





**ERIE METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY  
ERIE COUNTY  
JUNE 30, 2024**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority  
Erie County  
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To the Board of Commissioners:

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### ***Opinion***

We have audited the financial statements of Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority, Erie County, Ohio (the Authority), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority, Erie County, Ohio as of June 30, 2024, and the changes in financial position and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### ***Basis for Opinion***

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

#### ***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

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

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

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

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

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

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

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

### ***Required Supplementary Information***

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

***Supplementary information***

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

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

***Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 8, 2025, on our consideration of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Keith Faber  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

January 8, 2025

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The Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority's (the Authority) Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is designed to (a) assist the reader in focusing on significant financial issues, (b) provide an overview of the Authority's financial activity, (c) identify changes in the Authority's position, and (d) identify individual fund issues of concern.

Since the MD&A is designed to focus on the 2024 year's activities, resulting changes and currently known facts, please read it in conjunction with the Authority's financial statement.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- The Authority's total net position increased by \$611,162 (or 13.91 percent) during fiscal year ended 2024. Since the Authority engages only in business-type activities, the increase is all in the category of business-type net position. Net position was \$5,005,700 and \$4,394,538 at fiscal year-end 2024 and 2023, respectively.
- The business-type activities revenue increased by \$1,331,183 (or 12.80 percent) during fiscal year ended 2024. Revenues were \$11,733,965 and \$10,402,782 for 2024 and 2023, respectively.
- The total expenses of all Authority programs increased by \$557,364 (or 5.28 percent). Total expenses were \$11,122,803 and \$10,565,439 for fiscal years ended 2024 and 2023, respectively.

**Authority-Wide Financial Statements**

The Authority-wide financial statements are designed to be corporate-like in that all business-type programs are consolidated into columns, which add to a total for the entire Authority.

These statements include a Statement of Net Position, which is like a Balance Sheet. The Statement of Net Position reports all financial and capital resources for the Authority. The statement is presented in the format where assets and deferred outflow of resources minus liabilities and deferred inflow of resources, equal "Net Position." Assets and liabilities are presented in order of liquidity and are classified as "Current" (convertible into cash within one year), and "Non-current."

The focus of the Statement of Net Position (the "Unrestricted Net Position") is designed to represent the net available liquid (non-capital) assets, net of liabilities, for the entire Authority. Net Position is reported in three broad categories (as applicable):

Net Investment in Capital Assets: This component of Net Position consists of all Capital Assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes or other borrowings and liabilities that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

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

Unrestricted: Consists of Net Position that do not meet the definition of "Net Investment in Capital Assets," or "Restricted." This account resembles the old operating reserves account.

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The basic financial statements also include a Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Change in Net Position (like an Income Statement). This Statement includes Operating Revenues, such as operating grant revenue and rental income, Operating Expenses, such as administrative, utilities, and maintenance, and depreciation, and Non-Operating Revenue and Expenses, such as capital grant revenue, interest income, and interest expense.

The focus of the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Change in Net Position is the "Change in Net Position," which is like Net Income or Loss.

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

### ***Fund Financial Statements***

Traditional users of governmental financial statements will find the Fund Financial Statements presentation more familiar. The focus is on entity-wide balances rather than on individual program balances. The Authority consists exclusively of Enterprise Fund. Enterprise Fund utilizes the full accrual basis of accounting. The Enterprise method of accounting is similar to accounting utilized by the private sector accounting.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires the funds maintained by the Authority.

## **THE AUTHORITY'S PROGRAMS**

Conventional Public Housing – Under the Conventional Public Housing Program, the Authority rents units that it owns to low-income households. The Conventional Public Housing Program is operated under an Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) with HUD, and HUD provides Operating Subsidy and Capital Grant funding to enable the PHA to provide the housing at a rent that is based upon 30 percent of household income. The Conventional Public Housing Program also includes the Capital Fund Program, which is the primary funding source for physical and management improvements to the Authority's properties.

The Authority converted to asset management starting July 1, 2007 and has separated its properties into two asset management projects: AMP # 1 consists of all scattered sites, and AMP # 2 consists of all units at the Bayshore Towers. The Authority tracks income and expenses at the AMP level for better management and control.

