating or capital grants for a specific period) or (b) that the resources are required to be maintained intact in perpetuity or until a specified date or event has occurred (for example, permanent endowments, term endowments, and similar agreements). Time requirements affect the timing of recognition of nonexchange transactions.
- Purpose restrictions specify the purpose for which resources are required to be used. (i.e. capital grants used for the purchase of capital assets). Purpose restrictions do not affect when a nonexchange transaction is recognized. However, PHAs that receive resources with purpose restrictions should report resulting net assets, equity, or fund balance as restricted.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

The PHA will recognize assets (liabilities) when all applicable eligibility requirements are met or resources received whichever is first. Eligibility requirements established by the provider may stipulate the qualifying characteristics of recipients, time requirements, allowable costs, and other contingencies.

The PHA will recognize revenues (expenses) when all applicable eligibility requirements are met. For transactions that have a time requirement for the beginning of the following period, PHAs should record resources received prior to that period as deferred revenue and the provider of those resources would record an advance.

The PHA receives government-mandated or voluntary nonexchange transactions, which do not specify time requirements. Upon award, the entire subsidy should be recognized as a receivable and revenue in the period when applicable eligibility requirements have been met.

Deferred Revenue

Deferred revenue arises when revenues are received before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied.

Prepaid expenses

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond March 31, 2003, are recorded as prepaid expenses using the consumption method. A current asset for the amount is recorded at the time of the purchase and expense is reported in the year in which the services are consumed.

Investments

Investments are restricted by the provisions of the HUD Regulations (See Note 2). Investments are valued at market value. Interest income earned in fiscal year 2003 for both programs totaled \$19,508. The interest income earned on the general fund investments in the Section 8 Program is required to be returned to HUD, and this amount was \$150 for the year ended March 31, 2003.

Capital Assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost and depreciation is computed using the straight line method over an estimated useful life of the assets. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs, that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the asset life, are not capitalized. The Authority's capitalization policy is \$2,000. The following are the useful lives used for depreciation purposes:

Buildings – residential	27.5
Buildings – non residential	40
Building improvements	15
Furniture – dwelling	7
Furniture – non-dwelling	7
Equipment – dwelling	5
Equipment – non-dwelling	7
Autos and trucks	5
Computer hardware	3
Computer software	3
Leasehold improvements	15

Due From/To Other Programs

On the basic financial statements, receivables and payables resulting from the short-term interprogram loans are classified as due to/due from other programs.

Accrued Liabilities

All payables and accrued liabilities are reported in the basic financial statements.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

Net Assets

Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets invested in capital assets – net of related debt consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net assets are recorded as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either by internal or external restrictions.

Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activity of the proprietary fund. For the Authority, these revenues are tenant revenues, operating grants from HUD and other miscellaneous revenue.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents include all highly liquid debt instruments with original maturities of three months or less.

Compensated Absences

The Authority accounts for compensated absences in accordance with GASB Statement No. 16. Sick leave and other compensated absences with similar characteristics are accrued as a liability based on the sick leave accumulated at the balance sheet date by those employees who currently are eligible to receive termination payments. To calculate the liability, these accumulations are reduced to the maximum amount allowed as a termination payment. All employees who meet the termination policy of the Authority for years of service are included in the calculation of the compensated absences accrual amount.

Vacation leave and other compensated absences with similar characteristics are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned by the employees if both of the following conditions are met: 1) The employees' rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and are not contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the employer and employee, 2) It is probable that the employer will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means, such as cash payments at termination or retirement.

In the proprietary fund, the compensated absences are expensed when earned with the amount reported as a liability.

Budgetary Accounting

The Authority annually prepares its budget as prescribed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. This budget is submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development and once approved is adopted by the Board of the Housing Authority.

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 reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Receivables – net of allowance

Bad debts are provided on the allowance method based on management's evaluation of the collectability of outstanding tenant receivable balances at the end of the year. The allowance for receivables was \$1,003 at March 31, 2003.

Inventories

Inventories are stated at cost. The allowance for obsolete inventory was \$3,900 at March 31, 2003.

2. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

<u>Cash</u>

State statutes classify monies held by the Authority into three categories.

Active deposits are public deposits necessary to meet demands on the treasury. Such monies must be maintained either as cash in the Authority's Treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

Inactive deposits are public deposits that the Authority has identified as not required for use within the current two-year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to passbook accounts.

