



COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

May 16, 2024

9:00am – 11:00am

In Person and Virtual Meeting

LOCATION: SFWMD Office, 2301 McGregor Blvd., Ft. Myers Florida 33901

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To work together across neighboring communities to consistently protect and improve the unique and relatively unspoiled character of the physical, economic and social worlds we share...for the benefit of our future generations.

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(Vacant), FDEP	Keith Robbins, FDOT
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STAFF

Margaret Wuerstle, Executive Director
 Rebekah Harp, Deputy Director/Business Operations Manager
 Charity Franks, LEPC Coordinator/VISTA Program Coordinator
 Asmaa Odeh, Project Director
 Julie Bankston – Vista
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Regional Planning Council Functions and Programs

March 4, 2011

- **Economic Development Districts:** Regional planning councils are designated as Economic Development Districts by the U. S. Economic Development Administration. From January 2003 to August 2010, the U. S. Economic Development Administration invested \$66 million in 60 projects in the State of Florida to create/retain 13,700 jobs and leverage \$1 billion in private capital investment. Regional planning councils provide technical support to businesses and economic developers to promote regional job creation strategies.
- **Emergency Preparedness and Statewide Regional Evacuation:** Regional planning councils have special expertise in emergency planning and were the first in the nation to prepare a Statewide Regional Evacuation Study using a uniform report format and transportation evacuation modeling program. Regional planning councils have been preparing regional evacuation plans since 1981. Products in addition to evacuation studies include Post Disaster Redevelopment Plans, Hazard Mitigation Plans, Continuity of Operations Plans and Business Disaster Planning Kits.
- **Local Emergency Planning:** Local Emergency Planning Committees are staffed by regional planning councils and provide a direct relationship between the State and local businesses. Regional planning councils provide thousands of hours of training to local first responders annually. Local businesses have developed a trusted working relationship with regional planning council staff.
- **Homeland Security:** Regional planning council staff is a source of low cost, high quality planning and training experts that support counties and State agencies when developing a training course or exercise. Regional planning councils provide cost effective training to first responders, both public and private, in the areas of Hazardous Materials, Hazardous Waste, Incident Command, Disaster Response, Pre- and Post-Disaster Planning, Continuity of Operations and Governance. Several regional planning councils house Regional Domestic Security Task Force planners.
- **Multipurpose Regional Organizations:** Regional planning councils are Florida's only multipurpose regional entities that plan for and coordinate intergovernmental solutions on multi-jurisdictional issues, support regional economic development and provide assistance to local governments.
- **Problem Solving Forum:** Issues of major importance are often the subject of regional planning council-sponsored workshops. Regional planning councils have convened regional summits and workshops on issues such as workforce housing, response to hurricanes, visioning and job creation.
- **Implementation of Community Planning:** Regional planning councils develop and maintain Strategic Regional Policy Plans to guide growth and development focusing on economic development, emergency preparedness, transportation, affordable housing and resources of regional significance. In addition, regional planning councils provide coordination and review of various programs such as Local Government Comprehensive Plans, Developments of Regional Impact and Power Plant Ten-year Siting Plans. Regional planning council reviewers have the local knowledge to conduct reviews efficiently and provide State agencies reliable local insight.

- **Local Government Assistance:** Regional planning councils are also a significant source of cost effective, high quality planning experts for communities, providing technical assistance in areas such as: grant writing, mapping, community planning, plan review, procurement, dispute resolution, economic development, marketing, statistical analysis, and information technology. Several regional planning councils provide staff for transportation planning organizations, natural resource planning and emergency preparedness planning.
- **Return on Investment:** Every dollar invested by the State through annual appropriation in regional planning councils generates 11 dollars in local, federal and private direct investment to meet regional needs.
- **Quality Communities Generate Economic Development:** Businesses and individuals choose locations based on the quality of life they offer. Regional planning councils help regions compete nationally and globally for investment and skilled personnel.
- **Multidisciplinary Viewpoint:** Regional planning councils provide a comprehensive, multidisciplinary view of issues and a forum to address regional issues cooperatively. Potential impacts on the community from development activities are vetted to achieve win-win solutions as council members represent business, government and citizen interests.
- **Coordinators and Conveners:** Regional planning councils provide a forum for regional collaboration to solve problems and reduce costly inter-jurisdictional disputes.
- **Federal Consistency Review:** Regional planning councils provide required Federal Consistency Review, ensuring access to hundreds of millions of federal infrastructure and economic development investment dollars annually.
- **Economies of Scale:** Regional planning councils provide a cost-effective source of technical assistance to local governments, small businesses and non-profits.
- **Regional Approach:** Cost savings are realized in transportation, land use and infrastructure when addressed regionally. A regional approach promotes vibrant economies while reducing unproductive competition among local communities.
- **Sustainable Communities:** Federal funding is targeted to regions that can demonstrate they have a strong framework for regional cooperation.
- **Economic Data and Analysis:** Regional planning councils are equipped with state of the art econometric software and have the ability to provide objective economic analysis on policy and investment decisions.
- **Small Quantity Hazardous Waste Generators:** The Small Quantity Generator program ensures the proper handling and disposal of hazardous waste generated at the county level. Often smaller counties cannot afford to maintain a program without imposing large fees on local businesses. Many counties have lowered or eliminated fees, because regional planning council programs realize economies of scale, provide businesses a local contact regarding compliance questions and assistance and provide training and information regarding management of hazardous waste.
- **Regional Visioning and Strategic Planning:** Regional planning councils are conveners of regional visions that link economic development, infrastructure, environment, land use and transportation into long term investment plans. Strategic planning for communities and organizations defines actions critical to successful change and resource investments.
- **Geographic Information Systems and Data Clearinghouse:** Regional planning councils are leaders in geographic information systems mapping and data support systems. Many local governments rely on regional planning councils for these services.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL (SWFRPC) ACRONYMS

ABM - Agency for Bay Management - Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management

ADA - Application for Development Approval

ADA - Americans with Disabilities Act

AMDA -Application for Master Development Approval

BEBR - Bureau of Economic Business and Research at the University of Florida

BLID - Binding Letter of DRI Status

BLIM - Binding Letter of Modification to a DRI with Vested Rights

BLIVR -Binding Letter of Vested Rights Status

BPCC -Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinating Committee

CAC - Citizens Advisory Committee

CAO - City/County Administrator Officers

CDBG - Community Development Block Grant

CDC - Certified Development Corporation (a.k.a. RDC)

CEDS - Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (a.k.a. OEDP)

CHNEP - Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program

CTC - Community Transportation Coordinator

CTD - Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged

CUTR - Center for Urban Transportation Research

DEO - Department of Economic Opportunity

DEP - Department of Environmental Protection

DO - Development Order

DOPA - Designated Official Planning Agency (i.e. MPO, RPC, County, etc.)

EDA - Economic Development Administration

EDC - Economic Development Coalition

EDD - Economic Development District

EPA – Environmental Protection Agency

FAC - Florida Association of Counties

FACTS - Florida Association of CTCs

FAR - Florida Administrative Register (formerly Florida Administrative Weekly)

FCTS - Florida Coordinated Transportation System

FDC&F -Florida Department of Children and Families (a.k.a. HRS)

FDEA - Florida Department of Elder Affairs

FDLES - Florida Department of Labor and Employment Security

FDOT - Florida Department of Transportation

FHREDI - Florida Heartland Rural Economic Development Initiative

FIAM – Fiscal Impact Analysis Model

FLC - Florida League of Cities

FQD - Florida Quality Development

FRCA -Florida Regional Planning Councils Association

FTA - Florida Transit Association

IC&R - Intergovernmental Coordination and Review

IFAS - Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences at the University of Florida

JLCB - Joint Local Coordinating Boards of Glades & Hendry Counties

JPA - Joint Participation Agreement

JSA - Joint Service Area of Glades & Hendry Counties

LCB - Local Coordinating Board for the Transportation Disadvantaged

LEPC - Local Emergency Planning Committee

MOA - Memorandum of Agreement

MPO - Metropolitan Planning Organization

MPOAC - Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council

MPOCAC - Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizens Advisory Committee

MPOTAC - Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee

NADO – National Association of Development Organizations

NARC -National Association of Regional Councils

NOPC -Notice of Proposed Change

OEDP - Overall Economic Development Program

PDA - Preliminary Development Agreement

REMI – Regional Economic Modeling Incorporated

RFB - Request for Bids

RFI – Request for Invitation

RFP - Request for Proposals

RPC - Regional Planning Council

SHIP -State Housing Initiatives Partnership

SRPP – Strategic Regional Policy Plan

TAC - Technical Advisory Committee

TDC - Transportation Disadvantaged Commission (a.k.a. CTD)

TDPN - Transportation Disadvantaged Planners Network

TDSP - Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan

USDA - US Department of Agriculture

WMD - Water Management District (SFWMD and SWFWMD)

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**MINUTES OF THE
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
April 18, 2024, MEETING**

The virtual zoom meeting of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council’s Executive Board was held on April 18, 2024. Governor Appointee and Council Chair, Mr. Don McCormick called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. There was a quorum of the Executive Committee present.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Charlotte County: Mr. Don McCormick – Chair,
Councilwoman Dr. Debi Lux – City of Punta Gorda (zoom)

Collier County: Commissioner Bill McDaniel (zoom)
Councilman Bill Kramer - City of Naples (zoom)

Glades County: Commissioner Tim Stanley

Hendry County: Mr. Mel Karau (zoom)

Lee County: Councilman Fred Burson – City of Fort Myers

Sarasota County: Councilman Ron Smith – City of Venice (zoom)

Ex-Officio Members: None

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. Margaret Wuerstle - Executive Director, SWFRPC

Ms. Rebekah Harp – SWFRPC

Ms. Katelyn Kubasik – SWFRPC (zoom)

Ms. Catherine Peralta – SWFRPC Vista (zoom)

Ms. Denise Imbler – FRCA – (zoom)

Mr. Ron Gogoi – Lee County MPO

Ms. Wuerstle explained that there is a vacancy on the Executive Board and that she has asked Councilman Ron Smith from the City of Venice to fill the vacancy if he is elected.

Councilman Fred Burson offered a motion to elect Councilman Ron Smith as the Secretary. Mr. Don McCormick seconded the motion to elect Councilman Ron Smith as the Secretary. The motion was approved unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #6(a)
MINUTES OF THE February 22, 2024, COUNCIL/EXECUTIVE MEETING

Mr. Don McCormick asked if there were any comments or corrections to the February 22, 2024, meeting minutes. No comments were heard. A vote was taken to approve the February 22, 2024 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #7(a)
FINANCIALS: January-March 2024 Financials

Ms. Wuerstle explained that the financials presented are not a pretty picture. However, there are grant reimbursements that create an up and down cycle. Ms. Wuerstle would like to defer discussion to the directors' report. Ms. Wuerstle continued to explain that our draft audit is complete and the auditor, Jeff Tuscan, will be at our next meeting in May to present it to the board.

Commissioner Bill McDaniel asked Ms. Wuerstle what the timeline is to deplete the reserves. Ms. Wuerstle responded that the auditor is predicting by the end of the fiscal year September 30, 2025. Ms. Wuerstle believes that the council should prepare prior to that and suggested looking at September 2024. Ms. Wuerstle explained that is what she wanted to discuss under the directors' report.

Commissioner Bill McDaniel responded that Ms. Wuerstle's response answered his question. Commissioner McDaniel apologized for not being there in person as he has a press conference that he is obligated to and will need to drop off in about 10 minutes in case his vote is needed.

Councilman Fred Burson offered a motion to approve the January-March financials. Commissioner Bill McDaniel seconded the motion to approve the January-March financials. The motion was approved unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #8
CONSENT AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM #9
MPO Draft ICAR – Mr. Ron Gogoi, Lee County MPO

Mr. Ron Gogoi with the Lee County MPO presented the MPO Draft ICAR which is a joint agreement that involves five agencies, including the RPC, Lee MPO, FDOT District 1, Lee Tran and Lee County Port Authority. He explained intergovernmental coordination between these agencies is required to update these documents that the MPO publishes. All five agencies are responsible for the coordination and review of these particular documents.

The existing document presented to the Council today goes back to 2013 and after five years it automatically renews. Five years after all the signatories need to review the document for any changes. This was not done. There is also a new template for this document, which needs to be updated. When the original document was executed the MPO staff overreached and included two other agencies that are not required as signatories for this particular agreement. That includes the Cape Coral Minibus Services and Lee County School District. The Lee County MPO decided to put together a new agreement and the Lee County MPO is asking that the RPC execute the new agreement.

Mr. Don McCormick asked if the two agencies being dropped from the agreement provided any comments? Mr. Gogoi responded that the Lee County MPO has not reached out to them, but explained that the Lee County School District is not truly a public transit agency and they shouldn't have been included originally. The Cape Coral Minibus service is also not a public transit organization since they are only transporting disadvantaged. Both agencies have not contributed to the review of this document.

Mr. Don McCormick wanted on the record that the other agencies have not provided any comments. Mr. Gogoi confirmed.

Councilman Fred Burson offered a motion to execute the MPO document. Commissioner Bill McDaniel seconded the motion to make a comment. The comments are as follows:

Commissioner McDaniel asked if this agreement was disseminated to all the members. Mrs. Wuerstle responded yes and that it was included in the packet to all members. Commissioner McDaniel explained that he cannot support signing the MPO agreement until all the MPOs and their legal counsel has reviewed it for the impact to the individual counties.

Mr. Gogoi explained that this agreement only covers the Lee County Metropolitan area and the other MPO's have similar agreements for their areas.

Commissioner McDaniels asked if this needs to be done today and Mr. Gogoi responded that it doesn't have to be done today, however it needs to be completed and presented to the MPO board in June.

Commissioner McDaniels would like to continue this item for a month to have the county attorney's review before signing.

Councilman Fred Burson disagreed with waiting since the agreement has nothing to do with the other counties and strictly has to do with Lee County MPO. Councilman Burson believed we

should move forward so the other agencies to sign off on it and a month delay won't change anything.

Councilman Ron Smith would like to follow Commissioner McDaniels suggestion and continue it a month because of the situation of counties not paying it gives them an opportunity to have any concerns voiced. Councilman Smith continued that we have to get everyone back on board here and this can only help. Councilman Smith would like to support Commissioner McDaniels idea of continuing it for one month while we contact each county. Councilwoman Debbie Lux remarked that she agrees.

Councilman Fred Burson offered a motion to execute the MPO document. No second for the motion. The motion fails.

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to delay the execution of the MPO document for one month and send it to each county attorney of the members of the RPC for comments.

Councilman Ron Smith seconded the motion to delay the execution of the MPO document for one month and send it to each county attorney of the members of the RPC for comments.

The motion was approved.

AGENDA ITEM #10 DIRECTORS REPORT

Ms. Wuerstle explains that staff has received the draft auditor's report which will come before the Council at the next meeting. As part of that, Ms. Wuerstle needed to write a letter explaining our operations and how long we can continue. Before she wrote the letter, Ms. Wuerstle explained that she wanted to bring before the board a draft proposed budget that starts October 2024 through September 2025 so we know what it will look like next year. Ms. Wuerstle stated that we have not heard from the Governor, however the Governor's Chief of Staff, Justin Domer, called FRCA and FRCA gave him our number. I also called him and left several messages and haven't heard anything back yet.

If you look at the budget, you will see that we will need to use all of our reserves and we will be approximately \$110,471 in the red. This does not take into account any grants that we may receive but it still looks like we should plan or at least start discussing what we are going to do. Ms. Wuerstle continued to state that in her opinion we will probably make it to the end of September 2024 and that we have responsibilities that we need to start thinking about. One is all the files and documents that we must save are in storage. What is going to happen with them and where are they going to go? Should we call FRCA and ask how this area will be divided up and who will get those files. Going through the files alone is months of work. If it comes to the members not paying again in 2024-2025, they will owe us \$3.5 million. Right now it's \$2.9 million. Ms. Wuerstle explains that she would like help to resolve what we are going to do. She understands that this is very unpleasant and is certainly unpleasant for her, but we have to be realistic. What are we going to do if the Counties aren't going to pay? Personally, Ms. Wuerstle stated that she thinks the board should authorize her to at least talk to an attorney to see if there is anything we can do. The attorney might look at the State Statute and

the interlocal agreement and think we don't have a leg to stand on. Or it might be just the opposite. Ms. Wuerstle posed the question, do we want to know exactly where we stand and what we can and can't do? Ms. Wuerstle asked Denise Imbler, who was on the zoom, if any of the other regional councils had to go to court over anything like this? Ms. Imbler responded, not to this extent, but she would like to restate what we offered at the last meeting which was to have legal staff from the other RPCs provide opinions to you and make a presentation to you on your situation, the statute, and options. That offer is still on the table. Councilman Ron Smith asks why we are not acting on that offer? He certainly thought it was a good idea to have counsel advise us on our situation and what they think we can do about it.

Councilman Ron Smith made a motion to accept the offer to have the legal staff from other RPCs to provide a presentation on our situation, statutes and their opinion given that we have had no response from the Governor and request this briefing. Councilwoman Debbie Lux seconded the motion to accept the offer to have the legal staff from other RPCs provide a presentation on our situation, statutes and their opinion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. McCormik asked Ms. Wuerstle if we needed our own legal counsel. Ms. Wuerstle responded that this is a good first step and thanked Denise for the generous offer from the other RPCs. Ms. Wuerstle would like to have something hopefully at the May meeting and then determine if we want to get our own legal counsel. We can then set that up, but at least we have a good first step. Ms. Wuerstle continued to explain that she is very concerned that we would make it through 2025 with a one hundred-thousand-dollar deficit. Her other concern is that we are going fast and furious on the grants, however she wanted to remind everyone that some of these grants are three-year grants and very few are only a year, which the SWFRPC will be obligated to. Ms. Wuerstle explained that there are a lot of moving parts that we need to get on top of.

Ms. Imbler asked what the date is of the next meeting to let everyone know who offered to participate. Ms. Wuerstle responded May 16th at 9:00a.m.

Commissioner Tim Stanley from Glades County asked a question regarding the proposed budget line item for Secured Federal/State Grants of \$317,877. Commissioner Stanley asked if any of those funds could be used for operations? Ms. Wuerstle responded that some are used for operations through the administrative funds we receive. However, there are deliverables on all of these grants that we need to fulfill. Ms. Wuerstle continued to explain that recently she has had to respond to certain agencies and cities that we don't have the resources to review the projects that are requesting to be reviewed. Ms. Wuerstle explained that these reviews would need to be contracted out and an invoice would be submitted to the agency, city or county. No one has responded with the ok for an invoice. Normally those reviews would be covered by assessments, but if the county is not paying, I can't take money from a grant fund and use it to pay to review an application. It is limited in scope, but it does cover some of the administrative tasks that we have to complete.

Commissioner Stanley responded that the whole \$317,000 is not operating funds so our deficit is going to be worse than what you actually have on the budget. Is that correct from what I understand? Ms. Wuerstle responded yes and Mr. McCormick added that the \$317,000 includes everything such as admin and contractual.

Ms. Wuerstle also wanted to mention that the grant activity sheet is included in the packet each month that shows everything we applied for, approved, and what is still pending. There is a \$16 million grant pending for Clewiston's Wastewater Treatment Plant that we would be responsible for the administration and reporting. Ms. Wuerstle wants to ensure that steps are taken so that we don't close the door on everything.

AGENDA ITEM #10(a)
Government Fund History (Informational)

AGENDA ITEM #10(b)
Grant activity Sheet (Informational)

AGENDA ITEM #11
COMMITTEE REPORTS

No Committee Reports were given.

AGENDA ITEM #11(a)
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There was no update given.

AGENDA ITEM #11(b)
QUALITY OF LIFE & SAFETY COMMITTEE

There was no update given.

AGENDA ITEM #12
NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

AGENDA ITEM #13
STATE AGENCIES COMMENTS/REPORTS

No state agency comments were given.

AGENDA ITEM #14
COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Councilman Ron Smith would like to take the opportunity to thank the Executive Director who traveled to Venice to make a presentation to the Venice City Council since we last met. It was a powerful presentation and generated a lot of questions and concerns. The Venice Council agreed to review at their next budget meeting whether it should be paying its assessments. It was very important, and he hopes that Ms. Wuerstle will get to do similar presentations in other areas that have been hesitant to pay.

Councilwomen Debbie Lux asked if the City of Punta Gorda has and is paying their assessments? Ms. Wuerstle responded no, the City of Punta Gorda is not paying assessments. Councilwomen Lux asked if someone could reach out to the city manager asking to do a presentation to present this to City Council so hopefully the City of Punta Gorda would pay this bill.

Ms. Wuerstle responded that she will reach out to the City of Punta Gorda.

AGENDA ITEM #15
ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Don McCormick, Chairman

The meeting was duly advertised in the April 11, 2024, issue of the FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER, Volume 50, Number 72.

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**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL
PLANNING COUNCIL
BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
TOGETHER WITH ADDITIONAL REPORTS
YEAR ENDED
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

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Open Items:
Draft Signoff Letter
Management Representation Letter

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Verbal MLC:

Tommy Perry is still listed as a bank signer. Please update signers

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Executive Committee and Council Members
 Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council
 1406 SW 8th Place
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Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council ("the Council") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Council's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council as of September 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position, for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Matters of Emphasis

Substantial Doubt About the Council's Ability to Continue as a Going Concern

Over the course of the last five (5) fiscal years, five (5) of the six (6) member counties and certain of the participating cities have withdrawn financial support from the Council. The financial effect of this intended action is approximately \$435,000 of unrestricted revenue annually.

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared assuming that the Council will continue as a going concern. As discussed in Note O to the financial statements, the Council, as noted above, has suffered substantially all its member governments withdrawal of funding. As a result of such action by its member governments the Council's operational activities have significantly changed. The Council's funding is now substantially from state and federal grant funding. During the year ended September 30, 2023, the use of approximately \$126,000 of fund balance was required to fund operations. The Council's financial situation did deteriorate in fiscal year 2023. The Council's financial condition continues to be tentative.

Implementation of new Accounting Standard

During the year ended September 30, 2023, the Council implemented GASB Statement No. 96 "Subscription-based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA's)" as further described in Note R. The net position was not required to be restated as of October 1, 2022.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District, 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

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for our audit opinions.

