



**INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR  
FEDERAL AWARDS REPORTING**

**December 31, 2023**

**CITY OF BALLWIN, MISSOURI**  
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**Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control  
Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters  
Based on an Audit of Financial Statements  
Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards***

Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen  
City of Ballwin, Missouri

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of City of Ballwin, Missouri (the "City") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 8, 2024.

**Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

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

## **Report On Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City'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 entity'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 entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Kerber, Eck & Braeckel LLP*

St. Louis, Missouri

May 8, 2024



**Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance for Each  
Major Federal Program and Report on Internal Control Over  
Compliance and Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards  
in Accordance with the Uniform Guidance**

Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen  
City of Ballwin, Missouri

**Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program**

***Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

We have audited City of Ballwin, Missouri's (the "City") compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the City's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2023. The City's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the City complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2023.

***Basis for Opinion on Each 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 Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the City 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 each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the City's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

## ***Responsibilities of Management for Compliance***

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 City's federal programs.

## ***Auditors' 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 City'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 City's compliance with the requirements of each 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 City'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 City'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 City'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 a 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.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditors' 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 that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

**Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance**

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon, dated May 8, 2024, which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Uniform Guidance and is 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 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 schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

*Kenner, Eck & Braeckel LLP*

St. Louis, Missouri  
May 8, 2024



**CITY OF BALLWIN, MISSOURI**  
**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

Federal Grantor Pass-through Grantor Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Identification Number	Expenditures
U.S. Department of Treasury: Direct: Equitable Sharing	21.016	N/A	\$ 7,995
U.S. Department of Justice: Direct: Equitable Sharing Program	16.922	N/A	5,130
U.S. Department of the Interior: Passed through Missouri Department of Natural Resources: Outdoor Recreation Acquisition, Development and Planning	15.916	N/A	267,522
U.S. Department of Homeland Security: Passed through Missouri Department of Public Safety: Homeland Security Grant Program	97.067	N/A	4,957
U.S. Department of Transportation: Passed through Missouri Department of Transportation: Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	STP - 4939(609)	572,377
Passed through Missouri Department of Transportation, Highway Safety Division: Highway Safety Cluster: State and Community Highway Safety	20.600	23-PT-02-104	6,323
State and Community Highway Safety	20.600	24-PT-02-090	1,862
Total State and Community Highway Safety			8,185
National Priority Safety Programs	20.616	24-M2HVE-05-012	1,344
Total Highway Safety Cluster			9,529
Passed through Missouri Department of Transportation, Alcohol Open Container Requirements: Alcohol Open Container Requirements	20.607	23-154-AL-075	3,533
Alcohol Open Container Requirements	20.607	23-154-AL-076	1,728
Alcohol Open Container Requirements	20.607	24-154-AL-088	1,052
Alcohol Open Container Requirements	20.607	24-154-AL-089	901
Total Alcohol Open Container Requirements			7,214
Total U.S. Department of Transportation			589,120
Total			\$ 874,724

The accompanying notes are in integral part of this schedule.

**CITY OF BALLWIN, MISSOURI**  
**NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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**NOTE A | BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards includes the federal award activity of the City of Ballwin, Missouri under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2023. The information in this schedule is presented 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 City, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the City.

**NOTE B | 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 C | INDIRECT COST RATE**

The City has not elected to use the 10 percent de minimus indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

**NOTE D | SUBRECIPIENTS**

There have been no awards passed through to subrecipients.

**CITY OF BALLWIN, MISSOURI**  
**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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**1. SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS**

*Financial Statements*

Type of auditors' report issued: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weaknesses identified?                          yes              X  no
- Significant deficiency identified that is not  
  considered to be a material weakness?                  yes              X  none reported

Noncompliance material to financial  
statements noted?          yes              X  no

*Federal Awards*

Internal control over major programs:

- Material weaknesses identified?                          yes              X  no
- Significant deficiency identified that is not  
  considered to be a material weakness?                  yes              X  none reported

Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major programs: Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required  
to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR Section  
200.516(a) of the Uniform Guidance?                  yes              X  no

The program tested as a major program was:

Highway Planning and Construction    Assistance Listing #20.205

The threshold for distinguishing Type A and B programs was \$750,000.

Auditee qualified as a low-risk auditee?              X  yes                  no

**CITY OF BALLWIN, MISSOURI**  
**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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**2. FINDINGS – FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT**

There were no findings which are required to be reported in accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards.

**3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS – MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAM AUDIT**

There were no findings and questioned costs related to major federal award programs.