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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Fairfield Metropolitan Housing Authority, Fairfield County, prepared by BHM CPA Group, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. 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 Fairfield Metropolitan Housing Authority is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

August 05, 2024

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Fairfield Metropolitan Housing Authority

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Fairfield Metropolitan Housing Authority
Fairfield County
315 North Columbus Street, Ste. 200
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To the Board of Commissioners:

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Fairfield Metropolitan Housing Authority, Fairfield County, Ohio (the Authority), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fairfield Metropolitan Housing Authority, Fairfield County, Ohio as of December 31, 2023 and the changes in financial position and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Authority, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Authority's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Authority's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the *management's discussion and analysis*, schedules of net pension and other post-employment benefit liabilities and pension and other post-employment benefit contributions be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements. The Financial Data Schedules and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Financial Data Schedules and Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 26, 2024, on our consideration of the Authority'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. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's 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 Authority's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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BHM CPA Group, Inc.
Circleville, Ohio
June 26, 2024

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**FAIRFIELD METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY
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MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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The Fairfield 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 the single enterprise fund issues or concerns.

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

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Authority’s programs for the single enterprise fund are: Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP), Family Unification Program (FUP), Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing Program (VASH), Continuum of Care, Family Self-Sufficiency Program, Blended Component Unit, and Other Business Activities (OBA).

- The Authority’s net position increased by \$206,931 (or 4.242%) during 2023. Net position was \$5,085,548 and \$4,878,617 for 2023 and 2022, respectively.
- The revenue decreased by \$151,164 (or 2.018%) during 2023, and was \$7,339,943 and \$7,491,107 for 2023 and 2022, respectively.
- The total expenses increased by \$124,629 (1.778%). Total expenses were \$7,133,012 and \$7,008,383 for 2023 and 2022, respectively.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

The following graphic outlines the format of these financial statements:

<p>MD&A ~ Management Discussion and Analysis ~</p>
<p>Basic Financial Statements ~ Statement of Net Position ~ ~ Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position ~ ~ Statement of Cash Flows ~ ~ Notes to Financial Statements ~</p>
<p>Other Required Supplementary Information ~ Required Supplementary Information (Pension and OPEB Schedules) ~</p>
<p>Supplementary Information ~ Financial Data Schedules ~ ~ Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards ~</p>

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BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Authority-wide financial statements are designed to be corporate-like in that all business type programs are consolidated into one single enterprise fund for the Authority.

These statements include a Statement of Net Position, which is similar to a Balance Sheet. The Statement of Net Position reports all financial and capital resources for the Authority. The statement is presented in the format where assets, minus liabilities, equals "Net Position", 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 Position ("Unrestricted") is designed to represent the net available liquid (non-capital) assets, net of liabilities, for the entire Authority. Net Position (formerly equity) is reported in three broad categories (as applicable):

Net Investment in Capital Assets: This component of Net Position 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.

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

Unrestricted Net Position: Consists of Net Position that do not meet the definition of "Net Investment in Capital Assets", or "Restricted Net Position".

The Authority-wide financial statements also include a Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position (similar to an Income Statement). This statement includes Operating Revenues, such as rental income, Operating Expenses, such as administrative, utilities, 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 Net Position is the "Change in Net Position", which is similar to Net Income or Loss.

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

The Authority's programs that are consolidated into a single enterprise fund are as follows:

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 Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) with HUD. HUD provides funding to enable the Authority to structure a lease that requires the participant to pay rent based on a percentage of their adjusted gross household income, typically 30%, and the Housing Authority subsidizes the balance.

Family Unification Program (FUP) – This Program provides Section 8 rental assistance to families eligible for the Housing Choice Voucher program and whose lack of adequate housing has been determined from the local public welfare agency as the primary reason that the family's child(ren) may be placed in out-of-home care.

Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing Program (VASH) – This Program provides Section 8 rental assistance to homeless Veterans eligible for the Housing Choice Voucher program along with supportive services provided by the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) to the participants. VA provides these services at VA medical centers (VAMCs) and community-based outreach clinics.

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Family Self-Sufficiency – This program promotes the development of local strategies to coordinate the use of assistance under the Housing Choice Voucher Program with public and private sources to enable participating families to increase earned income and financial literacy, reduce or eliminate the need for welfare assistance, make progress toward economic independence and self-sufficiency.

Blended Component Unit – Dragonfly Dreams Housing Corporation (DDHC), an Ohio non-profit corporation, is a component unit of the authority and is organized for the purpose of providing affordable housing to tenants through project-based funding administered by the Authority's Housing Choice Voucher Program. The Authority acts as a managing agent for the DDHC and performs all financial and operating functions for the DDHC and receives a management fee for services rendered.

Other Business Activity (OBA) – Represents activities of the authority that include providing affordable housing for low-income people outside of the scope of the conventional and housing choice voucher programs and includes properties transferred to the Authority in 2007 from Lancaster Community Housing Corporation (Non-profit organization). This account also represents activity of the non-profit organization, legally named Fairfield Housing, Inc. which was defined by resolution during 2009 as an instrumentality of the Authority, and that of the managing and leasing agent. Activity will be listed as an OBA for FDS purposes. The Authority entered into a Cooperation Agreement in 2019 pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.33 and in exchange received a one percent "Special Limited Membership Interest" of the limited liability company leasing a housing project located within the Authority's area of operation for which an administration fee is received beginning in 2020. In December 2022, the Authority entered into a management agreement with a community agency that services special needs populations to perform property management and maintenance services.

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

The following table reflects the condensed Statement of Net Position compared to prior year.

**TABLE 1
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**

	2023	2022
Current and Other Assets	\$ 3,229,053	\$ 3,023,608
Capital Assets	2,731,910	2,848,504
Deferred Outflows	483,482	140,439
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS	6,444,445	6,012,551
Current Liabilities	216,597	202,310
Noncurrent Liabilities	1,099,779	366,412
Deferred Inflows	42,521	565,212
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS	1,358,897	1,133,934
Net Position:		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	2,731,910	2,848,504
Restricted	70,627	120,354
Unrestricted	2,283,011	1,909,759
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 5,085,548	\$ 4,878,617

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MAJOR FACTORS AFFECTING THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

The restricted HAP reserve fund for Section 8 decreased by \$60,979. The unrestricted increased by \$373,252 consisting of increases of \$134,700 to HCV reserves, \$10,667 to the Escrow Forfeitures, a net increase of \$38,361 after purchases to the capital replacement reserve fund for DDHC, \$86,826 to the DDHC operating reserve, \$96,197 to the reserve funds in the Other Business Activity along with an increase of \$17,753 to the net pension position. Current and Other Assets increased by \$205,445 mostly due to the changes in reserves after a decrease in the OPEB asset of \$120,901. Deferred outflows increased by \$343,043. Current liabilities increased by \$14,287. Non-current liabilities increased by \$727,080 for the net pension and OPEB liability and increased for other by \$6,287 while deferred inflows decreased by \$522,691. Net invested in capital assets changes can be analyzed from Table 4 of the MD&A.

**TABLE 2
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION**

The following schedule compares the revenues and expenses for the current and previous year.

	2023	2022
<u>Revenues</u>		
Tenant Revenue - Rents and Other	\$ 343,693	\$ 245,226
Operating Subsidies and Grants	6,836,770	7,136,554
Investment Income/Other Revenue	159,480	109,327
TOTAL REVENUES	7,339,943	7,491,107
<u>Expenses</u>		
Administrative	770,792	730,498
Tenant Services	87,104	101,194
Utilities	29,736	36,645
Ordinary Maintenance & Operations	284,524	291,910
Insurance	104,887	80,973
Payment in Lieu Of Taxes	25,969	17,358
Housing Assistance Payment	5,591,522	5,671,582
Depreciation	203,200	272,402
Pension and OPEB Expenses	(17,753)	(267,438)
Other General and Extraordinary Maintenance	41,810	55,192
Bad Debt/Fraud Losses	11,221	18,067
TOTAL EXPENSES	7,133,012	7,008,383
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	\$ 206,931	\$ 482,724

MAJOR FACTORS AFFECTING THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION

Total Revenues decreased by \$151,164. In 2023, the authority received \$299,784 less in HAP and operating subsidies. There were increases in rents of \$98,467 and to investment income of \$39,951 and to other revenue of \$35,816 with decreases to fraud recovery of \$25,614.

Total expenses net increase of \$124,629 is mostly due to a decrease in the agency's net Pension and OPEB liabilities resulting in an increase from last year of \$249,685 less the decreases in HAP of \$80,060. All other expenses had a net decrease of \$44,996.

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CAPITAL ASSETS

As of year-end, the Authority had \$2,731,910 invested in a variety of capital assets as reflected in the following schedule, which represents a net decrease of \$116,594.

**TABLE 3
CAPITAL ASSETS AT YEAR-END
(NET OF DEPRECIATION)**

	2023	2022
Land and Land Rights	\$ 994,621	\$ 994,621
Buildings	11,170,401	11,083,795
Equipment - Administrative	456,157	456,157
Equipment - Dwellings	87,578	87,578
Leasehold Improvements	321,100	321,100
Accumulated Depreciation	(10,297,947)	(10,094,747)
TOTAL	\$ 2,731,910	\$ 2,848,504

The following reconciliation summarizes the change in Capital Assets.

**TABLE 4
CHANGE IN CAPITAL ASSETS**

BEGINNING BALANCE – NET	\$	2,848,504
Additions – Section 8		-
Additions – OBA		20,681
Additions – Component Unit		65,925
Depreciation Expense		(203,200)
ENDING BALANCE	\$	2,731,910

Depreciation Expense - Section 8	\$	6,102
Depreciation Expense - OBA		54,316
Depreciation Expenses – Component Unit		142,782
TOTAL DEPRECIATION	\$	203,200

DEBT ADMINISTRATION

During the year the Authority had no debt (bonds, notes, etc.) outstanding.

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ECONOMIC FACTORS

Significant economic factors affecting the Authority are as follows:

- Federal funding levels 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
- Market rates for rental housing

IN CONCLUSION

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

FINANCIAL CONTACT

If you have any questions regarding this report, you may contact Heather Cagg, Executive Director of the Fairfield Metropolitan Housing Authority at (740) 653-6618.