We did not audit the financial statements of Florida Retirement Systems Pension Plan (FRS) or Health Insurance Subsidy Pension Plan (HIS) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023. The District is required to record its proportionate share of the FRS and HIS liability in the Council's government-wide financial statements as of September 30, 2023, and for the year then ended. Those financial statements were audited by other auditors whose report thereon has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's government-wide financial statements, is based on the report of the other auditors.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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 Council's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our 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 generally accepted 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 generally accepted 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 Council'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 Council's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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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.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages i - vi, Schedule of Council's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability - Florida Retirement System Pension Plan (FRS), Schedule of Council Contributions - Florida Retirement System Pension Plan (FRS), Schedule of Council's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability - Health Insurance Subsidy Pension Plan (HIS), Schedule of Council Contributions - Health Insurance Subsidy Pension Plan (HIS), Notes to the Required Supplementary Information and Schedule of Changes in the Net OPEB Liability and Related Ratios GASB No. 75 and Notes to the Schedule, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information - management's discussion and analysis (MD&A), Schedule of Council's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability - Florida Retirement System Pension Plan (FRS), Schedule of Council Contributions - Florida Retirement System Pension Plan (FRS), Schedule of Council's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability - Health Insurance Subsidy Pension Plan (HIS), Schedule of Council Contributions - Health Insurance Subsidy Pension Plan (HIS), Notes to the Required Supplementary Information and Schedule of Changes in the Net OPEB Liability and Related Ratios GASB No. 75 and Notes to the Schedule, as listed in the table of contents, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the required supplementary information - management's discussion and analysis (MD&A), Schedule of Council's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability - Florida Retirement System Pension Plan (FRS), Schedule of Council Contributions - Florida Retirement System Pension Plan (FRS), Schedule of Council's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability - Health Insurance Subsidy Pension Plan (HIS), Schedule of Council Contributions - Health Insurance Subsidy Pension Plan (HIS), Notes to the Required Supplementary Information and Schedule of Changes in the Net OPEB Liability and Related Ratios GASB No. 75 and Notes to the Schedule, as listed in the table of contents, because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Required Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's basic financial statements. The required supplementary information other than the MD&A - budgetary comparison information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The required supplementary information other than the MD&A - budgetary comparison information is the responsibility of management as was derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other

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records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the required supplementary information other than MD&A - budgetary comparison information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Council's basic financial statements. The Exhibit 1 - Management's Response to Independent Auditor's Report to Management and Exhibit 2 - Florida Rules of the Auditor General - Rule 10.554(1)(i)6-8 Compliance - Unaudited are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are required by Government Auditing Standards and/or Rules of the Auditor General, Section 10.554(i), respectively. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by Section 218.415, Florida Statutes

In accordance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, we have also issued our report dated April 8, 2024, on our consideration of Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's compliance with provisions of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of compliance and the results of that testing, and to provide an opinion on compliance with the aforementioned Statute. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Sections 218.39 and 218.415, Florida Statutes in considering Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's compliance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated April 8, 2024, on our consideration of the Council's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contract and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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 internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Council's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

TUSCAN & COMPANY, P.A.
Fort Myers, Florida
April 8, 2024

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION
AND ANALYSIS
(MD&A)**

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SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Management's Discussion and Analysis

As management for the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (the "Council") this narrative overview and analysis of the financial statements is designed to provide a helpful viewpoint as to the Council's financial activities for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023. We recommend readers consider this information in conjunction with the financial statements taken as a whole.

Financial Highlights

- The net position of the Council at the close of its fiscal year ended September 30, 2022 was a (deficit) of (\$63,292). The Council's total net position increased \$62,775 or 50% from the prior year, due to reduced member assessment collections.
- The net position (deficit) of the Council at the close of its fiscal year ended September 30, 2023 was (\$245,604). The Council's total net position (deficit) decreased (\$182,312) or 300% from the prior year.
- As of the close of the fiscal year 2022, the Council reported an ending fund balance of \$453,577, an increase of \$33,986 from the prior year. \$453,577 of this amount is assigned to fund future operations.
- As of the close of the fiscal year 2023, the Council reported an ending fund balance of \$328,001 a decrease of (\$125,576) from the prior year. \$328,001 of this amount is available for spending at the Council's discretion.
- For the year ended September 30, 2022, total revenues increased \$111,608 in comparison to the prior year. The increase in revenue was substantially due to an increase in grant and contract funding. Total expenses increased \$161,516, in comparison to the prior year. The increase in expenses was related to costs of related grant funded projects.
- For the year ended September 30, 2023, total revenues decreased (\$222,267) in comparison to the prior year. The decrease in revenue was substantially due to the reduction of grant funding from the Federal and State governments. Total expenses increased \$22,820, in comparison to the prior year. The increase in expenses was related to an increase in employee costs.
- During the year ended September 30, 2020, the Council terminated its office space lease and moved into space donated by the United Way of Lee County. The Council continued to operate from this location during fiscal years 2021, 2022 and 2023.
- Effective June 15, 2015, the Council adopted the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 68 "*Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*" (Statement No. 68). The implementation of this accounting standard required the Council to report its actuarially determined net pension liability of \$554,020 and \$534,556 in the government-wide financial statements as of September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.
- Effective September 30, 2018, the Council adopted the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 75 "*Accounting and Financial Reporting for Post Employment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB)*" (Statement No. 75). This was \$3,030 and \$3,030 in the government-wide financial statements of the Council as of September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

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Government-Wide Financial Statements

Government-wide financial statements (statement of net position and statement of activities found on pages 5 and 6, respectively) are intended to provide readers with a broad overview of the Council's finances and financial health in a manner similar to a private sector business. They are prepared using the full accrual method of accounting, (revenue is recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred. Amounts expended for capital assets are capitalized rather than expensed).

The *Statement of Net Position* (page 5) presents information on all of the Council's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. The Council's capital assets, equipment, furniture and fixtures, and vehicles) are included in this statement and are reported at historical cost, or fair market value at the date of donation if they were donated to the Council, net of their accumulated depreciation.

The *Statement of Activities* (page 6) presents revenue and expense information showing how the Council's net assets changed during the fiscal year.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain financial control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. Fund financial statements explain how the Council's services were paid for as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements report the Council's operations in more detail than the government-wide financial statements by providing information about the Council's funds.

Governmental funds financial statements (found on pages 7 and 9) are prepared on the modified accrual basis using the current financial resources measurement focus. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available as net current assets.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes to the financial statements provide additional information so that a reader may more fully understand the information provided in the basic financial statements. The information contained in the notes is essential to a full understanding of the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes begin on page 11.

Supplementary information consists of more detailed information on the budget to actual revenues and expenditures.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

The government-wide financial statements were designed so that the user could determine if the Council is in a better or worse financial condition from the prior year. The net position may serve, over time, as a useful indicator of the Council's financial position.

The net investment in capital assets are used by the Council to provide services and consequently these assets are not available to liquidate liabilities and are not available for other spending.

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Government-Wide Financial Analysis, (continued)

The following table reflects a Summary of Net Position for fiscal years 2023 and 2022:

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council			
Summary of Net Position			
September 30			
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Change</u>
Assets:			
Current assets	\$ 373,737	\$ 499,282	\$ (125,545)
Non-current assets, net	23,297	-	23,297
Total assets	<u>397,034</u>	<u>499,282</u>	<u>(102,248)</u>
Deferred outflows of resources	<u>146,188</u>	<u>177,829</u>	<u>(31,641)</u>
Liabilities:			
Current liabilities	45,736	45,705	(31)
Noncurrent liabilities	<u>644,335</u>	<u>586,917</u>	<u>(57,418)</u>
Total liabilities	<u>690,071</u>	<u>632,622</u>	<u>(57,449)</u>
Deferred inflows of resources	<u>98,755</u>	<u>107,781</u>	<u>9,026</u>
Net Position:			
Net investment in capital assets	-	-	-
Restricted	-	-	-
Unrestricted (Deficit)	<u>(245,604)</u>	<u>(63,292)</u>	<u>(182,312)</u>
Total net position (Deficit)	<u>\$ (245,604)</u>	<u>\$ (63,292)</u>	<u>\$ (182,312)</u>

For the fiscal year 2023, current assets are comprised of cash and cash equivalents of \$48,846, investments of \$109,167, contract and other receivables of \$195,934, and ROU-subscription asset of \$19,790.

For the fiscal year 2023, current liabilities are comprised of accounts payable and accrued expenses of \$25,946 and ROU-subscription liability of \$19,790. The balance of the long term liabilities consist of pension, OPEB and accrued compensation liabilities.

For the fiscal year 2023, the net investment in capital assets of \$0 is a component of net position and is comprised of equipment, furniture and fixtures, and vehicles, net of accumulated depreciation.

The fiscal year 2023 net asset (deficit) balance of (\$245,604) decreased by (\$182,312) due to the current year operations.

For the fiscal year 2022, current assets are comprised of cash and cash equivalents of \$190,884, investments of \$147,186, contract and other receivables of \$14,604 and due from other governments of \$146,608.

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Government-Wide Financial Analysis, (continued)

For the fiscal year 2022, current liabilities are comprised of accounts payable and accrued expenses of \$27,100, unearned contract, grant and DRI/NOPC revenue of \$18,605.

Non-current liabilities are comprised of pension liabilities of \$534,556, OPEB liability of \$3,030 and accrued compensated absences of \$49,331 at September 30, 2022.

Non-current liabilities are comprised of pension liabilities of \$554,020, OPEB liability of \$3,030 and accrued compensated absences of \$63,988 and ROU-subscription liability net of \$23,297 at September 30, 2023.

For the fiscal year 2022, the net investment in capital assets of \$0 is a component of net position and is comprised of equipment, furniture and fixtures, and vehicles and net of accumulated depreciation.

For the year ended September 30, 2022 the unrestricted net asset (deficit) balance of (\$63,292) increased by \$62,775 due substantially to the increase in revenue and no use of reserves.

The following schedule reports the revenues, expenses, and changes in net position for the Council for the current and previous fiscal year:

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council				
Summary of Changes in Net Position				
Years Ended September 30				
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Change</u>	
Revenues:				
Program Revenues				
Charges for services – dues & fees	\$ 55,488	\$ 64,002	\$	(8,514)
Contracts, grants and contributions	637,945	856,348		(218,403)
General Revenues				
Interest and miscellaneous	8,212	3,562		4,650
Total revenues	<u>701,645</u>	<u>923,912</u>		<u>(222,267)</u>
Expenses:				
Project Planning				
Personnel services	436,273	339,241		(97,032)
Operating expenses	447,684	521,896		74,212
Depreciation	-	-		-
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-		-
Total expenses	<u>883,957</u>	<u>861,137</u>		<u>(22,820)</u>
Change in net position	(182,312)	62,775	\$	<u>(245,087)</u>
Net Position (Deficit) – Beginning	(63,292)	(126,067)		
Net Position (Deficit) - Ending	<u>\$ (245,604)</u>	<u>\$ (63,292)</u>		

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Management's Discussion and Analysis

Budgetary Highlights

Budget versus actual comparisons are presented in the required supplementary information other than the Management's Discussion and Analysis. The significant budget variations versus actual results were due to the Council budgeting use of its reserves carryforward in the amount of \$453,577 then having to use reserves of \$125,576 to cover expenditures for the year ended September 30, 2023.

Original to Final Budget Variances

The Council Members approved one budget amendment during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023 to adjust the fund balance carryover to the FY22 audited balance.

The Council Members approved one budget amendment during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022 to adjust the fund balance carryover to the FY21 audited balance.

Capital Assets

Non-depreciable capital assets include land. Depreciable capital assets include building, equipment, furniture and fixtures, and vehicles. The following is a schedule of the Council's capital assets as of September 30:

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council			
Capital Assets			
Years Ended September 30			
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Change</u>
Depreciable Capital Assets			
Total depreciable capital assets	\$ <u>43,026</u>	\$ <u>43,026</u>	\$ <u>-</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(43,026)</u>	<u>(43,026)</u>	<u>-</u>
Depreciable capital assets, net	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Capital Assets, net	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>

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Management's Discussion and Analysis

Debt Administration

At September 30, 2023, the Council had \$621,038 of outstanding liabilities, which is comprised as noted below. The following is a detailed schedule of the Council's outstanding liabilities as of September 30:

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council			
Outstanding Liabilities			
Years Ended September 30			
	2023	2022	Change
Compensated Absences	\$ 63,988	\$ 49,331	\$ 14,657
Net OPEB Liability	3,030	3,030	-
Net Pension Liability	554,020	534,556	19,464
Total Outstanding Liabilities	621,038	586,917	\$ 34,121
Less current portion	-	-	
Noncurrent portion	\$ 621,038	\$ 586,917	

The amount reported as compensated absences represents the total amount the Council had due at the termination of all employees' employment. The net OPEB liability is the actuarially determined cost to offer retirees health, dental, and vision coverage.

Net pension liability reflects the Council's proportionate share of its FRS and HIS liability.

Future Operations

As of the year ended September 30, 2022, five (5) of its six (6) member Counties as well as certain cities have withdrawn financial support from the Council. The financial effect of such withdrawal is approximately \$435,000 annually. This loss of funding has created substantial doubt as to the Council's ability to continue as a going concern as its financial condition is tentative. It should be noted the Council has successfully applied for and received increased grant funding. Grant funding, however, provides little or no administrative funding. Administrative funding was previously provided through various charges for services and member assessments which have now significantly decreased. During the year ended September 30, 2023, the Council did use fund balance to pay operating costs of \$125,576 or 28% of its fund balance.

Request for Information

This financial report is designed to provide the reader an overview of the Council. Questions regarding any information provided in this report should be directed to: Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, 1406 SW 8th Place, Cape Coral, Florida 33991.

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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
September 30, 2023

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	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents, including restricted cash	\$ 48,846
Investments	109,167
Due from other governments	195,934
Receivables - contracts and other	-
Deposits and other	-
Right of use - subscription asset, current	19,790
Total current assets	<u>373,737</u>
Noncurrent assets:	
Right of use - subscription asset, net	23,297
Capital assets:	
Depreciable furniture and fixtures, equipment and vehicles (net of \$43,026 accumulated depreciation)	-
Total noncurrent assets	<u>23,297</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>397,034</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>146,188</u>
LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	25,946
Unearned revenue	-
Right of use - subscription liability, current	19,790
Current portion of long-term obligations	-
Total current liabilities	<u>45,736</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Noncurrent portion of long-term obligations	621,038
Right of use - subscription liability, net	23,297
Commitments and Contingencies	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>690,071</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>98,755</u>
NET POSITION (DEFICIT)	
Net investment in capital assets	-
Restricted	-
Unrestricted (deficit)	<u>(245,604)</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION (DEFICIT)	<u>\$ (245,604)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
Year Ended September 30, 2023

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	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
EXPENSES	
Governmental Activities	
Project Planning:	
Personnel services	\$ 436,273
Operating expenses	447,684
Depreciation	-
Interest and fiscal charges	-
TOTAL EXPENSES - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	<u>883,957</u>
PROGRAM REVENUES	
Charges for services:	
Assessments and fees	36,883
NOPC & DRI fees	18,605
Contract and local grants	8,000
Operating grants and contributions	629,945
TOTAL PROGRAM REVENUES	<u>693,433</u>
NET PROGRAM REVENUES (EXPENSES)	<u>(190,524)</u>
GENERAL REVENUES (LOSS)	
Loss on disposition of capital assets	-
Interest and miscellaneous	8,212
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES (LOSS)	<u>8,212</u>
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET POSITION	(182,312)
NET POSITION (DEFICIT) - Beginning of the year	<u>(63,292)</u>
NET POSITION (DEFICIT) - End of the year	<u>\$ (245,604)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUND
September 30, 2023

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	General Fund	Total Governmental Fund
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents, including restricted cash	\$ 48,846	\$ 48,846
Investments	109,167	109,167
Due from other governments	195,934	195,934
Receivables - contracts and other	-	-
Deposits and other	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 353,947</u>	<u>\$ 353,947</u>
 LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 25,946	\$ 25,946
Due to other governments	-	-
Unearned revenue	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>25,946</u>	<u>25,946</u>
 FUND BALANCE		
Nonspendable	-	-
Restricted	-	-
Assigned	328,001	328,001
Unassigned	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	<u>328,001</u>	<u>328,001</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ 353,947</u>	<u>\$ 353,947</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL
FUND TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
September 30, 2023

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	<u>Amount</u>	
Total fund balance for governmental funds	\$ 328,001	
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:		
Right of use - subscription asset	<u>43,087</u>	43,087
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.		
Capital assets being depreciated:		
Furniture and fixtures, equipment and vehicles	43,026	
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(43,026)</u>	-
Deferred outflows and deferred inflows are applied to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.		
Deferred outflows related to pensions	<u>144,188</u>	
Deferred outflows related to OPEB	<u>2,000</u>	146,188
Deferred inflows related to pensions	<u>(98,755)</u>	(98,755)
Right of use - subscription liability	<u>(43,087)</u>	(43,087)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
Net pension liability - FRS	(453,279)	
Net pension liability - HIS	(100,741)	
Compensated absences	(63,988)	
Net OPEB liability	<u>(3,030)</u>	<u>(621,038)</u>
Total net position (deficit) of governmental activities	<u>\$ (245,604)</u>	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUND
Year Ended September 30, 2023

	General Fund	Total Governmental Fund
REVENUES		
Federal and state grants	\$ 629,945	\$ 629,945
Contracts and local grants	8,000	8,000
County and city assessments	36,883	36,883
NOPC & DRI fees	18,605	18,605
DRI monitoring fees	-	-
Interest and miscellaneous	8,212	8,212
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>701,645</u>	<u>701,645</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Current		
Personnel services	379,537	379,537
Operating expenditures	447,684	447,684
Capital outlay	-	-
Debt service	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>827,221</u>	<u>827,221</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(125,576)</u>	<u>(125,576)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		
Operating transfers in	-	-
Operating transfers out	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(125,576)	(125,576)
FUND BALANCE - Beginning of the year	<u>453,577</u>	<u>453,577</u>
FUND BALANCE - End of the year	<u>\$ 328,001</u>	<u>\$ 328,001</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES,
EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
GOVERNMENTAL FUND TO THE STATEMENT
OF ACTIVITIES**

Year Ended September 30, 2023

	<u>Amount</u>
Net change (revenues and other financing sources (uses) in excess (under) of expenditures) in fund balance - total governmental funds	\$ (125,576)
The increase (decrease) in net position reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities is different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.	
Plus: expenditures for capital assets	-
Less: current year depreciation	-
Less: proceeds from disposition of capital assets	-
Less: loss on disposition of capital assets	-
	<u>-</u>
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 governmental funds.	
(Increase) decrease in net pension liability - FRS	8,031
(Increase) decrease in net pension liability - HIS	(27,495)
Increase (decrease) in deferred outflow - Pensions	(31,641)
(Increase) decrease in deferred inflow - Pensions	9,026
Net decrease (increase) in compensated absences	(14,657)
Net (increase) decrease in net OPEB liability	-
Increase (decrease) in deferred outflow - OPEB	-
	<u>(56,736)</u>
Increase (decrease) in net position of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ (182,312)</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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NOTE A - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (the "Council") is a governmental agency, created on November 8, 1973 via interlocal agreements as provided by Florida Statutes, Chapters 163.01 and 163.02, as amended, to assist other governmental and private agencies in the planning of projects in the Southwest Florida area under Florida Statutes, Chapter 186.504. The Council acts as a regional planning agency and exercises its rights and duties pursuant to Florida Statutes Chapters 23, 160, 163, 186 and 380. By Florida Statute, the Council's principal member entities consist of Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee and Sarasota Counties, although certain cities within these counties are participating entities as well. The Council's Board Members are appointed per statutory requirement. By Florida Statute the Council is funded through member assessments determined by interlocal agreement, various fees, and multiple federal, state, and local grants and contracts. Five (5) of the six (6) of the Council's member counties have ceased paying the annual assessments which has resulted in the Council having to secure alternative sources of funding. See further discussion in Note O.

Specifically, the Council's mission is:

1. To make the most efficient use of its powers to promote cooperation for mutual advantage in order to provide services and facilities that will accord best with geographic, economic, social, land use, transportation, public safety resources, and other factors influencing the needs and development of local communities within its six county region;
2. To serve as a regional coordinator for the local governmental units comprising the region;
3. To exchange information on and review programs of regional concerns;
4. To promote communication between the local governments for the conservation and compatible development of the Southwest region;
5. To cooperate with Federal, State, and local government and non-government agencies to accomplish regional objectives; and
6. To do all things authorized for a Regional Planning Agency under Chapters 163, 186 and 380 of the Florida Statutes and other applicable Florida, Federal, State, and local laws, rules, and regulations.

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NOTE A - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies used in the preparation of these basic financial statements.

The basic financial statements of the Council are comprised of the following:

- Government-wide financial statements
- Fund financial statements
- Notes to the financial statements

Reporting Entity

The Council has adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement Number 14, "Financial Reporting Entity" (GASB 14), as amended by GASB Statement Number 39, "Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units" (GASB 39) and GASB Statement Number 61, "The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus - An Amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34" (GASB 61). These Statements require the financial statements of the Council (the primary government) to include its component units, if any. A component unit is a legally separate organization for which the elected officials of the primary government are financially accountable. Based on the criteria established in GASB Statement 14, as amended, there are no component units included or required to be included in the Council's financial statements.

The Council assisted in the creation and establishment of Southwest Florida Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc. ("Conservation"), an independent Florida not-for-profit corporation. Conservation's mission is to develop a resource conservation plan for its service area, as well as to act as a clearinghouse for other conservation groups and efforts.

The Council provides no direct support to Conservation and does not have authority to exercise economic control over Conservation. The Council, however, provides Conservation with bookkeeping services free of charge. The Council cannot appoint or remove the Board members of Conservation. Therefore, Conservation is not considered a component unit of the Council, and its financial activity is not included within these financial statements.

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**NOTE A - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING
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Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the activities of the Council and do not emphasize fund types. These governmental activities comprise the primary government. General governmental and intergovernmental revenues support the governmental activities. The purpose of the government-wide financial statements is to allow the user to be able to determine if the Council is in a better or worse financial position than the prior year.

Government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from nonexchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement 33, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions."

Amounts paid to acquire capital assets are capitalized as assets in the government-wide financial statements, rather than reported as expenditures. Proceeds of long-term debt are recorded as liabilities in the government-wide financial statements, rather than as other financing sources. Amounts paid to reduce long-term indebtedness of the reporting government are reported as a reduction of the related liability in the government-wide financial statements, rather than as expenditures.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include: 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function, and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital improvements of a particular function. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

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Government-wide Financial Statements, continued

Program revenues are considered to be revenues generated by services performed and/or by fees charged such as dues, assessments, fees, and operating grants and contracts.

Fund Financial Statements

The Council adheres to GASB Number 54, "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions," that required a change in the reporting format of fund balances in the governmental fund statements.

The accounts of the Council are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity or retained earnings, revenues, and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purpose for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. Fund financial statements for the Council's governmental funds are presented after the government-wide financial statements. These statements display information about major funds individually and nonmajor funds, in aggregate, for governmental funds.

Governmental Funds

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period.