Interim deposits are deposits of interim monies. Interim monies are those monies which are not needed for immediate use but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit or by savings or deposit accounts including passbook accounts.

Protection of Authority's deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) by eligible securities pledged by the financial institution as security for repayment, but surety company bonds deposited with the treasurer by the financial institution or by a single collateral pool established by the financial institution to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited with the institution.

The Authority's deposits are categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the entity at year end. Category 1 includes deposits that are insured or collateralized with securities held by the Authority or its safekeeping agent in the Authority's name. Category 2 includes uninsured deposits collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or safekeeping agent in the Authority's name. Category 3 includes uninsured and uncollateralized with securities held by the pledging institution, or by its trust department or safekeeping agent, but not in the Authority's name.

<u>Deposits</u>: The carrying amount of the Authority's deposits totaled \$723,792, which includes \$300 petty cash. The corresponding bank balances totaled \$797,935.

The following show the Authority's deposits (bank balances) in each category:

Category 1:	\$100,000 was covered by federal depository insurance
Category 2:	\$697,935 was covered by specific collateral pledged by the financial institution
	in the name of the Authority.

Investments

HUD, State Statute and Board Resolutions authorize the Authority to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, agencies and instrumentalities, certificates of deposit, repurchase agreements, money market deposit accounts, municipal depository fund, super NOW accounts, sweep accounts, separate trading of registered interest and principal of securities, mutual funds, bonds and other obligations of this State, and the State Treasurer's investment pool. Investments in stripped principal or interest and principal of securities, mutual funds, bonds and other obligations, reverse repurchase agreements and derivatives are prohibited. The principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose or arbitrage, the use of leverage and short selling are also prohibited. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the Authority, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. Investments may only be made through specific dealers and institutions. Payment for investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the treasurer or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian. The Authority had investments of U. S. Treasury Notes in the amount of \$1,046,019 at March 31, 2003.

2. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Investments – Continued

The Authority's investments are categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the entity at year-end. Category A includes investments that are insured or registered or for which the securities are held by the Authority or its agent in the Authority's name. Category B includes uninsured and unregistered investments for which the securities are held by the counterparty's Trust department or agent in the Authority's name. Category C includes uninsured and unregistered investments for which securities are held by the counterparty or its Trust department but not in the Authority's name. The investments of the Authority are classified as Category A.

3. NOTE TO SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS EXPENDITURES

The accompanying schedule of federal awards expenditures is a summary of the activity of the Authority's federal award programs. The schedule has been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Authority maintains comprehensive insurance coverage with private carriers for health, real property, building contents and vehicles. Vehicle policies include liability coverage for bodily injury and property damage. There was no significant reduction in coverages and no settlements exceeded insurance coverage during the past three years.

5. CAPITAL ASSETS

The following is a summary of capital assets:

	Balance 03/31/2002		Additions / Deletions / Reclassifications		Balance 03/31/2003	
CAPITAL ASSETS, NOT						
BEING DEPRECIATED Land	\$	1,446,016	\$		\$	1,446,016
Construction in Progress	Э	1,440,010	Þ	(4,639)	Э	1,535,370
TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS NOT BEING DEPRECIATED	\$	2,986,025	\$	(4,639)	\$	2,981,386
CAPITAL ASSETS,						
BEING DEPRECIATED						
Buildings and Improvements	\$	27,297,803	\$	1,197,196	\$	28,494,999
Furniture and equipment		301,599		44,010		345,609
Totals at Historical Costs		27,599,402		1,241,206		28,840,608
Less: Accumulated						
Depreciation		(15,251,506)		(1,133,769)		(16,385,275)
TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS, NET BEING DEPRECIATED	\$	12,347,896	\$	107,437	\$	12,455,333

The depreciation expense for the year then ended March 31, 2003 was \$1,133,769.

6. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS – PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

All employees participate in the Public Employees Retirement System of Ohio (PERS), a cost sharing multiple employer public employee retirement system administered by the Public Employee Retirement Board. PERS provides basic retirement and disability benefits, annual cost of living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefits are established by Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. PERS issues a stand-alone financial report which may be obtaining by writing to the Public Employee Retirement System, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642.

