

**HOMESTEAD COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
(A Component Unit of the City of Homestead, Florida)**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Prepared by the
Finance Department

**HOMESTEAD COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
(A Component Unit of the City of Homestead, Florida)**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

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To the Board of Directors and CRA Director
Homestead Community Redevelopment Agency
Homestead, Florida

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Homestead Community Redevelopment Agency (the "Agency"), a component unit of the City of Homestead, Florida, as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Agency's 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 respective financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Agency, as of September 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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 (*Government Auditing Standards*). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Agency 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 opinions.

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 Agency'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.

Auditors' 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 auditors' report that includes our opinions. 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 the 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 Agency'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 Agency'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 on pages 4 through 9, and the budgetary comparison schedule, the police officers' retirement plan related schedules, and the schedule of OPEB cost-sharing allocation on pages 41 through 44 be presented to supplement the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the 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 financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the 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.

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 Agency's internal control over financial reporting and on 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 Agency'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 Agency's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Marcum LLP

Miami, FL
June 26, 2024

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
(MD&A)

HOMESTEAD COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
(A Component Unit of the City of Homestead, Florida)
Management Discussion and Analysis
for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2023
(Unaudited)

MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The Homestead Community Redevelopment Agency (the "Agency" or "CRA") offers readers of its financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Agency for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the financial statements.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This annual report follows a format consisting of three parts – Management’s Discussion and Analysis (this section), the Financial Statements and Required Supplementary Information. The financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the Agency.

- The first two statements are government-wide financial statements that provide both long-term and short-term information about the Agency's overall financial status.
- The remaining statements are the general fund financial statements that focus on individual parts of the Agency, reporting the Agency’s financial position and activity with a short-term focus and in more detail than the government-wide statements.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of Required Supplementary Information that further explains and supports the information in the financial statements.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The assets and deferred outflows of the Agency exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows at the close of the fiscal year by \$9.3 million. The Agency’s total net position increased by \$3.0 million. The increase noted was primarily due to the net effect of following:

- Increase intergovernmental revenues of \$2.5 million
- Increase in investment earnings of \$.3 million

At the close of the current fiscal year, the Agency's general fund reported ending fund balance of \$5.1 million, representing an increase of \$1.4 million from the previous fiscal year. The increase is primarily due to professional services that had been earmarked for land acquisition and relocation costs, but were not expended at the budgeted levels.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Agency's finances, in a manner similar to private-sector business.

The statement of net position presents information on all of the Agency's assets/deferred outflows and liabilities/deferred inflows, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Agency is improving or deteriorating. The statement of activities presents information showing how the Agency's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

Both government-wide financial statements present functions of the Agency that are principally supported by taxes, intergovernmental revenues and various user fees and charges (governmental activities). The primary governmental activity of the Agency is economic environment.

The government-wide financial statements includes only the financial activities of the Agency. However the Agency is considered a component unit of the City of Homestead, Florida (the "City"), and as such, the financial activities of the Agency is included in the City's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report in each fiscal year.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The general fund financial statements are prepared using the current financial resources measurement focus and modified accrual basis of accounting. Reconciliations of the General Fund Financial Statements to the Government-wide Financial Statements are provided within the Financial Statements to explain the differences between the general fund financial statements and the government-wide financial statements.

Governmental-wide Financial Analysis

The following table provides a summary of the Agency's net position for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023.

Table 1
Summary of Net Position
September 30, 2023 and 2022

	Governmental Activities	
	2023	2022
Current assets and other assets	\$ 5,298,473	\$ 3,932,006
Capital assets, net	9,335,272	3,081,252
Total Assets	<u>14,633,745</u>	<u>7,013,258</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>406,371</u>	<u>45,574</u>
Long-term liabilities	5,221,588	309,423
Other liabilities	159,694	200,546
Total Liabilities	<u>5,381,282</u>	<u>509,969</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>344,802</u>	<u>239,629</u>
Net position:		
Investment in capital assets	4,835,272	3,081,252
Restricted	4,478,760	3,227,982
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 9,314,032</u>	<u>\$ 6,309,234</u>

At September 30, 2023, the Agency is able to report positive balances in each category of net position.

Governmental Activities - There was an increase of \$1.4 million in current and other assets for governmental activities. The increase is primarily due to unexpended professional services.

There was an increase of \$6.3 million in capital assets. The increase noted was due to current year acquisition of land; \$2.1 million with ARPA grant funding received in the current fiscal year, and \$4.2 million financed through the issuance of debt.

Long-term liabilities increased by \$4.9 million as a result from the issuance of debt in the current year for the purpose of financing the cost of acquisition, relocation, clearing, construction and/or rehabilitation of properties and other redevelopment activities permitted under the act, and paying costs of issuance of the note.

Analysis of the Agency’s Operations

The following table provides a summary of the Agency’s changes in net position for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023.

Table 2
Summary of Changes in Net Position
For the Fiscal Years Ended September 30, 2023 and 2022

	Governmental Activities	
	2023	2022
Revenues		
General revenues:		
Intergovernmental	\$ 6,846,150	\$ 4,299,203
Interest income (loss)	261,440	(94,274)
Rental and other revenues	22,897	3,382
Total Revenues	<u>7,130,487</u>	<u>4,210,334</u>
Expenses		
Economic Environment	2,606,728	2,359,542
Public safety	574,319	309,931
Public works and services	426,700	274,037
Parks and recreation	374,310	425,496
Debt service:		
Interest and fiscal charges	56,000	--
Total Expenses	<u>4,038,057</u>	<u>3,369,006</u>
Increase in Net Position Before Contributions	3,092,430	841,328
Contribution to City of Homestead	<u>(87,632)</u>	<u>(109,033)</u>
Change in Net Position	3,004,798	732,295
Net Position - Beginning	<u>6,309,234</u>	<u>5,578,962</u>
Net Position - Ending	<u>\$ 9,314,032</u>	<u>\$ 6,309,234</u>

Governmental Activities – Governmental activities increased the Agency’s net position by \$3 million. Intergovernmental revenue increased by \$2.5 million, primarily due to an increase in the property values within the Homestead Community Redevelopment Agency District and ARPA funding received. Inter-governmental revenues is a function of the increase in the assessed values of properties within the CRA District above the base year valuation amount, as well as the operating millage rate of each taxing district that contributes.

Total expenses increased by \$670,000 due to increases in personnel costs (\$251,000), operating costs (\$205,000), grants and aids to others (\$158,000), and debt service (\$56,000) in the current fiscal year.

Capital Assets

The Agency's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of September 30, 2023, amounts to \$9.3 million, net of accumulated depreciation. This investment in capital assets includes land, furniture, fixtures and equipment.