The Council's major funds are presented in separate columns on the governmental fund financial statements. The definition of a major fund is one that meets certain criteria set forth in GASB Statement Number 34, "Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments". The funds that do not meet the criteria of a major fund are considered non-major funds and are combined into a single column on the governmental fund financial statements.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds. Major individual governmental funds are reported in separate columns on the fund financial statements.

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NOTE A - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures, or expenses, are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period and soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Council considers tax revenues to be available if they are collected within sixty days of the end of the current fiscal period.

Revenues susceptible to accrual are interest on investments and intergovernmental revenues. Interest on invested funds is recognized when earned. Intergovernmental revenues that are reimbursements for specific purposes or projects are recognized when all eligibility requirements are met.

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred. Exceptions to this general rule include: (1) principal and interest on the long-term debt, if any, which is recognized when due; and (2) expenditures are generally not divided between years by the recording of prepaid expenditures.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Council's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

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NOTE A - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting, continued

The Council adheres to the provisions of Government Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 68 "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions" (GASB 68), which requires the Council to report its proportionate share of the actuarially determined net pension liability of defined benefit plans in the statement of net position, in the Council's financial statements. The Council participates in the FRS defined benefit pension plan and the HIS defined benefit plan administered by the Florida Department of Management Services, Division of Retirement.

Non-current Government Assets/Liabilities

GASB 34 requires non-current governmental assets, such as land and buildings, and non-current governmental liabilities, such as notes payable and capital leases to be reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide Statement of Net Position.

Major Funds

The Council reports the following major governmental fund:

The General Fund is the Council's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the Council.

Budgetary Information

The Council has elected to report budgetary comparison of major funds as required supplementary information (RSI).

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NOTE A - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED

Investments

The Council adheres to the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement Number 31, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools," in which all investments are reported at fair value, with the exception of the Local Government Surplus Funds Investment Pool Trust Fund (State Board of Administration), an external 2a7-like investment pool. The Local Government Surplus Funds Investment Pool Trust Fund's shares are stated at amortized cost (otherwise known as fluctuating net asset value or "NAV"), which approximates fair value.

Investments, including restricted investments (if any), may consist of the State of Florida Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund and Certificates of Deposit held at local depositories.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include furniture and fixtures, equipment, and vehicles, are reported in the government-wide financial statements in the Statement of Net Position.

The Council follows a capitalization policy which calls for capitalization of all fixed assets that have a cost or donated value of \$1,000 or more and have a useful life in excess of one year.

All capital assets are valued at historical cost, or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Donated capital assets are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date donated. Public domain (infrastructure) capital assets consisting of certain improvements other than building, including curbs, gutters, and drainage systems, are not capitalized, as the Council generally does not acquire such assets. No debt-related interest expense is capitalized as part of capital assets in accordance with GASB Statement Number 34.

Maintenance, repairs, and minor renovations are not capitalized. The acquisition of land and construction projects utilizing resources received from Federal and State agencies are capitalized when the related expenditure is incurred.

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**NOTE A - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING
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Capital Assets, continued

Expenditures that materially increase values, change capacities, or extend useful lives are capitalized. Upon sale or retirement, the cost is eliminated from the respective accounts.

Expenditures for capital assets are recorded in the fund statements as current expenditures. However, such expenditures are not reflected as expenditures in the government-wide statements, but rather are capitalized and depreciated.

Depreciable capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Asset</u>	<u>Years</u>
Improvements Other Than Buildings	7-15
Furniture & Fixtures	7
Equipment	3-7
Vehicles	3

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The Council has adopted an annual budget for the General Fund.

The Council follows these procedures in establishing budgetary data for the General Fund.

1. During the summer of each year but no later than August 15, the Council management submits to the Board a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing on October 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
2. Public hearings are conducted to obtain public comments.
3. The budget is adopted by approval of the Board Members no later than August 15 each year.

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NOTE A - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting, continued

4. The budget for the General Fund is, generally, adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
5. Budget transfers can be made throughout the year between expenditure accounts by approval of the Board Members. The level of control for appropriations is exercised at the fund level.
6. Budget amounts, as shown in these basic financial statements, are as originally adopted or as amended by the Board Members.
7. Appropriations lapse at year-end.
8. The Board Members approved one budget amendment to decrease total ~~budgeted revenues and expenditures by \$8,106 during the fiscal year ended~~ September 30, 2023.

Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is not employed by the Council because it is, at present, not necessary to assure effective budgetary control or to facilitate effective cash planning and control.

Compensated Absences

The Council's employees accumulate leave based on various criteria including the number of years of continuous service and job classification.

Leave which is requested and approved prior to the day in which it is taken by the employee (vacation) shall be considered to be scheduled leave. At September 30, 2022 any scheduled leave accrued above 160 hours shall be used or forfeited except for the Executive Director which is limited to 240 hours. Any employee who is separated from the Council staff by layoff, resignation, death, disability, or other cause shall be paid for the number of working hours of unused scheduled (vacation) leave accrued, not to exceed 160 hours.

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NOTE A - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED

Compensated Absences, continued

Leave not requested/approved prior to the day it is taken (sick time) shall be considered unscheduled. Unscheduled leave may be accumulated to a total of 200 hours. There is no reimbursement for unscheduled leave accrual at the time of an employee's termination from the Council and therefore, not accrued.

Due From Other Governments

No allowances for losses on uncollectible accounts has been recorded since the Council considers all amounts to be fully collectible.

Management Estimates

The preparation of the basic financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the Council to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, fund equity, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the basic financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Net Position

In the government-wide financial statements no net assets have been identified as restricted. Restricted net assets are those net assets that have constraints as to their use externally imposed by creditors, through debt covenants, by grantors, or by law.

Fund Balances

The governmental fund financial statements the Council maintains include nonspendable, assigned, and unassigned fund balances. Nonspendable balances are those that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. Criteria include items that are not expected to be converted into cash, for example prepaid expenses and deposits.

The Council's assigned balances are a result of the Council's Board approval of actions prior to October 1, 2022. The Council's intent and policy is to maintain a

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**NOTE A - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING
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Fund Balances, continued

minimum assigned fund balance level between four (4) to six (6) months of prior year total expenditures. This assigned fund balance will serve as the Council's operational and capital reserve as well as its disaster reserve. At September 30, 2023, the entire fund balance is classified as assigned since the balance is less than the Council's minimum target fund balance. Any use of the fund balance requires the Council's Board approval.

New Accounting Standard - Leases

During the year ended September 30, 2022, the Council adopted GASB Statement No. 87 - Leases (GASB 87). This statement required the recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities in the Statement of Net Position for leases that previously were classified as operating leases. The Council, however, determined its current office equipment lease agreements to be immaterial, therefore, do not meet the criteria of GASB 87 at September 30, 2023.

Pensions

In the government-wide statement of net position, liabilities are recognized for the Council's proportionate share of each pension plan's net pension liability. For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Florida Retirement System (FRS) and the Health Insurance Subsidy (HIS) defined benefit plan and additions to/deductions from fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the Plans. For this purpose, benefit payments, (including refunds of employees contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms.

The Council's retirement plans and related amounts are described in a subsequent note.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position reports a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to future periods and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The deferred amount on pensions and OPEB is

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NOTE A - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, continued

reported in the government-wide statement of net position. The deferred outflows of resources related to pensions and OPEB are discussed in a subsequent note.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position reports a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The deferred amount on pensions and OPEB is reported only in the government-wide statement of net position. A deferred amount on pension results from the difference in the expected and actual amounts of experience, earnings, and contributions. This amount is deferred and amortized over the service life of all employees that are provided with pensions and OPEB through these plans except earnings which are amortized over five to seven years.

Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through April 8, 2024, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE B - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash was \$48,846, including cash on hand of \$200 and restricted cash of \$0 (unearned revenue) at September 30, 2023.

Deposits

The Council's deposit policy allows deposits to be held in demand deposits and money market accounts. All Council depositories are institutions designated as qualified depositories by the State Treasurer at September 30, 2023.

The Council's deposits consist of the following at September 30, 2023:

	Bank Balance	Carrying Amount
Depository Accounts	\$ 50,469	\$ 48,646

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NOTE B - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, CONTINUED

Deposits, continued

These deposits were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by collateral pursuant to the Public Depository Security Act (Florida Statute 280) of the State of Florida. Bank balances approximate market value. Depository accounts are fully insured and/or collateralized.

NOTE C - INVESTMENTS

Florida Statutes and the Council's investment policy authorize investments in the Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund (SBA) administered by the State Board of Administration, and certificates of deposit held in financial institutions.

At September 30, 2023, the Council's investments consist of the following:

	Cost Basis	Fair Value (NAV)/ Carrying Amount
<u>General Fund</u>		
Local Government Surplus Trust Fund (SBA)		
Fund "A" (Florida PRIME)	\$ 109,167	\$ 109,167
Total Investments	<u>\$ 109,167</u>	<u>\$ 109,167</u>

The Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund (Florida PRIME (formerly Fund "A")) is an external 2a7-like investment pool, administered by the Florida State Board of Administration. The Local Government Surplus Funds Investment Pool Trust Fund is not categorized as it is not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form. The Local Government Surplus Trust Funds Investment Pool's shares are stated at amortized cost (NAV), which approximates fair value. These investments are subject to the risk that the market value of an investment, collateral protecting a deposit or securities underlying a repurchase agreement, will decline. The Council's investment in the Fund represented less than 1% of the Fund's total investments. Investments held in the Fund include, but are not limited to, short-term federal agency obligations, treasury bills, repurchase agreements and commercial paper. These short-term investments are stated at cost, which approximates market. Investment income is recognized as earned and is allocated to participants of the Fund based on their equity participation.

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NOTE C - INVESTMENTS, CONTINUED

At September 30, 2023, the Council reported SBA investments of \$109,167 for amounts held in Florida PRIME. Florida PRIME carried a credit rating of AAAM by Standard and Poors and had a weighted average days to maturity (WAM) of 35 days at September 30, 2023. The weighted average life (WAL) of Florida PRIME at September 30, 2023 was 75 days. Rule 2a7 allows funds to use amortized cost to maintain a constant NAV of \$1.00 per share. Accordingly, the Council's investment in Florida PRIME is reported at the account balance (pooled shares), which is considered fair value.

The Council adheres to GASB Statement No. 79 which requires the following disclosures related to its Florida PRIME investment:

Redemption Gates: Chapter 218.409(8)(a), Florida Statutes, states that “The principal, and any part thereof, of each account constituting the trust fund is subject to a payment at any time from the moneys in the trust fund. However, the Executive Director of the fund may, in good faith, on the occurrence of an event that has a material impact on liquidity or operations of the trust fund, for 48 hours limit contributions to or withdrawals from the trust fund to ensure that the Board can invest moneys entrusted to it in exercising its fiduciary responsibility. Such action must be immediately disclosed to all participants, the Trustees, the Joint Legislative Auditing Committee, the Investment Advisory Council and the Participant Local Government Advisory Council. The Trustees shall convene an emergency meeting as soon as practicable from the time the Executive Director has instituted such measures to review the necessity of those measures. If the Trustees are unable to convene an emergency meeting before the expiration of the 48-hour moratorium on the contributions and withdrawals, the Executive Director may extend the moratorium until the Trustees are able to meet to review the necessity for the moratorium. If the Trustees agree with such measures, the Trustees shall vote to continue the measures for up to an additional 15 days. The Trustees must convene and vote to continue any such measures before the expiration of the time limit set, but in no case may the time limit set by the Trustees exceed 15 days.”

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NOTE C - INVESTMENTS, CONTINUED

Liquidity Fees: Florida Statute 218.409(4) provides authority for the SBA to impose penalties for early withdrawal, subject to disclosures in the enrollment materials of the amount and purpose of such fees. At September 30, 2023, no such disclosure has been made.

Redemption Fees: As of September 30, 2023, there were no redemption fees (gates) or maximum transaction amounts, or any other requirements that serve to limit a participant's daily access to 100 percent of their account value.

Fair Value: The carrying value of cash, cash equivalents, and investments held by the Council is reported at amortized cost which approximates fair value.

Foreign Currency: Florida PRIME was not exposed to foreign currency risk during the period October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023.

Securities Lending: Florida PRIME did not participate in securities lending program during the period October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

Separate financial statements for Florida PRIME are available from Florida PRIME as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023.

NOTE D - DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS

Due from other governments-grants receivable consisted of the following at September 30, 2023:

	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Federal</u>	
U.S. Economic Development Administration - Disaster Recover	\$ 13,190
U.S. Economic Development Administration - CEDS	8,799
U.S. Department of Agriculture - Regional Food Systems	45,900
U.S. Department of Economic Development - Food Insecurity	51,400
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Brownfield	760
<u>Other</u>	
Town of Fort Myers Beach - Assessments	838
FL Fish and Wildlife - Clewiston Lakefront Master	73,227
Lee County Board of County Commissioners - Assessments	<u>1,820</u>
Total due from other governments	<u>\$ 195,934</u>

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NOTE D - DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS, CONTINUED

The due from other governments grants receivable balances as of September 30, 2023, are considered by management to be fully collectible.

NOTE E - CAPITAL ASSETS ACTIVITY

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets activity for the year ended September 30, 2023:

	Balance October 1 2022	Increases/ Additions	Decreases/ Deletions	Adjustments/ Reclassifications	Balance September 30 2023
Capital Assets					
Being Depreciated:					
Furniture & Fixtures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment	43,026	-	-	-	43,026
Vehicles	-	-	-	-	-
Total Capital Assets					
Being Depreciated	43,026	-	-	-	43,026
Less Accumulated Depreciation:					
Furniture & Fixtures	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment	(43,026)	-	-	-	(43,026)
Vehicles	-	-	-	-	-
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(43,026)	-	-	-	(43,026)
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Assets, Net	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
				Related debt	-
				Net investment in capital assets	\$ -

Depreciation expense was charged to the following functions during the year ended September 30, 2023:

	Amount
General Government	\$ -
Total Depreciation Expense	\$ -

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NOTE F - UNEARNED REVENUE

Unearned revenue (by type) consisted of the following at September 30, 2023:

	<u>Amount</u>
Grants	\$ -
DRI's & NOPC's	-
	<u>\$ - (1)</u>
(1) offset by restricted cash	

NOTE G - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

The following is a summary of changes in long-term liabilities for the year ended September 30, 2023:

	Balance October 1 2022	Additions	Retirements / Adjustments	Balance September 30 2023	Amounts Due Within One Year
Net Pension Liability - FRS	\$ 461,310	\$ -	\$ (8,031)	\$ 453,279	\$ -
Net Pension Liability - HIS	73,246	27,495	-	100,741	-
Compensated absences	49,331	14,657	-	63,988	-
Net OPEB liability	3,030	-	-	3,030	-
	<u>\$ 586,917</u>	<u>\$ 42,152</u>	<u>\$ (8,031)</u>	<u>\$ 621,038</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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

	<u>Amount</u>
Net pension obligation - FRS pension plan. This amount is actuarially determined through calculation based upon the audited financial statements of the Florida FRS Plan.	\$ 453,279
Net pension obligation - HIS plan. This amount is actuarially determined through calculation based upon the audited financial statements of the Florida FRS Plan.	100,741
Non-current portion of compensated absences. Employees of the Council are entitled to paid scheduled (vacation) leave based on length of service and job classification.	63,988
Net OPEB liability - actuarially determined - GASB No. 75.	<u>3,030</u>
	<u>\$ 621,038</u>

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NOTE H - OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

The Council adopted GASB Statement Number 87 "Leases" during the year ended September 30, 2022. The Council, however, determined its equipment leases were immaterial. Therefore, no intangible asset or liability was recorded.

The Council leases a copier under an agreement classified as operating leases. Lease expense was \$5,087 for the year ended September 30, 2023. This includes the buyout total of \$2,705 on August 18, 2023.

Future minimum lease payments under the copier lease is as follows:

Years Ending September 30	Amount
2024	\$ -
2025	-
	\$ -

The Council receives donated office space from a third party not-for-profit organization. The value of the rent received is not recorded as the amounts are determined to be immaterial.

NOTE I - RETIREMENT PLAN - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN

General Information about the Florida Retirement System

The Florida Retirement System ("FRS") was created in Chapter 121, Florida Statutes. The FRS was created to provide a defined benefit pension plan ("Pension Plan") for participating public employees. All Council employees are participants in the Statewide Florida Retirement System (FRS) under authority of Article X, Section 14 of the State Constitution and Florida Statutes, Chapters 112 and 121. The FRS was amended in 1998 to add the Deferred Retirement Option Program ("DROP") under the defined benefit plan and amended in 2000 to provide an integrated defined contribution plan alternative to the defined benefit plan for FRS members effective July 1, 2002. This integrated defined contribution pension plan is the FRS Investment Plan. Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, established the Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy (HIS) Program, a separate cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan to assist retired members of any State-administered retirement system in paying the costs of health insurance.

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NOTE I - RETIREMENT PLAN - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN, CONTINUED

General Information about the Florida Retirement System, continued

Essentially all regular employees of the Council are eligible to enroll as members of the State-administered FRS. Provisions relating to the FRS are established by Chapters 121 and 122, Florida Statutes; Chapter 112, Part IV, Florida Statutes; Chapter 238, Florida Statutes; and Florida Retirement System Rules, Chapter 60S, Florida Administrative Code; wherein eligibility, contributions, and benefits are defined and described in detail. Such provisions may be amended at any time by further action from the Florida Legislature. The FRS is a single retirement system administered by the Florida Department of Management Services, Division of Retirement, and consists of two cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit plans (Pension and HIS Plans) and other nonintegrated programs. A comprehensive annual financial report of the FRS, which includes its financial statements, required supplementary information, actuarial report, and other relevant information dated June 30, 2022, is available from the Florida Department of Management Services' Website (www.dms.myflorida.com).

The Council's total pension expense of \$114,072 for the year ended September 30, 2023, is recorded in the government-wide financial statements. Total Council retirement actual contribution expenditures were \$71,993, \$66,099 and \$61,588 for the years ended September 30, 2023, 2022 and 2021, respectively. The Council contributed 100% of the required contributions.

FRS Pension Plan

Plan Description. The FRS Pension Plan ("Plan") is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, with a Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) for eligible employees. The general classes of membership are as follows:

Regular Class - Members of the FRS who do not qualify for membership in the other classes.

Senior Management Service Class (SMSC) - Members in senior management level positions.

Special Risk Class - Members who are employed as law enforcement officers and meet the criteria to qualify for this class.

Elected Officials - Members who are elected by the voters within the District boundaries.

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NOTE I - RETIREMENT PLAN - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN, CONTINUED

FRS Pension Plan, continued

Employees enrolled in the Plan prior to July 1, 2011, vest at six years of creditable service and employees enrolled in the Plan on or after July 1, 2011, vest at eight years of creditable service. All vested members, enrolled prior to July 1, 2011, are eligible for normal retirement benefits at age 62 or at any age after 30 years of service, except for those members classified as special risk who are eligible for normal retirement benefits at age 55 and 6 years of service or at any age after 25 years of service. All members enrolled in the Plan on or after July 1, 2011, once vested, are eligible for normal retirement benefits at age 65 or any time after 33 years of creditable service, except for members classified as special risk who are eligible for normal retirement benefits at age 60 with 8 years of service or at any age after 30 years of service. However, effective July 1, 2023, for special risk who enrolled on or after July 1, 2011, normal retirement date changed to the earlier of 25 years of creditable service or age 55. Members of both Plans (Pension and HIS) may include up to 4 years of credit for military service toward creditable service. The Plan also includes an early retirement provision; however, there is a benefit reduction for each year a member retires before his or her normal retirement date. The Plan provides retirement, disability, death benefits, and annual cost of living adjustments to eligible participants.

DROP, subject to provisions of Section 121.091, Florida Statutes, permits employees eligible for normal retirement under the Plan to defer receipt of monthly benefit payments while continuing employment with an FRS employer. An employee may participate in DROP for a period not to exceed 60 months after electing to participate. During the period of DROP participation, deferred monthly benefits are held in the FRS Trust Fund and accrue interest. The net pension liability does not include amounts for DROP participants, as these members are considered retired and are not accruing additional pension benefits.

Effective July 1, 2023, an employee may participate in DROP for a period not to exceed 96 months (8 years) after electing to participate except for certain instructional personnel who can participate for 120 months. During the period of DROP participation, deferred monthly benefits are held in the FRS Trust Fund and accrue interest. Interest accrues at 4% on DROP accumulation held on or after July 1, 2023 and at 1.3% prior. The net pension liability does not include amounts for DROP participants, as these members are considered retired and are not accruing additional pension benefits. The restrictive 12 month election window was removed.

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FRS Pension Plan, continued

Participants may elect to enter DROP at anytime after becoming fully vested and reaching normal retirement age.

Benefits Provided. Benefits under the Plan are computed on the basis of age, and/or years of service, average final compensation, and credit service. Credit for each year of service is expressed as a percentage of the average final compensation. For members initially enrolled before July 1, 2011, the average final compensation is the average of the five highest fiscal years' earnings; for the members initially enrolled on or after July 1, 2011, the average final compensation is the average of the eight highest fiscal years' earnings. The total percentage value of the benefit received is determined by calculating the total value of all service, which is based on retirement plan and/or the class to which the member belonged when the service credit was earned. Members are eligible for in-line-of-duty or regular disability and survivors' benefits. The following chart shows the percentage value of each year of service credit earned:

<u>Class, Initial Enrollment, and Retirement Age/Years of Service</u>	<u>%Value</u>
Regular Class and elected members initially enrolled before July 1, 2011	
Retirement up to age 62, or up to 30 years of service	1.60
Retirement at age 63 or with 31 years of service	1.63
Retirement at age 64 or with 32 years of service	1.65
Retirement at age 65 or with 33 or more years of service	1.68
Regular Class and elected members initially enrolled on or after July 1, 2011	
Retirement up to age 65 or up to 33 years of service	1.60
Retirement at age 66 or with 34 years of service	1.63
Retirement at age 67 or with 35 years of service	1.65
Retirement at age 68 or with 36 or more years of service	1.68
Special Risk Regular	
Service from December 1, 1970 through September 30, 1974	2.00
Service on or after October 1, 1974	3.00
Senior Management Service Class	2.00
Elected Officers' Class	3.00

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NOTE I - RETIREMENT PLAN - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN, CONTINUED

FRS Pension Plan, continued

As provided in Section 121.101, Florida Statutes, if the member is initially enrolled in the FRS before July 1, 2011, and all service credit was accrued before July 1, 2011, the annual cost-of-living adjustment is 3 percent per year. If the member is initially enrolled before July 1, 2011, and has service credit on or after July 1, 2011, there is an individually calculated cost-of-living adjustment. The annual cost-of-living adjustment is a proportion of 3 percent determined by dividing the sum of the pre-July 2011 service credit by the total service credit at retirement multiplied by 3 percent. Plan members initially enrolled on or after July 1, 2011, will not have a cost-of-living adjustment after retirement.