FAIRFIELD METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY
FAIRFIELD COUNTY
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

Assets

Current Assets:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 2,791,263
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	178,669
Investments	69,921
Accounts Receivable, Net of allowance	36,283
Inventories, Net of Allowance	11,223
Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets	<u>141,694</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>3,229,053</u>

Non-Current Assets:

Capital Assets:	
Nondepreciable Capital Assets	994,621
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	<u>1,737,289</u>
Total Capital Assets	<u>2,731,910</u>

Total Assets	<u>5,960,963</u>
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Deferred Outflows of Resources

Deferred Outflows of Resources - Pension	411,669
Deferred Outflows of Resources - OPEB	<u>71,813</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>483,482</u>

Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$ 6,444,445</u>
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Liabilities

Current Liabilities:

Account Payables	\$ 17,285
Intergovernmental Payable	27,367
Accrued Liabilities	70,007
Current Portion of Compensated Absences	40,614
Tenant Security Deposits	54,275
Current FSS Liability	4,948
Unearned Revenue	<u>2,101</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>216,597</u>

Noncurrent Liabilities:

FSS Liability	48,819
Compensated Absences	5,967
Net Pension Liability	1,021,790
Net OPEB Liability	<u>23,203</u>
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>1,099,779</u>

Total Liabilities	<u>1,316,376</u>
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Deferred Inflows of Resources

Deferred Inflows of Resources - Pension	33,230
Deferred Inflows of Resources - OPEB	<u>9,291</u>
Total Deferred Inflows and Resources	<u>42,521</u>

Net Position:

Net Investment in Capital Assets	2,731,910
Restricted	70,627
Unrestricted	<u>2,283,011</u>
Total Net Position	<u>5,085,548</u>

Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position	<u>\$ 6,444,445</u>
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The accompanying notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

FAIRFIELD METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY
FAIRFIELD COUNTY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Operating Revenues:	
Tenant Rental Revenue	\$ 343,693
HUD PHA Operating Grants	6,836,770
Other Revenue	<u>105,628</u>
Total Operating Revenues	<u>7,286,091</u>
Operating Expenses:	
Administrative	770,792
Tenant Services	87,104
Utilities	29,736
Ordinary Maintenance and Operations	284,524
Insurance	104,887
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	25,969
Housing Assistance Payments	5,591,522
Bad Debt/Fraud Loss	11,221
Depreciation	203,200
Pension OPEB Expense	(17,753)
Other General	<u>41,810</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>7,133,012</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	153,079
Non-Operating Revenues:	
Investment Income	<u>53,852</u>
Total Non-Operating Revenues	<u>53,852</u>
Change in Net Position	206,931
Net Position, Beginning of the Year	<u>4,878,617</u>
Net Position, End of Year	<u>\$ 5,085,548</u>

The accompanying notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

FAIRFIELD METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Received from Operating Grants	\$ 6,818,574
Tenants Revenue Received	345,514
Other Revenue Received	105,628
Housing Assistance Payments	(5,591,522)
Payments for Other Operating Expenses	(1,316,500)
Payments to Other Governments	<u>(24,773)</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>336,921</u>
 CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	
Acquisition of Capital Assets	<u>(86,606)</u>
NET CASH (USED) BY CAPITAL AND RELATED ACTIVITIES	<u>(86,606)</u>
 CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:	
Purchase of Investments	(171)
Investment Income	<u>53,852</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	<u>53,681</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	303,996
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	<u>2,665,936</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalent at End of Year	<u>\$ 2,969,932</u>
 RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED)	
BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 153,079
Adjustments:	
Depreciation	203,200
(Increases) Decreases in:	
Accounts Receivable, Net of allowance	(8,038)
Inventories, Net of allowance	1,075
Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets	(15,216)
Pension Assets	120,901
Deferred Outflows of Resources	(343,043)
Increases (Decrease) in:	
Accounts Payable	2,901
Accrued Liabilities	15,580
Accrued Compensated Absences	854
Intergovernmental Payable	9,879
Tenant Security Deposits	(375)
FSS Liability	8,755
Pension and OPEB Liabilities	727,080
Deferred Inflows of Resources	(522,691)
Unearned Revenue	<u>(17,020)</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>\$ 336,921</u>

The accompanying notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

**FAIRFIELD METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY
FAIRFIELD COUNTY
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the Fairfield 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 more significant of the Authority's accounting policies are described below.

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.

The accompanying basic financial statements comply with the provision of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 14, as amended by GASB Statement 61, the Financial Reporting Entity, in that the financial statements include all organizations, activities and functions for which the Authority is financially accountable. This report includes all activities considered by management to be part of the Authority by virtue of Section 2100 of the Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards.

Section 2100 indicates that the reporting entity consist of a) the primary government, b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and c) other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

The definition of the reporting entity is based primarily on the notion of financial accountability. A primary government is financially accountable for the organizations that make up its legal entity.

It is also financially accountable for legally separate organizations if its officials appoint a voting majority of an organization's government body and whether it is able to impose its will on that organization or there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or to impose specific financial burdens on, the primary government. A primary government may also be financially accountable for governmental organizations that are fiscally dependent on it.

A primary government has the ability to impose its will on an organization if it can significantly influence the programs, projects, or activities of, or the level of services performed or provided by, the organization. A financial benefit or burden relationship exists if the primary government a) is entitled to the organization's resources; b) is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the obligation to finance the deficits or, or provide financial support to, the organization; or c) is obligated in some manner for the debt of the organization.

Management believes the financial statements included in this report represent all of the funds of the Authority over which the Authority is financially accountable.

Component Unit

The accompanying financial statements present the Dragonfly Dreams Housing Corporation, a component unit of the Authority, over which the Authority exercises significant control, as a blended entity.

The Dragonfly Dreams Housing Corporation (the Corporation) is a not-for-profit corporation and has the recognition of exempt status under the IRS section 501c(3). The Corporation was created by the Authority to hold ownership of the previous Public Housing portfolio converted through the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) to Section 8, with project-based funding administered by the Authority's Housing Choice Voucher Program. The Board Members of the Corporation consist of the same board members of the Authority.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

Basic of Presentation

The Authority's basic financial statements consist of a statement of net position, a statement of revenue, expenses and changes in net position, 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 position, financial position and cash flow. 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 position. The statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in net position 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 all of its 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.

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

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 family's rents 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 Authority subsidizes the balance.

Family Unification Program (FUP) – This Program provides Section 8 rental assistance to families eligible for the Housing Choice Voucher program and whose lack of adequate housing has been determined from the local public welfare agency as the primary reason the family's child(ren) may be placed in out-of-home care.

Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) - This Program provides Section 8 rental assistance to homeless Veterans eligible for the Housing Choice Voucher program along with supportive services provided by the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) to the participants. VA provides these services at VA medical centers (VAMCs) and community-based outreach clinics.

Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) – A grant funded by HUD that is intended to enable Housing Choice Voucher participating families to increase earned income and financial literacy, reduce or eliminate the need for welfare assistance and make progress toward economic independence and self-sufficiency.

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Enterprise Fund - Continued

Blended Component Unit (BCU) - Dragonfly Dreams Housing Corporation (DDHC), an Ohio non-profit corporation, is a component unit of the authority and is organized for the purpose of providing affordable housing to tenants through project-based funding administered by the Authority's Housing Choice Voucher Program. The Authority acts as a managing agent for the DDHC and performs all financial and operating functions for the DDHC and receives a management fee for services rendered.

Other Business Activity (OBA) – Represents activities of the Authority that include providing affordable housing for low-income people outside of the scope of the Conventional and Housing Choice Voucher Programs and includes properties transferred to the Authority in 2007 from Lancaster Community Housing Corporation renamed Fairfield Housing Incorporation (Non-Profit organization) in 2009 whose activity is also included. Effective November 1, 2015, the Authority entered into a management agreement with the Dragonfly Dreams Housing Corporation as exclusive managing and leasing agent for the RAD (PBV) units whose activity is included. In 2019 the Authority entered into a cooperation agreement pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.33 in exchange for a one percent "Special Limited Membership Interest" of a limited liability company who will lease a housing project within the Authority's area of operations for which an administrative fee is received which began in 2020. In December 2022, the Authority entered into a management agreement with a community agency that services special needs populations to perform property management and maintenance services.

Accounting and Reporting for Non-exchange Transactions

Non-exchange transactions occur when the Public Housing Authority (Authority) receives (or gives) value without directly giving equal value in return. GASB 33 identifies four classes of non-exchange transactions as follows:

- Derived tax revenues: result from assessments imposed on exchange transactions (i.e., income taxes, sales taxes and other assessments on earning or consumption).
- Imposed non-exchange revenues: result from assessments imposed on nongovernmental entities, including individuals, other than assessments on exchange transactions (i.e., property taxes and fines).
- Government-mandated non-exchange transactions: occur when a government at one level provides resources to a government at another level and requires that recipient to use the resources for a specific purpose (i.e., federal programs that state or local governments are mandated to perform).
- Voluntary non-exchange 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).

Authority grants and subsidies will be defined as government-mandated or voluntary non-exchange 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 non-exchange 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 non-exchange transaction is recognized. However, Authorities that receive resources with purpose restrictions should report resulting net assets, equity, or fund balances as restricted.

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Accounting and Reporting for Non-exchange Transactions - Continued

The Authority 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 Authority 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, Authorities should record resources received prior to that period as deferred inflows of revenue and the provider of those resources would record an advance.

The Authority received government-mandated or voluntary non-exchange 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.

Unearned Revenue

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

Prepaid Expenses

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit beyond December 31, 2023, 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 2023 for all programs totaled \$53,852. Certificates of deposits with maturities greater than three months are considered investments.

Capital Assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost and depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over an estimated useful life of the asset. 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 – nonresidential	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

Accrued Liabilities

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

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets, deferred inflows, liabilities and deferred outflows. Net investment in capital assets 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 position is recorded as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either by internal or external restrictions. The Authority applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which restricted or unrestricted amounts are available.

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. Operating expenses are those expenses that are generated from the primary activity of the proprietary fund.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purpose of the statement of cash flow, 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 payment. 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 employee 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 HUD. This budget is submitted to HUD 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 \$1,159 at December 31, 2023.