Table 3
CAPITAL ASSETS
(NET OF ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION)
September 30, 2023 and 2022

	Governmental Activities	
	2023	2022
Land	\$ 9,313,758	\$ 3,048,444
Furniture, fixtures and equipment, net	21,514	32,808
Totals	<u>\$ 9,335,272</u>	<u>\$ 3,081,252</u>

Additional information on the Agency's capital assets can be found in the notes to the financial statements, Note 4.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET RATES

- Tax increment for fiscal year 2024 is based on taxable value figures provided by the Miami-Dade County Property Appraiser on July 1, 2023 and contributing authority millage rates (City of Homestead and Miami-Dade County).
- Taxable value increased from \$563 million for fiscal year 2022 to \$629 million for fiscal year 2023, an increase of 11.7%.
- For FY 2024, the contributing authority millage rates remains the same for both the City of Homestead (6.0206 mills) and Miami-Dade County (4.5740 mills).

The Agency's adopted budget for fiscal year 2024 is \$8,918,160. The primary source of revenue for the District is derived of tax increment financing (intergovernmental revenue) received from the City and County.

CONTACTING THE AGENCY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the Agency's finances and to show the Agency's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need any additional financial information, contact the CRA Director, City of Homestead, 212 NW 1st Avenue, Homestead, Florida 33030.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

HOMESTEAD COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
(A Component Unit of the City of Homestead, Florida)

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

	Governmental Activities
Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 931,980
Investments	4,239,593
Interest receivable on investments	14,670
Accounts receivables, net	1,962
Assets available for sale	110,268
Capital assets:	
Capital assets not being depreciated	9,313,758
Capital assets being depreciated, net	21,514
Total capital assets, net	9,335,272
Total Assets	14,633,745
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Deferred outflows for pension	402,165
Deferred outflows for OPEB	4,206
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	406,371
Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	159,694
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Due within one year:	
Compensated absences	23,915
Note payable	134,000
Due in more than one year:	
Compensated absences	55,802
Note payable	4,366,000
Net pension liability	447,105
Total OPEB liability	194,766
Total Liabilities	5,381,282
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Deferred inflows for pension	121,807
Deferred inflows for OPEB	222,995
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	344,802
Net Position	
Net Investment in capital assets	4,835,272
Restricted for:	
Community Redevelopment	4,478,760
Total Net Position	\$ 9,314,032

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

HOMESTEAD COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
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BALANCE SHEET
GENERAL FUND

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 931,980
Investments	4,239,593
Interest receivable on investments	14,670
Accounts receivables, net	1,962
Assets available for sale	<u>110,268</u>

Total Assets **\$ 5,298,473**

Liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	<u>\$ 159,694</u>
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Total Liabilities 159,694

Fund Balances

Restricted:	
Community redevelopment	<u>5,138,779</u>

Total Fund Balance 5,138,779

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance **\$ 5,298,473**

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

HOMESTEAD COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
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RECONCILIATION OF THE GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Fund Balance - Total General Fund \$ 5,138,779

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the general fund;

Governmental capital assets	\$ 10,778,553	
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(1,443,281)</u>	9,335,272

Some liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the general fund. Those liabilities consist of:

Compensated absences	(79,717)	
Note payable	(4,500,000)	
Net pension liability	(447,105)	
Total OPEB liability	<u>(194,766)</u>	(5,221,588)

In the general fund, deferred outflows and inflows of resources relating to pensions and other post employment benefit plans are not reported because they are applicable to future periods. In the statement of net position deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions and other post employment benefit plans are reported.

Deferred outflows for resources relating to Pension	402,165	
Deferred outflows for resources relating to OPEB	4,206	
Deferred inflows for resources relating to Pension	(121,807)	
Deferred inflows for resources relating to OPEB	<u>(222,995)</u>	<u>61,569</u>

Net Position of Governmental Activities **\$ 9,314,032**

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

HOMESTEAD COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
OF GENERAL FUND TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Revenues	
Intergovernmental	\$ 6,846,150
Investment earnings	261,440
Rentals and other revenues	<u>22,897</u>
Total Revenues	<u>7,130,487</u>
Expenditures	
Current:	
Economic environment	2,554,722
Public safety	458,490
Public works and services	426,700
Parks and recreation	374,310
Capital outlay	6,352,946
Debt service:	
Interest and fiscal charges	<u>56,000</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>10,223,168</u>
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>(3,092,681)</u>
Other Financing Sources	
Debt proceeds	<u>4,500,000</u>
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>4,500,000</u>
Change in Fund Balance	1,407,319
Fund Balance - Beginning	<u>3,731,460</u>
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ 5,138,779</u>

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

HOMESTEAD COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
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**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF GENERAL FUND TO THE
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Change in Fund Balance - General Fund **\$ 1,407,319**

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

The general fund reports capital outlays as expenditures. However in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets are capitalized and depreciated over their estimated useful lives.

Capital Outlay	\$ 6,352,946	
Contributions of capital assets to the City	(87,632)	
Depreciation expense	<u>(11,294)</u>	6,254,020

The net effect of pension deferred outflows/inflows		300,138
The net effect of OPEB deferred outflows/inflows		(44,514)

The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds. This transaction does not have any effect on net position.		(4,500,000)
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Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the general fund;

Compensated absences	(46,028)	
Change in net pension liability	(415,967)	
Change in total OPEB liability	<u>49,830</u>	<u>(412,165)</u>

Change in Net Position - Governmental Activities **\$ 3,004,798**

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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**HOMESTEAD COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

NOTE 1 - THE CITY OF HOMESTEAD COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

The Homestead Community Redevelopment Agency (the “Agency” or “CRA”) was created jointly by the City of Homestead, Florida (the “City”) and Miami-Dade County (the “County”) in 1994. The Agency was established pursuant to Chapter 163, Part III, of the Florida Statutes, through the passing of County Ordinances 93-07-69, R93-06-66 and City Ordinance 2007-03-07. The purpose of the Agency is to assist the City in the redevelopment of a defined Community Redevelopment Area.

The mission of the Agency is to revitalize the Community Redevelopment Area and to provide an economic stimulus such that the future value of property within the Community Redevelopment Area is optimized. The Agency’s goal is to combat neighborhood deterioration and eliminate economic blight in the designated Community Redevelopment Area. The work program for the Agency is defined in the Community Redevelopment Plan (“CR Plan”). In this CR Plan, comprehensive strategies were formulated to promote community development in various neighborhoods within the Community Redevelopment Area. This strategy provides for a series of activities over the 30-year life span of the Agency that should be catalysts for the revitalization of the area into a prosperous and vital part of the City. The Agency designated area is located within the city limits of Miami-Dade County’s second oldest city, Homestead and encompasses the area’s historic downtown district and Southwest Neighborhood. In 2020, the CR Plan was amended to extend the life span of the Agency for an additional 30 years running through 2051.