Plan members are required to contribute 8.5 percent of their annual covered salary to fund pension obligations and the Authority was required to contribute 9.565 percent through December 31. Contributions are authorized by State statute. The contribution rates are determined actuarially. The Authority's required contributions to PERS for the years ended March 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001 were \$98,126, \$126,309, and \$95,898, respectively. The full amount has been contributed for 2001 and 2002. Eighty nine percent (89%) has been contributed for 2003, with the remainder being reported as a liability within the enterprise fund.

7. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS – PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The Ohio Revised Code also provides statutory authority requiring public employers to provide and fund postretirement health care through their contributions to the Public Employees Retirement System of Ohio (PERS). Postretirement health care coverage is provided to age and service retirees with ten or more years of qualifying service credit. Health care coverage for disability recipients and primary survivor recipients is available. The health care coverage provided by the retirement system is considered an Other Postemployment Benefit (OPEB) as described in GASB Statement No. 12. A portion of each employer's contribution to PERS is set aside for the funding of postretirement health care. The Ohio Revised Code also provides statutory authority for employer contributions. Of the 13.55 percent employer contribution rate for the Authority for the year 2003, 4.3 percent was used to fund health care. The assumptions and calculations below were based on the System's latest Actuarial Review performed December 31, 2000. An entry age normal actuarial cost method of valuation is used in determining the present value of OPEB. The difference between assumed and actual experience (actuarial gains and losses) becomes part of unfunded actuarial accrued liability.

All investments are carried at market. For actuarial valuation purposes, a smoothed market approach is used. Under this approach assets are adjusted annually to reflect 25 percent of unrealized market appreciation or depreciation on investment assets. The investment assumption rate for 2001 was 8.0 percent. An annual increase of 4.0 percent compounded annually, is the base portion of the individual pay increase assumption. This assumes no change in the number of active employees. Additionally, annual pay increases, over and above the 4.0 percent base increase, were assumed to range from 0.5 percent to 6.3 percent. Health care costs were assumed to increase 4.0 percent annually. As of December 31, 2001, the number of active contributing participants was 402,041. The actuarial value of the Retirement System's net assets available for OPEB at December 31, 2001 was \$11.6 billion. The actuarially accrued liability and the unfunded actuarial accrued liability, based on the actuarial cost method used, were \$16.4 billion and \$4.8 billion, respectively.

8. FDS SCHEDULE SUBMITTED TO HUD

For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2003, the Authority electronically submitted an unaudited version of the balance sheet, statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net asset and other data to HUD as required on the GAAP basis. The FDS schedules are on pages 22 - 25. The schedules are presented in the manner prescribed by Housing and Urban Development.

9. RESTATEMENT OF PRIOR YEAR'S FUND EQUITY

		Total		Invested in Capital Assets - Net of Debt		Unrestricted Net Assets		Restricted Net Assets	
Net Assets, Beginning of Year Write-off fraud receivables	\$	5 16,572,847 (10,963)	\$	15,333,921	\$	1,238,926 (10,963)	\$	-	
Net Assets, Beginning of Year, Restated		16,561,884		15,333,921		1,227,963		-	
Transfer of equity		-		-		(40,000)		40,000	
Fixed asset additions	*	1,236,567		1,236,567		-		-	
Depreciation expense	*	(1,133,769)		(1,133,769)		-		-	
Current year income	*	221,526				221,526		-	
Net Assets, End of Year	r _\$	16,886,208	\$	15,436,719	\$	1,409,489	\$	40,000	

* Change in net assets - \$324,324.

BELMONT METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY BALANCE SHEET FDS SCHEDULE SUBMITTED TO HUD PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE ENTERPRISE FUND March 31, 2003