Inventories

Inventories are stated at cost. The allowance for obsolete inventory was \$1,247 at December 31, 2023.

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Due to/Due from Programs

These are eliminated for the basic financial statement.

Pensions/Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB)

For purposes of measuring the net pension/OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions/OPEB, and pension/OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the pension/OPEB plans and additions to/deductions from their fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the pension/OPEB plan. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. The pension/OPEB plans report investments at fair value.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position reports a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expenses/expenditure) until then. For the Authority, deferred outflows of resources are reported on the statement of net position for pension and OPEB. The deferred outflows of resources related to pension and OPEB plans are explained in Note 4 and 5.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position reports a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized until that time. For the Authority, deferred inflows of resources are reported on the statement of net position for pension and OPEB. The deferred inflows of resources related to pension and OPEB plans are explained in Note 4 and 5.

Changes in Accounting Principles

GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*, provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for subscriptions-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) for government end users (governments). This statement (1) defines a SBITA; (2) establishes that a SBITA results in a right-to-uses subscription asset-an intangible asset-and a corresponding subscription liability; (3) provides the capitalization criteria for outlays other than subscription payments, including implementation costs of a SBITA; and (4) requires note disclosures regarding a SBITA. These changes were incorporated in the Authority's financial statements; however, there was no effect on the beginning net position.

2. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Deposits

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 deposits 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.

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2. DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENTS - CONTINUED

Deposit – Continued

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 deposits 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, by 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.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the Authority's deposits may not be returned. All deposits are either insured or collateralized with eligible securities pledged to the Authority and deposited with a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment whose market value at all times shall be at least 105 percent of the deposits being secured, or participation in the Ohio Pooled Collateral System(OPCS), a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited I the financial institution. OPCS requires the total market value of the securities pledged to be 102 percent of the deposits being secured or a rate set by the Treasurer of State.

As of December 31, 2023, the carrying amount of the Authority's deposits totaled \$3,039,853 and its bank balance was \$3,054,719. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures", as of December 31, 2023, \$2,215,616 was exposed to custodial risk as discussed above while \$839,103 was covered by Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Investments

HUD, State Statute and Board Resolutions authorize the Authority to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, agencies and instrumentalities, certificates of deposits, repurchase agreements, money market deposits 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. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage and short selling are also prohibited. Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements and derivatives are 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's investments are categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the entity at year-end. Category A included 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 Authority's non-negotiable certificates of deposit are classified as investments on the balance sheet but are considered as deposits for GASB Statement No. 3 purposes. Therefore, the categories described above do not apply.

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3. CAPITAL ASSETS

	Balance <u>12/31/22</u>	Additions	Deletions	Balance <u>12/31/23</u>
Nondepreciable Capital Assets:				
Land	\$ 994,621	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 994,621
Nondepreciable Capital Assets:	<u>994,621</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>994,621</u>
Depreciable Capital Assets:				
Building and Improvements	11,404,895	86,606	-	11,491,501
Furniture and Equipment	543,735	-	-	543,735
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(10,094,747)</u>	<u>(203,200)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(10,297,947)</u>
Total Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	<u>1,853,883</u>	<u>(116,594)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,737,289</u>
Total Capital Assets	<u>\$ 2,848,504</u>	<u>\$ (116,594)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,731,910</u>
Depreciation Expense by Class:				
Building and Improvements	\$ 189,008			
Furniture and Fixtures	<u>14,192</u>			
Total Depreciation Expense	<u>\$ 203,200</u>			

4. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN

Net Pension Liability

The net pension liability reported on the statement of net position represents a liability to employees for pensions. Pensions are a component of exchange transactions—between an employer and its employees—of salaries and benefits for employee services. Pensions are provided to an employee—on a deferred-payment basis—as part of the total compensation package offered by an employer for employee services each financial period. The obligation to sacrifice resources for pensions is a present obligation because it was created as a result of employment exchanges that already have occurred.

The net pension liability represents the Authority's proportionate share of each pension plan's collective actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributable to past periods of service, net of each pension plan's fiduciary net position. The net pension liability calculation is dependent on critical long-term variables, including estimated average life expectancies, earnings on investments, cost of living adjustments and others. While these estimates use the best information available, unknowable future events require adjusting this estimate annually.

Ohio Revised Code limits the Authority's obligation for this liability to annually required payments. The Authority cannot control benefit terms or the manner in which pensions are financed; however, the Authority does receive the benefit of employees' services in exchange for compensation including pension.

GASB 68 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because (1) they benefit from employee services; and (2) State statute requires all funding to come from these employers. All contributions to date have come solely from these employers (which also includes costs paid in the form of withholdings from employees). State statute requires the pension plans to amortize unfunded liabilities within 30 years. If the amortization period exceeds 30 years, each pension plan's board must propose corrective action to the State legislature. Any resulting legislative change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net pension liability. Resulting adjustments to the net pension liability would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable. The Ohio Revised Code permits but does not require the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients.

The proportionate share of each plan's unfunded benefits is presented as a long-term *net pension liability*. Any liability for the contractually required pension contribution outstanding at the end of the year is included in accrued wages and benefits.

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4. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN - CONTINUED

Plan Description – Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)

Authority employees participate in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS administers three separate pension plans. The Traditional Pension Plan is a cost sharing, multiple employer defined benefit plan. The Member-Directed plan is a defined contribution plan, and the Combined Plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit plan with defied contribution features. Participating employers are divided into state, local, law enforcement and public safety divisions. While members (e.g. Authority employees) may elect the Member-Directed Plan and the Combined Plan, substantially all employee members are in OPERS' Traditional Plan; therefore, the following disclosure focuses on the Traditional Pension Plan.

OPERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits, and annual cost of living adjustments to members of the traditional plan. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about OPER's fiduciary net position that may be obtained by visiting <https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml>, by writing to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling (800) 222-7377.

Senate Bill (SB) 343 was enacted into law with an effective date of January 7, 2013. In the legislation, members were categorized into three groups with varying provisions of the law applicable to each group. The following table provides age and service requirements for retirement and the retirement formula applied to final average salary (FAS) for the three member groups under the traditional plan as per the reduced benefits adopted by SB 343 (see OPERS' CAFR referenced above for additional information, including requirements for reduced and unreduced benefits):

Group A	Group B	Group C
Eligible to retire prior to January 7, 2013 or five years after January 7, 2013	20 years of service credit prior to January 7, 2013 or eligible to retire ten years after January 7, 2013	Members not in other Groups and members hired on or after January 7, 2013
State and Local	State and Local	State and Local
Age and Service Requirements:	Age and Service Requirements:	Age and Service Requirements:
Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age 62 with 60 months of service credit or Age 57 with 25 years of service credit
Traditional Plan Formula:	Traditional Plan Formula:	Traditional Plan Formula:
2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30	2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30	2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 35 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 35
Combined Plan Formula:	Combined Plan Formula:	Combined Plan Formula:
1% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 1.25% for service years in excess of 30	1% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 1.25% for service years in excess of 30	1% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 35 years and 1.25% for service years in excess of 35

Final Average Salary (FAS) represents the average of the three highest years of earnings over a member's career for Groups A and B. Group C is based on the average of the five highest years of earnings over a member's career.

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4. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN – CONTINUED

Plan Description – Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) - Continued

Members who retire before meeting the age and years of service credit requirement for unreduced benefit receive a percentage reduction in the benefit amount. The base amount of a member’s pension benefit is locked in upon receipt of the initial benefit payment for calculation of the annual cost-of-living adjustment.

When a traditional plan benefit recipient has received benefits for 12 months, an annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) is provided. This COLA is calculated on the base retirement benefit at the date of retirement benefit at the date of retirement and is not compounded. For those retiring prior to January 7, 2013, the COLA will continue to be at 3 percent simple annual COLA. For those retiring subsequent to January 7, 2013, beginning in calendar year 2019, the COLA will be based on the average percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, capped at 3 percent.

Defined contribution plan benefits are established in the plan documents, which may be amended by the Board. Member-directed plan and combined plan members who have met the retirement eligibility requirements may apply for retirement benefits. The amount available for defined contribution benefits in the combined plan consists of the member’s contributions plus or minus the investment gains or losses resulting from the member’s investment selections. Combined plan members wishing to receive benefits must meet the requirements for both the defined benefit and defined contribution plans. Member-directed participants must have attained the age of 55, have money on deposit in the defined contribution plan and have terminated public service to apply for retirement benefits. The amount available for defined contribution benefits in the member-directed plan consist of the member’s contributions, vested employer contributions and investment gains or losses resulting from the member’s investment selections. Employer contributions and associated investment earnings vest over a five-year period, at a rate of 20 percent each year. At retirement, members may select one of several distribution options for payment of the vested balance in their individual OPERS account. Options include the purchase of a monthly defined benefit annuity from OPERS (which includes joint and survivor options), partial lump-sum payments (subject to limitations), a rollover of the vested account balance to another financial institution, receipt of entire account balance, net of taxes withheld, or a combination of these options. When members choose to annualize their defined contribution benefit, the annuitized portion of the benefit is reclassified to a defined benefit.

Effective January 1, 2022, the Combined Plan is no longer available for member selection.

Funding Policy – The Ohio Revised Code (ORC) provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions as follows:

	State and Local
2023 Statutory Maximum Contribution Rates	
Employer	14.0 %
Employee *	10.0 %
2023 Actual Contribution Rates	
Employer:	
Pension **	14.0 %
Post-Employment Health Care Benefits **	0.0 %
Total Employer	14.0 %
Employee	10.0%

* Member contributions within combined plan are not used to fund the defined benefit retirement allowance

** These pension and employer health care rates are for the traditional plan.

Beginning July 1, 2002, the employer contribution rate for the combined plan is allocated 2 percent health care with the remainder going to pension.

The employer contribution rates for the member-directed plan is allocated 4 percent for health care with the remainder going to pension.

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4. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN – CONTINUED

Plan Description – Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) – Continued

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll.