Housing Voucher Cluster Programs – Under the Housing Voucher Cluster Programs, the Authority subsidizes rents to independent landlords that own the property. The Authority subsidizes the family's rent through a Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) made to the landlord. The Program is administered under an Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) with HUD. HUD provides funding to enable the Authority to structure a lease that requires the participant to pay a rent based on a percentage of their adjusted gross household income, typically 30 percent, and the Authority subsidizes the balance.

PIH Family Self-Sufficiency Program – The PIH Family Self-Sufficiency Program funding is provided by HUD and used by the Authority to have coordinators on staff who assess the self-sufficiency needs and goals of residents of the Public Housing and Section 8 Voucher Programs, and who will work to coordinate available resources in the community to meet those needs and assist the Authority's clients reach their respective self-sufficiency goals.

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Central Office Cost Center – with conversion to asset management, the Authority established a Central Office Cost Center (COCC) Fund. Management, bookkeeping, and asset management fees are paid to the COCC by the programs and AMPs. Otherwise, salaries and benefits of administrative personnel performing the central overhead function and charged to the COCC as are other administrative-related expenses. The profit remaining in the COCC is deprogrammed and is available for any housing use. Management fees received from the Erie Community Plaza, Inc. (a 202 PRAC project), the Sandusky Metropolitan Housing Authority, and the Erie County Housing Opportunity (ECHO, an 811 PRAC project) are also reported as revenue to the Central Office Cost Center.

State and Local – reported in this Program are grants the Authority receives from and through state and local sources that the Authority uses to fund activities to benefit residents of the Public Housing Program and residents of Erie County at large, and various other activities of the Authority. These include administration of local grants that provide for training and protective services at both the Bayshore Towers and the Erie County Senior Center. In addition, it includes financial activity of fund-raising for the cash match through the Erie County Senior Center for and administration of Special Programs for the Aging – Title III-B, Title III-C and the Medical Assistance Program (MAP or PASSPORT), all provided to the Authority from the Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio. Using the Title III-B funding, supportive services for the elderly of Erie County are provided, such as transportation, escort, education, information, and referral, volunteer placement, health assessment, and socialization. Using Title III-C and PASSPORT, nutritionally balanced meals are provided at the cost of a donation only to residents of Erie County age 60 and older.

## AUTHORITY STATEMENTS

### Statement of Net Position

The following table reflects the condensed Statement of Net Position compared to prior year. The Authority is engaged only in Business-Type Activities.

<b>Table 1 - Condensed Statement of Net Position</b>		
	2024	2023
<b><u>Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources</u></b>		
Current Assets	\$ 4,574,570	\$ 4,075,065
Capital Assets	4,318,421	4,269,075
Other Non-Current Assets	58,565	6,049
Deferred Outflows	596,245	866,282
<b>Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>9,547,801</b>	<b>9,216,471</b>
<b><u>Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position</u></b>		
<b><u>Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources</u></b>		
Current Liabilities	456,631	441,582
Non-Current Liabilities	4,041,300	4,346,871
Deferred Inflows of Resources	44,170	33,480
<b>Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<b>4,542,101</b>	<b>4,821,933</b>
<b><u>Net Position</u></b>		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	2,300,602	2,100,829
Restricted	210,898	14,604
Unrestricted	2,494,200	2,279,105
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>5,005,700</b>	<b>4,394,538</b>
<b>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 9,547,801</b>	<b>\$ 9,216,471</b>

For more detailed information, see Statement of Net Position presented elsewhere in this report.

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**Major Factors Affecting the Statement of Net Position**

Current assets increased \$499,505 (or 12.26 percent). The increase was primarily to cash. Restricted cash increased \$137,247 and unrestricted cash increased \$346,569. The increase in restricted cash is related to an increase in unspent funding provided by HUD for the Authority to use to make rental assistance payments (HAP payments) on behalf of families assisted by the Housing Choice Voucher Program. That excess will be spent in fiscal year-end 2025 as part of the process HUD uses to fund the Housing Choice Voucher Program. The increase in unrestricted cash is related to favorable results from operations in the period.