FDS Line Item No.	Account Description	14.850 Public & Indian Hsg	14.859 PH Comp Grant	14.872 PH Capital Fund	14.871 Section 8 Vouchers	TOTAL
111	ASSETS	\$ 366.730	¢	¢	\$ 126.733	e 402.472
111	Cash - unrestricted Cash - other restricted	\$ 366,730	\$ -	\$ -	* -)	\$ 493,463
113	Cash - other restricted Cash - restricted for current liab.	-	-	-	40,000	40,000
115 100	Cash - restricted for current hab. TOTAL CASH	<u>134,918</u> 501,648			55,411	<u>190,329</u> 723,792
100	IOTAL CASH	501,048	-	-	222,144	125,192
122	Accounts receivable - HUD other proj	-	-	60,142	1,904	62,046
125	Accounts receivable - miscellaneous	736	-	-	-	736
126	A/R Tenants - dwelling rents	4,822	-	-	-	4,822
126.1	Allowance for doubtful accts	(796)	-	-	-	(796)
126.2	Allowance for doubtfule accts - other	(207)				(207)
120	TOTAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	4,555	-	60,142	1,904	66,601
131	Investments - unrestricted	941,165	-	-	-	941,165
135	Investments - restricted	104,854	-	-	-	104,854
142	Prepaid expenses and other assets	43,228	-	-	-	43,228
143	Inventories	39,287	-	-	-	39,287
143.1	Allowance for obsolete inventory	(3,900)	-	-	-	(3,900)
144	Interprogram due from	51,969				51,969
150	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	1,682,806	-	60,142	224,048	1,966,996
161	Land	1,446,016	-	-	-	1,446,016
162	Buildings	28,358,036	-	-	-	28,358,036
164	Furniture and equipment - admin	345,609	-	-	-	345,609
165	Leasehold improvements	136,963	-	-	-	136,963
166	Accumulated depreciation	(16,385,275)	-	-	-	(16,385,275)
167	Construction in progress			1,535,370		1,535,370
160	TOTAL FIXED ASSETS, NET	13,901,349	-	1,535,370	-	15,436,719
180	TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	13,901,349		1,535,370		15,436,719
190	TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 15,584,155	<u>\$</u> -	\$ 1,595,512	\$ 224,048	\$ 17,403,715

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BELMONT METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY BALANCE SHEET FDS SCHEDULE SUBMITTED TO HUD PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE ENTERPRISE FUND March 31, 2003

FDS Line		14.850 Public &	14.859 PH Comp	14.872	14.871 Section 8	
Item No.	Account Description	Indian Hsg	Grant	Capital Fund	Vouchers	TOTAL
	LIABILITIES					
312	Accounts payable <=90 days	\$ 16,437	\$ -	\$ 60,142	\$ -	\$ 76,579
321	Accrued wages/payroll taxes	53,999	-	-	3,442	57,441
322	Accrued compensated absences - current	49,750	-	-	4,300	54,050
333	Accounts payable - other govt	51,557	-	-	-	51,557
341	Tenant security deposits	104,854	-	-	-	104,854
342	Deferred revenue	12,925	-	-	-	12,925
347	Interprogram due to	-	-	-	51,969	51,969
310	TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	289,522	-	60,142	59,711	409,375
354	Accrued comp absences - noncurrent	99,597			8,535	108,132
350	TOTAL NONCURRENT LIABILITIES	99,597			8,535	108,132
300	TOTAL LIABILITIES	389,119	-	60,142	68,246	517,507
508.1	Invested in capital assets	13,901,349	-	1,535,370	-	15,436,719
511.1	Restricted net assets	-	-	-	40,000	40,000
512.1	Unrestricted net assets	1,293,687			115,802	1,409,489
513	TOTAL EQUITY	15,195,036		1,535,370	155,802	16,886,208
600	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 15,584,155	<u>\$ </u>	\$ 1,595,512	\$ 224,048	\$ 17,403,715

BELMONT METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS FDS SCHEDULE SUBMITTED TO HUD PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE ENTERPRISE FUND YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2003