The City and the Agency are separate legal entities which share the mutual goal of redeveloping the Agency’s areas. The City provides administrative support services in the same manner as provided by the City in the conduct of its own affairs or as otherwise provided by the Agency’s Plan or By-Laws. The Agency is charged by the City for the provision of these administrative support services in accordance with the Interlocal Agreement between the City and the Agency.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Agency 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. This summary of the Agency’s significant accounting policies is presented to assist the reader in interpreting the financial statements and other information in this report. These policies are considered essential and should be read in conjunction with the accompanying financial statements. The more significant of the Agency’s governmental accounting policies are described below.

**HOMESTEAD COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

FINANCIAL REPORTING ENTITY

The Agency has adopted GASB Statement No. 61, *The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus- an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34*, for the purpose of evaluating whether it has any component units. Based on the criteria therein, the Agency has determined that there are no component units that meet criteria for inclusion in the Agency's financial statements.

The Agency's governing body is the same as the governing body of the City. Management of the City has operational responsibility for the Agency. The City is considered to be financially accountable for the Agency; the Agency is considered to be a blended component unit in the City's annual comprehensive financial report.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements consist of the government-wide financial statements and fund financial statements. The government-wide financial statements report information on all of the activities of the Agency, using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting.

The statement of net position reports all financial and capital resources of the Agency. The statement of activities represents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the Agency's governmental activities. Program revenues derive directly from a program itself. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. The Agency reports donated assets held for resale and redevelopment as program revenue-operating contributions. Incremental property taxes and other items, not properly included as program revenue are reported instead as general revenue. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Incremental property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year for which they are levied. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Agency's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

**HOMESTEAD COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

The general fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Its operating statements present sources (revenue and other financing sources) and uses (expenditures and other financing uses) of available spendable resources during the period. Revenue is recognized as soon as it is both measurable and available. Revenue is considered to be available when collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Agency considers revenue to be available if it is collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Incremental property taxes, when levied. Rental revenue, proceeds from the sale of property and investment earnings associated with the current fiscal periods are all considered to be measurable and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period, if available. All other revenue is considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the Agency or property has legally transferred to the Agency. Expenditures are generally recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

Since the general fund statements are presented on a different measurement focus and basis of accounting than the government-wide financial statements, reconciliations are necessary to explain the adjustments needed to transform the fund-based financial statements into the governmental activities column of the government-wide presentation.

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The Agency's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, and all highly liquid investments with maturities of three months or less when purchased. Pooled cash and cash equivalents are classified as "Cash and Cash Equivalents" in the Statement of Net Position. Interest earned on pooled cash and investments is allocated monthly based upon the month end equity of the respective funds. The Agency participates in the City's pooled cash and investments system to maximize earnings.

INVESTMENTS

State statutes authorize the Agency to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, its agencies and instrumentalities, commercial paper, corporate bonds, repurchase agreements, State Treasurer's Investment Pool and the Florida Municipal Investment Trust. CRA investments are recorded in accordance with GASB Statement No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application*, which establishes a hierarchy based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset.

HOMESTEAD COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

The Agency's government securities and corporate bonds have fair value measurements using level 1 and 2 valuation inputs using pricing models maximizing the use of observable inputs for similar securities. There are no assets valued using non-recurring fair value measurements. Money market mutual funds are reported at amortized cost.

CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets, which include land and furniture, fixtures and equipment, are reported in the government-wide financial statements. The Agency did not retroactively report infrastructure assets. Capital assets are defined by the Agency as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

The Agency records impairment losses on long-lived assets used in operations when events and circumstances indicate the assets might be impaired. No impairment losses have been recorded.

Capital assets of the Agency are depreciated using the straight line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Furniture, fixtures and equipment	3-10 years
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DEFERRED INFLOWS/OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net assets that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. Currently, the Agency has two items that qualify for reporting in this category: pensions outflows related to pension investment gains and losses and employer pension contributions made subsequent to the measurement date, which will be recognized in the future fiscal years and OPEB outflows which represents actuarial losses.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

DEFERRED INFLOWS/OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES (CONTINUED)

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net assets that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. Currently, the Agency has two items that qualify for reporting in this category: pension inflows which is the difference between the expected and actual pension expenses which is amortized over the investment terms of the pension assets and OPEB inflows which represents actuarial gains. These amounts are deferred and will be recognized as revenue in the period that the amounts meet the recognition criteria.

COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Employees earn vacation and sick leave in varying amounts based on length of service. Upon separation from service, employees are paid the value of their accumulated vacation and unused sick leave within certain limits. All vacation and sick leave pay is accrued when incurred in the government-wide financial statements. In the general fund, a liability is recorded only for leave that has matured. The General fund is used to liquidate such amounts.

FUND EQUITY/NET POSITION

In the general fund financial statements, fund balance classifications are as follows:

- Restricted Fund Balance - amounts that are restricted to specific purposes when constraints placed on the use of resources are either by (a) externally imposed by creditors (such as debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

The government-wide financial statements utilize a net position presentation. Net position is categorized as follows:

- Net Investment in Capital Assets – consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and related debt.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

FUND EQUITY/NET POSITION (CONTINUED)

- Restricted Net Position – amounts that are restricted to specific purposes when constraints placed on the use of resources are either by (a) externally imposed by creditors (such as debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. These amounts are reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to those assets.

USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses/expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

DEPOSITS

In addition to insurance provided by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation, deposits are held in banking institutions approved by the State Treasurer of the State of Florida to hold public funds. Under Florida Statutes Chapter 280, Florida Security for Public Deposits Act, the State Treasurer requires all Florida qualified public depositories to deposit with the Treasurer or another banking institution eligible collateral. In the event of a failure of a qualified public depository, the remaining public depositories would be responsible for covering any resulting losses. The Agency participates in the City's pooled cash and investments system to maximize earnings. Accordingly, all amounts reported as deposits are deemed as insured or collateralized with securities held by the City or its agent in the City's name.

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NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

INVESTMENTS

The Agency has adopted an investment policy to establish guidelines for the efficient management of its cash reserves based on the City's adopted investment policy. The Agency is authorized to invest in those instruments authorized by Florida Statutes, and the Agency's investment policy, including obligations of the U.S. Treasury, U.S. Government Agencies and instrumentalities, certificates of deposit, repurchase agreements, corporate notes and bonds, commercial papers and certain money market mutual funds.