The other balances on the statement that changed notably were deferred outflows of resources and noncurrent liabilities. Noncurrent liabilities decreased \$305,571. \$183,303 of that is due to routine repayment of debt in the period. The remainder of the change in noncurrent liabilities and the entire change in deferred outflows of resources is due to changes in balances reported in accordance with GASB 68 and GASB 75. GASB 68 is an accounting standard that essentially requires the Authority to report financial balances for what is estimated to be its share of the pension liability/asset, the net pension liability (NPL) or net pension asset, and balances caused by changes in the pension liability of the of the pension system, the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). And GASB 75 is an accounting standard that essentially requires the Authority to report financial balances for what is estimated to be its share of the other postemployment benefits (OPEB) liability/asset and balances caused by changes in the OPEB liability/asset of the of the pension system, the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPEB refers to the healthcare plan of the pension system. Some changes in the NPL and OPEB balances are amortized over a five-year period and those amortized balances are reported as deferred outflows of resources. So, the remainder of the change in noncurrent liabilities and the change in deferred outflows of resources are due to changes in balances of the retirement system and do not reflect changes at the Authority.

Employees of the Authority are required by state law to be members of OPERS, and the Authority is required to make retirement contributions to OPERS for all of its employees. The Net Pension Liability is unlike other liabilities the Authority has in that these liabilities do not represent invoices to be paid by the Authority but rather is an attempt to estimate the extent to which contributions to OPERS would have to increase in order for OPERS to fully fund its future obligations. In Ohio, there is no legal means to enforce the unfunded liability of the pension plan against a public employer like the Authority, and contribution rates for employees and employers are set by state law. Similarly, there is no way for an employer like the Authority to access a net pension or net OPEB asset, when there is one because the actuaries estimate the future commitments of the pension system for pension and/or healthcare are more than fully funded.

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**Table 2 - Change of Net Position**

		Net Investment	
		In Capital	
	Unrestricted	Assets	Restricted)
Beginning Balance	\$ 2,279,105	\$ 2,100,829	\$ 14,604
Results From Operation	463,438	0	147,724
Adjustment:			
Current Year Depreciation Expense (1)	552,667	(552,667)	0
Capital Expenditure (2)	(602,013)	602,013	0
Retirement of Debt (2)	(183,303)	183,303	0
Change in Unspent Debt Funds Held in Trust (2)	(2,481)	2,481	0
Change in GASB 87 Lease Liability (2)	(13,213)	13,213	0
Reclass CFFP Debt Escrows	0	(48,570)	48,570
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ 2,494,200</b>	<b>\$ 2,300,602</b>	<b>\$ 210,898</b>

(1) Depreciation is treated as an expense and reduced the results of operations but does not have an impact on unrestricted net position.

(2) Capital and related expenditures of debt represent flows of unrestricted net position but are not treated as an expense against Results of Operations and, therefore, are adjusted against Net Investment in Capital Assets.

While the results of operations are a significant measure of the Authority's activities, the analysis of the changes in Unrestricted Net Position provides a clearer presentation of financial position. The Authority's unrestricted net position increased \$215,095.

The following schedule compares the revenues and expenses for the current and previous fiscal year. The Authority is engaged on in business-type activities.

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**Table 3 - Condensed Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position**

	2024	2023
<b><u>Revenue</u></b>		
Total Tenant Revenue	\$ 691,926	\$ 717,365
Operating Grants	9,834,414	8,581,499
Capital Grants	377,955	201,975
Investment Income	20,439	12,215
Other Revenue	809,231	889,728
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<u>11,733,965</u>	<u>10,402,782</u>
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>		
Administrative	1,733,499	2,027,132
Tenant Services	112,048	101,429
Utilities	241,954	223,534
Maintenance	985,893	939,328
Protective Services	58,036	57,212
General and Interest	799,259	394,034
Housing Assistance Payments	6,639,447	6,280,769
Depreciation	552,667	542,001
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>11,122,803</u>	<u>10,565,439</u>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	611,162	(162,657)
Beginning Net Position	4,394,538	4,557,195
<b>Ending Net Position</b>	<u><u>\$ 5,005,700</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,394,538</u></u>

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

In total revenues increased \$1,331,183 (or 12.80 percent). Operating grants and capital grants is where the largest increases were. The Public Housing Program, the Capital Fund Program, and the Housing Choice Voucher Program all had increased receipts in fiscal year-end 2024 over the previous year. The increase in funding for the Public Housing Program is viewed as a result of inflationary pressures. The formula HUD uses to determine the funding levels for the Public Housing Program takes into consideration inflation, to include increasing utility rates. The increase in funding for the Capital Fund Program is viewed as a result of timing issues. HUD annually provides funding for the Capital Fund Program using a formula based on the age, number and characteristics of the public housing units, and authorities typically have up to 4 years to spend whatever amount is received in any year. This provides time for authorities to plan and carry out planned work items. The increase this year is a routine fluctuation in spending of the Capital Fund Program funds. And the increase in funding for the Housing Choice Voucher Program is most noted in the component of funding received for the Authority to use to make rental assistance payments (or HAP payments) on behalf of families assisted by the Program. HUD provides funding for this purpose based on current spending levels for this purpose as reported by the Authority. Rental rates are increasing in the area served by the Authority, so larger HAP payments are needed to help keep rents affordable for families on the Program. Also, as was noted in the section following Table 1 of this MD&A, a larger part of what HUD provided for this purpose was unspent at the end of this fiscal period than the previous, so a part of the increase in funding for this purpose had yet to be spent by the Authority at the end of the period and will be used to help families in the next fiscal period.