For 2023, the Authority’s contractually required contributions used to fund pension benefits was \$70,646 for the traditional plan.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

The net pension liability for OPERS was measured as of December 31, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Authority's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Authority’s share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to proportionate share and pension expense:

	<u>OPERS Traditional Pension Plan</u>	<u>OPERS Combined Plan</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportionate of the Net Pension Liability			
-Prior Measurement Date	0.003654%	0.000000%	
-Current Measurement Date	<u>0.003459%</u>	<u>0.000000%</u>	
Change in Proportionate Share	<u>-0.000195%</u>	<u>0.000000%</u>	
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 1,021,790	\$ 0	\$ 1,021,790
Pension Expense	\$ 32,371	\$ 324	\$ 32,695

At December 31, 2023, the Authority reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>OPERS Traditional Pension Plan</u>	<u>OPERS Combined Plan</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Net Difference between Projected and actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	\$ 291,241	\$ 0	\$ 291,241
Difference between Expected and Actual Experience	33,940	0	33,940
Changes of Assumptions	10,794	0	10,794
Change in proportion and differences between Authority contributions and proportionate share of contributions	0	5,048	5,048
Authority’s Contribution Subsequent to the Measurement Date	<u>70,646</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>70,646</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$ 406,621</u>	<u>\$ 5,048</u>	<u>\$ 411,669</u>

Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Change in proportion and differences between Authority contributions and proportionate share of contributions	<u>\$ 30,315</u>	<u>\$ 2,915</u>	<u>\$ 33,230</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$ 30,315</u>	<u>\$ 2,915</u>	<u>\$ 33,230</u>

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4. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN - CONTINUED

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions - Continued

\$70,646 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from Authority's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending December 31, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

	OPERS Traditional Pension Plan	OPERS Combined Plan	Total
Year Ending December 31:			
2024	\$ 15,876	\$ 324	\$ 16,200
2025	61,387	324	61,711
2026	85,727	324	86,051
2027	142,670	324	142,994
2028	0	740	740
Thereafter	0	97	97
Total	<u>\$ 305,660</u>	<u>\$ 2,133</u>	<u>\$ 307,793</u>

Actuarial Assumptions - OPERS

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the values of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and cost trends. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review or modification as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation. The total pension liability in the December 31, 2022, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all prior periods included in the measurement in accordance with the requirements of GASB 67. Key actuarial assumptions and methods used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results, are presented below:

	<u>Traditional Pension Plan</u>	<u>Combined Plan</u>
Wage Inflation		
Current Measurement Date:	2.75 percent	2.75 percent
Prior Measurement Date:	2.75 percent	2.75 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation		
Current Measurement Date:	2.75 to 10.75 percent including wage inflation	2.75 to 8.25 percent including wage inflation
Prior Measurement Date:	2.75 to 10.75 percent Including wage inflation	2.75 to 8.25 percent including wage inflation
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA		
Pre 1/7/2013 retirees:	3 percent, simple	3 percent, simple
Post 1/7/2013 retirees:		
Current Measurement Date:	3 percent, simple through 2023, then 2.05 percent, simple	3 percent, simple through 2023, then 2.05 percent simple
Prior Measurement Date:	3 percent, simple through 2022, then 2.05 percent simple	3 percent, simple through 2022, then 2.05 percent simple
Investment Rate of Return		
Current Measurement Date:	6.9 percent	6.9 percent
Prior Measurement Date:	6.9 percent	6.9 percent
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entity Age	Individual Entry Age

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4. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN - CONTINUED

Actuarial Assumptions – OPERS - Continued

Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on 130% of the Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for State and Local Government divisions and 170% of the Pub-2010 Safety Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for the Public Safety and Law Enforcement divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates are based on 115% of the PubG-2010 Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females) for all divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates for disabled retirees are based on the PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table (males and females) for all divisions. For all of the previously described tables, the base year is 2010 and mortality rates for a particular calendar year are determined by applying the MP-2020 mortality improvement scales (males and females) to all of these tables.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five-year period ended December 31, 2020.

OPERS manages investments in three investment portfolios: the Defined Benefits portfolio, the Health Care portfolio, and the Defined Contribution portfolio. The Defined Benefit portfolio includes the investment assets of the Traditional Pension Plan, the defined benefit component of the Combined Plan, the annuitized accounts of the Member-Directed Plan. Within the Defined Benefit portfolio, contributions into the plans are all recorded at the same time, and benefit payments all occur on the first of the month. Accordingly, the money-weighted rate of return is considered to be the same for all plans within the portfolio. The annual money weighted rate of return expressing investment performance, net of investments expenses and adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested, for the Defined Benefit portfolio was a loss of 12.1 percent for 2022.

The allocation of investment assets with the Defined Benefit portfolio is approved by the Board of Trustees as outlined in the annual investment plan. Plan assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of achieving and maintaining a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the defined benefit pension plans. The long-term expected rate of return on defined benefit investment assets was determined using a building block method in which best-estimated ranges of expected future real rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected real rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage, adjusted for inflation. Best estimates of the geometric real rates of return were provided by the Board's investment consultant. For each major asset class that is included in the Defined Benefit portfolio's target asset allocations of December 31, 2022, these best estimates are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Weighted Average Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Arithmetic)</u>
Fixed Income	22.00 %	2.62 %
Domestic Equities	22.00	4.60
Real Estate	13.00	3.27
Private Equity	15.00	7.53
International Equities	21.00	5.51
Risk Parity	2.00	4.37
Other Investments	5.00	3.27
Total	<u>100.00 %</u>	

Discount Rate The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.9 percent, post-experience study results. The projection of cash flow used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members and those of the contributing employers are made at the contractually required rates, as actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefits payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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4. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN - CONTINUED

Actuarial Assumptions – OPERS - Continued

Sensitivity of the Authority’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate - The following table presents the Authority’s proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 6.9 percent, as well as what the Authority’s proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower or one-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

<u>Authority’s proportionate share of the net pension liability</u>	<u>1% Decrease (5.90%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (6.90%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (7.90%)</u>
Traditional Pension Plan	\$ 1,530,608	\$ 1,021,790	\$ 598,545
Combined Plan	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

5. DEFINED BENEFITS OPEB PLANS

Net OPEB Liability

The net OPEB liability reported on the statement of net position represents a liability to employees for OPEB. OPEB is a component of exchange transactions, between an employer and its employees, of salaries and benefits for employee services. OPEB are provided to an employee on a deferred-payment basis as part of the total compensation package offered by an employer for employee services each financial period. The obligation to sacrifice resources for OPEB is a present obligation because it was created as a result of employment exchanges that already have occurred.

The net OPEB asset represents the Authority’s proportionate share of each OPEB plan’s collective actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributable to past periods of service, net of each OPEB plan’s fiduciary net position. The net OPEB asset calculation is dependent on critical long-term variables, including estimated average life expectancies, earnings on investments, cost of living adjustments and others. While these estimates use the best information available, unknowable future events require adjusting these estimates annually.

Ohio Revised Code limits the Authority’s obligation for this asset to annually required payments. The Authority cannot control benefit terms or the manner in which OPEB are financed; however, the Authority does receive the benefit of employees’ services in exchange for compensation including OPEB.

GASB 75 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because they benefit from employee services. OPEB contributions come from these employers and health care plan enrollees which pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. The Ohio Revised Code permits but does not require the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients. Any change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net OPEB liability. Resulting adjustments to the net OPEB liability would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable. The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits.

The proportionate share of each plan’s unfunded benefits is presented as a long-term net OPEB liability. Any liability for the contractually required OPEB contribution outstanding at the end of the fiscal year is included in accrued wages and benefits.

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5. DEFINED BENEFITS OPEB PLANS - CONTINUED

Plan Description – Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)

The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) administers three separate pension plans: the Traditional Pension Plan, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan; the Member-Directed Plan, a defined contribution plan; and the Combined Plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that has elements of both a defined benefit and defined contribution plan.

OPERS maintains a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment health care trust, which funds multiple health care plans including medical coverage, prescription drug coverage and deposits to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement to qualifying benefit recipients of both traditional pension and combined plans.

Currently, Medicare-eligible retirees can select medical and prescription drug plans from a range of options and may elect optional vision and dental plans. Retirees and eligible dependents enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B have the option to enroll in a Medicare supplemental plan with the assistance of the OPERS Medicare Connector. The OPERS Medicare Connector is a relationship with a vendor selected by OPERS to assist retirees, spouses, and dependents with the selecting a medical and pharmacy plan. Monthly allowances, based on years of service and the age at which the retiree first enrolled in OPERS coverage, are deposited into an HRA.

For non-Medicare retirees and eligible dependents, OPERS sponsors medical and prescription coverage through a professionally managed self-insured plan. An allowance to offset a portion of the monthly premium is offered to retirees and eligible dependents. The allowance is based on the retiree's years of service and age when they first enrolled in OPERS coverage.

The base HRA allowance is determined by OPERS. Retirees receive a percentage of the base allowance, calculated based on years of qualifying service credit and age when the retiree first enrolled in OPERS health care. Monthly allowances range between 51 percent and 90 percent of the base allowance.

The health care trust is also used to fund healthcare for member-directed plan participants, in the form of a Retiree Medical Account (RMA). At retirement or refund, member directed plan participants may be eligible for reimbursement of qualified medical expenses from their vested RMA balance.

OPERS members enrolled in the Traditional Pension Plan or Combined Plan retiring with an effective date of January 1, 2022 or after must meet the following health care eligibility requirements to receive an HRA allowance:

1. **Medicare Retirees** – Medicare-eligible with a minimum of 20 years of qualifying service credit.
2. **Non-Medicare Retirees** – Non-Medicare retirees qualify based on age-and-service criteria:
 - a. Group A – 30 years of qualifying service credit at any age;
 - b. Group B – 32 years of qualifying service credit at any age or 31 years of qualifying service credit and minimum age 52;
 - c. Group C – 32 years of qualifying service credit and minimum age 55; or,
 - d. A retiree from groups A, B or C who qualifies for an unreduced pension, but a portion of their service credit is not health care qualifying service, can still qualify for health care at age 60 if they have at least 20 years of qualifying health care service credit.

