



**TRI-CITY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY**

**REGULAR AUDIT**

**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000 & 1999**



**JIM PETRO**  
**AUDITOR OF STATE**  

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**STATE OF OHIO**



**TRI-CITY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO  
JANUARY 1, 1999 TO DECEMBER 31, 2000

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS**

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We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Tri-City Council of Governments, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, (the Council) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2000 and December 31, 1999. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Council's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, the Council prepares its financial statements on the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the fund cash balances of the Tri-City Council of Governments, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2000 and December 31, 1999, and its cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated May 17, 2001 on our consideration of the Council's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws and regulations. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, Board of Trustees, and other officials authorized to receive this report under Section 117.26, Ohio Revised Code, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

**Jim Petro**  
Auditor of State

May 17, 2001

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**TRI-CITY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**  
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STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND  
 CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES - THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000

	<u>General Fund</u>
Cash receipts:	
Contributions	\$3,000
Total cash receipts	3,000
Cash disbursements:	
Current:	
Operation and Maintenance	816
Utilities	1,393
Total program disbursements	2,209
Total receipts over/(under) program disbursements	791
Other financing receipts/(disbursements):	
Sale of fixed assets	0
Transfers-in	0
Advances-in	0
Transfers-out	0
Advances-out	0
Total other financing receipts/(disbursements)	0
Excess of cash receipts and other financing receipts over/(under) cash disbursements and other financing disbursements	791
Fund cash balances January 1, 2000	749
Fund cash balances, December 31, 2000	\$1,540

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND  
 CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES - THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999

	<u>General Fund</u>
Cash receipts:	
Contributions	\$3,000
Total cash receipts	3,000
Cash disbursements:	
Current:	
Operation and Maintenance	3,223
Utilities	1,229
Total program disbursements	4,452
Total receipts over/(under) program disbursements	(1,452)
Other financing receipts/(disbursements):	
Sale of fixed assets	0
Transfers-in	0
Advances-in	0
Transfers-out	0
Advances-out	0
Total other financing receipts/(disbursements)	0
Excess of cash receipts and other financing receipts over/(under) cash disbursements and other financing disbursemen	(1,452)
Fund cash balances January 1, 1999	2,201
Fund cash balances, December 31, 1999	\$749

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.



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**CUYAHOGA COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Description of the Entity

The Tri-City Council of Governments, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, (the Council) is a body corporate and politic established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The Council operates under the direction of a three-member Board of Trustees, comprised of the three Mayors from the cities of Rocky River, Fairview Park, and Westlake. The Council provides the communities with operation and maintenance of the Tri-City Park. The three cities make the contributions to the Council.

The Council's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the Council is financially accountable.

B. Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Ohio Auditor of State, which is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as prescribed or permitted by the Ohio Auditor of State.

C. Cash and Investments

The Council does not make any investments. The Council's cash was held for operations only.

D. Fund Accounting

The Council uses fund accounting to segregate cash. The Council only has one fund, which is the General Fund. It is used to account for all financial resources.

E. Budgetary Process

The Council is not bound by budgetary laws prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code, but appropriates based on the consistency of expenditures (utilities).

F. Property, Plant and Equipment

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statements.

2. Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments

The Council's fund balance is expressed in cash equivalents. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits. The carrying amount of the cash equivalents at December 31 were as follows:

	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
Bank Deposits	\$1,540	\$749

Deposits:

Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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3. Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2000 and 1999 was as follows:

2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Budgeted Receipts</u>	<u>Actual Receipts</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000
	_____	_____	_____
Total	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$3,000</u>	<u>\$3,000</u>

2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Appropriation Authority</u>	<u>Budgetary Expenditures</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General	\$2,209	\$2,209	\$0
	_____	_____	_____
Total	<u>\$2,209</u>	<u>\$2,209</u>	<u>\$0</u>

1999 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Budgeted Receipts</u>	<u>Actual Receipts</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000
	_____	_____	_____
Total	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$3,000</u>	<u>\$3,000</u>

1999 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Appropriation Authority</u>	<u>Budgetary Expenditures</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General	\$4,452	\$4,452	\$0
	_____	_____	_____
Total	<u>\$4,452</u>	<u>\$4,452</u>	<u>\$0</u>

4. Risk Management

The Council does not obtain commercial insurance for the Tri-City Park. The City of Rocky River has obtained commercial insurance which includes the Tri-City Park for comprehensive property and general liability.



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**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL REQUIRED BY  
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

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We have audited the financial statements of the Tri-City Council of Governments, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, (the Council) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2000, and December 31, 1999, and have issued our report thereon dated May 17, 2001. We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

**Compliance**

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

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audits, we considered the Council's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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**Jim Petro**  
Auditor of State

May 17, 2001



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**CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

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

*Susan Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

**CERTIFIED  
JUNE 14, 2001**