At fiscal year end, the Agency had the following deposits and investments:

<u>Investments</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	Fair Value or <u>Amortized Cost</u>	Rating <u>(Moody's)</u>
Money Market Mutual Funds	Daily	\$ 2,020	N/A
U.S. Treasury Securities:			
United States Treasury Bills	10/20/2022	523,799	Aaa
United States Treasury Notes	12/31/2022	521,801	Aaa
U.S. Government Agencies:			
Federal Farm Cr Banks Cons Systemwide Bonds	11/30/2023	130,660	Aaa
Federal Home Mortgage Corp Medium Term Notes	3/22/2024	261,622	Aaa
Federal Home Loan Banks	4/15/2024	127,539	Aaa
Federal National Mortgage Association	6/14/2024	632,193	Aaa
Federal Home Loan Bks Cons Bond	8/28/2024	250,443	Aaa
Federal Home Loan Bks Cons Bond	2/21/2025	521,014	
Federal Home Loan Bks Cons Bond Step-up	1/29/2026	118,519	Aaa
Federal Home Loan Banks	6/22/2026	590,332	Aaa
Small Business Administration Guaranteed Loan Pool Certificates	2026	2,714	Aaa
Small Business Administration Guaranteed Loan Pool Certificates	2027	6,152	Aaa
Small Business Administration Guaranteed Development Participation Debt	11/1/2027	4,447	Aaa
Small Business Administration Guaranteed Development Participation Certificate	9/1/2028	7,101	Aaa
Small Business Administration Guaranteed Development Participation Debt	6/1/2031	13,968	Aaa
Small Business Administration Guaranteed Development Participation Certificate	7/1/2031	11,408	Aaa
Small Business Administration Guaranteed Development Participation Debt	4/1/2033	23,378	Aaa
Municipal Bonds:			
New York NY City Transitional Fin Auth Rev Future Tax Secured Subordinate	11/1/2023	107,442	Aaa
New York St Environmental Facs Corp Rev St Revolving Fds	11/15/2023	1,969	Aaa
Pennsylvania St Tpk Common Spl Oblig Spl Oblig Bonds 2014	12/1/2023	19,600	Aaa
Los Angeles County Calif Met Transn Auth Sales Tax Rev	6/1/2024	28,067	Aa1
Upper Occoquan Sew Auth VA Regl Sew Rev Rev Ref Bonds 2013A	7/1/2024	96,197	Aa1
Lake Cnty Illinois Go Sales tax Alt Rev Source Ref Bonds 2018	11/30/2024	33,197	Aaa
Certificates of Deposits	varies	204,012	N/A
Total Investments		<u>\$ 4,239,593</u>	N/A

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NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Agency invests in various investment securities. Investments are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, custodial and credit risk. Due to the level of risk associated with investments and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the value of investments, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in risks in the near term would materially affect balances and the amounts reported in the financial statements. The Agency, through its investment advisor, monitors the investments and the risks associated therewith on a regular basis, which the Agency believes minimizes these risks.

Interest Rate

Interest rate risk exists when there is a possibility that changes in interest rates could adversely affect an investment's fair value. The Agency limits its exposure to fair value losses from rising interest rates by limiting the duration of the securities in which the Agency invests. The Agency's investment policy limits the duration of investments to be 10 years or less. There were no investments in the Agency's portfolio that exceed the maximum durations at September 30, 2023.

Credit Risk

Custodian credit risk is the risk that in the event of a failure of a counterparty, the Agency will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are held by the counterparty. The Agency does not have any investments in the possession of counterparties; all are held by the master custodian under the City's name.

Concentration of Credit Risk

In addition to describing the credit risk of investments in the portfolio, governmental entities need to disclose the concentration of any single investment type or holding per single issuer. The Agency's investment policy allows investment concentrations in various percentages for different types of investments. The investments held at year end are all within the allowable percentages.

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NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES (CONTINUED)

Concentration of Credit Risk (continued)

The following summarizes the Agency's policy on the allowable and the actual concentration in each investment type on September 30, 2023:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Policy Maximum</u>	<u>Actual Investment</u>
Money Market Mutual Funds	100%	4.3%
U.S. Treasury Securities	100%	24.7%
U.S. Government Agency Securities (Bonds and ABS)	75%	63.7%
Obligations Issued by any State of the U.S. (Municipal Bonds)	50%	2.5%
Certificates of Deposit	100%	<u>4.8%</u>
		<u>100.00%</u>

GASB Statement 40 requires disclosure when 5% or more of the portfolio is invested in any one issuer. At September 30, 2023, the Agency held the following concentrations:

<u>Issuer</u>	<u>Actual Investment</u>
U.S. Treasury Securities	24.7%
Federal Home Loan Banks	13.8%
Federal National Mortgage Association	5.4%

The concentrations listed are within the Agency's investment policy limits and the Agency does not view the concentrations in excess of 5% to be an additional risk.

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NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT

GASB Statement No. 72 defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Agency categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The fair value hierarchy categorizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three levels based on the extent to which inputs used in measuring fair value are observable in the market.

- Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets;
- Level 2 inputs are based on other significant observable inputs such as indices for fixed income bonds and quoted prices for similar assets in markets that are not active;
- Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs.

The following is a description of fair value techniques for the Agency's investments:

Short-term investments, which consist of money market mutual funds, are reported at amortized cost.

Government-sponsored agencies, preferred securities, and bond funds. These securities can typically be valued using the close or last traded price on a specific date (quoted prices in active markets). When quoted prices are not available, fair value is determined based on valuation models that use inputs that include market observable inputs. These inputs included recent trades, yields, price quotes, cash flows, maturity, credit ratings, and other assumptions based upon the specifics of the investment's type.

The Agency has a central deposit custodian, Bank of New York Pershing. The custodian contracts SIX Financial Company to obtain pricing on most securities.

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NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT (CONTINUED)

The following summarizes the fair value hierarchy of the fair value investments for the Agency as of September 30, 2023:

- U.S. Treasury securities are valued using quoted prices in active markets (Level 1);
- U.S. Government bonds are valued using observable market prices in action markets (Level 2);
- Municipal bonds are valued using matrix pricing models (Level 2);

As of September 30, 2023, the Agency did not have any Level 3 investments.