Contributions. The Florida Legislature establishes contribution rates for participating employers and employees. Contribution rates during the year ended September 30, 2023 were as follows:

Class	Percent of Gross Salary*		
	Employee	Employer (1)	Employer (3)
Florida Retirement System, Regular	3.00	11.91	13.57
Florida Retirement System, Senior Management Service	3.00	31.57	34.52
Florida Retirement System, Special Risk	3.00	27.83	32.67
Deferred Retirement Option Program - Applicable to Members from All of the Above Classes	0.00	18.60	21.13
Florida Retirement System, Reemployed Retiree	(2)	N/A	N/A
Florida Retirement System, Elected Official	3.00	57.00	58.68

Notes:

- (1) Employer rates include 1.66 percent for the post employment health insurance subsidy. Also, employer rates, other than for DROP participants, include .06 percent for administrative costs for the Investment Plan. Rates for 7/1/22 - 6/30/23.
- (2) Contribution rates are dependent upon retirement class in which reemployed.
- (3) Employer rates include 2.00 percent for the post employment health insurance subsidy. Also, employer rates, other than for DROP participants, include .06 percent for administrative costs for the Investment Plan. Rates for 7/1/23 - 6/30/24.

* As defined by the Plan.

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FRS Pension Plan, continued

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to the Pension Plan. At September 30, 2023 (measurement date), the Council reported a net pension liability of \$453,279 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2023. The Council's proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on the Council's 2022-23 fiscal year contributions relative to the total 2022-23 fiscal year contributions of all participating members. At September 30, 2023, the Council's proportionate share was .001137554 percent, which was a decrease of .000102259 percent from its proportionate share measure as of September 30, 2022.

For the year ended September 30, 2023, the Council recognized FRS pension expense of \$96,961. In addition, the Council reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the pension from the following sources at September 30, 2023:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 42,559	\$ -
Change of assumptions	29,549	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	18,930	-
Changes in proportion and differences between Council contributions and proportionate share of contributions	30,855	49,168
Council contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>15,066</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 136,959</u>	<u>\$ 49,168</u>

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FRS Pension Plan, continued

The deferred outflows of resources related to the FRS pension, totaling \$15,066 resulting from Council contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a reduction on the net pension liability in the year ended September 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the pension will be recognized in pension expense over the remaining service period of 5.3 years as follows:

<u>Fiscal Years Ending September 30</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2024	\$ 17,244
2025	17,244
2026	17,244
2027	17,242
2028	12,511
Thereafter	(8,760)
Total	\$ 72,725

Actuarial Assumptions. The total pension liability in the July 1, 2023, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Valuation date	July 1, 2023
Measurement date	June 30, 2023
Inflation	2.40 percent
Real payroll growth	0.85 percent
Salary increases	3.25 percent, average, including inflation
Investment rate of return	6.70 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation
Actuarial cost method	Individual entry age

Mortality rates were based on the Generational PUB-2010 with Projection Scale MP-2018.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2023 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2018.

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FRS Pension Plan, continued

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was not based on historical returns, but instead is based on a forward-looking capital market economic model. The allocation policy's description of each asset class was used to map the target allocation to the asset classes shown below. Each asset class assumption is based on a consistent set of underlying assumptions, and includes an adjustment for the inflation assumption. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic and geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation (1)	Annual Arithmetic Return	Compound Annual (Geometric) Return	Standard Deviation
Cash	1.0%	2.9%	2.9%	1.1%
Fixed income	19.8%	4.5%	4.4%	3.4%
Global equity	54.0%	8.7%	7.1%	18.1%
Real estate (property)	10.3%	7.6%	6.6%	14.8%
Private equity	11.1%	11.9%	8.8%	26.3%
Strategic investments	3.8%	6.3%	6.1%	7.7%
Total	<u>100%</u>			
Assumed inflation - Mean		2.40%		1.40%

(1) As outlined in the Plan's investment policy

Money-Weighted Rate of Return. The annual money-weighted rate of return (loss) on the FRS Pension Plan investments was 7.58% for the Plan year ended June 30, 2023.

Discount Rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.70 percent. The Plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the discount rate for calculating the total pension liability is equal to the long-term expected rate of return.

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FRS Pension Plan, continued

Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate. The following presents the Council's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.70 percent, as well as what the Council's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (5.70 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (7.70 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (5.70%)	Current Discount Rate (6.70%)	1% Increase (7.70%)
Council's proportionate share of the net pension liability	<u>\$ 774,293</u>	<u>\$ 453,279</u>	<u>\$ 184,713</u>

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position. Detailed information about pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued FRS Pension Plan and Other State Administered Systems Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (FRS ACFR) dated June 30, 2023.

The FRS ACFR and actuarial reports may also be obtained by contacting the Division of Retirement at:

Department of Management Services
 Division of Retirement
 Bureau of Research and Member Communications
 P.O. Box 9000
 Tallahassee, FL 32315-9000
 850-488-5706 or toll free at 877-377-1737

http://www.dms.myflorida.com/workforce_operations/retirement/publications

Payables to the Pension Plan. At September 30, 2023, the Council reported a payable of \$0 for the outstanding amount of contributions in the pension plan required for the year ended September 30, 2023.

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HIS Plan

Plan Description. The Health Insurance Subsidy Plan ("HIS Plan") is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan established under Section 112.363, Florida Statutes. The benefit is a monthly payment to assist retirees of State-administered retirement systems in paying their health insurance costs and is administered by the Division of Retirement within the Florida Department of Management Services.

Benefits Provided. For the year ended September 30, 2023, eligible retirees and beneficiaries received a monthly HIS payment equal to the number of years of creditable service completed at the time of retirement multiplied by \$5. The payments are at least \$30 but not more than \$150 per month, pursuant to Section 112.363, Florida Statutes. Subsequent to July 1, 2023, eligible retirees and beneficiaries receive \$7.50 for each year of service monthly. Maximum benefit is \$225 per month or 2,700 annually. To be eligible to receive a HIS Plan benefit, a retiree under a State-administered retirement system must provide proof of health insurance coverage, which can include Medicare.

Contributions. The HIS Plan is funded by required contributions from FRS participating employers as set by the Florida Legislature. Employer contributions are a percentage of gross compensation for all active FRS members. For the year ended September 30, 2023, the contribution rate ranged between 2.00 percent and 1.66 percent of payroll pursuant to Section 112.363, Florida Statutes. The Council contributed 100 percent of its statutorily required contributions for the current and preceding three years. HIS Plan contributions are deposited in a separate trust fund from which HIS payments are authorized. HIS Plan benefits are not guaranteed and are subject to annual legislative appropriation. In the event the legislative appropriation or available funds fail to provide full subsidy benefits to all participants, benefits may be reduced or cancelled.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to the HIS Plan. At September 30, 2023, the Council reported a HIS net pension liability of \$100,741 for its proportionate share of the net HIS Plan's net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July

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HIS Plan, continued

1, 2023. The Council's proportionate share of the net HIS liability was based on the District's 2022-23 fiscal year contributions relative to the total 2022-23 fiscal year contributions of all participating members. At September 30, 2023, the Council's proportionate share was .000634337 percent, which was a decrease of .000057214 percent from its proportionate share measured as of June 30, 2023.

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, the Council recognized HIS expense (income) of \$17,111. In addition, the Council reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

Description	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 1,475	\$ 236
Change of assumptions	2,647	8,730
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	52	-
Changes in proportion and differences between Council contributions and proportionate share of contributions	1,807	40,621
Council contributions subsequent to the measurement date	1,248	-
Total	\$ 7,229	\$ 49,587

The deferred outflows of resources related to HIS, totaling \$1,248, resulting from Council contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a reduction on the net pension liability in the year ended September 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense of the remaining service period of 6.3 years as follows:

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HIS Plan, continued

Fiscal Years Ending September 30	Amount
2024	\$ (8,225)
2025	(8,225)
2026	(8,225)
2027	(8,225)
2028	(8,238)
Thereafter	(2,468)
Total	<u>\$ (43,606)</u>

Actuarial Assumptions. The total pension liability in the July 1, 2023, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.40 percent
Real Payroll Growth	0.85 percent
Salary Increases	3.25 percent, average, including inflation
Municipal Bond Rate	3.65 percent
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual entry age

Mortality rates were based on the Generational PUB-2010 with Projected Scale MP-2018.

Because the HIS Plan is funded on a pay-as-you-go basis, no experience study has been completed for this plan.

Discount Rate. The discount rate used to measure the total HIS liability was increased from 3.54% to 3.65%. In general, the discount rate for calculating the total HIS liability is equal to the single rate equivalent to discounting at the long-term expected rate of return for benefit payments prior to the projected depletion date. Because the HIS benefit is essentially funded on a pay-as-you-go basis, the depletion date is considered to be immediate, and the single equivalent discount rate is equal to the municipal bond rate selected by the plan sponsor. The Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index was adopted as the applicable municipal bond index.

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HIS Plan, continued

Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net HIS Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate. The following presents the Council's proportionate share of the net HIS liability calculated using the discount rate of 3.65 percent, as well as what the Council's proportionate share of the net HIS liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.65 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (4.65 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (2.65%)	Current Discount Rate (3.65%)	1% Increase (4.65%)
Council's proportionate share of the net HIS liability	\$ 114,930	\$ 100,741	\$ 88,980

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position. Detailed information about the HIS plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued FRS Pension Plan and Other State Administered Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (FRS ACFR) dated June 30, 2023.

The FRS ACFR and actuarial reports may also be obtained by contacting the Division of Retirement at:

Department of Management Services
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 Tallahassee, FL 32315-9000
 850-488-5706 or toll free at 877-377-1737

http://www.dms.myflorida.com/workforce_operations/retirement/publications

Payables to the Pension Plan. At September 30, 2023 the Council reported a payable of \$0 for the outstanding amount of contributions to the HIS plan required for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023.

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FRS - Defined Contribution Pension Plan

The SBA administers the defined contribution plan officially titled the FRS Investment Plan (Investment Plan). The Investment Plan is reported in the SBA's annual financial statements and in the State of Florida Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

As provided in Section 121.4501, Florida Statutes, eligible FRS members may elect to participate in the Investment Plan in lieu of the FRS defined benefit plan. Council employees participating in DROP are not eligible to participate in the Investment Plan. Employer and employee contributions, including amounts contributed to individual member's accounts, are defined by law, but the ultimate benefit depends in part on the performance of investment funds. Benefit terms, including contribution requirements, for the Investment Plan are established and may be amended by the Florida Legislature. The Investment Plan is funded with the same employer and employee contribution rates that are based on salary and membership class (Regular Class, Elected County Officers, etc.) as the FRS defined benefit plan. Contributions are directed to individual member accounts, and the individual members allocate contributions and account balances among various approved investment choices. Costs of administering the plan, including FRS Financial Guidance Program, are funded through an employer contribution of 0.06 percent of payroll and by forfeited benefits of plan members. Allocations to the investment member's accounts during the 2022-23 fiscal year were as follows:

Class	Percent of Gross Salary*		
	Employee	Employer (1)	Employer (3)
Florida Retirement System, Regular	3.00	6.3	8.30
Florida Retirement System, Senior Management Service	3.00	7.67	9.67
Florida Retirement System, Special Risk	3.00	14.00	16.00
Florida Retirement System, Reemployed Retiree	(2)	N/A	N/A
Florida Retirement System, Elected Official	3.00	11.34	13.35

Notes:

- (1) Employer rates include 1.66 percent for the post employment health insurance subsidy. Also, employer rates, other than for DROP participants, include .06 percent for administrative costs for the Investment Plan. Rates for 7/1/22 - 6/30/23.
- (2) Contribution rates are dependent upon retirement class in which reemployed.
- (3) Employer rates include 2.00 percent for the post employment health insurance subsidy. Also, employer rates, other than for DROP participants, include .06 percent for administrative costs for the Investment Plan. Rates for 7/1/23 - 6/30/24.

* As defined by the Plan.

Effective July 1, 2023, employer contribution rates increased by 2% in all membership classes.

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NOTE I - RETIREMENT PLAN - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN, CONTINUED

FRS - Defined Contribution Pension Plan, continued

For all membership classes, employees are immediately vested in their own contributions and are vested after 1 year of service for employer contributions and investment earnings. If an accumulated benefit obligation for service credit originally earned under the FRS Pension Plan is transferred to the Investment Plan, the member must have the years of service required for FRS Pension Plan vesting (including the service credit represented by the transferred funds) to be vested for these funds and the earnings on the funds. Nonvested employer contributions are placed in a suspense account for up to 5 years. If the employee returns to FRS-covered employment within the 5-year period, the employee will regain control over their account. If the employee does not return within the 5 year period, the employee will forfeit the accumulated account balance. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, the information for the amount of forfeitures was unavailable from the SBA; however, management believes that these amounts, if any, would be immaterial to the Council.

After termination and applying to receive benefits, the member may rollover vested funds to another qualified plan, structure a periodic payment under the Investment Plan, receive a lump-sum distribution, leave the funds invested for future distribution, or any combination of these options. Disability coverage is provided; the member may either transfer the account balance to the FRS Pension Plan when approved for disability retirement to receive guaranteed lifetime monthly benefits under the FRS Pension Plan, or remain in the Investment Plan and rely upon that account balance for retirement income.

The Council's Investment Plan pension expense totaled \$41,130 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023 and is included as part of total FRS contributions.

Payables to the Investment Plan. At September 30, 2023, the Council reported a payable of \$0 for the outstanding amount of contributions to the Plan required for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023.

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NOTE J - COMMITMENTS/CONTINGENCIES

Grants

The Council is currently receiving, and has received in the past, grants which are subject to special compliance audits by the grantor agency. The grantor agency may at times disallow expenditure amounts associated with a contract based on the outcome of an audit. These amounts would constitute a contingent liability of the Council. The Council has not, as of September 30, 2023, been notified of any existing contingent liabilities related to prior grants or the grants currently in process. The Council has not had any special compliance audits conducted by grantor agencies or any disallowed costs during the year ended September 30, 2023. The management of the Council does not believe contingent liabilities, if any exist, to be material.

NOTE K - ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE

The Council's operations are substantially dependent on the receipt of revenue from grantor and contract agencies. Loss of these funds and/or large decreases in this type of funding would have a material effect on the financial position of the Council and a negative impact on overall operations. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, approximately 92% of total revenue is attributable to funds received from grantor and contract agencies.

NOTE L - POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION BENEFITS (OPEB)

Plan Description

The Council's single employer defined benefit OPEB Plan provides the opportunity to obtain health insurance, pharmacy, dental and vision benefits to its retired employees and their dependents. The year ended September 30, 2018 was the Council's transition year and as such, the Council implemented GASB No. 75 "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions". GASB No. 75 requires the Council to annually its actuarially determined total OPEB liability.

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NOTE L - POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION BENEFITS
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Plan Description, continued

All retired full-time employees are eligible for OPEB benefits if actively employed by the Council immediately before retirement. As of September 30, 2023, there were zero (0) retirees receiving benefits. At September 30, 2023, there were three (3) active Council employees. The benefits are provided both with contractual or labor agreements. The benefits may require contribution from the retirees, depending on certain specified criteria and, in particular, length of creditable employment. The minimum retirement age is 62. The minimum years of service requirement is 8 years.

The retiree's premiums for these benefits totaled \$0 during the year ended September 30, 2023, of which the Council paid \$0.

Funding Policy

The Council's OPEB benefits are unfunded. The retiree is eligible for benefits under the Council's health, pharmacy dental and vision plan, but is obligated to reimburse the Council for 100% of the cost of the retiree's health coverage. As such, the Council has no ultimate obligation (explicit subsidy) for the retiree's health insurance premium. The Council acts as agent for the retiree on a pay-as-you-go basis and recognizes expenditures at the time the premiums are due. The Council does, however, incur the cost of premium rate being increased on its active employees due to providing coverage to its retirees (implicit subsidy). The Council has not determined if a separate trust fund or equivalent arrangement will be established into which the Council would make contributions to advance-fund the obligation. Therefore, no separate financial statement is issued. All required disclosures are presented herein. The September 30, 2023, OPEB actuarial report was not completed by the audit report date. The Council's OPEB liability and expense is considered immaterial annually. Therefore, the prior year amounts were used as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023. The Plan's measurement date was September 30, 2022 for the October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023 reporting period. September 30, 2023 was the valuation date.

The retiree pays 100% of the retiree health only coverage less the FRS health insurance subsidy (HIS) reimbursement amount until age 65. The retiree may purchase dependent coverage through the Council. At age 65 the retiree then must

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NOTE L - POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION BENEFITS
(OPEB), CONTINUED

Funding Policy, continued

move to Medicare but may continue to purchase dental and vision coverage through the Council. The Council finances the benefits on a pay-as-you-go basis and recognizes expenditures at the time the premiums are due.

The Council subsidizes the premium rates paid by retirees by allowing them to participate at blended premium rates for both active and retired employees. These rates provide an implicit subsidy for retirees because, on an actuarial basis, retiree claims are expected to result in higher costs to the plan on average than those of active employees.

The projection of future benefit payments for an ongoing plan involves estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and the healthcare cost trend. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the plan and the annual required contributions of the employer are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. The schedule of funding progress presents multiyear trend information about whether the actuarial value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liabilities for benefits.

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and plan members) and include types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members to that point. The methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

At September 30, 2023, the Council's Net OPEB Liability of \$3,030 was measured as of September 30, 2022 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of September 30, 2023 using the alternate measurement method. The change from the prior year was immaterial and therefore not recorded. The following actuarial assumptions and other inputs were applied to all periods included in the measurement:

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**NOTE L - POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION BENEFITS
(OPEB), CONTINUED**

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions, continued

The following simplifying assumptions were made:

Mortality - Life expectancies were based on Pub-2010 Mortality Tables projected to the valuation date using MP-2019.

Annual healthcare cost trend using the Society of Actuaries Long-Run Medical Cost Trend Model baseline assumptions with an initial rate of 7.0% per year trending to 4.0% by 2075. Years to ultimate 56.

Turnover - Non-group-specific age-based turnover data from GASB Statement 45 were used as the basis for assigning active members a probability of remaining employed until the assumed retirement age and for developing an expected future working lifetime assumption for purposes of allocating to periods the present value of total benefits paid.

Amortization Period: Rolling 20 year amortization

Funding Method: entry age cost method (level percent of payroll)

The discount rate was (2.43% for 2023) (2.43% for 2022) (3.58% for 2021) (4.18% for 2020) (4.18% for 2019) (3.64% for 2018) and was based on the 20 Year Municipal Bond Rate with AA/Aa or higher.

Retirement Rate	100% at age 58
Inflation Rate	2.50%
Salary Increases	2.50%
Discount Rate	2.43%
Valuation Date	September 30, 2023
Measurement Date	September 30, 2022

The FRS salary scale was used

Participation percentage: 25%

The actuarial assumptions used in the September 30, 2023 valuation were based on results of an actuarial experience study performed for the FRS Retirement Plan.

The rationales for selecting each of the assumptions used in the financial accounting valuation and for the assumptions changes summarized above are to best reflect the current market conditions and recent plan experience.

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Changes in the Net OPEB Liability

	<u>Amount</u>
Balance at September 30, 2022	\$ 3,030
Changes for the Year:	
Service Cost	-
Interest Cost on Total OPEB Liability	-
Change in Benefit Terms	-
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	-
Changes in Assumptions	-
Benefit Payments	-
Net Changes	<u>-</u>
Balance at September 30, 2023	<u>\$ 3,030</u>

The following presents the net OPEB liability of the Council as well as what the Council's net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percent higher or 1 percent lower than the current discount rate.

	1% Decrease	Current Rate	1% Increase
	<u>1.43%</u>	<u>2.43%</u>	<u>3.43%</u>
Net OPEB Liability	\$ 3,497	\$ 3,030	\$ 2,627

The following presents the net OPEB liability of the Council as well as what the Council's net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare trend rates that are 1 percent higher or 1 percent lower than the current healthcare trend rate.

	1% Decrease	Healthcare Trend Rate	1% Increase
	<u>3.00-6.00%</u>	<u>4.00-7.00%</u>	<u>5.00-8.00%</u>
Net OPEB Liability	\$ 2,547	\$ 3,030	\$ 3,603

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NOTE L - POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION BENEFITS
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Changes in the Net OPEB Liability, continued

For the year ended September 30, 2023, the Council recognized OPEB expense (revenue) of \$0. At September 30, 2023, the Council reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources*	Deferred Inflows of Resources*
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ -	\$ -
Changes in Assumptions	-	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings	-	-
Employer contribution subsequent to measurement date	2,000	-
Total	<u>\$ 2,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

	<u>Amount*</u>
2024	\$ 2,000
2025	-
2026	-
2027	-
2028	-
Total Thereafter	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 2,000</u>

*Per GASB No. 75 paragraph 43(a) since the Council used the alternative measurement method the effects of assumptions are recognized immediately. As such, since the Plan holds no assets their deferred inflows/outflows are zero except employer contribution.

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NOTE M - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Council is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees, and natural disasters.

Insurance programs for general/professional liability, automobile, and property are through commercial insurance carriers. The Council retains the risk of loss, on insured claims, up to a deductible amount (depending on the type of loss) with the risk of loss in excess of this amount transferred to the insurance carrier. The Council is third party insured for employee health as well as workers' compensation. There were no claims paid in excess of insurance coverage during the past three (3) fiscal years.

NOTE N - FUND BALANCE

Fund balance was classified for the following purposes at September 30, 2023:

Assigned fund balance - General Fund	Amount
Operating reserves	\$ 328,001
	<u>\$ 328,001</u>

NOTE O - CONTINGENCY

As of September 30, 2022, the Council had been informed by five (5) of the six (6) member Counties as well as two (2) cities of their respective intent to withdraw financial support from the Council. The Council estimated the financial effect of such withdrawal to be approximately \$435,000 of unrestricted revenue annually.

During the year ended September 30, 2023, the Council has secured alternate federal and state funding to replace the lost member government revenue. As such, the Council believes it will continue operations at least until September 30, 2025.

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NOTE P - DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

The Council offers the employees the opportunity to participate in a IRC 457 deferred compensation plan. This Plan has a third party trustee/custodian that holds 100% of Plan assets. The Plan is 100% third party administered. The Plan only accepts employee contributions.

NOTE Q - DEFICIT UNRESTRICTED NET POSITION (NET ASSETS)

During the year ended September 30, 2022, the Council's unrestricted net position (net assets) balance was a deficit of \$(63,292), due substantially to recording the current year actuarially determined net pension liability of \$534,556. The Council's total available fund balance at September 30, 2022 remains approximately equal to six (6) months of actual expenditures. However, the Board assigned all available fund balance to fund future operations.