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5. DEFINED BENEFITS OPEB PLANS - CONTINUED

Plan Description – Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) - Continued

Retirees who don't meet the requirement for coverage as a non-Medicare participant can become eligible for coverage at age 65 if they have at least 20 years of qualifying service. Members with a retirement date prior to January 1, 2022 who were eligible to participate in the OPERS health care program will continue to be eligible after January 1, 2022, as summarized in the following table:

Retirement Date	Group A		Group B		Group C	
	Age	Service	Age	Service	Age	Service
December 1, 2014 or Prior	Any	10	Any	10	Any	10
January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2021	60	20	52	31	55	32
	Any	30	Any	32	60	20

The health care coverage provided by OPERS meets the definition of an Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) as described in GASB Statement 75. See OPERS' Annual Comprehensive Financial Report referenced below for additional information.

The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require OPERS to provide health care to its eligible benefit recipients. Authority to establish and amend health care coverage is provided to the Board in Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Disclosures for the health care plan are presented separately in the OPERS financial report. Interested parties may be obtained a copy by visiting <https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml>, by writing to Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling (614) 222-5601 or 800-222-7377.

Funding Policy - The Ohio Revised Code provides the statutory authority requiring public employers to fund postemployment health care through their contributions to OPERS. When funding is approved by OPERS Board of Trustees, a portion of each employer's contribution to OPERS is set aside to fund OPERS health care plans.

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. In 2022 and 2023, state and local employers contributed at a rate of 14.0 percent of earnable salary and public safety and law enforcement employers contributed at 18.1 percent. These are the maximum employer contribution rates permitted by the Ohio Revised Code. Active member contributions do not fund health care.

Each year, the OPERS Board determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside to fund health care plans. For 2022 and 2023, OPERS did not allocate any employer contributions to health care for the Traditional Pension Plan. Effective July 1, 2022 began allocating 2.0 percent of the employer contribution rate to health care funding for the Combined Plan. The OPERS Board is also authorized to establish rules for the retiree or their surviving beneficiaries to pay a portion of the health care provided. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and coverage selected. The employer contribution as a percentage of covered payroll deposited into the RMA for participants in the Member-Directed Plan for 2022 and 2023 was 4.0 percent.

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. The Authority's contractually required contribution allocated to healthcare was \$3,066 for fiscal year ending December 31, 2023.

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5. DEFINED BENEFITS OPEB PLANS – CONTINUED

OPEB Liability, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

The net OPEB liability and total OPEB liability for OPERS were determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2021, rolled forward to the measurement date of December 31, 2022, by incorporating the expected value of health care cost accruals, the actual health care payment, and interest accruals during the year. The Authority's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on the Authority's share of contributions to the retirement plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share and OPEB expense:

	OPERS
Proportion of the Net OPEB (Asset):	
Prior Measurement Date	0.003860%
Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability:	
Current Measurement Date	0.003680%
Change in Proportionate Share	-0.0001800%
Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ 23,203
OPEB Expense	\$ (50,448)

At December 31, 2023, the Authority reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	OPERS
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	\$ 46,084
Changes of assumptions	22,663
Authority contributions subsequent to the measurement date	3,066
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 71,813
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 5,788
Changes of assumptions	1,864
Change in proportion and differences between Authority contributions and proportionate share of contributions	1,639
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$ 9,291

\$3,066 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from Authority contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a decrease of the net OPEB liability in the year ending December 31, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

	OPERS
Year Ending December 31:	
2024	\$ 6,013
2025	16,811
2026	14,372
2027	22,260
2028	-0-
Thereafter	-0-
Total	\$ 59,456

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5. DEFINED BENEFITS OPEB PLANS – CONTINUED

Actuarial Assumptions - OPERS

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the values of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and cost trends. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review or modification as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

Projections of health care costs for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan and include the types of coverage provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of costs between OPERS and plan members. The total OPEB asset was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2021, rolled forward to the measurement date of December 31, 2022. The actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions applied to all prior periods included in the measurement in accordance with the requirements of GASB 74.

	<u>December 31, 2022</u>	<u>December 31, 2021</u>
Wage Inflation	2.75 percent	2.75 percent
Projected Salary Increases	2.75 to 10.75 percent, including wage inflation	3.25 to 10.75 percent, including wage inflation
Single Discount Rate:	5.22 percent	6.00 percent
Investment Rate of Return:	6.00 percent	6.00 percent
Municipal Bond Rate	4.05 percent	1.84 percent
Health Care Cost Trends Rate	5.50 percent initial, 3.50 percent ultimate in 2036	5.50 percent initial, 3.50 percent ultimate in 2034
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age	Individual Entry Age

Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on 130% of the Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality table (males and females) for State and Local Government divisions and 170% of the Pub-2010 Safety Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for Public Safety and Law Enforcement divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates are based on 115% of the PubG-2010 Retiree Mortality Table (males and females) for all divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates for disabled retirees are based on the PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females) for all divisions. For all of the previously described tables, the base year is 2010 and the mortality rates for a particular calendar year are determined by applying the MP-2020 mortality improvement scales (males and females) to all of these tables.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five-year period ended December 31, 2020.

During 2022, OPERS managed investments in three investment portfolios: the Defined Benefit portfolio, the Health Care portfolio and the Defined Contribution portfolio. The Health Care portfolio includes the assets for health care expenses for the Traditional Pension Plan, Combined Plan and Member-Directed Plan eligible members. Within the Health Care portfolio, contributions into the plans are assumed to be received continuously throughout the year based on the actual payroll payable at the time contributions are made, and health care-related payments are assumed to occur mid-year. Accordingly, the money-weighted rate of return is considered to be the same for all plans within the portfolio. The annual money-weighted rate of return expressing investment performance, net of investment expenses and adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested, for the Health Care portfolio is 15.6 percent for 2022.

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5. DEFINED BENEFITS OPEB PLANS – CONTINUED

Actuarial Assumptions – OPERS - Continued

The allocation of investment assets with the Health Care portfolio is approved by the Board of Trustees as outlined in the annual investment plan. Assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of continuing to offer a sustainable health care program for current and future retirees. OPERS' primary goal is to achieve and maintain a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the defined pension plans. Health care is a discretionary benefit. The long-term expected rate of return on health care investment assets was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected real rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage, adjusted for inflation. The table below displays the Board-approved asset allocation policy for 2022 and the long-term expected real rates of return:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Weighted Average Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Geometric)
Fixed Income	34.00 %	2.56 %
Domestic Equities	26.00	4.60
Real Estate Investment Trust	7.00	4.70
International Equities	25.00	5.51
Risk Parity	2.00	4.37
Other investments	6.00	1.84
Total	100.00 %	

Discount Rate A single discount rate of 5.22 percent was used to measure the OPEB liability on the measurement date of December 31, 202; however, the single discount rate used at the beginning of the year was 6.00 percent. Projected benefit payments are required to be discounted to their actuarial present value using a single discount rate that reflects (1) a long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments (to the extent that the health care fiduciary net position is projected to be sufficient to pay benefits), and (2) tax-exempt municipal bond rate based on an index of 20-year general obligation bonds with an average AA credit rating as of the measurement date (to the extent that the contributions for use with the long-term expected rate are not met). This single discount rate was based on an expected rate of return on the health care investment portfolio of 6.00 percent and a municipal bond rate of 4.05 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the actuarially determined contribution rate. Based on these assumptions, the health care fiduciary net position and future contributions were sufficient to finance health care costs through 2054. As a result, the actuarial long-term expected rate of return on health care investments was applied to projected costs through the year 2054, the municipal bond rate was applied to all health care costs after that date.

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5. DEFINED BENEFITS OPEB PLANS – CONTINUED

Actuarial Assumptions – OPERS - Continued

Sensitivity of the Authority’s Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate The following table presents the Authority’s proportionate share of the net OPEB liability calculated using the single discount rate of 5.22 percent, as well as what the Authority’s proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1.0 percentage lower or 1.0 percentage higher than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (4.22%)	Current Discount Rate (5.22%)	1% Increase (6.22%)
Authority's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$78,973	\$23,203	(\$22,816)

Sensitivity of the Authority’s Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rate Changes in the health care cost trend rate may also have a significant impact on the net OPEB liability. The following table presents the net OPEB liability calculated using the assumed trend rates, and the expected net OPEB liability if it were calculated using a health care cost trend rate that is 1.0 percent lower or 1.0 percent higher than the current rate.

Retiree health care valuations use a health care cost-trend assumption that changes over several years built into the assumption. The near-term rates reflect increases in the current cost of health care; the trend starting in 2023 is 5.50 percent. If this trend continues for future years, the projection indicates that years from now virtually all expenditures will be for health care. A more reasonable alternative is the health plan cost trend will decrease to a level at, or near, wage inflation. On this basis, the actuaries project premium rate increases will continue to exceed wage inflation for approximately the next decade, but by less each year, until leveling off at an ultimate rate, assumed to be 3.50 percent in the most recent valuation.

	1% Decrease	Current Health Care Cost Trend Rate Assumption	1% Increase
Authority's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	\$21,749	\$23,203	\$24,840

6. 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 coverage’s and no settlements exceeded insurance coverage during the past three years.

7. FDS SCHEDULE SUBMITTED TO HUD

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, the Authority electronically submitted an unaudited version of the statement of net position, statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position and other data to HUD as required on the GAAP basis. The schedules are presented in the manner prescribed by HUD.

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8. CONTINGENCIES

Grants

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the Authority are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor, principally the Federal government. Grantors may require refunding any disallowed cost in excess reserve balances. Management cannot presently determine amounts grantors may disallow or recapture. However, based on prior experience, management believes any such disallowed claims or recapture amounts would not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position at December 31, 2023.

Litigation and Claims

In the normal course of operations, the Authority may be subject to litigation and claims. At December 31, 2023, the Authority was not involved in such matters. An alleged personal injury claim resulting from a collision caused by an employee of the Authority which was represented by counsel retained by the insurance company and is a matter covered under the Authority's insurance policy was settled in April of 2023 and did not have a materially adverse effect on the financial conditions of the Authority.

9. NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES

The change in Authority's long-term obligations during 2023 were as follows:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>12/31/22</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>12/31/23</u>	<u>Due Within</u> <u>One Year</u>
FSS Liability	\$ 43,327	\$ 49,297	\$ (43,805)	\$ 48,819	\$ -
Accrued Comp. Absences	5,172	795	-	5,967	-
Net Pension Liability	317,913	796,047	(92,170)	1,021,790	-
Net OPEB Liability	-	145,320	(122,117)	23,203	-
Total	<u>\$ 366,412</u>	<u>\$ 991,459</u>	<u>\$(258,092)</u>	<u>\$1,099,779</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

See Notes 4 and 5 for information on the Authority's net pension and OPEB expense.