<u>Investment by Fair Value</u>	<u>September 30, 2023</u>	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets Level 1	Significant Other Observable Inputs Level 2	Significant Unobservable Inputs Level 3
Debt Securities:				
U.S. Treasury Securities	\$ 1,045,600	\$ 1,045,600	\$ --	\$ --
U.S. Government bonds	2,701,489	--	2,701,489	--
Municipal bonds	<u>286,473</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>286,473</u>	<u>--</u>
Total investments measured by fair value level	4,033,561	<u>\$ 1,045,600</u>	<u>\$ 2,987,962</u>	<u>\$ --</u>
Money market funds (exempt)	2,020			
Certificates of deposit (exempt)	<u>204,012</u>			
Total Investments	<u>\$ 4,239,593</u>			

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NOTE 4 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 3,048,444	\$ 6,265,314	\$ --	\$ 9,313,758
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	1,464,795	--	--	1,464,795
Total capital assets being depreciated	1,464,795	--	--	1,464,795
Less: accumulated depreciation for:				
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	(1,431,987)	(11,294)	--	(1,443,281)
Total accumulated depreciation	(1,431,987)	(11,294)	--	(1,443,281)
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	32,808	(11,294)	--	21,514
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	\$ 3,081,252	\$ 6,254,020	\$ --	\$ 9,335,272

Depreciation expense was charged as functions/programs of the Agency as follows:

Governmental Activities	
Economic environment	\$ 11,294
Total depreciation expense	\$ 11,294

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NOTE 5 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

The following is a summary of changes in governmental long-term liabilities at September 30, 2023:

	<u>Beginning</u> <u>Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Ending</u> <u>Balance</u>	<u>Due Within</u> <u>One Year</u>
Governmental Activities					
CRA Tax Increment Revenue					
Note, Taxable Series 2023	\$ --	\$ 4,500,000	\$ --	\$ 4,500,000	\$ 134,000
Compensated absences	33,689	79,717	33,689	79,717	23,915
Governmental Activities long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 33,689</u>	<u>\$ 4,579,717</u>	<u>\$ 33,689</u>	<u>\$ 4,579,717</u>	<u>\$ 157,915</u>

On April 11, 2023, the City Council adopted Resolution No. R2023-04-48 authorizing the issuance by the Homestead Community Redevelopment Agency of a taxable tax increment revenue note not to exceed \$4,500,000 for the purpose of financing the cost of acquisition relocation, clearing, construction and/or rehabilitation of properties and other redevelopment activities permitted under the act, and paying costs of issuance of the note. This issuance was considered a direct borrowing.

Principal is payable through April 1, 2043 in the amounts ranging from \$134,000 to \$337,000. The interest rate is fixed at 4.70% for a 20-year term and a maturity date of April 01, 2043. Principal and interest are payable semi-annually on April 1 and October 1, commencing on October 1, 2023 until maturity.

Debt Service Requirements to Maturity:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fiscal year ending September 30:			
2024	\$ 134,000	\$ 208,351	\$ 342,351
2025	147,000	201,747	348,747
2026	154,000	194,674	348,674
2027	161,000	187,272	348,272
2028	169,000	179,517	348,517
2029-2033	972,000	767,745	1,739,745
2034-2038	1,224,000	510,799	1,734,799
2039-2043	1,539,000	187,555	1,726,555
	<u>\$ 4,500,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,437,660</u>	<u>\$ 6,937,660</u>

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NOTE 6 - SOURCE OF DEPOSITS AND PURPOSE OF WITHDRAWALS FOR THE AGENCY

Pursuant to Florida Statute 163.387, listed below is a summary of the sources and amounts of deposits to, and the purpose and amounts of withdrawals from, the Agency for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023:

	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Withdrawals</u>
Source of deposits:		
Intergovernmental	\$ 6,846,150	
Investment earnings	261,440	
Rentals and other revenues	22,897	
Debt proceeds	4,500,000	
Purpose of withdrawals:		
Infrastructure and rehabilitation	--	\$ 6,733,828
Salaries and benefits	--	1,042,195
Administrative and overhead	--	965,398
Professional services	--	773,206
Aid and assistance	--	254,441
Operating services	--	155,666
Insurance	--	132,178
Advertising	--	56,403
Debt service costs	--	56,000
Office supplies and equipment	--	53,853
Total	<u>\$ 11,630,487</u>	<u>\$ 10,223,168</u>

NOTE 7 – POLICE OFFICERS’ RETIREMENT PLAN (PORP)

PLAN DESCRIPTION

The City maintains a single-employer defined benefit pension Plan established by City Ordinance No. 87-06-38 as amended for the police officers of the City. Membership begins on the date of hire. PORP provides retirement, disability and death benefits to police officers of the City. A more detailed description of the Plan and its provisions appear in ordinances constituting the Plan and in the summary Plan description. The Plan year end is September 30, 2023. The Plan issues a publicly available financial statement, that is audited by other auditors, that includes fiduciary financial statements and required supplementary information. The financial statements may be obtained by writing to: Board of Trustees – Police Officers’ Retirement Plan, c/o City of Homestead, Finance Department, 100 Civic Court, Homestead, FL 33030.

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NOTE 7 – POLICE OFFICERS’ RETIREMENT PLAN (PORP) (CONTINUED)

ELIGIBILITY

All regular permanent City of Homestead employees classified as police personnel.

SERVICE RETIREMENT BENEFITS

Upon normal retirement, a participant will receive 3.5% of the average of compensation during the highest 5 years out of the last 10 years of credited service prior to termination or retirement, multiplied by years of credited service to a maximum of 80% of average final compensation. Compensation used for the calculation of benefits under the Plan includes (1) base pay, (2) workers’ compensation benefits and supplements, (3) longevity pay, (4) accumulated leave pay not to exceed 5% of an employee’s base pay during the highest 5 years of employment prior to retirement, and (5) up to 254 hours for overtime compensation received during the highest 5 years of employment prior to retirement.

EARLY RETIREMENT

A member may retire early after attaining age 50 and completing 10 years of service.

DISABILITY BENEFITS

A participant with more than 5 years of credited service who becomes totally and permanently disabled in the line of duty and unable to render useful and efficient service as a police officer is eligible for a disability benefit equal to the participant’s normal retirement benefits calculated in accordance with section 22.5-68.

FUNDING POLICY

The City is required to contribute an actuarially determined amount that, when combined with participants’ contributions and contributions from the State of Florida, will fully provide for all benefits as they become payable. The State of Florida contributions are recorded as revenues and expenditures in the City of Homestead’s General Fund. Members of the Plan are required to contribute 7.65% of their base salary and overtime of up to two hundred fifty-four (254) hours. The Agency has two employees participating in the Plan. As such, the Agency has presented their proportionate share of the City’s Net Pension Liability as of September 30, 2023.