During the year ended September 30, 2023, the Council's unrestricted net position (deficit) net assets balance was a deficit of (\$245,604), due substantially to recording the reduced current year actuarially determined net pension liability of \$554,020. The Council's total available fund balance at September 30, 2023 was \$328,001, equal to approximately (5) months of actual expenditures. However, the Board assigned all available fund balance to fund future operations.

NOTE R - SUBSCRIPTION LIABILITY

The Council entered into multiple subscription-based information technology arrangements for various software (GASB 96). The software have 1 year terms and have fixed payments. The Council aggregated the subscriptions for reporting purposes. The Council used a discount rate of 8.50% to record the present value of the future minimum payments as of the date of implementation. The total initial subscription right of use (ROU) asset and liability was \$59,527.

The District is recording the arrangements over a 3 year term consistent with its fixed asset capitalization policy.

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NOTE R - SUBSCRIPTION LIABILITY, CONTINUED

The future minimum subscription payments as of September 30, 2023 is as follows:

Years Ending September 30	Amount
2024	\$ 19,790
2025	23,297
2026	-
2027	-
	<u>43,087</u>
Impact of present value discount	<u>(1,825)</u>
Present value	<u>\$ 41,262</u>

The amortization of the subscription liability for the year ended September 30, 2023 was \$18,265. The annual total cost was \$23,297.

At September 30, 2023 the right of use - subscription asset and right of use - subscription liability balances is as follows:

	Amount
Right of use subscription asset, current	\$ 19,790
Right of use subscription asset, noncurrent	<u>23,297</u>
	<u>\$ 43,087</u>
Right of use subscription liability, current	\$ 19,790
Right of use subscription liability, noncurrent	<u>23,297</u>
	<u>\$ 43,087</u>

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY
INFORMATION
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SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
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	General Fund			Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	
REVENUES				
Federal and state grants	\$ 822,991	\$ 629,944	\$ 629,945	\$ 1
Contracts and local grants	11,500	8,000	8,000	-
County and city assessments	49,201	36,883	36,883	-
DRI fees	-	-	18,605	18,605
DRI monitoring fees	-	-	-	-
Interest and miscellaneous	2,000	26,633	8,212	(18,421)
Fund balance carryforward	277,451	453,577	-	(453,577)
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>1,163,143</u>	<u>1,155,037</u>	<u>701,645</u>	<u>(453,392)</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
Personnel services	371,345	364,553	379,537	(14,984)
Operating expenditures	791,798	790,484	447,684	342,800
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-
Debt service	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>1,163,143</u>	<u>1,155,037</u>	<u>827,221</u>	<u>327,816</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(125,576)</u>	<u>(125,576)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Operating transfers in	-	-	-	-
Operating transfers out	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(125,576)</u>	<u>\$ (125,576)</u>
FUND BALANCE, October 1, 2022			<u>453,577</u>	
FUND BALANCE, September 30, 2023			<u>\$ 328,001</u>	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND -
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	General Fund			Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	
REVENUES				
Federal and state grants	\$ 822,991	\$ 629,944	\$ 629,945	\$ 1
Contracts and local grants	11,500	8,000	8,000	-
County and city assessments	49,201	36,883	36,883	-
DRI fees	-	-	18,605	18,605
DRI monitoring fees	-	-	-	-
Interest and miscellaneous	2,000	26,633	8,212	(18,421)
Fund balance carryforward	277,451	453,577	-	(453,577)
TOTAL REVENUES	1,163,143	1,155,037	701,645	(453,392)
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
Personnel services				
Salaries	249,600	243,623	251,303	(7,680)
Fringe benefits:				
FICA	19,094	18,511	19,094	(583)
Retirement	60,459	65,272	71,993	(6,721)
Health insurance	40,848	36,008	36,008	-
Workers compensation/unemployment	1,344	1,139	1,139	-
Total personnel services	371,345	364,553	379,537	(14,984)
Operating expenditures				
Professional fees:				
Legal fees	-	-	-	-
Consultant fees	65,700	11,913	11,913	-
Grant/Consulting expense	457,513	353,075	353,076	(1)
Audit fees	25,000	26,450	26,450	-
Telephone, rent, supplies, etc:				
Office supplies	600	2,911	2,911	-
Equipment rental	3,631	5,087	5,087	-
Telephone	1,488	2,467	2,467	-
Miscellaneous and insurance:				
Insurance	6,220	6,500	6,650	(150)
Other miscellaneous	500	307	307	-
Computer supplies and graphics	22,388	19,227	19,282	(55)
Professional development/meetings:				
Professional development/dues	3,059	2,500	2,500	-
Meetings/events	2,000	1,434	1,434	-

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	General Fund			Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	
Operating expenditures (continued)				
Travel	1,000	7,012	6,957	55
Postage	-	-	-	-
Printing/reproduction	1,000	452	452	-
Utilities	-	-	-	-
Advertising/legal notices	1,600	7,245	7,245	-
Bank service charge	-	-	953	(953)
Reserves - operations	200,099	343,904	-	343,904
Total operating expenditures	<u>791,798</u>	<u>790,484</u>	<u>447,684</u>	<u>342,800</u>
Capital outlay				
Capital purchases	-	-	-	-
Allocation of indirect expenditures	-	-	-	-
Total capital outlay	-	-	-	-
Debt service				
Principal retirement	-	-	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	-	-
Allocation of indirect expenditures	-	-	-	-
Total debt service	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>1,163,143</u>	<u>1,155,037</u>	<u>827,221</u>	<u>327,816</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(125,576)</u>	<u>(125,576)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Operating transfers in	-	-	-	-
Operating transfers out	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(125,576)</u>	<u>\$ (125,576)</u>
FUND BALANCE, October 1, 2022			<u>453,577</u>	
FUND BALANCE, September 30, 2023			<u>\$ 328,001</u>	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET
PENSION LIABILITY - FLORIDA RETIREMENT SYSTEM (FRS) PENSION
PLAN (1)**

	2023	2022	2021	2020
Council's proportion of the net pension liability	0.001137554%	0.001239813%	0.001204425%	0.001039463%
Council's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 453,279	\$ 461,310	\$ 90,981	\$ 450,519
Council's covered-employee payroll	\$ 251,303	\$ 251,169	\$ 254,290	\$ 285,968
Council's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	180.37%	183.67%	35.78%	157.54%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	82.38%	82.89%	96.40%	78.85%

Notes: (1) The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of September 30.

**SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL CONTRIBUTIONS -
FLORIDA RETIREMENT SYSTEM (FRS) PENSION PLAN (1)**

	2023	2022	2021	2020
Contractually required contribution	\$ 61,194	\$ 56,845	\$ 52,350	\$ 37,695
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	61,194	56,845	52,350	37,695
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Council's covered-employee payroll	\$ 251,303	\$ 251,169	\$ 254,290	\$ 285,968
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	24.35%	22.63%	20.59%	13.18%

Notes: (1) The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of September 30.

GASB 68 requires information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, governments should present information for only those years for which information is available.

2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
0.001287928%	0.001406368%	0.001383839%	0.017879380%	0.002458057%	0.003334835%
\$ 443,544	\$ 423,605	\$ 409,330	\$ 451,456	\$ 317,491	\$ 203,474
\$ 365,980	\$ 486,876	\$ 421,146	\$ 463,600	\$ 596,412	\$ 978,831
121.19%	87.00%	97.19%	97.38%	53.23%	20.79%
82.61%	84.26%	83.89%	84.88%	92.00%	96.09%

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2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
\$ 38,478	\$ 45,435	\$ 38,956	\$ 55,506	\$ 49,187	\$ 84,553
38,478	45,435	38,956	55,506	49,187	84,553
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 365,980	\$ 486,876	\$ 421,146	\$ 463,600	\$ 596,412	\$ 978,831
10.51%	9.33%	9.25%	11.97%	8.25%	8.64%

**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET
PENSION LIABILITY - HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDY (HIS) PENSION
PLAN (1)**

	2023	2022	2021	2020
Council's proportion of the net pension liability	0.000634337%	0.000691551%	0.000725367%	0.000863608%
Council's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 100,741	\$ 73,246	\$ 88,977	\$ 105,445
Council's covered-employee payroll	\$ 251,303	\$ 251,169	\$ 254,290	\$ 285,968
Council's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	40.09%	29.16%	34.99%	36.87%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	4.12%	4.81%	3.56%	3.00%

Notes: (1) The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of September 30.

**SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL CONTRIBUTIONS -
HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDY (HIS) PENSION PLAN (1)**

	2023	2022	2021	2020
Contractually required contribution	\$ 10,799	\$ 9,254	\$ 9,238	\$ 7,721
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	10,799	9,254	9,238	7,721
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Council's covered-employee payroll	\$ 251,303	\$ 251,169	\$ 254,290	\$ 285,968
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	4.30%	3.68%	3.63%	2.70%

Notes: (1) The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of September 30.

GASB 68 requires information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, governments should present information for only those years for which information is available.

2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
0.001269934%	0.001424372%	0.001317335%	0.001573392%	0.002434150%	0.003320373%
\$ 138,401	\$ 150,757	\$ 140,856	\$ 183,372	\$ 248,245	\$ 310,463
\$ 365,980	\$ 486,876	\$ 421,146	\$ 463,600	\$ 596,412	\$ 978,831
37.82%	30.96%	33.45%	39.55%	41.62%	31.72%
2.63%	2.15%	1.64%	0.97%	0.50%	0.99%

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2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
\$ 9,619	\$ 11,359	\$ 10,356	\$ 4,521	\$ 14,527	\$ 17,441
9,619	11,359	10,356	4,521	14,527	17,441
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 365,980	\$ 486,876	\$ 421,146	\$ 463,600	\$ 596,412	\$ 978,831
2.63%	2.33%	2.46%	0.98%	2.44%	1.78%

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Changes of Assumptions

Actuarial assumptions for both cost-sharing defined benefit plans are reviewed annually by the Florida Retirement System Actuarial Assumptions Conference. The FRS Pension Plan has a valuation performed annually. The HIS Program has a valuation performed biennially that is updated for GASB reporting in the year a valuation is not performed. The most recent experience study for the FRS Pension Plan was for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2018. Because the HIS Program is funded on a pay-as-you-go basis, no experience study has been completed for that program. The actuarial assumptions that determined the total pension liability for the HIS Program were based on certain results of the most recent experience study for the FRS Pension Plan.

The total pension liability for each cost-sharing defined benefit plan was determined using the individual entry age actuarial cost method. Inflation increases for both plans is assumed at 2.40%. Payroll growth, including inflation, for both plans is assumed at 3.25%. Both the discount rate and the long-term expected rate of return used for FRS Pension Plan investments remain unchanged at 6.70%. The Plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the discount rate for calculating the total pension liability is equal to the long-term expected rate of return.

Because the HIS Program uses a pay-as-you-go funding structure, a municipal bond rate was increased from 3.54% to 3.65% to determine the total pension liability for the program (Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index). Mortality assumptions for both plans were based on the Generational PUB-2010 with Projection Scale MP-2018.

Florida Retirement System Pension Plan

There were changes in actuarial assumptions. As of June 30, 2023, the inflation rate assumption remained at 2.4 percent, the real payroll growth assumption remained at 0.85 percent, and the overall payroll growth rate assumption remained at 3.25 percent. The long-term expected rate of return was unchanged at 6.70 percent.

Health Insurance Subsidy Pension Plan

The municipal rate used to determine total pension liability increased from 3.54 percent to 3.65 percent.

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Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In accordance with GASB 68, paragraphs 54 and 71, changes in the net pension liability are recognized in pension expense in the current measurement period, except as indicated below. For each of the following, a portion is recognized in pension expense in the current reporting period, and the balance is amortized as deferred outflows or deferred inflows of resources using a systematic and rational method over a closed period, as defined below:

- Differences between expected and actual experience with regard to economic and demographic factors - amortized over the average expected remaining service life of all employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plan (active and inactive employees)
- Changes of assumptions or other inputs - amortized over the average expected remaining service life of all employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plan (active and inactive employees)
- Changes in proportion and differences between contributions and proportionate share of contributions - amortized over the average expected remaining service life of all employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plan (active and inactive employees)
- Differences between expected and actual earnings on pension plan investments - amortized over five years

Employer contributions to the pension plans from employers are not included in collective pension expense. However, employee contributions are used to reduce pension expense.

The average expected remaining service life of all employees provided with pensions through the pension plans at June 30, 2023, was reduced from 5.5 years (FY 22) to 5.3 years (FY 23) for FRS and decreases from 6.4 years for 2022 to 6.3 years for HIS for 2023.

**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE NET OPEB LIABILITY AND
RELATED RATIOS GASB 75**

Changes in Employer's Net OPEB Liability and Related Ratios as of September 30:

	2023	2022	2021
Net OPEB Liability			
Service Cost	\$ -	\$ 476	\$ 289
Interest Cost on Total OPEB Liability	-	359	674
Changes in Benefit Terms	-	-	-
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	-	(4,135)	(6,213)
Changes in Assumptions	-	(1,222)	(1,501)
Benefit Payments	-	(680)	(1,727)
Net Change in net OPEB Liability	-	(5,202)	(8,478)
Net OPEB Liability - Beginning of Year	3,030	8,232	16,710
Net OPEB Liability - End of Year	<u>\$ 3,030</u>	<u>\$ 3,030</u>	<u>\$ 8,232</u>

NOTE: Information for FY 2017 and earlier is not available.

Plan Fiduciary Net Position as of September 30:

	2023	2022	2021
Contributions - Employer	\$ -	\$ 680	\$ 1,727
Net Investment Income	-	-	-
Benefit Payments	-	(680)	(1,727)
Administrative Expense	-	-	-
Net Change in Fiduciary Net Position	-	-	-
Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning of Year	-	-	-
Fiduciary Net Position - End of Year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Net OPEB Liability	\$ 3,030	\$ 3,030	\$ 8,232
Fiduciary Net Position as a % of Net OPEB Liability	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Covered-Employee Payroll	\$251,303	\$251,169	\$254,290
Net OPEB Liability as a % of Payroll	2.43%	2.43%	3.25%

NOTE: Information for FY 2017 and earlier is not available.

Notes to the Schedule:

Benefit Changes	None
Changes of Assumptions	The discount rate was changed as follows:
9/30/17	3.06%
9/30/18	3.64%
9/30/19	4.18%
9/30/20	3.58%
9/30/21	2.14%
9/30/22	2.43%
9/30/23	

Population covered by Plan: 3 active 0 retired

Plan has no specific trust established. \$0 assigned for OPEB.

2020	2019	2018
\$ -	\$ 526	\$ 513
-	1,008	911
-	-	-
-	(6,521)	-
-	(4,520)	(1,729)
-	(1,875)	(1,728)
-	(11,382)	(2,033)
16,710	28,092	30,125
<u>\$ 16,710</u>	<u>\$ 16,710</u>	<u>\$ 28,092</u>

2020	2019	2018
\$ -	\$ 1,875	\$ 1,728
-	-	-
-	(1,875)	(1,728)
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

\$ 16,710	\$ 16,710	\$ 28,092
0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
\$285,968	\$387,712	\$431,145
5.84%	4.31%	6.52%

ADDITIONAL REPORTS

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL
CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE
AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF BASIC
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Executive Committee and Council Members
Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council
1406 SW 8th Place
Cape Coral, FL 33991

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 of America, the basic financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (the "Council") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Council's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents and have issued our report thereon dated April 8, 2024.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

Further, we did, however, note certain other matters that we have reported in our Report to Management dated April 8, 2024.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council'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 an instance of noncompliance that is required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards in our Report to Management dated April 8, 2024.

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 Council'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 Council's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

TUSCAN & COMPANY, P.A.
Fort Myers, Florida
April 8, 2024

**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE
WITH SECTION 218.415, FLORIDA STATUTES**

Executive Committee and Council Members
Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council
1406 SW 8th Place
Cape Coral, FL 33991

We have examined Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's compliance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, regarding the investment of public funds during the year ended September 30, 2023. Management is responsible for Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence about Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the year ended September 30, 2023.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council and the Auditor General, State of Florida, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

TUSCAN & COMPANY, P.A.
Fort Myers, Florida
April 8, 2024

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO MANAGEMENT

Executive Committee and Council Members
Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council
1406 SW 8th Place
Cape Coral, FL 33991

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (the "Council") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023 and have issued our report thereon dated April 8, 2024.

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 of America and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Florida Auditor General. We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Florida Auditor General. Disclosures in those reports, which are dated April 8, 2024, should be considered in conjunction with this report to management.

Additionally, our audit was conducted in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General, which governs the conduct of local governmental entity audits performed in the State of Florida. This letter includes the following information, which is not included in the aforementioned auditor's reports:

- 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 was a financially significant prior year comment. The financial condition of the Council is continuing to deteriorate therefore a going concern paragraph has been included in the Auditor's Report.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)2., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we address in the management letter any recommendations to improve financial management. A prior year recommendation was noted to improve financial management. The financial condition of the Council is continuing to deteriorate therefore a going concern paragraph has been included in the Auditor's Report.

- Section 10.554(1)(i)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we address noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but more than inconsequential. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.
- 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 the management letter, unless disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. The Council discloses this information in the notes to the financial statements.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)5.a., Rules of the Auditor General, requires a statement be included as to whether or not the local government entity has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and identification of the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audit, we determined that this item is not applicable to the Council.
- Pursuant to Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.b. and 10.556(7), Rules of the Auditor General, we applied financial condition assessment procedures pursuant to rule 10.556(8). It is management's responsibility to monitor the Council's financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and the review of the financial information provided by the same. In connection with our audit, we did note a deteriorating financial condition that resulted in the inclusion of a going concern paragraph in the Auditor's Report.
- Pursuant to Section 10.554(1)(i)5b.2, Rules of the Auditor General, if a deteriorating financial condition(s) is noted then a statement is so required along with the conditions causing the auditor to make such a conclusion. We did not note a deteriorating financial condition but did include a matter of emphasis paragraph in the Auditor's Report and comment 2017-2 within this letter.
- Pursuant to Section 10.554(1)(i)5.c., Rules of the Auditor General, requires a statement indicating a failure, if any, of a component unit Special District to provide financial information necessary to a proper reporting of the component unit within the audited financial statements of this entity (F.S. Section 218.39(3)(b)). There are no known component special districts required to report within these financial statements.
- Pursuant to Section 10.554(1)(i)6, Rules of the Auditor General, requires disclosure of certain unaudited data. See Exhibit 2.
- Pursuant to Section 10.554(1)(i)7, Rules of the Auditor General, requires an independent special district that imposes ad valorem taxes to disclose certain related unaudited data. See Exhibit 2.

- Section 10.554(l)8, Rules of the Auditor General, requires an independent special district that imposes a non-ad valorem special assessment to disclose certain unaudited data. See Exhibit 2.
- Section 10.556(10)(a), Rules of the Auditor General, requires that the scope of our audit to determine the Council's compliance with the provisions of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, regarding the investment of public funds. In connection with our audit, we determined that the Council complied with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes as reported in our Independent Accountant's Report on Compliance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes dated April 8, 2024, included herein.

PRIOR YEAR COMMENTS:

2017-2 The Board has a Fiduciary Responsibility to the Regional Planning Council

As the Board of the Regional Planning Council, per Florida Statute Section 186.505(8) (9) and (12) there is a duty of care to act in the best interest on the Regional Planning Council. While debate may exist as to the entity's mission and role, the entity is, nevertheless, created by Statute Section 186.504 and acts as an independent governmental entity under Florida Law. Its Board members are charged with all the responsibility typically assigned by Statute to a governmental entity.

As such, we recommend the Board seek all available means to satisfactorily address the issue of funding the Council in a sustainable manner.

FY 2018 Addendum

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018, Lee, Charlotte and Sarasota Counties as well as the City of Cape Coral and the City of Sanibel gave their notice to discontinue their respective contribution (Interlocal Agreement Section 23.019). Subsequent to year end, Hendry County gave notice to discontinue funding the Council and Collier County stopped paying their contribution without notice. The amount of lost unrestricted revenue approximates \$350,000 annually.

FY 2019 Addendum

Substantially all of the Council's member entities have resolved to cease paying the annual assessments which is resulting in the Council likely ceasing operations on or about September 30, 2021. See further discussion in Note O.

FY 2020 Addendum

Five (5) of the six (6) of the Council's member counties have ceased paying their annual member assessments. This accounts for approximately \$475,000 of annual unrestricted revenue loss. The Council continues to apply for and receive grant revenue. This revenue, however, does not provide sufficient unrestricted revenue to sustain administrative operations. Such costs are being funded through the use of fund balance.

Therefore, there is substantial doubt the Council can sustain regular operations which will likely result in the Council ceasing operation on or before September 30, 2024.

FY 2021 Addendum

In order to stay in operation the Council has continued to secure alternative revenue sources which consisted mostly of grant funds, however, the grant funds do not appear sufficient to sustain administrative operations. In addition, the Council has slashed operating costs partly by keeping a small amount of staff; this has resulted in being short staffed and due to COVID and project deadlines, foregoing vacation hours. We recommend that the Board approves the vacation hours or set a cap if the compensated absences continue to accumulate.

FY 2022 Addendum

In order to stay in operation the Council has continued to secure alternative revenue sources which consisted mostly of federal and state grant funds. The grant funds received for the ended September 30, 2022 were sufficient to sustain administrative operations. In addition, the Council has slashed operating costs partly by keeping a small amount of staff; this has resulted in being short staffed and due to COVID and project deadlines, foregoing vacation hours. We recommend that the Board approves the vacation hours or set a cap if the compensated absences continue to accumulate.

FY 2023 Addendum

In order to stay in operation the Council has continued to secure alternative revenue sources which consisted mostly of federal, state and local grant funds. The grant funds received for the year ended September 30, 2023 were not sufficient to sustain administrative operations. As such, the Council had to use approximately \$126,000 or 28% of fund balance to sustain operations for the year ended September 30, 2023. Therefore, there is substantial doubt the Council can sustain regular operations which will likely result in the Council ceasing operations on or after September 30, 2025. We recommend the Board take action to re-initiate and collect member assessments to solidify the Council's financial condition. We, also, recommend that the Board consider a buy-out of the vacation hours or ensure funds are available to pay such buy-out.

CURRENT YEAR COMMENTS:**2023-1 Outstanding Checks Should be Investigated**

During the audit, we noted the Council had outstanding checks that were outstanding for over twelve months.

We recommend that the Council regularly investigate old outstanding checks and properly dispose of the outstanding checks over twelve months old.

2023-2 Accrued Annual Leave Should be Reduced

During the audit, we noted the Council had accumulated annual leave over the maximum number of hours allowed to be carried over to the next year. Employees are allowed to carry over 160 hours of vacation time at fiscal year end and 240 hours for the Executive Director.