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11. BLENDED COMPONENT UNIT

As of December 31, 2023, the condensed Statement of Net Position for the blended component unit (DDHC) is as follows:

Assets

Current Assets	\$ 1,014,851
Non-depreciable Capital Assets	870,931
Depreciable Assets, Net of Depreciation	<u>963,217</u>

Total Assets \$ 2,848,999

Net Position

Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 1,834,148
Unrestricted	<u>1,014,851</u>

Total Net Position \$ 2,848,999

As of December 31, 2023, the condensed Statement of Activities for the blended component unit (DDHC) is as follows:

Operating Revenues

Total Tenant Revenues	\$ 279,945
Other Government Grants	468,788
Other Revenue	<u>2,189</u>

Total Operating Revenue 750,922

Operating Expenses

Depreciation	142,782
Other Operating Expenses	<u>584,836</u>

Total Operating Expenses 727,618

Operating Income 23,304

Nonoperating Revenue

Investment Income-Unrestricted	<u>25,026</u>
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Total Nonoperating Revenues 25,026

Changes in Net Position 48,330

Beginning Net Position 2,800,669

Ending Net Position \$ 2,848,999

As of December 31, 2023, the condensed Statement of Cash Flows for the blended component unit (DDHC) is as follows:

Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$ 148,535
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	25,026
Net Cash Used in Capital Activities	<u>(65,925)</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>107,636</u>

Beginning Cash and Cash Equivalents 833,297

Ending Cash and Cash Equivalents \$ 940,933

FAIRFIELD METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY FAIRFIELD COUNTY
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF AUTHORITY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY/(ASSET)
OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LAST TEN YEARS

<u>Traditional Plan</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Authority's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (percentage)	0.003459%	0.003654%	0.003928%	0.004092%	0.003802%	0.004257%	0.004429%	0.004741%	0.004941%	0.004941%
Authority's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$1,021,790	\$ 317,913	\$ 581,651	\$ 808,811	\$1,041,291	\$ 667,842	\$1,005,751	\$ 821,201	\$ 595,941	\$ 582,480
Authority's Covered Payroll	\$ 536,169	\$ 530,257	\$ 553,221	\$ 575,693	\$ 522,099	\$ 562,685	\$ 592,100	\$ 597,623	\$ 612,261	\$ 764,531
Authority's Proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage Of its Covered Payroll	190.57%	59.95%	105.14%	140.49%	199.44%	118.69%	169.86%	138.69%	99.72%	95.14%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage Of the Total Pension Liability	75.74%	92.62%	86.88%	82.17%	74.70%	84.66%	77.25%	81.08%	86.45%	86.36%
<u>Combined Plan</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Authority's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) (percentage)	0.000000%	0.000000%	0.000000%	0.000967%	0.007460%	0.000000%	0.000000%	0.000000%	0.000000%	0.000000%
Authority's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ (2,016)	\$ (8,342)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Authority's Covered Payroll	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4,300	\$ 31,900	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Authority's Proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) As a Percentage Of its Covered Payroll	n/a	n/a	n/a	46.88%	26.15%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage Of the Total Pension Liability/Asset	n/a	n/a	n/a	145.28%	126.64%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Amounts presented as of the Authority's measurement date, which is the prior year end.

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

FAIRFIELD METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY
FAIRFIELD COUNTY
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF AUTHORITY'S CONTRIBUTIONS - PENSION
OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LAST TEN YEARS

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<u>Contractually Required Contributions</u>										
Traditional Plan	\$ 70,646	\$ 75,064	\$ 74,236	\$ 77,451	\$ 80,597	\$ 73,094	\$ 73,149	\$ 71,052	\$ 71,715	\$ 73,471
Combined Plan	0	0	0	0	602	4,467	0	0	0	0
Total Required Contributions	70,646	75,064	74,236	77,451	81,199	77,561	73,149	71,052	71,715	73,471
Required Contributions	<u>(70,646)</u>	<u>(75,064)</u>	<u>(74,236)</u>	<u>(77,451)</u>	<u>(81,199)</u>	<u>(77,561)</u>	<u>(73,149)</u>	<u>(71,052)</u>	<u>(71,715)</u>	<u>(73,471)</u>
Contribution Deficiency/(Excess)	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
<u>Authority's Covered Payroll</u>										
Traditional	\$ 504,614	\$ 536,169	\$ 530,257	\$ 553,221	\$ 575,693	\$ 554,005	\$ 562,685	\$ 592,100	\$ 597,623	\$ 612,261
Combined Plan	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4,300	\$ 31,906	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<u>Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll</u>										
Traditional	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	13.00%	13.00%	12.00%	12.00%	12.00%
Combined Plan	12.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	13.00%	13.00%	12.00%	12.00%	12.00%

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FAIRFIELD METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY
FAIRFIELD COUNTY
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF THE AUTHORITY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY/(ASSET)
OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LAST SEVEN YEARS (1)

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Authority's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability/Asset	0.003680%	0.003860%	0.004123%	0.004295%	0.004226%	0.004440%	0.004620%
Authority's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability(Asset) \$	23,203	(120,901)	(73,455)	593,251	550,971	482,151	466,636
Authority's Covered Payroll	\$ 612,529	\$ 601,949	\$ 623,521	\$ 648,893	\$ 613,694	\$ 628,930	\$ 638,429
Authority's Proportionate share of the Net OPEB Liability/(Asset) As a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	3.79%	-20.09%	-11.78%	91.43%	89.79%	76.67%	73.09%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability/Asset	94.79%	128.23%	115.57%	47.80%	46.33%	54.14%	54.05%

(1) Information prior to 2016 is not available. Schedule is intended to show ten years of information, and additional years will be displayed as it comes available.

Amounts presented as of the Authority's year end. The plan measurement date is the prior year end.

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FAIRFIELD METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY
FAIRFIELD COUNTY
 REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
 SCHEDULE OF THE AUTHORITY'S CONTRIBUTIONS – OPEB
 OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
 LAST NINE YEARS (1)

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually Required Contributions	\$ 3,066	\$ 2,940	\$ 2,868	\$ 2,812	\$ 2,756	\$ 2,702	\$ 8,280	\$ 14,060	\$ 4,689
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contributions	<u>(3,066)</u>	<u>(2,940)</u>	<u>(2,868)</u>	<u>(2,812)</u>	<u>(2,756)</u>	<u>(2,702)</u>	<u>(8,280)</u>	<u>(14,060)</u>	<u>(4,689)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
Authority's Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 581,258	\$ 612,534	\$ 601,949	\$ 623,521	\$ 648,893	\$ 613,694	\$ 628,930	\$ 638,429	\$ 654,967
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	0.53%	0.45%	0.48%	0.45%	0.42%	0.44%	1.32%	2.20%	2.24%

[1] – Information prior to 2015 is not available. Schedule is intended to show ten years of information, and additional years will be displayed as it comes available.

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FAIRFIELD METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY
FAIRFIELD COUNTY
NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 1 – OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (OPERS)

Net Pension Liability

Changes in benefit terms: There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2014-2023.

Changes in Assumptions: There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for 2014-2016 and 2018. For 2017, the following changes of assumptions affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the expected investment return was reduced from 8.00% to 7.50%, (b) the expected long-term average wage inflation rate was reduced from 3.75% to 3.25%, (c) the expected long-term average price inflation rate was reduced from 3.00% to 2.50%, (d) Rates of withdrawal, retirement and disability were updated to reflect recent experience, (e) mortality rates were updated to the RP-2014 Health Annuitant Mortality Table, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observant period base year of 2006 and then established the base year as 2015, (f) mortality rates used in evaluating disability allowances were updated to the RP-2014 Disabled Mortality tables, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observation base year of 2006 and a base year of 2015 for males and 2010 for females, (g) Mortality rates for a particular calendar year for both healthy and disabled retiree mortality tables are determined by applying the MP-2015 mortality improvement scale to the above described tables. For 2019, the following changes of assumptions affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the expected investment return was reduced from 7.50% to 7.20%. For 2020, the following changes of assumptions affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the cost-of-living adjustments for the post-1/7/13 retirees were reduced from 3% simple through 2018 to 1.4% simple through 2020, then 2.15% simple. For 2021, the following changes of assumptions affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the cost-of-living adjustments for post-1/7/2013 retirees were reduced from 1.40% simple through 2020 to 0.50% simple through 2021, then 2.15% simple. For 2022, the following changes of assumptions affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the expected long-term average wage inflation rate was reduced from 3.25% to 2.75% (b) the cost-of-living adjustments for post-1/7/2013 retirees were increased from 0.50% simple through 2021 to 3.00% simple through 2022, then 2.05% simple (c) the expected investment return was reduced from 7.20% to 6.90%. There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for 2023.

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FAIRFIELD COUNTY
NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 1 – OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (OPERS) – CONTINUED

Net OPEB Liability/Asset

Changes in benefit terms: There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2018-2023.

Changes in Assumptions: For 2018, the single discount rate changed from 4.23% to 3.85%. For 2019, the following changes of assumptions affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the expected investment return was reduced from 6.50% to 6.00%. (b) In January 2020, the Board adopted changes to the health care coverage for Medicare and pre-Medicare retirees. It will include discontinuing the PPO plan for pre-Medicare retirees and replacing it with a monthly allowance to help participants pay for a health care plan of their choosing. The base allowance for Medicare eligible retirees will be reduced. The specific effect of these changes on the net OPEB liability and OPEB expense are unknown at this time (c) the single discount rate changed from 3.85% to 3.96%. For 2020, the following changes of assumptions affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the single discount rate changed from 3.96% to 3.16%. For 2021, the following changes of assumptions affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the single discount rate changed from 3.16% to 6.00% (b) the municipal bond rate changed from 2.75% to 2.00% (c) the health care cost trend rate changed from 10.50% initial and 3.50% ultimate in 2030 to 8.50% initial and 3.50% ultimate in 2035. For 2022, the following changes of assumptions affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the expected long-term average wage inflation rate was reduced from 3.25% to 2.75% (b) the municipal bond rate changed from 2.00% to 1.84% (c) the health care trend rate changed from 8.50% initial and 3.50% ultimate in 2035 to 5.50% initial and 3.50% ultimate in 2034. For 2023, the following changes in assumptions affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the single discount rate changed from 6.00% to 5.22 % (b) the municipal bond rate changed from 1.84% to 4.05% (c) the health care trend rate changed from 5.50% initial and 3.50% ultimate in 2034 to 5.50% initial and 3.50% ultimate in 2036.