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NOTE 7 – POLICE OFFICERS’ RETIREMENT PLAN (PORP) (CONTINUED)

NET PENSION LIABILITY

The net pension liability was measured by the actuarial valuation as of October 1, 2021 and rolled forward to the September 30, 2022 (measurement date). The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

Methods and assumption used to determine net pension liability:

Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Salary Increase	5.75% to 10.50% depending on service
Investment rate of return	7.00%
Retirement age	Upon eligibility
Mortality	

Pre-retirement: PUB-2010 Headcount Weighted Safety Below Median Employee Male Table, set forward one year, and the PUB-2010 Headcount Weighted Safety Employee Female Table, set forward one year. Post-retirement: PUB-2010 Headcount Weighted Safety Below Median Healthy Retiree Male Table, set forward one year, and the PUB-2010 Headcount Weighted Safety Healthy Retiree Female Table, set forward one year. Mortality improvements are being made for each year after 2010 using gender-specific MP-2018 projection scales. The mortality assumption is the same as used for Special Risk Members of the Florida Retirement System (FRS) in the July 1, 2020 actuarial valuation, in compliance with Florida Statutes.

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NOTE 7 – POLICE OFFICERS’ RETIREMENT PLAN (PORP) (CONTINUED)

NET PENSION LIABILITY (CONTINUED)

Long-term expected rate of return: The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using the long-term nominal building block data less the long-term inflation assumption of 2.50%. The building block long-term real return projections were developed considering the long-term historic capital market returns, 10-15 year expected capital market return assumptions, as well as, historical, current, and expected inflation data. Best estimates of arithmetic real return for each asset class included in the pension plan’s target allocation as of September 30, 2023 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Group</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Domestic Equity	7.50%
International Equity	8.50%
Domestic Bonds	2.50%
Real Estate	4.50%

Discount rate: A single discount rate of 7.00% was used to measure the total pension liability. This single discount rate was based on the expected rate on pension plan investments of 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between the total actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on these assumptions, the pension plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments (7.00%) was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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NOTE 7 – POLICE OFFICERS’ RETIREMENT PLAN (PORP) (CONTINUED)

NET PENSION LIABILITY (CONTINUED)

Changes in Agency’s proportionate share of City’s Net Pension Liability:

	Increase (Decrease)		
	Total Pension Liability	Plan Fiduciary Net Position	Net Position Liability
	(a)	(b)	(a) - (b)
Total pension liability - Beginning	\$ 1,057,599	\$ 889,442	\$ 168,157
Changes for the year:			
Service cost	44,170	--	44,170
Interest on the total pension liability	95,911	--	95,911
Difference between expected and actual experience of the total pension liability	4,048	--	4,048
Change of assumptions	52,166	--	52,166
Contributions - employer	--	71,014	(71,014)
Contributions - employer (from state)	--	9,986	(9,986)
Contributions - employee	--	11,299	(11,299)
Net investment income	--	(172,894)	172,894
Benefit payments	(82,501)	(82,501)	--
Refunds	(54)	(54)	--
Pension plan administrative expense	--	(2,057)	2,057
	113,739	(165,209)	278,948
Net change in total pension liability			
Total pension liability - Ending	\$ 1,171,338	\$ 724,233	\$ 447,105

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NOTE 7 – POLICE OFFICERS’ RETIREMENT PLAN (PORP) (CONTINUED)

NET PENSION LIABILITY (CONTINUED)

Sensitivity of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate: The following presents The Agency’s proportionate share of the City’s net pension liability calculated using the current discount rate (7.00%) and the liability using discount rates that are one percentage point lower (6.00%) and one percentage point higher (8.00%) than the current rates:

	Police Officers' Retirement Plan		
	1% Decrease	Current	1% Increase
	6.00%	Discount Rate 7.00%	8.00%
Net pension liability (asset)	\$ 687,257	\$ 447,105	\$ 250,695

PENSION EXPENSE, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES RELATED TO PENSION

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023 but based on a measurement date of September 30, 2022, the Agency recognized an increase to PORP pension expense of \$115,829. This amount is included as an increase to personal services expenses within the functional program activities.

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NOTE 7 – POLICE OFFICERS’ RETIREMENT PLAN (PORP) (CONTINUED)

***PENSION EXPENSE, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES
RELATED TO PENSION (CONTINUED)***

At September 30, 2023, the Agency reports deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to the PORP as follows:

	Police Officers' Retirement Plan	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 3,282	\$ --
Change in assumptions	36,823	--
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	279,119	121,807
City contributions subsequent to measurement date	82,941	--
Total	\$ 402,165	\$ 121,807

The City contribution subsequent to the measurement date in the amount of \$82,941, reported as a deferred outflow of resources, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the subsequent fiscal year. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and as deferred inflows of resources related to PROP will be recognized as pension expense as follows:

For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30,	Net Deferred Inflows/Outflows of Resources
2024	\$ 51,459
2025	38,761
2026	40,535
2027	66,662
Total	\$ 197,417

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NOTE 7 – POLICE OFFICERS’ RETIREMENT PLAN (PORP) (CONTINUED)

***PENSION EXPENSE, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES
RELATED TO PENSION (CONTINUED)***

The schedule of changes in the Agency’s proportionate share of the City’s net pension liability and related ratios and the schedule of contributions, are presented as Required Supplementary Information (RSI) following the notes the financial statements and provides additional information about the net pension liability, plan assets and contribution.

NOTE 8 - OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)

PLAN DESCRIPTION

The City administered a single-employer defined benefit plan (the “OPEB Plan”) that provides medical and life insurance benefits to eligible retired employees and their beneficiaries. The City presently offers retired employees the opportunity to retain post-employment health and life insurance at the same premium charged to regular employees. The Plan is not accounted for as a trust fund since an irrevocable trust has not been established to fund the plan. The Plan has no assets and does not issue a separate financial report.

At September 30, 2023, the OPEB Plan covered 195 active employees and 40 retirees for health insurance, which includes all 5 Agency employees. As such, the Agency has presented their proportionate share of the City’s total OPEB liability as of September 30, 2023.

Except for elected officials in the Elected Officials’ Retirement Plan (EORP), the City does not provide funding for any portion of the premiums after retirement; however, the City recognizes that there is an implicit subsidy arising as a result of the blended rate premium since retiree health care costs, on the average, are higher than active employee health costs.

FUNDING POLICY

The Agency currently funds this benefit on a pay-as-you-go basis and intends to continue this practice.