We recommend the Council regularly monitor the number of hours accrued annual leave and determine whether to offer the employees a buyout to reduce this liability and to ensure funds are available to pay such buyout.

Pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, this management letter is a public record and its distribution is not limited. Auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America require us to indicate that this letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Commissioners, management, the Auditor General of the State of Florida and other federal and state agencies. This report is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

TUSCAN & COMPANY, P.A.
Fort Myers, Florida
April 8, 2024

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**UNAUDITED
COMPLIANCE WITH REPORTING REQUIRED BY:****Auditor General Rule 10.554(1)(i)6**

For a dependent special district or an independent special district, or a local government entity that includes the information of a dependent special district as provided in Section 218.39(3)(a), Florida Statutes, the following specific information provided by management (with explanatory verbiage that the auditor provides no assurance on the information):

- a. The total number of council employees compensated in the last pay period of the council's fiscal year being reported (see information required in Section 218.32(1)(e)2.a., Florida Statutes). 3.
- b. The total number of independent contractors to whom nonemployee compensation was paid in the last month of the council's fiscal year being reported (see information required in Section 218.32(1)(e)2.b., Florida Statutes). 3.
- c. All compensation earned by or awarded to employees, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency (see information required in Section 218.32(1)(e)2.c., Florida Statutes). (Total wage compensation for the fiscal year being audited) \$251,303.
- d. All compensation earned by or awarded to nonemployee independent contractors, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency (see information required in Section 218.32(1)(e)2.d., Florida Statutes). (Amounts paid that would be reported on a Form 1099 for FYE) \$190,661
- e. Each construction project with a total cost of at least \$65,000 approved by the council that was scheduled to begin on or after October 1 of the fiscal year being reported, together with the total expenditures for such project (see information required in Section 218.32(1)(e)2.e., Florida Statutes). N/A.
- f. A budget variance report based on the budget adopted under section 189.016(4), Florida Statutes, before the beginning of the fiscal year reported if the council amends a final adopted budget under Section 189.016(6), Florida Statutes (see information required in Section 218.32(1)(e)3., Florida Statutes). If there were amendments then include budget variance (original budget vs. actual at FYE). See attached page 3.

Auditor General Rule 10.554(1)(i)7

For an independent special council that imposes ad valorem taxes, the following specific information provided by management (with explanatory verbiage that the auditor provides no assurance on the information): (see information required in Section 218.32(1)(e)4., Florida Statutes).

- a. The millage rate or rates imposed by the Council. N/A.
- b. The current year gross amount of ad valorem taxes collected by or on behalf of the Council. \$0.
- c. The total amount of outstanding bonds issued by the council and terms of such bonds. \$0.

Auditor General Rule 10.554(1)(i)8

For an independent special council that imposes non-ad valorem special assessments, the following specific information provided by management (with explanatory verbiage that the auditor provides no assurance on the information): (see information required in Section 218.32(1)(e)5., Florida Statutes).

- a. The rate or rated of such assessment imposed by the Council. .30/capita.*
- b. The total amount of special assessments collected by or on behalf of the Council. \$36,883.
- c. The total amount of outstanding bonds issued by the council and the terms of such bonds. N/A.

- * This assessment is per FS Chapter 186 and assessed to member Counties. 5 of 6 member Counties have elected to not pay the assessment levied.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
ORIGINAL BUDGET vs. ACTUAL COMPARISON REPORT - UNAUDITED -
GENERAL FUND
Year Ended September 30, 2023

	General Fund		
	Original Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES			
Federal and state grants	\$ 822,991	\$ 629,945	\$ (193,046)
Contracts and local grants	11,500	8,000	(3,500)
County and city assessments	49,201	36,883	(12,318)
DRI fees	-	18,605	18,605
DRI monitoring fees	-	-	-
Interest and miscellaneous	2,000	8,212	6,212
Fund balance carryforward	277,451	-	(277,451)
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>1,163,143</u>	<u>701,645</u>	<u>(461,498)</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current			
Personnel services	371,345	379,537	(8,192)
Operating expenditures	791,798	447,684	344,114
Capital outlay	-	-	-
Debt service	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>1,163,143</u>	<u>827,221</u>	<u>335,922</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	-	(125,576)	(125,576)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Operating transfers in	-	-	-
Operating transfers out	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	-	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(125,576)</u>	<u>\$ (125,576)</u>
FUND BALANCE, October 1, 2022		<u>453,577</u>	
FUND BALANCE, September 30, 2023		<u>\$ 328,001</u>	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Agenda

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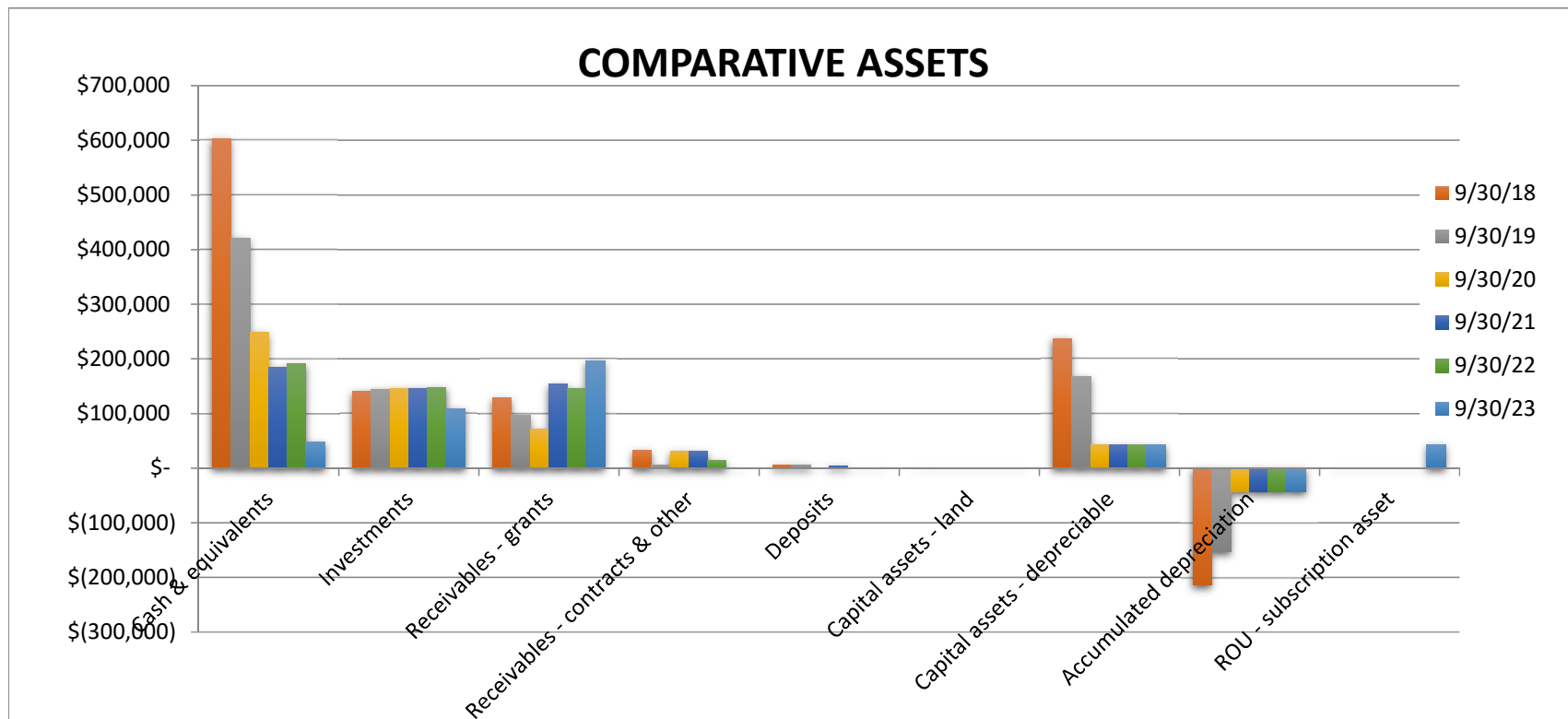
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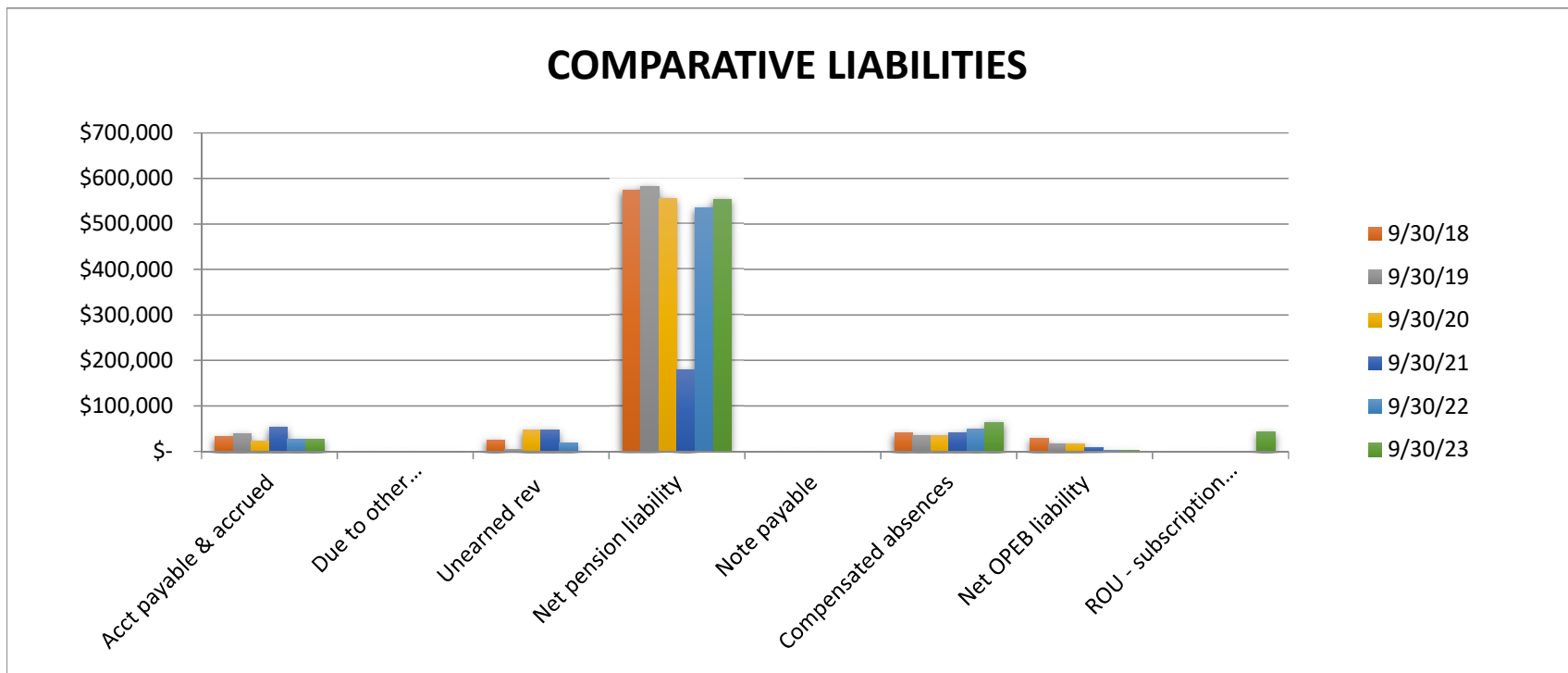
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SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
GRAPH - COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF ASSETS
(GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENTS)
September 30, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 & 2023



	9/30/18	9/30/19	9/30/20	9/30/21	9/30/22	9/30/23	Increase (Decrease)	% Inc (Dec)
Cash & equivalents	\$ 603,015	\$ 421,164	\$ 249,126	\$ 185,435	\$ 190,884	\$ 48,846	\$ (142,038)	-74%
Investments	140,425	144,009	145,717	145,944	147,186	109,167	(38,019)	-26%
Receivables - grants	129,024	96,899	72,086	154,304	146,608	195,934	49,326	34%
Receivables - contracts & other	33,380	6,000	31,562	31,030	14,604	-	(14,604)	-100%
Deposits	6,381	6,381	-	4,734	-	-	-	N/A
Capital assets - land	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Capital assets - depreciable	237,171	167,948	43,026	43,026	43,026	43,026	-	0%
Accumulated depreciation	(213,610)	(152,154)	(42,332)	(43,026)	(43,026)	(43,026)	-	0%
ROU - subscription asset	-	-	-	-	-	43,087	43,087	100%
Total Assets	\$ 935,786	\$ 690,247	\$ 499,185	\$ 521,447	\$ 499,282	\$ 397,034	\$ (102,248)	-20%

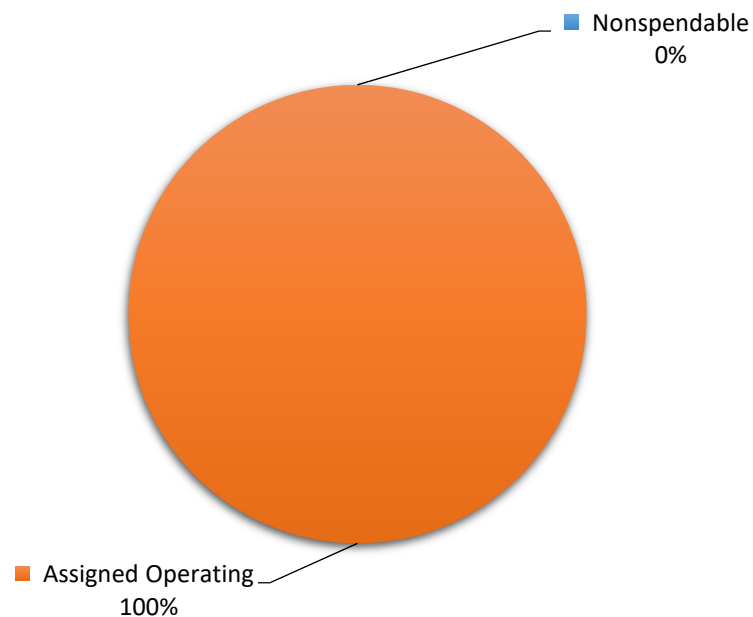
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
GRAPH - COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF LIABILITIES
(GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENTS)
September 30, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 & 2023



LIABILITIES	9/30/18	9/30/19	9/30/20	9/30/21	9/30/22	9/30/23	% Increase	
							(Decrease)	(Dec)
Acct payable & accrued	\$ 32,107	\$ 39,267	\$ 23,492	\$ 54,325	\$ 27,100	\$ 25,946	\$ (1,154)	-4%
Due to other governments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Unearned rev	25,648	3,772	46,122	47,531	18,605	-	(18,605)	-100%
Net pension liability	574,362	581,945	555,964	179,958	534,556	554,020	19,464	4%
Note payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Compensated absences	40,634	34,713	34,713	41,305	49,331	63,988	14,657	30%
Net OPEB liability	28,092	16,710	16,710	8,232	3,030	3,030	-	0%
ROU - subscription liability	-	-	-	-	-	43,087	43,087	100%
Total Liabilities	\$ 700,843	\$ 676,407	\$ 677,001	\$ 331,351	\$ 632,622	\$ 690,071	\$ 57,449	9%

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
GRAPH - FUND BALANCE MIX
(FUND BASIS STATEMENTS)
September 30, 2023

FUND BALANCE SUMMARY



	<u>9/30/23</u>
Nonspendable	\$ -
Assigned Operating	328,001
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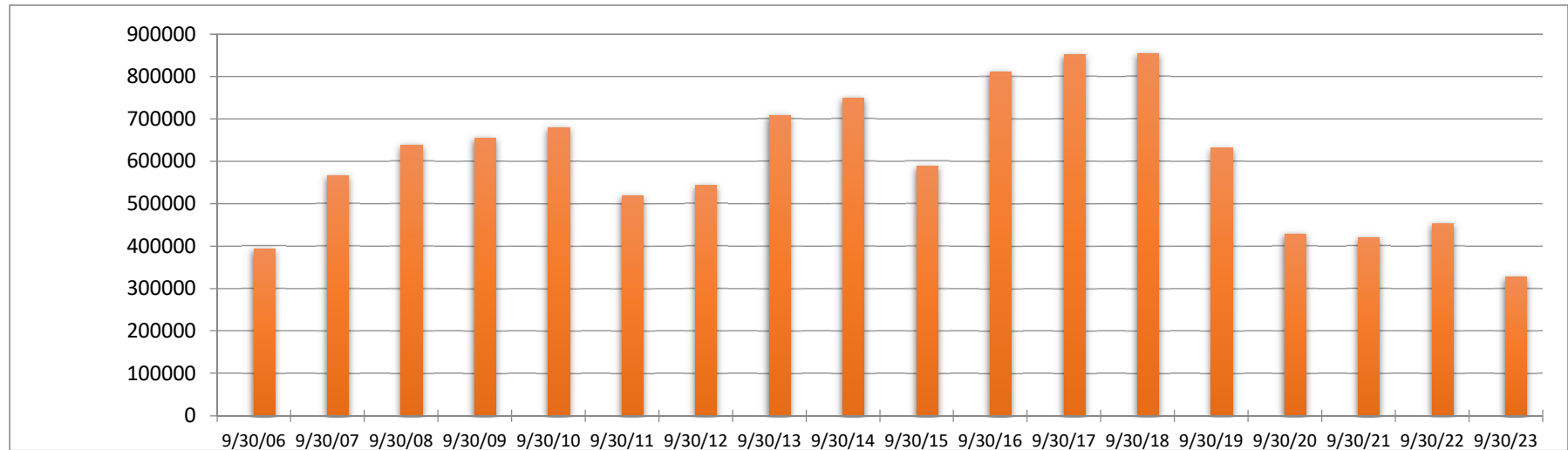
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GRAPH - COMPARATIVE FUND BALANCE

(FUND BASIS STATEMENTS)

September 30, 2006 - September 30, 2023

COMPARATIVE FUND BALANCE



	<u>Fund Balance</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>	<u>% Annual Inc (Dec)</u>
9/30/06	\$ 392,965	\$ -	
9/30/07	565,843	172,878	44%
9/30/08	637,988	72,145	13%
9/30/09	655,716	17,728	3%
9/30/10	680,090	24,374	4%
9/30/11	519,868	(160,222)	-24%
9/30/12	542,977	23,109	4%
9/30/13	708,484	165,507	30%
9/30/14	748,896	40,412	6%
9/30/15	588,437	(160,459)	-21%
9/30/16	811,779	223,342	38%
9/30/17	852,378	40,599	5%
9/30/18	854,470	2,092	0%
9/30/19	631,414	(223,056)	-26%
9/30/20	428,877	(202,537)	-32%
9/30/21	419,591	(9,286)	-2%
9/30/22	453,577	33,986	8%

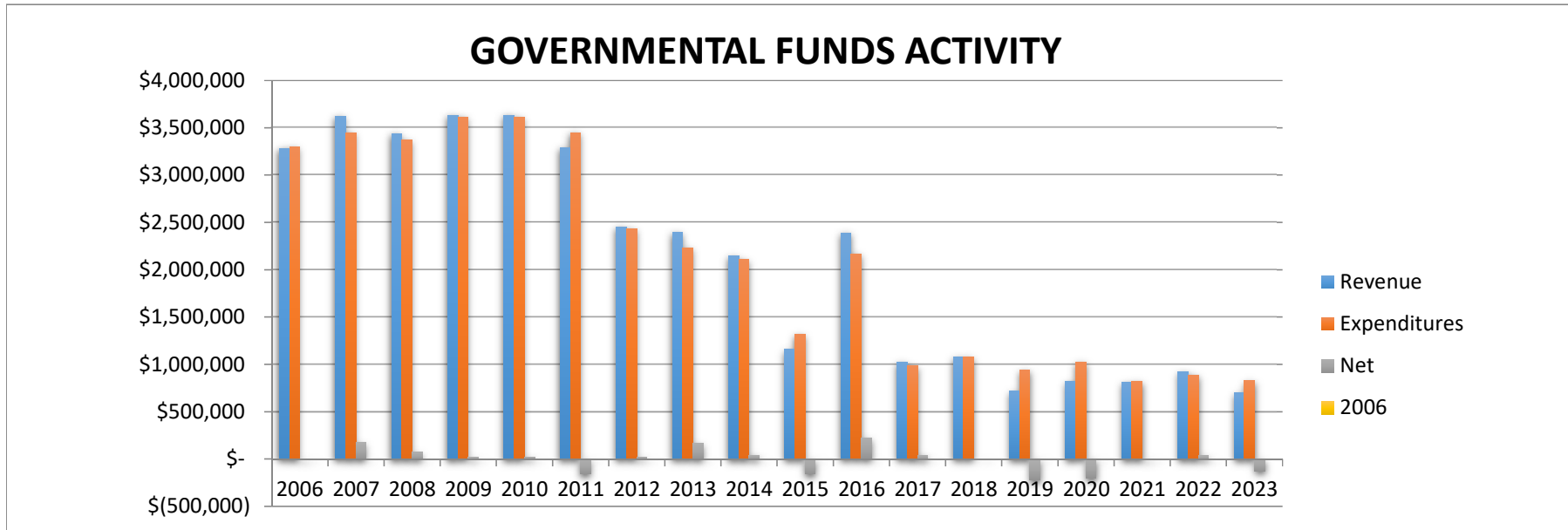
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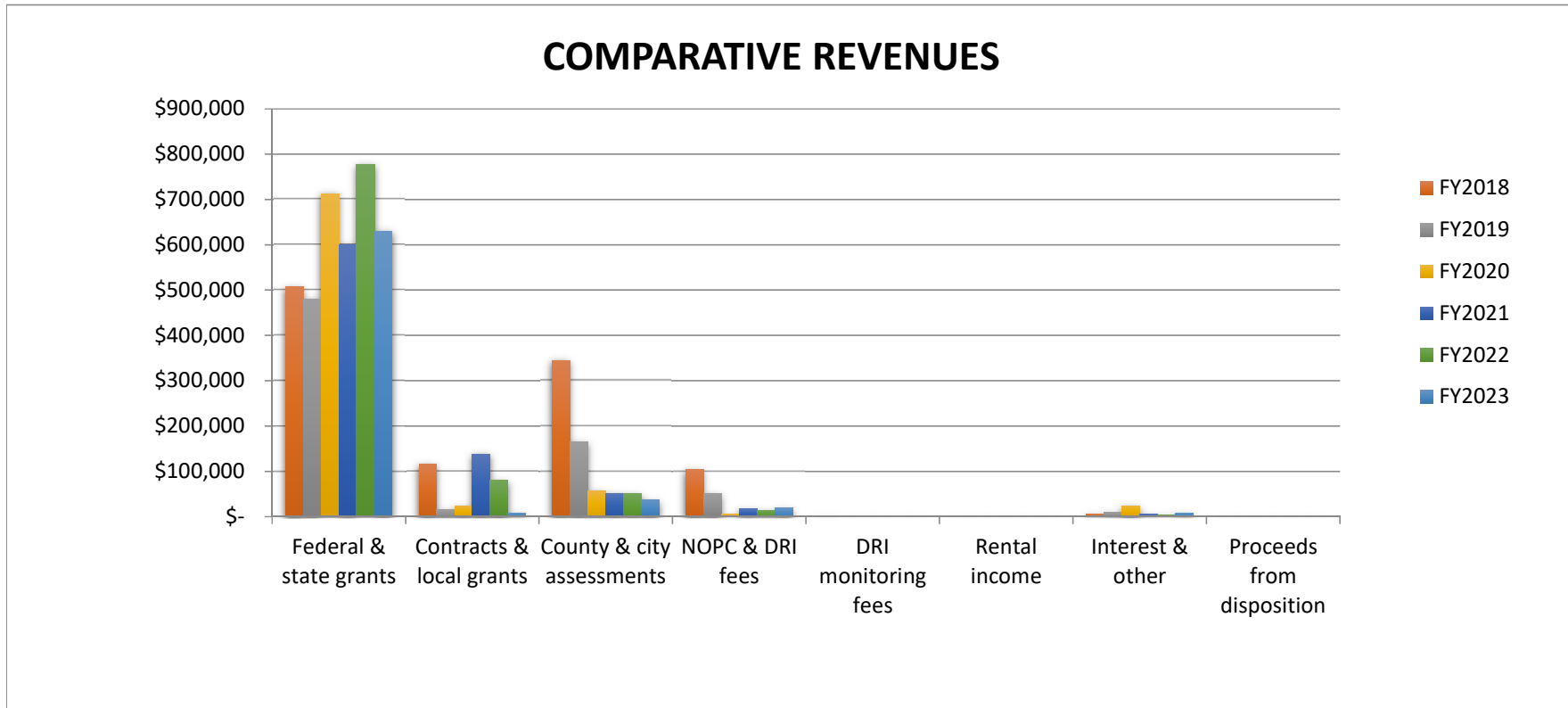
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2022	923,912	889,926	33,986
2023	701,645	827,221	(125,576)