FDS Line Item No.	Account Description	14.850 Public & Indian Hsg	14.859 PH Comp Grant	14.872 Capital Fund	14.871 Section 8 Vouchers	TOTAL
	REVENUE					
703	Net tenant revenue	\$ 1,285,784	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,285,784
704	Tenant revenue - other	15,743				15,743
705	TOTAL TENANT REVENUE	1,301,527	-	-	-	1,301,527
706	PHA HUD grants	1,181,769	-	279,597	1,045,143	2,506,509
706.1	Capital contributions	-	-	1,208,557	-	1,208,557
711	Investment income - unrestricted	16,991	-	-	2,267	19,258
715	Other revenue	14,398	-	-	-	14,398
720	Investment income - restricted				250	250
	TOTAL REVENUE	2,514,685	-	1,488,154	1,047,660	5,050,499
	EXPENSES					
911	Administrative salaries	257,714	-		105,445	363,159
911 912	Auditing fees	6,504	_	_	723	7,227
912 914	Compensated absenses	4,777	_	_	(577)	4,200
91 4 915	Employee benefit contribution - admin		-	-	31,151	
915 916		107,139	-	-	6,444	138,290
	Other operating - administrative	94,026	-	-		100,470
935	Utility labor	29,083	-	-	-	29,083
931	Water	236,321	-	-	-	236,321
932	Electricity	233,247	-	-	-	233,247
933	Gas	68,716	-	-	-	68,716
938	Other utilities	145,294	-	-	-	145,294
941	Ord maintenance/op - labor	469,615	-	65,207	-	534,822
942	Ord maintenance/op - materials	137,312	-	23,293	-	160,605
943	Ord maintenance/op - cont costs	138,318	-	191,097	-	329,415
945	Emp benefit contrib - ord main	198,969	-	-	-	198,969
961	Insurance premiums	\$ 76,554	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 76,554
963	PILOT	51,557	-	-	-	51,557
964	Bad debts - tenant rents	11,059	-	-	-	11,059
969	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	2,266,205	-	279,597	143,186	2,688,988
970	EXCESS OPERATING REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	248,480	-	1,208,557	904,474	2,361,511
973	Housing Assistance Payments	-	_	-	903,418	903,418
974	Depreciation expense	1,133,769	_	_	-	1,133,769
900	TOTAL EXPENSES	3,399,974		279,597	1,046,604	4,726,175
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	EXCESS OF REVENUE					
1000	OVER EXPENSES	327,907	(1,213,196)	1,208,557	1,056	324,324
1103	Beginning equity	14,867,129	1,213,196	326,813	165,709	16,572,847
1104	Prior period adj/equity transfers	-	-		(10,963)	(10,963)
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	ENDING EQUITY	\$ 15,195,036	<u> </u>	\$ 1,535,370	\$ 155,802	16,886,208

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BELMONT METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS EXPENDITURES March 31, 2003

FROM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HUD DIRECT PROGRAMS		FEDERAL CFDA NUMBER	FUNDS EXPENDED
PHA Owned Housing: Public and Indian Housing Public Housing Capital Fund		14.850a 14.872	\$ 1,181,769 1,488,154
Housing Assistance Payments: Annual Contribution - Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers		14.871	1,045,143
	Total - All Programs		\$ 3,715,066

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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 Directors Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority Martins Ferry, Ohio Regional Inspector General of Audit Department of Housing and Urban Development

We have audited the basic financial statements of Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority as of and for the year ended March 31, 2003, and have issued our report thereon dated June 26, 2003. 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 Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority'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 Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority'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 the internal 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.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the board of directors, management, Auditor of State and federal awarding agencies and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Jones, Cochenour & Co. June 26, 2003



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

Board of Directors Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority Martins Ferry, Ohio Regional Inspector General of Audit Department of Housing and Urban Development

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended March 31, 2003. Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority'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; 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 Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority's compliance with those requirements and performing such 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 Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended March 31, 2003.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority 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 Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority'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.

Our consideration of the internal control over compliance would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control 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 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.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the board of directors, management, Auditor of State, and federal awarding agencies and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Jones, Cochenour & Co. June 26, 2003

Summary of Auditors' Results and Schedule of Findings OMB Circular A-133 § .505

Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority March 31, 2003

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS

Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unqualified
Were there any material control weakness conditions reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
Were there any other reportable control weakness conditions reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
Was there any reported material non-compliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
Were there any material internal control weakness conditions reported for major federal programs?	No
Were there any other reportable internal control weakness conditions reported for major federal programs?	No
Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unqualified
Are there any reportable findings under § .510?	No
Major Programs (list):	Public & Indian Housing CFDA #14.850a Capital Fund CFDA #14.872
Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs	\$300,000
Low Risk Auditee?	Yes

Summary of Auditors' Results and Schedule of Findings OMB Circular A-133 § .505 - Continued

Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority March 31, 2003

2. FINDINGS RELATED TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

There are no findings or questioned costs for the year ended March 31, 2003.

3. FINDINGS RELATED TO FEDERAL AWARDS

There are no findings or questioned costs for the year ended March 31, 2003.



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BELMONT METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY

BELMONT 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 Babbett

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

CERTIFIED NOVEMBER 6, 2003