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NOTE 8 - OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) (CONTINUED)

TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY

Valuation Date:	October 1, 2021
Measurement Date:	October 1, 2022
Reporting Date:	September 30, 2023

At September 30, 2023, the Agency reported the following:

Total OPEB liability	\$ 194,766
Total covered employee payroll	\$ 622,551
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered payroll:	31.29%

Methods and assumption used to determine the Total OPEB liability:

Actual Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Discount Rate	3.87%
Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	6.0% for 2024; 5.5% for 2024; 5.0% 2026 to later years
Mortality Rate	RF-2017 mortality table (combined healthy lives) with projected mortality

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NOTE 8 - OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) (CONTINUED)

TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY (CONTINUED)

Changes in Agency's proportionate share of the Total OPEB Liability:

	OPEB Liability
Total OPEB liability - Beginning September 30, 2022	\$ 244,596
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	16,414
Interest cost	10,772
Changes of benefit terms	--
Difference between expected and actual experience	(28,281)
Change of assumptions	(44,108)
Benefit payments	(4,626)
Net change in OPEB liability	(49,830)
Total OPEB liability - Ending September 30, 2023	\$ 194,766

Sensitivity of OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate: The following presents the OPEB liability of the Agency, as well as what the Agency's OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.87%) or 1-percentage-point higher (4.87%) than the current discount rate:

	Sensitivity Testing to Change in Interest Discount Assumption		
		Selected discount rate	1% Increase
Discount rate assumption	1% Decrease 2.87%	3.87%	4.87%
Total OPEB liability	\$ 219,438	\$ 194,766	\$ 174,582

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NOTE 8 - OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) (CONTINUED)

TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY (CONTINUED)

Sensitivity of OPEB liability to changes in medical costs trend rate: The following presents the Agency's proportionate share of the total OPEB liability, as well as what the Agency's proportionate share of the total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a medical costs trend rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (5.5%) or 1-percentage-point higher (7.5%) than the current medical costs trend rate:

	Sensitivity Testing to Change in Medical Costs Trend Assumption		
	1% Increase	Selected Trend rate	1% Increase
Medical costs trend assumption	starts at 5.5%	starts at 6.5%	starts at 7.5%
Total OPEB liability	\$ 174,650	\$ 194,766	\$ 218,832

OPEB EXPENSE, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES RELATED TO OPEB

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023 based on a measurement date of October 1, 2022, the Agency recognized a decrease in the Plan's OPEB expense of \$33,316. This amount is included as a decrease to personal services expenses within the functional program activities.

At September 30, 2023, the Agency reports deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to the Plan as follows:

	OPEB	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ --	\$ 134,732
Changes in assumptions	--	88,262
Benefit payments subsequent to the measurement date of October 1, 2022	4,206	--
Total	\$ 4,206	\$ 222,995

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NOTE 8 - OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) (CONTINUED)

OPEB EXPENSE, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES RELATED TO OPEB (CONTINUED)

Benefit payments subsequent to the measurement date in the amount of \$4,206, reported as a deferred outflow of resources, will be recognized as a reduction of the total OPEB liability in the subsequent fiscal year. Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30,	Net Deferred Inflows of Resources
2024	\$ (39,944)
2025	(39,944)
2026	(39,944)
2027	(29,383)
2028	(29,660)
Thereafter	(44,119)
Total	\$ (222,995)

The schedule of changes in the Agency’s proportionate share of total OPEB liability and related ratios presented as Required Supplementary Information (RSI) following the notes to the financial statements and provides additional information about the total OPEB liability.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

HOMESTEAD COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE (UNAUDITED) - BUDGETARY BASIS
GENERAL FUND

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$ 4,800,446	\$ 4,800,446	\$ 6,846,150	\$ 2,045,704
Investment income	26,000	26,000	261,440	235,440
Rentals and other revenues	--	--	22,897	22,897
Total Revenues	<u>4,826,446</u>	<u>4,826,446</u>	<u>7,130,487</u>	<u>2,304,041</u>
Expenditures				
Current:				
Economic environment	4,597,772	4,809,705	2,554,722	2,254,983
Public safety	446,196	449,778	458,490	(8,712)
Public works and services	1,235,450	1,360,450	426,700	933,750
Parks and recreation	483,710	474,366	374,310	100,056
Capital outlay	708,905	5,013,009	6,352,946	(1,339,937)
Debt Services:				
Interest and fiscal charges	--	57,000	56,000	1,000
Total Expenditures	<u>7,472,033</u>	<u>12,164,308</u>	<u>10,223,168</u>	<u>1,941,140</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>(2,645,587)</u>	<u>(7,337,862)</u>	<u>(3,092,681)</u>	<u>4,245,181</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers out	(428,929)	(236,654)	--	236,654
Issuance of debt	--	4,500,000	4,500,000	--
Appropriation of prior years' fund balance	<u>3,074,516</u>	<u>3,074,516</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>(3,074,516)</u>
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>2,645,587</u>	<u>7,337,862</u>	<u>4,500,000</u>	<u>(2,837,862)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	<u>\$ --</u>	<u>\$ --</u>	<u>1,407,319</u>	<u>\$ 1,407,319</u>
Fund balance - beginning			<u>3,731,460</u>	
Fund balance - ending			<u>\$ 5,138,779</u>	

The above schedule reflects certain adjustments to actual expenditures to present data on a basis comparable to the adopted budget.

See notes to required supplementary information.

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**NOTES TO THE BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
(UNAUDITED)**

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

NOTE 1 – BUDGETS AND BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING

An annual appropriated budget is adopted on a basis consistent with U.S. GAAP for the Agency.

The Agency follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the accompanying financial statements:

- a. Management submits to the Agency Board of Directors a proposed operating budget for the ensuing fiscal year. The operating budget includes appropriations and the means of financing them with an explanation regrading each expenditure that is not of a routine nature;
- b. Public hearings are conducted to obtain taxpayer comments;
- c. Prior to October 1st, the budget is legally enacted through passage of a resolution;
- d. The Agency’s Board, by motion, may make supplemental appropriations for the year up to the amount of revenue in excess of those estimated appropriations. There were no supplemental appropriations in the Agency for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023.
- e. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for all funds;
- f. Any amendments must be approved by the Agency’s Board;
- g. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year end.
- h. Capital Outlay-Negative Variance \$1,339,937: During FY2023, both the CRA and the City agreed to fund the purchase of land for the CRA to use in a redevelopment project, as an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funded project. However, it was subsequently determined that the capital outlay should be reported at the CRA, with an offsetting intergovernmental revenue from the ARPA fund (as a subrecipient award to the CRA). This is not a negative impact to the CRA, as the intergovernmental revenues reflect a positive variance of \$2,045,704 as a result of the ARPA funding.

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**SCHEDULE OF THE CRA'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE
OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
POLICE OFFICERS' RETIREMENT PLAN**

Measurement Date September 30,	2022	2021	2020
CRA's proportionate share of the net pension liability*	1.34%	0.49%	0.85%
CRA's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 447,105	\$ 31,138	\$ 168,157
CRA's covered payroll	\$ 203,224	\$ 201,446	\$ 113,042
CRA's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	220.01%	15.46%	148.76%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	76.59%	95.17%	84.10%

Note: The amounts presented above were determined as of September 30th.