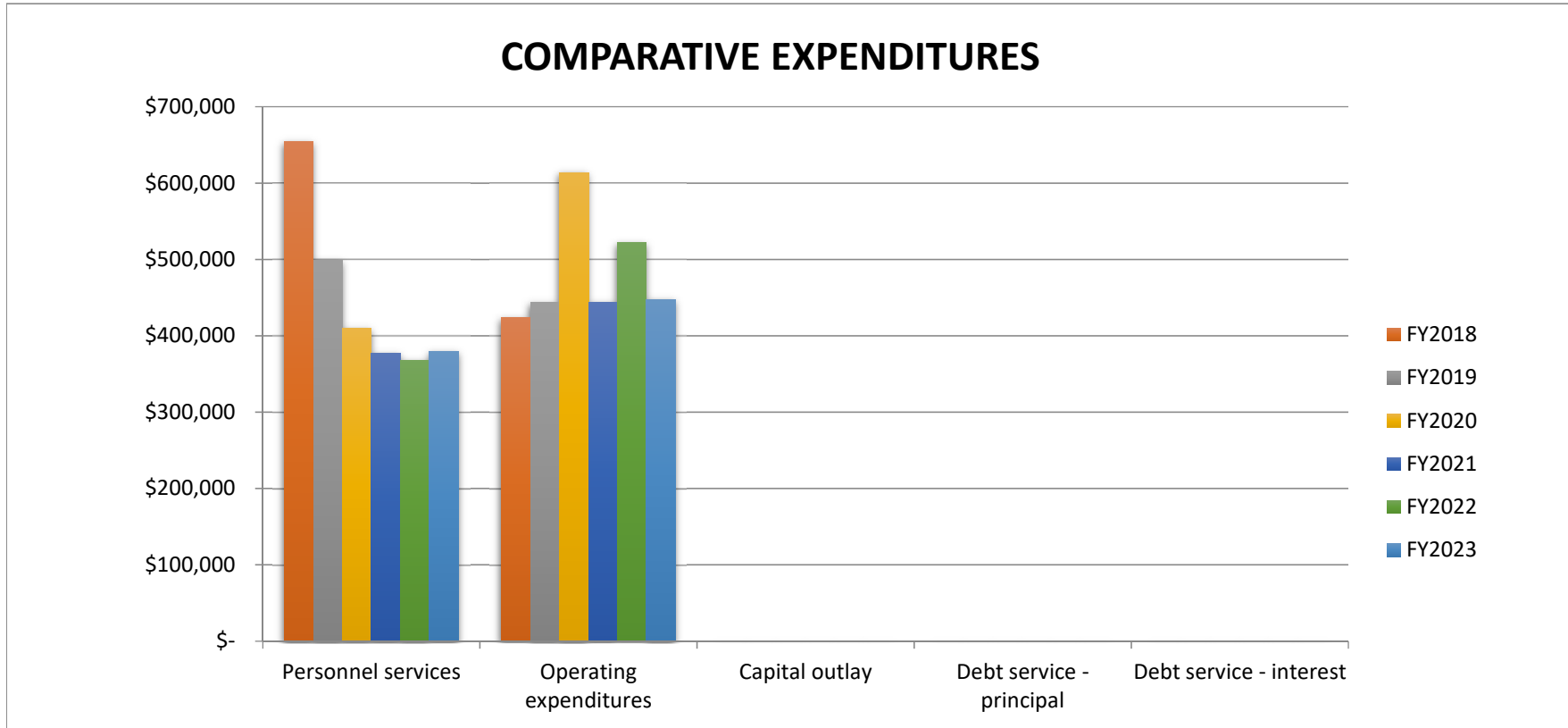
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SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
GRAPH - COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF REVENUES
(FUND BASIS STATEMENTS) - ALL FUNDS
September 30, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 & 2023



	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	Increase (Decrease)	% Inc (Dec)
Federal & state grants	\$ 507,177	\$ 480,039	\$ 712,720	\$ 599,958	\$ 776,418	\$ 629,945	\$ (146,473)	-19%
Contracts & local grants	116,151	14,900	22,912	138,427	79,930	8,000	(71,930)	-90%
County & city assessments	344,643	165,053	57,613	51,593	50,524	36,883	(13,641)	-27%
NOPC & DRI fees	104,738	50,445	4,858	16,865	13,478	18,605	5,127	38%
DRI monitoring fees	1,500	-	-	250	-	-	-	N/A
Rental income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Interest & other	5,997	8,712	23,412	5,211	3,562	8,212	4,650	131%
Proceeds from disposition	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Total Revenues	\$ 1,080,206	\$ 719,149	\$ 821,515	\$ 812,304	\$ 923,912	\$ 701,645	\$ (222,267)	-24%

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
GRAPH - COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES
(FUND BASIS STATEMENTS) - ALL FUNDS
September 30, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 & 2023



	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	Increase (Decrease)	% Inc (Dec)
Personnel services	\$ 654,181	\$ 498,699	\$ 409,901	\$ 377,569	\$ 368,030	\$ 379,537	\$ 11,507	3%
Operating expenditures	423,933	443,506	614,151	444,021	521,896	447,684	(74,212)	-14%
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Debt service - principal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Debt service - interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Total Expenses	\$ 1,078,114	\$ 942,205	\$ 1,024,052	\$ 821,590	\$ 889,926	\$ 827,221	\$ (62,705)	-7%

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: May 16, 2024

Mission Statement:

To work together across neighboring communities to consistently protect and improve the unique and relatively unspoiled character of the physical, economic and social worlds we share...for the benefit of our future generations.

1. Management / Operations

- a. MPO ICAR Agreement:

Under advisement from FDOT Central Office, the Lee MPO will not be entering into a new agreement but will hold onto the existing agreement from 2013. FDOT's Office of Policy Planning (OPP) has reassured us that the 2013 agreement is still valid per Section 6.03 (a) even though the renewal process was not followed, and that we '*continue business as usual*' until such time when OPP receives direction from their legal office to update the *FDOT MPO Program Management Handbook* chapter on Agreements, and the ICAR form. As things stand all 7 parties (MPO, SWFRPC, FDOT, School District, LCPA, Leetran, and City of Cape Coral) will continue to remain part of the existing agreement.
- b. FRCA April Updates – see attached
- c. Recovery and Resiliency Projects
 - \$78,000 Grant **awarded** for Marco Island Vulnerability Assessment
 - \$75,000 Grant **awarded** for Master Plan for Shrimp Industry and Working Waterfront
 - **Pending** \$251,500 RRDG Grant submitted to FHERO for Economic Development
 - **Denied** \$16,161,602 Clewiston WWTP grant to EDA Disaster Supplemental for upgrades and improvements.

2. Resource Development and Capacity Building

- Promise Zone Grants (as of May 8, 2024) See Attached Document
 - Awarded: \$5,306,160.25
 - Pending: \$1,262,667
 - Denied: \$42,701,700.50
 - Underdevelopment: NA

3. Second Quarter : January to March 2024

- Next RPC Meeting June 20, 2024



Apalachee • Central Florida
East Central Florida • Emerald Coast
North Central Florida • Northeast Florida • South Florida
Southwest Florida • Tampa Bay • Treasure Coast

Florida Regional Councils Association Finance Working Group Meeting

May 7, 2024
10:30 –11:30 a.m. EST

AGENDA

1. Apalachee RPC - TeamKeeper Presentation
Juliette Kearce, Financial Administrator
2. Excess Vacation Time Accrual
3. Remote Work Challenges
4. Public Fund Accounts
5. Number of Holidays Annually
6. Paid Leave per Years of Service

Next Meeting – August 7, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

Grants in Promise Zone

May 8, 2024

1. **Awarded** (8/17/17): \$30,000- DEO 2018 Agriculture Sustainability for small to mid-sized growers in Promise Zone. Awarded to the SWFRPC
2. **Awarded** (2019) \$24,000 to Lee County Housing Development Corp. for Comprehensive Housing Counseling to residents including Immokalee residents from HUD.
3. **Awarded** (5/7/2018): \$30,000 DEO for food safety plans for small to mid-sized growers. Awarded to the SWFRPC
4. **Awarded** (8/08/18): \$206,545 - EDA Disaster Supplemental - for Development of new markets for small to mid-sized growers, branding and marketing campaign. Awarded to the SWFRPC
5. **Awarded** (4/25/18): \$600,000 - EPA Brownfield assessment grant in Promise Zone. Awarded to the SWFRPC
6. **Awarded** \$24,921 - HUD Comprehensive Housing Counseling Grant to the Home Ownership Resource Center of Lee County
7. **Awarded** \$1.4 Million to the National association of Latino Community Asset Builders from HUD Rural Capacity Building Community Development and Affordable Housing Program. Nonprofits and local governments can apply for technical assistance and loan funding for community and economic development projects as well as assistance with affordable housing development projects
8. **Awarded** \$100,000 over 2 years for a Food Policy Council Coordinator from NAcO
9. **Awarded** (submitted 2/3/2020; awarded 7/2/2020) \$125,000 - Legal Aid Society The **Education & Outreach Initiative (EOI) Project – General Component** will explain to the general public and local housing providers what “equal opportunity in housing” means and what housing providers need to do to comply with the Fair Housing Act. All services will be provided and available to residents of the FHIP service area which includes Hendry, Martin, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, and St. Lucie Counties. Grant period June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022.
10. **Awarded**: (7/21/2020) \$400,000 EDA CARES ACT Invited for Regional Disaster Economic Recovery Coordinator to evaluate the Impacts of COVID 19 on the region and develop a recovery and resilience plan for the region.

11. **Awarded:** (4/7/2020) \$175,000 requested but \$160,432 was awarded Clewiston Water from Master Plan from Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission – Boating Improvement Program.
12. **Awarded:** \$350,000 An application was submitted in partnership with the University of Florida IFAS to the Department of Economic Opportunity CDBG-Mitigation Planning program requesting \$390,000 to develop a Resiliency Strategy for Local Food Systems in Southwest Florida. (Deadline 7/30/2020)
13. **Awarded:** \$3000 grant from CHNEP for Rebekah Harp to do the design work for their calendar
14. **Awarded:** SWFRPC, IFAS, Blue Zones, TREC submitted a \$752,426.25 USDA – Regional Food System Partnerships Program grant to implement the trademarked SWFL Fresh Choose Local Choose Fresh regional brand to showcase SWFL food producers and their products through multiple marketing platforms. The brand will support the development of new markets for farmers, increase public knowledge of healthy, local food sources, and connect food producers to consumers. The Collier County Blue Zones provided a 16.9% match of \$108,926.25.
15. **Awarded:** \$500,000 EPA Grants for Brownfield Assessment in Glades County from July 1, 2022 to September 30, 2026
16. **Awarded:** (10/20/2021) EDA grant for \$321,836 for Disaster Recovery Coordinator to help Small to mid-sized growers and small and minority owned businesses access disaster recovery funds following Hurricane Ian
17. **Awarded:** (2/14/23) FDEP grant for \$78, 000 for a Vulnerability Assessment for Marco Island
18. **Awarded** (6/4/2020) \$125,000 request by Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc for Hendry County from the Fair Housing Initiatives Program Education and Outreach initiative through HUD. (“The Fair Housing Project at Legal Aid is applying for an Education & Outreach Grant from HUD for the fiscal year 2022-23 in the amount of \$125,000.”)
19. **Awarded** (6/1/2023) DEO Planning Grant for a master plan for the properties owned by the Shrimp Industry, (\$75,000)
20. **Pending:** (3/11/23) FDEO Rural Infrastructure Program for \$300,000 for a stand-by generator at the WWTP.

21. Pending (3/29/24) Florida Dept of Commerce RRDG grant submitted for FHERO for \$188,625 grant with a \$62,875 match. Total Project: \$251,500
22. Denied (10/23/23) EDA Disaster Supplemental grant for \$16,161,602 for upgrades to the Clewiston WWTP.
23. Denied (10/14/2021) Lee County Housing Development Corp. submitted a grant to HUD for Comprehensive Housing Counseling to residents including Immokalee residents.
24. Denied: DRI-RR, Inc., a non-profit dedicated to providing rural communities with the skills and knowledge needed to revitalize submitted a grand to USDA Rural Business Development Grant Program in cooperation with Florida Main Street to offer services to four Florida communities, one of which is LaBelle, in order to provide each community with a Development Readiness Initiative (DRI) training and a Revitalization Roadmap at no cost to them.
25. Denied: (3/2021) \$11,000 The DRI training is a day-long on-site training created to help communities understand how COVID-19 has impacted their community and identify the available resources that each community can leverage. Through this training, the community will be able to identify a strategy for the creation of a locally-based economy that will support the quality of life necessary to retain families and professionals. Our end goal is to provide each community with the training and tools necessary to become proactive with private development, encouraging the right types of development and attracting necessary services. Additionally, the training will help identify what is necessary to master the Duration, Intensity, Rate, and Timing (DIRT) of development, utilizing private development to fulfill necessary and desired community amenities or services. Furthermore, the Revitalization Roadmap is a hybrid downtown and strategic plan, offering a set of implementable recommendations that will catalyze downtown revitalization. The final product is graphically rich and broken down into similar groups like the National Main Street Center's four-step approach to revitalization. The overall roadmap process will encourage the unification of residents' voices and rally support for improvements by all residents.
26. Denied: 9/25/2020 to the National association of Latino Community Asset Builders from HUD Rural Capacity Building Community Development and Affordable Housing Program. Nonprofits and local governments can apply for technical assistance and loan funding for community and economic development projects as well as assistance with affordable housing development projects.

27. Denied (6/17/19) \$1,000,000: Perkins Innovation and Modernization Grant program for Collier County Schools. The project title is Professional Careers in the New Economy (PCNE). PCNE will focus on two of CCPS's highest-need schools: Immokalee Middle and Immokalee High schools. The goal of the project is to better prepare students for success in the workforce.
28. Denied (6/25/2019) Housing Authority of the City of Ft. Myers. The grant will provide funds for housing counseling advise to tenants and homeowners with respect to property maintenance, financial management and literacy.
29. Denied (6/4/2019) Goodwill Industries for The SWFL MicroEnterprise Institute will (if funding is secured through the SBA Program for Investment in Microentrepreneurs grant) counsel and provide training for approximately 150 – 180 participants in ten – twelve courses delivered to residents of Lee, Charlotte, Hendry, Glades and Collier counties.
30. Denied (5/30/2019) Seminole Tribble of Florida - If awarded this grant through the HUD IHGB program, the Native Learning Center will be providing technical assistance and training to all Native American Housing Authorities including the Mikasuki and any other resident Tribes within your region.
31. Denied: (10/14/2021) The Affordable Homeownership Foundation, Inc. submitted a grant for housing counseling to HUD
32. Denied: (9/13/2021) \$13,874,000 Prepared and submitted an application for the City of Clewiston for the DEO CDBG- MIT- GIP Round II to make upgrades to the City's wastewater treatment facility and expand the WWTP capacity. Facility upgrades will include the installation of a new 300kw generator, the installation of bypass pumps, and the planning and installation of a new pump station. The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council will provide administrative services that will include reporting, grant management, closeout, contract and deliverable monitoring, and distribution of funds.
33. Denied: Submitted:(9/14/2021) \$2,067,935 Prepared and submitted and an application to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Rebuild Florida CDBG-Mit- GIP Round II for the City of Clewiston to replace transmission line insulators and overhead ground wires to increase the City's energy resiliency in the event of a major storm. The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council will provide administrative services that will include reporting, grant management, closeout, contract and deliverable monitoring, and distribution of funds.
34. Denied (6/26/2019) HUD Comprehensive Housing Counseling Grant to the Affordable Homeownership Foundation Inc.
35. Denied (6/26.2020) \$176,000; FL Dept of Ag & Consumer Services Southwest Florida Fresh-Specialty Crop grant program for funding to market the "SWFL Fresh" brand.

36. Denied (3/2/2020) \$1,455,815 Building Resilient Kid: SAMHSA for Media campaign to address underaged alcohol, marijuana and substance/opioid use.
37. Denied: (6/5/20) \$45,921.46 DEO Community Planning Technical assistance Grant for a septic to sewer conversion study
38. Denied (4/24/2020) \$425,000 request by Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc for Hendry County from the Fair Housing Initiatives Program Education and Outreach initiative (\$125,000) and Private Enforcement Initiative - Multi-Year Funding Component(\$300,000) to teach and disseminate information on Fair Housing
39. Denied: 4/1/2021 CDC Addiction and Recovery Grant for Media Campaign to prevent kids from first time use. In partnership with Drug Free Lee and Drug Free Collier: \$50,000
40. Denied: \$45,000 submitted to DEO for Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant (CPTA) for a strategic Plan for upgrades to Ortona Indian Mound Park in Glades County.
41. Denied: Submitted:(6/30/2020) \$143,306 Prepared and submitted and an application to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Rebuild Florida CDBG-Mitigation Critical Facility Hardening Program for the City of Clewiston to replace transmission line insulators and overhead ground wires to increase the City's energy resiliency in the event of a major storm. The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council will provide administrative services that will include reporting, grant management, closeout, contract and deliverable monitoring, and distribution of funds.
42. Denied: CDBG-MIT GIP Program The SWFRPC prepared an application for the City of Clewiston to apply to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Rebuild Florida General Infrastructure Program to storm harden portions of its transmission and distribution lines, therefore increasing energy resiliency in the community. The City will be requesting \$682,000 in funding from the program.
43. Denied: Submitted (6/30/2020) \$3,141,031, Prepared and submitted an application for the City of Clewiston for the DEO CDBG-DR Infrastructure Repair Program Cycle 2 to make upgrades to the City's wastewater treatment facility. Facility upgrades will include the installation of a new 300kw generator, the installation of bypass pumps, and the planning and installation of a new pump station. The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council will provide administrative services that will include reporting, grant management, closeout, contract and deliverable monitoring, and distribution of funds.
44. Denied: 2/2021 FL Dept. Of Agriculture- Specialty Crop, SWFL Fresh Choose Local Choose Fresh Marketing Project requesting \$207,000.