Fairfield Metropolitan Housing Authority (OH070)
LANCASTER, OH
Entity Wide Balance Sheet Summary
Fiscal Year End Decemeber 31, 2023

	Project Total	14.EFA FSS Escrow Forfeiture Account	6.2 Component Unit - Blended	14.896 PIH Family Self- Sufficiency Program	1 Business Activities	14.871 Housing Choice Vouchers	Subtotal	ELIM	Total
111 Cash - Unrestricted			\$940,933		\$486,208	\$1,364,122	\$2,791,263		\$2,791,263
112 Cash - Restricted - Modernization and Development									
113 Cash - Other Restricted		\$11,252				\$108,194	\$119,446		\$119,446
114 Cash - Tenant Security Deposits					\$54,275		\$54,275		\$54,275
115 Cash - Restricted for Payment of Current Liabilities						\$4,948	\$4,948		\$4,948
100 Total Cash	\$0	\$11,252	\$940,933	\$0	\$540,483	\$1,477,264	\$2,969,932	\$0	\$2,969,932
121 Accounts Receivable - PHA Projects									
122 Accounts Receivable - HUD Other Projects									
124 Accounts Receivable - Other Government					\$1,324		\$1,324		\$1,324
125 Accounts Receivable - Miscellaneous					\$7,032	\$5,456	\$12,488		\$12,488
126 Accounts Receivable - Tenants			\$1,686		\$0		\$1,686		\$1,686
126.1 Allowance for Doubtful Accounts -Tenants	\$0		(\$1,159)		\$0		(\$1,159)		(\$1,159)
126.2 Allowance for Doubtful Accounts - Other	\$0		\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
127 Notes, Loans, & Mortgages Receivable - Current					\$0		\$0		\$0
128 Fraud Recovery					\$0	\$193,551	\$193,551		\$193,551
128.1 Allowance for Doubtful Accounts - Fraud					\$0	(\$171,621)	(\$171,621)		(\$171,621)
129 Accrued Interest Receivable					\$14		\$14		\$14
120 Total Receivables, Net of Allowances for Doubtful Accounts	\$0	\$0	\$527	\$0	\$8,370	\$27,386	\$36,283	\$0	\$36,283
131 Investments - Unrestricted					\$69,921		\$69,921		\$69,921
132 Investments - Restricted									
135 Investments - Restricted for Payment of Current Liability									
142 Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets					\$108,141	\$33,553	\$141,694		\$141,694
143 Inventories					\$12,470		\$12,470		\$12,470
143.1 Allowance for Obsolete Inventories					(\$1,247)		(\$1,247)		(\$1,247)
144 Inter Program Due From			\$73,391				\$73,391	(\$73,391)	\$0
145 Assets Held for Sale									
150 Total Current Assets	\$0	\$11,252	\$1,014,851	\$0	\$738,138	\$1,538,203	\$3,302,444	(\$73,391)	\$3,229,053
161 Land			\$870,931		\$123,690		\$994,621		\$994,621
162 Buildings			\$9,662,968		\$1,507,433		\$11,170,401		\$11,170,401
163 Furniture, Equipment & Machinery - Dwellings					\$87,578		\$87,578		\$87,578
164 Furniture, Equipment & Machinery - Administration					\$227,858	\$228,299	\$456,157		\$456,157
165 Leasehold Improvements			\$234,207		\$86,893		\$321,100		\$321,100

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Entity Wide Balance Sheet Summary
Fiscal Year End December 31, 2023

166 Accumulated Depreciation										
167 Construction in Progress										
168 Infrastructure										
160 Total Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	\$0	\$0	\$1,834,148	\$0	\$891,627	\$6,135	\$2,731,910	\$0	\$2,731,910	
171 Notes, Loans and Mortgages Receivable - Non-Current										
172 Notes, Loans, & Mortgages Receivable - Non Current - Past Due										
173 Grants Receivable - Non Current										
174 Other Assets										
176 Investments in Joint Ventures										
180 Total Non-Current Assets	\$0	\$0	\$1,834,148	\$0	\$891,627	\$6,135	\$2,731,910	\$0	\$2,731,910	
200 Deferred Outflow of Resources					\$135,638	\$347,844	\$483,482		\$483,482	
290 Total Assets and Deferred Outflow of Resources	\$0	\$11,252	\$2,848,999	\$0	\$1,765,403	\$1,892,182	\$6,517,836	(\$73,391)	\$6,444,445	
311 Bank Overdraft										
312 Accounts Payable <= 90 Days					\$3,371	\$13,914	\$17,285		\$17,285	
313 Accounts Payable >90 Days Past Due										
321 Accrued Wage/Payroll Taxes Payable					\$9,815	\$27,554	\$37,369		\$37,369	
322 Accrued Compensated Absences - Current Portion					\$10,201	\$30,413	\$40,614		\$40,614	
324 Accrued Contingency Liability										
325 Accrued Interest Payable										
331 Accounts Payable - HUD PHA Programs										
332 Account Payable - PHA Projects										
333 Accounts Payable - Other Government					\$25,969	\$1,398	\$27,367		\$27,367	
341 Tenant Security Deposits					\$54,275		\$54,275		\$54,275	
342 Unearned Revenue					\$2,101		\$2,101		\$2,101	
343 Current Portion of Long-term Debt - Capital Projects/Mortgage Revenue										
344 Current Portion of Long-term Debt - Operating Borrowings										
345 Other Current Liabilities						\$4,948	\$4,948		\$4,948	
346 Accrued Liabilities - Other						\$32,638	\$32,638		\$32,638	
347 Inter Program - Due To					\$73,391		\$73,391	(\$73,391)	\$0	
348 Loan Liability - Current										
310 Total Current Liabilities	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$179,123	\$110,865	\$289,988	(\$73,391)	\$216,597	
351 Long-term Debt, Net of Current - Capital Projects/Mortgage Revenue										
352 Long-term Debt, Net of Current - Operating Borrowings										
353 Non-current Liabilities - Other						\$48,819	\$48,819		\$48,819	
354 Accrued Compensated Absences - Non Current					\$1,551	\$4,416	\$5,967		\$5,967	
355 Loan Liability - Non Current										
356 FASB 5 Liabilities										
357 Accrued Pension and OPEB Liabilities					\$291,794	\$753,199	\$1,044,993		\$1,044,993	

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LANCASTER, OH
Entity Wide Balance Sheet Summary
Fiscal Year End December 31, 2023

350 Total Non-Current Liabilities	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$293,345	\$806,434	\$1,099,779	\$0	\$1,099,779
300 Total Liabilities	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$472,468	\$917,299	\$1,389,767	(\$73,391)	\$1,316,376
400 Deferred Inflow of Resources					\$11,960	\$30,561	\$42,521		\$42,521
508.4 Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$0	\$0	\$1,834,148	\$0	\$891,627	\$6,135	\$2,731,910	\$0	\$2,731,910
511.4 Restricted Net Position	\$0	\$11,252	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$59,375	\$70,627	\$0	\$70,627
512.4 Unrestricted Net Position	\$0	\$0	\$1,014,851	\$0	\$389,348	\$878,812	\$2,283,011	\$0	\$2,283,011
513 Total Equity - Net Assets / Position	\$0	\$11,252	\$2,848,999	\$0	\$1,280,975	\$944,322	\$5,085,548	\$0	\$5,085,548
600 Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Equity - Net	\$0	\$11,252	\$2,848,999	\$0	\$1,765,403	\$1,892,182	\$6,517,836	(\$73,391)	\$6,444,445

Fairfield Metropolitan Housing Authority (OH070)

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Entity Wide Revenue and Expense Summary

Fiscal Year End December 31, 2023

	Project Total	14.EFA FSS Escrow Forfeiture Account	6.2 Component Unit - Blended	14.896 PIH Family Self- Sufficiency Program	1 Business Activities	14.871 Housing Choice Vouchers	Subtotal	ELIM	Total
70300 Net Tenant Rental Revenue			\$254,618		\$63,148		\$317,766		\$317,766
70400 Tenant Revenue - Other			\$25,327		\$600		\$25,927		\$25,927
70500 Total Tenant Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$279,945	\$0	\$63,748	\$0	\$343,693	\$0	\$343,693
70600 HUD PHA Operating Grants				\$62,747		\$6,774,023	\$6,836,770		\$6,836,770
70610 Capital Grants									
70710 Management Fee									
70720 Asset Management Fee									
70730 Book Keeping Fee									
70740 Front Line Service Fee									
70750 Other Fees									
70700 Total Fee Revenue							\$0	\$0	\$0
70800 Other Government Grants			\$468,788				\$468,788	-\$468,788	\$0
71100 Investment Income - Unrestricted			\$25,026		\$3,093	\$25,733	\$53,852		\$53,852
71200 Mortgage Interest Income									
71300 Proceeds from Disposition of Assets Held for Sale									
71310 Cost of Sale of Assets									
71400 Fraud Recovery			\$1,989			\$29,305	\$31,294		\$31,294
71500 Other Revenue		\$10,874	\$200		\$640,556	\$1,807	\$653,437	-\$579,103	\$74,334
71600 Gain or Loss on Sale of Capital Assets									
72000 Investment Income - Restricted									
70000 Total Revenue	\$0	\$10,874	\$775,948	\$62,747	\$707,397	\$6,830,868	\$8,387,834	-\$1,047,891	\$7,339,943
91100 Administrative Salaries					\$85,536	\$360,117	\$445,653		\$445,653
91200 Auditing Fees					\$2,240	\$5,760	\$8,000		\$8,000
91300 Management Fee									
91310 Book-keeping Fee									
91400 Advertising and Marketing					\$55	\$681	\$736		\$736
91500 Employee Benefit contributions - Administrative					\$22,764	\$86,466	\$109,230		\$109,230
91600 Office Expenses					\$51,480	\$129,000	\$180,480		\$180,480