** The CRA net pension liability is an allocation of the City's net pension liability based on the contributions made for the CRA employee. Changes have been made to prior year amounts to be consistent with current year presentation.*

**SCHEDULE OF THE CRA'S CONTRIBUTIONS
POLICE OFFICERS' RETIREMENT PLAN**

September 30,	2022	2021	2020
Contractually required contribution	\$ 82,679	\$ 80,744	\$ 49,129
Contribution in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>82,679</u>	<u>80,744</u>	<u>49,129</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ --</u>	<u>\$ --</u>	<u>\$ --</u>
City's covered payroll	\$ 203,224	\$ 201,446	\$ 113,042
Contribution as a percentage of covered payroll	40.68%	40.08%	43.46%

Note: The amounts presented above were determined as of September 30th.

The schedules presented above illustrate the requirements of GASB Statement No. 68. Currently, only data from fiscal year 2021 - 2023 is available. Changes have been made to prior year amounts to be consistent with current year presentation.

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

OPEB - SCHEDULE OF OPEB COST-SHARING ALLOCATION

Measurement Date September 30,	2022	2021	2020	2019
CRA's proportionate share of the total OPEB liability	2.25%	2.10%	1.76%	1.65%
CRA's proportionate share of the total OPEB liability	\$ 194,766	\$ 244,596	\$ 188,933	\$ 216,398
CRA's covered payroll	\$ 622,551	\$ 599,873	\$ 445,218	\$ 438,877
CRA's proportionate share of the total OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	31.29%	40.77%	42.44%	49.31%
OPEB Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Note: The amounts presented above were determined as of September 30th. The OPEB Plan is funded on a pay-as-you-go basis and has no assets as of September 30, 2023. Changes have been made to prior year amounts to be consistent with current year presentation.

REPORTING SECTION

**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***

To the Board of Directors and CRA Director
Homestead Community Redevelopment Agency
Homestead, Florida

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 (Government Auditing Standards)* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Homestead Community Redevelopment Agency (the “Agency”), a component unit of the City of Homestead, Florida, as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Agency’s 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 Agency’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 opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Agency’s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Agency’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 Agency’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 Agency'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 result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Agency'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 Agency's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Marcum LLP

Miami, FL
June 26, 2024

**MANAGEMENT LETTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES OF THE
AUDITOR GENERAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

To the Board of Directors and CRA Director
Homestead Community Redevelopment Agency
Homestead, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of the Homestead Community Redevelopment Agency (the “Agency”), a component unit of the City of Homestead, Florida, as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated June 26, 2024.

Auditors’ Responsibility

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General.

Other Reporting Requirements

We have issued our Independent Auditors’ Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*; and Independent Accountants’ Report on an examination conducted in accordance with *AICPA Professional Standards*, AT-C Section 315, regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Disclosures in those reports, which are dated June 26, 2024, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Prior Audit Findings

Section 10.554(1)(i)1., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report. There were no findings or recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report.

Official Title and Legal Authority

Section 10.554(1)(i)4., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that the name or official title and legal authority for the primary government and each component unit of the reporting entity be disclosed in this management letter, unless disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. The information is disclosed in Note 1 to the financial statements.

Financial Condition and Management

Section 10.554(1)(i)5.a. and 10.556(7), Rules of the Auditor General, require us to apply appropriate procedures and communicate the results of our determination as to whether or not the Agency has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and to identify the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audit, we determined that the Agency did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.

Pursuant to Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.b. and 10.556(8), Rules of the Auditor General, we applied financial condition assessment procedures for the Agency. It is management's responsibility to monitor the Agency's financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and review of financial information provided by same. Our assessment was performed as of the fiscal year end.

Section 10.554(1)(i)2., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we communicate any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

Special District Component Units

Section 10.554(1)(i)5.c., Rules of the Auditor General, requires, if appropriate, that we communicate the failure of a special district that is a component unit of a county, municipality, or special district, to provide the financial information necessary for proper reporting of the component unit within the audited financial statements of the county, municipality, or special district in accordance with Section 218.39(3)(b), Florida Statutes. In connection with our audit, we did not note any special district component units that failed to provide the necessary information for proper reporting in accordance with Section 218.39(3)(b), Florida Statutes.

Specific Information – Dependent Special District

As required by Section 218.39(3)(c), Florida Statutes, and Section 10.554(1)(i)6, Rules of the Auditor General, the Agency reported:

- a. The total number of Agency employees compensated in the last pay period of the Agency's fiscal year as 9.
- b. The total number of independent contractors to whom nonemployee compensation was paid in the last month of the Agency's fiscal year as 46.
- c. All compensation earned by or awarded to employees, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency as \$1,063,330.
- d. All compensation earned by or awarded to nonemployee independent contractors, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency as \$2,267,836.
- e. Each construction project with a total cost of at least \$65,000 approved by the Agency that is scheduled to begin on or after October 1 of the fiscal year being reported, together with the total expenditures for such project as 0.
- f. A budget variance based on the budget adopted under Section 189.016(4), Florida Statutes, before the beginning of the fiscal year being reported if the Agency amends a final adopted budget under Section 189.016(6), Florida Statutes, as noted on page 26.

Additional Matters

Section 10.554(1)(i)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires us to communicate noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not note any such findings.

Purpose of this Letter

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, Federal and other granting agencies, the Board of Directors, and applicable management, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Marcum LLP

Miami, FL
June 26, 2024

**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE
WITH FLORIDA STATUTES**

To the Board of Directors and CRA Director
Homestead Community Redevelopment Agency
Homestead, Florida

We have examined the Homestead Community Redevelopment Agency (the “Agency”), a component unit of the City of Homestead, Florida, compliance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, Local Government Investment Policies for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023. We also examined the Agency’s compliance with Sections 163.387(6) and 163.387(7), Florida Statutes for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023. Management of the Agency is responsible for the Agency’s compliance with the specified requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Agency’s compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Agency complied, in all material respects, with the specified requirements referenced above. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether the Agency complied with the specified requirements. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgement, including an assessment of the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We are required to be independent and meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to the examination engagement.

Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the Agency’s compliance with the specified requirements.

In our opinion, the Agency complied, in all material respects, with Sections 218.415, 163.387(6) and 163.387(7), Florida Statutes, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023.

This report is intended solely to describe our testing of compliance with the aforementioned sections of the Florida Statutes, and it is not suitable for any other purpose.

Marcum LLP

Miami, FL
June 26, 2024