45. Denied: 01/2022 \$460,000 EDA ARPA BBBRC for Phase I: Developing an Inland Port system in Rural Southern Florida.

46. Denied (7/17/2023) EDA Disaster Supplemental grant for Food Resiliency Planning and Virtual Food HUB. Co Applicants with FGCU (\$600,000)

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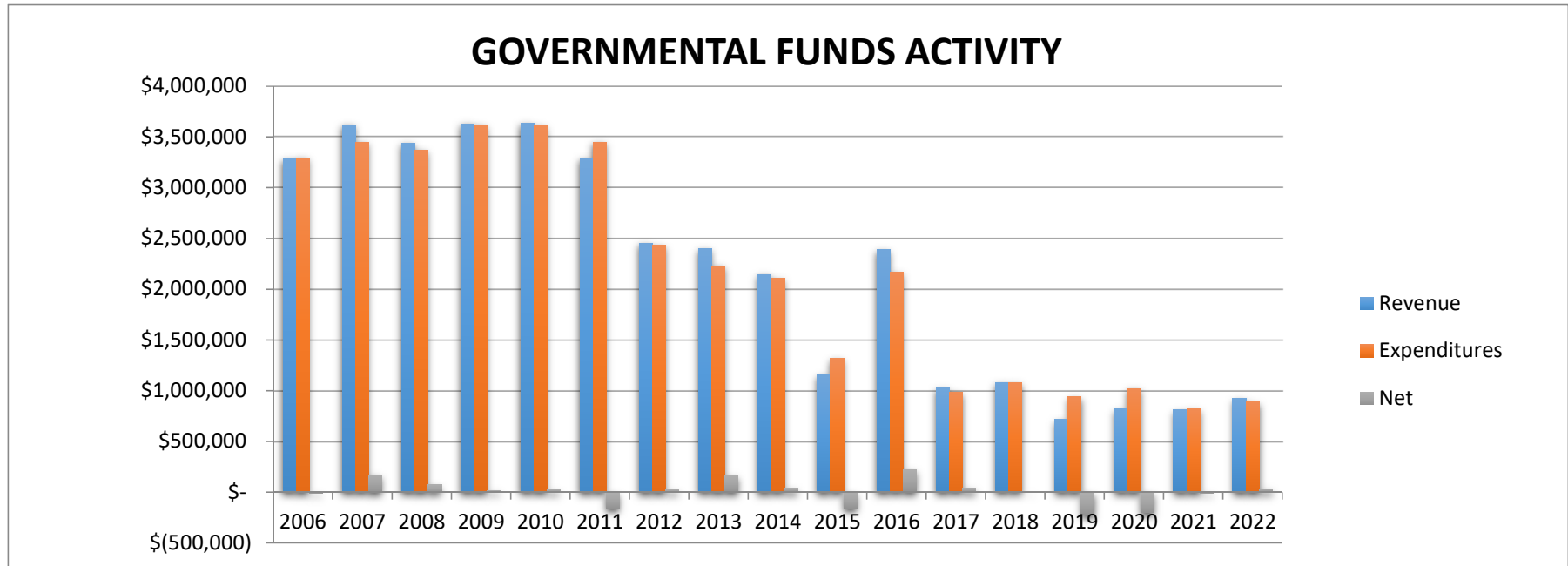
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Pending		Florida DEP	Margaret Wuerstle	Punta Gorda city Market Place Stormwater Management	8/15/2022	8/15/2022			\$4,000,000	\$20,000 (?)				
Pending		Florida Blue Foundation	Asmaa Odeh	Food Security	5/10/2023	5/10/2023			\$400,000					
Pending		EDA Disaster Supplemental	Margaret Wuerstle	Virtual Food Hub		7/17/2023			\$600,000					
Pending		EDA Recompete Pilot Program	Margaret Wuerstle	Strategy Development to address persistent economic distress	10/5/2023	10/4/2023			\$487,391	\$51,069				
Pending		Florida DEO	Margaret Wuerstle	Clewiston Stanby generator at WWTP	3/13/2023	3/11/2023			\$300,000	\$10,000(?)				
Pending		Florida RRDG Grant for FHERO	Margaret Wuerstle	FY 24-25 FHERO RRDG grant					\$188,625 grant & \$62,875 Match	\$8,000				
YES		FDEM 23-24 HA Grant	Charity Franks	Hazard Analysis			5/10/2023			\$9,505.65				
YES		DEO Planning Grant	M.Wuerstle	Master Plan for Shrimp Industry		6/1/2023	8/15/2023		\$75,000	\$15,000				
YES		EDA - US Economic Development Administration	Margaret Wuerstle	Hurricane Ian Recovery Coordinator		10/20/2022			\$321,826	\$321,826				64,367
YES		Florida DEP	Charity Franks/M Wuerstle	City of Marco Island Vulnerability Assessment	6/21/2022	6/21/2022	2/14/2-23		\$78,000	\$9,000				NA
YES		EPA Brownfields assessment	Tracy Whirls	Gades County Brownfield Assessment	12/1/2021	1/30/2021	May-22		\$500,000	\$20,000				NA
YES		USDA - US Dept. of Agriculture	Asmaa Odeh	SWFL Fresh Chosse Local Choose Fresh	7/6/2021	7/6/2021	Nov-21		\$752,426	\$58,500				
YES		CHMEP	Rebekah Harp	Calendar Design			6/25/2021		\$3,000	\$3,000				
YES		DEO RRDG	M Wuerstle	FHERO 2021 Regional Rural Development Grant		1/21/2021			\$126,160	\$7,000				NA
YES		DEO CDBG-MIT Planning	Margaret Wuerstle	A Resiliency Strategy for Local Food Systems in SW Florida	7/30/2020	7/27/2020			\$390,000	\$115,000				NA
YES		FL Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission - Boating Improvement Program (FBIP)	M. Moorhouse & M. Wuerstle	Clewiston Waterfront Master Plan	4/7/2020	4/3/2020			\$175,000	\$25,000				NA
YES		CHNEP	M. Moorhouse & M. Wuerstle	EBABM Website expansion	7/24/2020	7/24/2020			\$5,049	\$3,000				\$2,049
YES		EDA - US Economic Development Administration	M. Wuerstle	SWFL Recovery & Resiliency Plan	7/21/2020	7/21/2020			\$400,000	\$360,000				NA
Yes	3421	EDA - US Economic Development Administration	C.J. Kammerer	FY20-22 EDA CEDS Planning Grant	11/14/2019	11/13/2019			\$300,000.00	\$210,000.00	1/1/2020	12/31/2022	Submitted	\$90,000.00
Yes		DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity	C.J. Kammerer	FHERO 2019-20 RDG Grant		11/13/2019			\$97,500.00	\$6,000.00			Submitted	\$0.00
Yes	3724	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management	C.J. Kammerer	FY19-20 Collier_Lee Hazard Analysis			8/1/2019	8/1/2019	\$19,251.00	\$19,251.00	7/1/2019	6/30/2020	In Progress	\$0.00
Yes	3181	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management	C.J. Kammerer	FY19-20 LEPC Agreement			7/29/2019		\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00	7/1/2019	6/30/2020	In Progress	\$0.00
Yes		USDA - US Dept. of Agriculture	Margaret Wueratle	Promise Zone Economic Development Plan Technical Assistance	4/5/2019	4/4/2019			\$0.00	\$0.00			In Progress	\$0.00
Yes	3305	DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity	Margaret Wuerstle	Food Safety Plans for SWFL Small-Midsized Growers	5/7/2018	5/4/2018	9/7/2018		\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00			In Progress	

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Yes	3424	EDA - US Economic Development Administration	Margaret Wuerstle	Regional Sustainability Implementation Study for SWFL Small to Mid-Sized		5/8/2018	8/9/2018	8/13/2018	\$258,182.00	\$61,545.00			In Progress	\$51,637.00
Yes	3680	EPA - US Environmental Protection Agency	C.J. Kammerer	Brownfields Assesment	11/16/2017	11/16/2017	4/25/2018		\$600,000.00	\$40,000.00	10/1/2018	9/30/2021	In Progress	
Yes	4101	Glades County	Margaret Wuerstle	Glades County SQG 2017-2022				6/6/2017	\$22,500.00	\$22,500.00	6/6/2017	6/6/2022	In Progress	
Yes	3900	USDA - US Dept. of Agriculture	Margaret Wuerstle	Rural Promise Zone Designation			5/1/2016		\$0.00	\$0.00			In Progress	
Yes	3420	EDA - US Economic Development Administration	C.J. Kammerer	FY17-19 EDA Planning Grant			1/1/2017		\$300,000.00	\$210,000.00	1/1/2017	12/31/2019	Completed	\$90,000.00
Yes	3422	EDA - US Economic Development Administration	Jim Beever	SWFL Disaster Recovery Coordinator		10/31/2017			\$250,000.00	\$200,000.00	1/1/2018	12/31/2019	Completed	\$50,000.00
Yes	3205	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management	C.J. Kammerer	FY18-19 HMEP Agreement					\$62,164.00	\$2,889.20	10/1/2018	9/30/2019	Completed	
Yes	4007	DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity	C.J. Kammerer	FHERO 2018 RDG Grant		9/11/2018	9/17/2018		\$82,300.00	\$6,000.00	9/17/2018	9/17/2019	Completed	
Yes	3180	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management	C.J. Kammerer	FY18-19 LEPC Agreement			8/14/2018		\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00	7/1/2018	6/30/2019	Completed	
Yes	3723	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management	Margaret Wuerstle	FY18-19 Collier_Lee Hazard Analysis			7/31/2018	8/27/2018	\$19,615.00	\$19,615.00	9/1/2018	5/15/2019	Completed	
Yes	3676	EPA - US Environmental Protection Agency	Jim Beever	Master Wetland Mitigation Strategy			11/3/2016	11/3/2016	\$220,000.00	\$220,000.00	10/1/2016	12/31/2018	Completed	\$10,000.00
Yes	3204	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management	C.J. Kammerer	FY17-18 HMEP Agreement			10/1/2017		\$65,161.00	\$65,161.00	10/1/2017	9/30/2018	Completed	
Yes	3178	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management	Sean McCabe	FY17-18 LEPC Agreement	7/1/2017	7/18/2017			\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00	7/1/2017	6/30/2018	Completed	
Yes	3722	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management	Tim Walker	FY17-18 Collier_Lee Hazard Analysis			7/19/2017	9/13/2017	\$20,844.00	\$20,844.00	7/1/2017	6/30/2018	Completed	
Yes	4005	DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity	C.J. Kammerer	2017 FHERO RDG Grant		2/16/2017			\$79,744.00	\$6,000.00		4/30/2018	Completed	
Yes		DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity	Margaret Wuerstle	Regional Strategy for Agriculture Sustainability	6/30/2017		8/17/2017		\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00			Completed	
Yes	4212	City of Bonita Springs	Jim Beever	City of Bonita Springs Flood Reduction Project			10/4/2017		\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	10/4/2017	12/31/2017	Completed	
Yes	3730	SFRPC	C.J. Kammerer	Train the Trainers					\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	1/1/2016	3/31/2017	Completed	
Yes	4211	Sarasota County	Jim Beever	Sarasota Climate Change Adaptation Plan					\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	10/1/2016	5/30/2017	Completed	
Yes	4210	City of Cape Coral	Jim Beever	Cape Coral Climate Change Resiliency Stragegy					\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00		6/30/2017	Completed	
Yes	3304	DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity	Margaret Wuerstle	DEO - Labelle Tourism Marketing					\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	1/1/2017	5/30/2017	Completed	
Yes	3203	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management	Nichole Gwinnett	FY16-17 HMEP Grant	10/1/2016	10/1/2016	10/1/2016	10/1/2016	\$60,349.00	\$60,349.00	10/1/2016	12/31/2017	Completed	
Yes	4004	Hendry County	Margaret Wuerstle	Clewiston RGBD Grant TA					\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00			Completed	
Yes	4006	USDA - US Dept. of Agriculture	Margaret Wuerstle	City of Clewiston - Utilities Relocation -- Grant Writing Services	9/8/2017	9/13/2017	8/10/2017	8/10/2017	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	8/10/2017	9/13/2017	Completed	
Yes	3525-12	Glades County	Tim Walker	Glades County Small Quantity Generators (SQG)				5/17/2012	\$3,900.00	\$3,900.00	5/17/2012	5/16/2017	Completed	\$0.00

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Yes	3414	EDA - US Economic Development Administration	Margaret Wuerstle	EDA Planning Grant	1/22/2013	12/18/2013	4/18/2014	4/21/14	\$270,000.00	\$189,000.00	1/1/2014	12/31/2016	Completed	\$81,000.00
Yes	3177	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management	Nichole Gwinnett	FY16-17 LEPC Agreement	6/30/2016	4/6/2016	7/1/2016		\$59,000.00	\$59,000.00	7/1/2016	6/30/2017	Completed	\$0.00
Yes	3399	CTD - FL Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged	Nichole Gwinnett	FY16-17 TD Planning Agreement		5/19/2016	7/1/2016		\$38,575.00	\$38,575.00	7/1/2016	6/30/2017	Completed	\$0.00
Yes	3721	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management	Tim Walker	Collier County Hazard Analysis - FY16-17					\$8,054.00	\$8,054.00	7/1/2016	6/30/2017	Completed	\$0.00
Yes	3302	DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity	Margaret Wuerstle	DEO - City of Fort Myers - MLK Corridor	5/31/2015	5/1/2015		11/17/2015	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	1/1/2016	7/30/2016	Completed	
Yes	3534	City of Bonita Springs	Jim Beaver	City of Bonita Springs - Spring Creek Restoration Plan	7/1/2014	7/1/2014	8/11/2014	8/11/2014	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	8/11/2014		Completed	
Yes	3201	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management	Nichole Gwinnett	FY15-16 HMEP Planning	9/28/2015	9/28/2015	9/28/2015	9/28/2015	\$15,500.00	\$15,500.00	10/1/2015	9/30/2016	Completed	
Yes	3419	Charlotte County	Margaret Wuerstle	DEO - Charlotte County			3/30/2016	3/30/2016	\$500.00	\$500.00			Completed	
Yes	3170	DOE - US Dept. of Energy	Rebekah Harp	Solar Ready II		3/22/2013	7/18/2013		\$140,000.00	\$90,000.00	7/1/2013	1/1/2016	Completed	\$50,000.00
Yes	3673	EPA - US Environmental Protection Agency	Jim Beaver	A Unified Conservation Easement Mapping and Database for the State of Florida	4/15/2013	4/8/2013	6/3/2013		\$294,496.00	\$148,996.00	10/1/2013	9/30/2015	Completed	\$145,500.00
Yes	3674	EPA/CHNEP - Charlotte Harbor National Estuary	Jim Beaver	Mangrove Loss Project	4/4/2014	4/4/2014	12/19/2014		\$243,324.00	\$60,000.00	12/1/2014	9/30/2016	Completed	

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Yes	3397	CTD - FL Commission for the Transportation	Nichole Gwinnett	Glades-Hendry TD Planning Agreement FY2014-15			5/16/2014		\$38,573.00	\$38,573.00	7/1/2014	6/30/2015	Completed	\$0.00
Yes	3725	Visit Florida	Tim Walker	OUR CREATIVE ECONOMY Marketing	2/9/2015	2/9/2015	6/25/2015	6/26/2015	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00	7/1/2015	6/15/2016	Completed	\$2,500.00
Yes	3164	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management	Nichole Gwinnett	FY14-15 HMEP Planning				2/4/2015	\$22,000.00	\$22,000.00	10/1/2014	9/30/2015	Completed	\$0.00
Yes	3675	EPA - US Environmental Protection Agency	Jim Beever	Developing a Method to Use Ecosystem Services to	5/15/2015	5/5/2015	9/29/2015	9/29/2015	\$234,071.00	\$174,071.00	10/1/2015	9/30/2016	Completed	\$60,000.00
Yes	3171	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management	Nichole Gwinnett	FY15-16 LEPC Agreement	6/30/2015	5/15/2015	6/11/2015	6/11/2015	\$48,000.00	\$48,000.00	7/1/2015	6/30/2016	Completed	\$0.00
Yes	3398	CTD - FL Commission for the Transportation	Nichole Gwinnett	FY15-16 Glades-Hendry TD Agreement	6/30/2015	6/1/2015	7/1/2015	7/1/2015	\$38,573.00	\$38,753.00	7/1/2015	6/30/2016	Completed	\$0.00
Yes	3202	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management	Nichole Gwinnett	FY14-15 HMEP Planning Grant Modification			9/11/2015		\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	10/1/2015	12/15/2015	Completed	\$0.00
Yes	3173	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management	Nichole Gwinnett	FY15-16 HMEP Training Contract	10/1/2015	9/30/2015	9/28/2015	9/28/2015	\$58,422.00	\$58,422.00	10/1/2015	9/30/2016	Completed	\$0.00
Yes	3418	Collier County	Rebekah Harp	Marketing & Data Research					\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	12/4/2015	1/29/2016	Completed	
Yes	3176	DOE - US Dept. of Energy	Rebekah Harp	NARC - SM3 - 2016 Data Surveys			2/11/2016		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	2/1/2016	3/31/2016	Completed	
Yes	3005	Collier County	Margaret Wuerstle	Collier County EDC - USDA Grant Application			3/15/2016	3/22/2016	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	3/23/2016	3/31/2016	Completed	
Yes	3301	DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity	Margaret Wuerstle	Clewiston Mainstreet Revitalization			12/8/2015		\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	12/14/2015	6/30/2016	Completed	
Yes	3303	DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity	Margaret Wuerstle	DEO - MPO Rail Study					\$39,000.00	\$39,000.00	10/7/2015	5/31/2016	Completed	
Yes	4002	NEFRC - Northeast Florida Regional Council	Tim Walker	2016 SRESP Update					\$14,200.00	\$14,200.00	4/28/2016	7/19/2016	Completed	
Yes	4003	Rural Neighborhoods	Tim Walker	Rural Neighborhoods Mapping					\$750.00	\$750.00	6/1/2016	6/30/2016	Completed	
Yes	3720	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management	Tim Walker	Collier Hazard Analysis FY15-16					\$9,693.00	\$9,693.00	7/1/2015	6/30/2016	Completed	
Yes	3520	TBRPC - Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council	Rebekah Harp	2016 Disaster Planning Guide					\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	2/1/2016	4/30/2016	Completed	
Yes	3006	SWFEC - Southwest Florida Enterprise Center	Margaret Wuerstle	SWFEC PRIME - Grant Application/Technical Assistance					\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	5/1/2016	5/30/2016	Completed	
Yes	3004	NARC - National Association of Regional Councils	Rebekah Harp	MARC Travel SR11					\$379.58	\$379.58	10/1/2015	5/31/2016	Completed	
Yes	4001	Collier County	Margaret Wuerstle	Collier County EDA TA					\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	4/18/2016	5/30/2016	Completed	
Yes	6200	FDEP - FL Dept. of Environmental Protection	Margaret Wuerstle	2016 Brownfields Event					\$6,887.61	\$6,887.61	4/1/2016	10/30/2016	Completed	
NO		EDA Disaster Supplemental	Margaret Wuerstle	Upgrades to Clewiston WWTP			10/23/2023		16,161,602	\$45,000				
NO		NOAA	Margaret Wuerstle	Saving SWFL Shrimp Industry	7/24/2023	7/24/2023			\$500,000	\$10,000				
NO		DEO CDBG-MIT-GIP Round II Infrastructure	Margaret Wuerstle	City of Clewiston Harden transmission and distribution line	9/17/2020	9/14/2021			\$2,067,935	\$98,000				NA

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NO		NOAA- Track 2 Letter of Intent	Margaret Wuerstle	Ensuring Regional Resilience for the Gulf of Mexico Pink Shrimp Industry	8/21/2023	8/21/2023			\$37,205,000	\$1,000,000				
NO		Florida DEP	Charity Franks/M Wuerstle	Clewiston WWTP Improvement, upgrades and expansion	8/15/2022	8/11/2022			\$14,380,190	\$20,000(?)				
NO		DEO CPTA	Margaret Wuerstle	SWFL Enterprise Center Incubator Program Marketing	4/11/2022	4/1/2022	6/14/22 Denied		\$70,000	\$10,000				NA
No		EDA - US Economic Development Administration	Margaret Wuerstle/Tracy Whirls	ARPA- BBB Regional Challenge- Developing an Inland Port System in rural southern Florida	10/19/2021	10/19/2021			\$460,000	\$133,000				NA
NO		FL Dept. Of Agriculture- Specialty Crops	M Wuerstle	SWFL Fresh Coose Local Choose Fresh	2/5/2021	2/2/2021	Denied 10/7/2021		\$207,000	\$99,000				NA
No		DEO CDBG-MIT Critical Facility Hardening	McKensie Moorehouse	City of Clewiston transmission lines insulators replacement	6/30/2020	6/29/2020			\$143,306	\$15,000				NA
no		SAMHSA - Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration	Margaret Wuerstle	Building Resilient Kids	3/6/2020	3/2/2020			\$1,455,815	\$200,000				NA
No		Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	Katelyn Kubasik	Opioid Epidemic Think Tank Summit		11/12/2019			\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00			Submitted	\$0.00
No		Norman Foundation	Margaret Wuerstle	Food Policy Council		11/22/2019			\$100,000	\$60,000				NA
No		Bureau of Justice Assistance	Katelyn Kubasik	Data-Driven Responses to Emerging Drug Threats			10/1/2019		\$543,772.00	\$293,772.00			Denied	\$0.00
NO		Charles M. and Mary D. Grant Foundation	Katelyn Kubasik	SWFL Harm Reduction: Take-Home Naloxone Project		4/30/2019	9/1/2019		\$38,000.00	\$10,000.00			Denied	\$0.00
No		City of Naples	Jim Beaver	City of Naples Climate Resiliency Project			9/26/2019		\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00			Denied	\$0.00
No		SAMHSA - Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration	Katelyn Kubasik	Building Resilient Kids	3/29/2019	3/27/2019	8/29/2019		\$1,453,315.00	\$197,815.00	9/30/2019	9/29/2024	Denied	\$0.00
No		DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity	Jim Beaver	Updating the 2009 Comprehensive SWFL / Charlotte Harbor Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment		5/7/2019			\$40,075.00	\$40,075.00	1/1/2020	5/29/2020	Denied	\$0.00
No		DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity	Katelyn Kubasik	SWFL Opioid Resource Guide		5/7/2019			\$40,007.00	\$40,007.00	12/1/2019	5/31/2020	Denied	\$0.00
No		FDEP - FL Dept. of Environmental Protection	Jim Beaver	Ecosystem Services- Aquatic Preserves Valuation		5/1/2018			\$90,000.00	\$90,000.00			Denied	
No		EPA - US Environmental Protection Agency	Jim Beaver	WPDG- CHNEP Wetland Connectivity		5/8/2018			\$204,120.00	\$145,246.00			Denied	
No		DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity	Tim Walker	Storm Surge Evac Routes & Shelters Interactive GIS Web Map	5/7/2018	5/4/2018	9/7/2018		\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00			Denied	
No		DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity	Margaret Wuerstle	Affordable Housing Directory of Resources	5/7/2018	5/1/2018	9/7/2018		\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00			Denied	
No		DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity	Margaret Wuerstle	SWFL Opioid Resource Guide	5/7/2018	5/1/2018	9/7/2018		\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00			Denied	
No		Bloomberg Philanthropies	Margaret Wuerstle	Bloomberg - City of Bonita Springs Mitigation	10/20/2017	10/19/2017			\$1,000,000.00	\$60,000.00			Denied	

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No		SWFL Community Foundation	Margaret Wuerstle	Community Impact Grants - MLK Corridor	11/3/2017	11/2/2017			\$50,000.00				Denied	
No		DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity	Jennifer Pellechio	Economic Opportunity Map		4/27/2016	6/28/2016		\$40,000.00				Denied	
		DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity	Margaret Wuerstle	Florida Ocean Alliance		5/2/2016	6/28/2016		\$28,000.00				Denied	
No		DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity	Margaret Wuerstle	Clewiston Downtown District Facade Program		5/2/2016	6/28/2016		\$30,000.00				Denied	
No		AETNA	Jason Stoltzfus	Cultivating Healthy Communities	4/15/2016	4/13/2016			\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00			Denied	
No		EPA - US Environmental Protection Agency	Jason Stoltzfus	2016 Brownfield Assessment		12/18/2015			\$280,000.00	\$46,900.00			Denied	
No		USDA - US Dept. of Agriculture	Margaret Wuerstle	Mobile Market: A Nutritional Oasis for Food Markets of SWFL	3/31/2014	3/31/2014	10/1/2014		\$599,549.00	\$298,605.00	10/1/2014	9/30/2017	Denied	
No		EDA - US Economic Development Administration	Rebekah Harp	Mote Marine Programming	8/31/2012	8/31/2012	8/31/2012		\$270,000.00	\$189,000.00	1/1/2014	12/31/2016	Denied	\$81,000.00
No		USDA - US Dept. of Agriculture	Nichole Gwinnett	Opportunity Buy Program Coordinator	4/23/2013	4/23/2013	11/20/2013		\$99,667.00	\$15,000.00	11/1/2013	10/31/2015	Denied	\$53,621.00

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