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91700 Legal Expense					\$898	\$1,420	\$2,318		\$2,318
91800 Travel					\$1,481	\$2,750	\$4,231		\$4,231
91810 Allocated Overhead									
91900 Other						\$2,391	\$2,391		\$2,391
91000 Total Operating - Administrative	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$164,454	\$588,585	\$753,039	\$0	\$753,039
92000 Asset Management Fee									
92100 Tenant Services - Salaries				\$37,666			\$37,666		\$37,666
92200 Relocation Costs									
92300 Employee Benefit Contributions - Tenant Services				\$22,341			\$22,341		\$22,341
92400 Tenant Services - Other		\$207		\$2,740	\$150	\$24,000	\$27,097		\$27,097
92500 Total Tenant Services	\$0	\$207	\$0	\$62,747	\$150	\$24,000	\$87,104	\$0	\$87,104
93100 Water					\$3,876	\$1,273	\$5,149		\$5,149
93200 Electricity					\$8,906	\$7,357	\$16,263		\$16,263
93300 Gas					\$3,127	\$1,602	\$4,729		\$4,729
93400 Fuel									
93500 Labor									
93600 Sewer					\$3,250	\$345	\$3,595		\$3,595
93700 Employee Benefit Contributions - Utilities									
93800 Other Utilities Expense									
93000 Total Utilities	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$19,159	\$10,577	\$29,736	\$0	\$29,736
94100 Ordinary Maintenance and Operations - Labor					\$84,303		\$84,303		\$84,303
94200 Ordinary Maintenance and Operations - Materials and Other					\$84,533		\$84,533		\$84,533
94300 Ordinary Maintenance and Operations Contracts					\$82,007		\$82,007		\$82,007
94500 Employee Benefit Contributions - Ordinary Maintenance					\$33,681		\$33,681		\$33,681
94000 Total Maintenance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$284,524	\$0	\$284,524	\$0	\$284,524
95100 Protective Services - Labor									
95200 Protective Services - Other Contract Costs									
95300 Protective Services - Other									
95500 Employee Benefit Contributions - Protective Services									
95000 Total Protective Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
96110 Property Insurance					\$67,047		\$67,047		\$67,047
96120 Liability Insurance					\$25,728	\$8,064	\$33,792		\$33,792
96130 Workmen's Compensation					\$1,267	\$2,781	\$4,048		\$4,048
96140 All Other Insurance									

Fairfield Metropolitan Housing Authority (OH070)
LANCASTER, OH
Entity Wide Revenue and Expense Summary
Fiscal Year End December 31, 2023

96100 Total insurance Premiums	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$94,042	\$10,845	\$104,887	\$0	\$104,887
96200 Other General Expenses			\$579,103		\$578		\$579,681	-\$579,103	\$578
96210 Compensated Absences					\$12,106	\$29,126	\$41,232		\$41,232
96300 Payments in Lieu of Taxes					\$25,969		\$25,969		\$25,969
96400 Bad debt - Tenant Rents			\$90				\$90		\$90
96500 Bad debt - Mortgages									
96600 Bad debt - Other			\$5,643			\$5,488	\$11,131		\$11,131
96800 Severance Expense									
96000 Total Other General Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$584,836	\$0	\$38,653	\$34,614	\$658,103	-\$579,103	\$79,000
96710 Interest of Mortgage (or Bonds) Payable									
96720 Interest on Notes Payable (Short and Long Term)									
96730 Amortization of Bond Issue Costs									
96700 Total Interest Expense and Amortization Cost	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
96900 Total Operating Expenses	\$0	\$207	\$584,836	\$62,747	\$600,982	\$668,621	\$1,917,393	-\$579,103	\$1,338,290
97000 Excess of Operating Revenue over Operating Expenses	\$0	\$10,667	\$191,112	\$0	\$106,415	\$6,162,247	\$6,470,441	-\$468,788	\$6,001,653
97100 Extraordinary Maintenance									
97200 Casualty Losses - Non-capitalized									
97300 Housing Assistance Payments						\$6,060,310	\$6,060,310	-\$468,788	\$5,591,522
97350 HAP Portability-In									
97400 Depreciation Expense			\$142,782		\$54,316	\$6,102	\$203,200		\$203,200
97500 Fraud Losses									
97600 Capital Outlays - Governmental Funds									
97700 Debt Principal Payment - Governmental Funds									
97800 Dwelling Units Rent Expense									
90000 Total Expenses	\$0	\$207	\$727,618	\$62,747	\$655,298	\$6,735,033	\$8,180,903	-\$1,047,891	\$7,133,012
10010 Operating Transfer In									
10020 Operating transfer Out									
10030 Operating Transfers from/to Primary Government									
10040 Operating Transfers from/to Component Unit									
10050 Proceeds from Notes, Loans and Bonds									
10060 Proceeds from Property Sales									
10070 Extraordinary Items, Net Gain/Loss									
10080 Special Items (Net Gain/Loss)									

Fairfield Metropolitan Housing Authority (OH070)
LANCASTER, OH
Entity Wide Revenue and Expense Summary
Fiscal Year End December 31, 2023

10091 Inter Project Excess Cash Transfer In									
10092 Inter Project Excess Cash Transfer Out									
10093 Transfers between Program and Project - In									
10094 Transfers between Project and Program - Out									
10100 Total Other financing Sources (Uses)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
10000 Excess (Deficiency) of Total Revenue Over (Under) Total Expenses	\$0	\$10,667	\$48,330	\$0	\$52,099	\$95,835	\$206,931	\$0	\$206,931
11020 Required Annual Debt Principal Payments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
11030 Beginning Equity	\$0	\$585	\$2,800,669	\$0	\$1,228,876	\$848,487	\$4,878,617		\$4,878,617
11040 Prior Period Adjustments, Equity Transfers and Correction of Errors									
11050 Changes in Compensated Absence Balance									
11060 Changes in Contingent Liability Balance									
11070 Changes in Unrecognized Pension Transition Liability									
11080 Changes in Special Term/Severance Benefits Liability									
11090 Changes in Allowance for Doubtful Accounts - Dwelling Rents									
11100 Changes in Allowance for Doubtful Accounts - Other									
11170 Administrative Fee Equity						\$884,947	\$884,947		\$884,947
11180 Housing Assistance Payments Equity						\$59,375	\$59,375		\$59,375
11190 Unit Months Available	0		1152		1248	13272	15672	-2028	13644
11210 Number of Unit Months Leased	0		1105		1211	10340	12656	-1954	10702
11270 Excess Cash	\$0						\$0		\$0
11610 Land Purchases	\$0						\$0		\$0
11620 Building Purchases	\$0						\$0		\$0
11630 Furniture & Equipment - Dwelling Purchases	\$0						\$0		\$0
11640 Furniture & Equipment - Administrative Purchases	\$0						\$0		\$0
11650 Leasehold Improvements Purchases	\$0						\$0		\$0
11660 Infrastructure Purchases	\$0						\$0		\$0
13510 CFFP Debt Service Payments	\$0						\$0		\$0
13901 Replacement Housing Factor Funds	\$0						\$0		\$0

FAIRFIELD METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY
FAIRFIELD COUNTY
 SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Federal Grantor/ Pass-Through Grantor/ Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	Federal Expenditures
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT		
<i>Direct from the agency:</i>		
Housing Voucher Cluster:		
Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers	14.871	\$ 6,774,023
Total Housing Voucher Cluster		<u>6,774,023</u>
 PIH Family Self-Sufficiency Program	 14.896	 <u>62,747</u>
Total U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development		<u>6,836,770</u>
Total Federal Awards Expenditures		<u>\$ 6,836,770</u>

See accompanying notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

FAIRFIELD METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY
FAIRFIELD COUNTY
NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 1 – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of Fairfield Metropolitan Housing Authority, Fairfield County, Ohio (the Authority) under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2023. The information on this Schedule has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U. S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Authority, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, change in net position, or cash flows of the Authority.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

NOTE 3 – INDIRECT COST RATE

The Authority has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.



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

Fairfield Metropolitan Housing Authority
Fairfield County
315 North Columbus Street, Ste. 200
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

To the Board of Commissioners:

We have audited, in accordance with the 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 (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of the Fairfield Metropolitan Housing Authority, Fairfield County, (the Authority) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 26, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Authority's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Authority's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of This Report

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

BHM CPA Group

BHM CPA Group, Inc.
Circleville, Ohio
June 26, 2024



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS
APPLICABLE TO THE MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

Fairfield Metropolitan Housing Authority
Fairfield County
315 North Columbus Street, Ste. 200
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

To the Board of Commissioners:

Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program

Opinion on the Major Federal Program

We have audited Fairfield Metropolitan Housing Authority's, Fairfield County, (Authority) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on Fairfield Metropolitan Housing Authority's major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2023. Fairfield Metropolitan Housing Authority's major federal program is identified in the *Summary of Auditor's Results* section of the accompanying schedule of findings.

In our opinion, Fairfield Metropolitan Housing Authority complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on the Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance* section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the Authority and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for the major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Authority's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

The Authority's Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the Authority's federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the Authority's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the Authority's compliance with the requirements of the major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the Authority's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- obtain an understanding of the Authority's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Fairfield Metropolitan Housing Authority

Fairfield County

Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance with Requirements Applicable to the Major Federal Program
and on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance

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Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance* section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of this testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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BHM CPA Group, Inc.

Circleville, Ohio

June 26, 2024

Fairfield Metropolitan Housing Authority

Schedule of Findings

2 CFR § 200.515

December 31, 2023

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

(d)(1)(i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unmodified
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iii)	Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any material weakness in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(v)	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unmodified
(d)(1)(vi)	Are there any reportable findings under 2 CFR § 200.516(a)?	No
(d)(1)(vii)	Major Programs (list):	Housing Choice Voucher Cluster: Housing Choice Vouchers - ALN 14.871,
(d)(1)(viii)	Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs	Type A: > \$750,000 Type B: all others
(d)(1)(ix)	Low Risk Auditee under 2 CFR § 200.520?	Yes

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

None

3. FINDINGS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

None

OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



FAIRFIELD METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY

FAIRFIELD COUNTY

AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION

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



Certified for Release 8/15/2024

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