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Expenses overall increased \$557,364 (or 5.28 percent). With regard to where the biggest changes were, a larger increase in general and interest expense was offset by a decrease in administrative expense, and housing assistance payments (HAP) expense increase. The increase in general and interest expense offset by the reduction in administrative expense is partly due to an increase in food costs for a state and local food program managed by the Authority, and that this year the Authority is reclassing the cost of food for the food programs as a general expense instead of as an administrative expense. The larger increase in HAP expense was mentioned in the previous paragraph about the increase in revenue for this purpose. Contributing to that increase was an increase in rental rates in the local market.

**CAPITAL ASSETS**

As of year-end, the Authority had \$4,318,421 invested in a variety of capital assets as reflected in the following schedule, which represents a net increase of \$49,346 (or 1.16 percent) from the end of 2023. Additions in the period were exceeded by depreciation expense.

**Table 4 - Capital Assets at Year-end (Net of Depreciation)**

	2024	2023
Land	\$ 674,630	\$ 674,630
Buildings and Improvements	19,105,386	18,665,349
Equipment	739,832	600,488
Accumulated Depreciation	(16,201,427)	(15,671,392)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,318,421</b>	<b>\$ 4,269,075</b>

The following reconciliation identifies the change in capital assets.

**Table 5 - Change in Capital Assets**

Beginning Balance	\$ 4,269,075
Current Year Additions	602,013
Current Year Depreciation Expense	(552,667)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,318,421</b>

**DEBT OUTSTANDING**

As of year-end, the change in the Authority's outstanding debt is as follows:

Beginning Balance	\$ 2,168,225
Current Year Debt Retired	(183,303)
New Debt	0
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ 1,984,922</b>

The following summarizes the change in the right-to-use equipment lease liability from last fiscal year-end.

Equipment Lease Liability - June 30, 2023	\$ 46,110
Additions in Period	0
Retirements in Period	(13,213)
<b>Equipment Lease Liability - June 30, 2024</b>	<b>\$ 32,897</b>



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**ECONOMIC FACTORS**

Significant economic factors affecting the Authority are as follows:

- Federal funding of the Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Local labor supply and demand, which can affect salary and wage rates
- Local inflationary, recessionary, and employment trends, which can affect resident incomes and, therefore, the amount of rental income
- Inflationary pressure on utility rates, supplies, and other costs.

**FINANCIAL CONTACT**

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**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
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**Assets and Deferred Outflow of Resources**

**Assets**

Current Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 3,938,029
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	445,651
Receivables, Net	85,714
Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets	97,592
Inventory, Net	7,584
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>4,574,570</b>

Non-Current Assets

Capital Assets:	
Non-Depreciable Capital Assets	674,630
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	3,643,791
<b>Total Capital Assets</b>	<b>4,318,421</b>
Net OPEB Asset	58,565
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>	<b>4,376,986</b>

**Deferred Outflow of Resources**

Pension	545,208
OPEB	51,037
<b>Total Deferred Outflow of Resources</b>	<b>596,245</b>

<b>TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOW OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>\$ 9,547,801</b>
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**Liabilities, Deferred Outflow of Resources, and Net Position**

**Liabilities**

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$ 178,462
Accrued Liabilities	20,337
Tenant Security Deposits	23,450
Interest Payable	6,820
Unearned Revenue	4,386
Other Current Liabilities	15,762
Lease Payable - Current Portion	13,750
Long-Term Debt - Current Portion	193,664
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>456,631</b>

Non-Current Liabilities

Long-Term Debt - Non-Current Portion	1,791,258
Lease Payable - Net of Current Portion	19,147
Accrued Compensated Absences	139,279
Non-Current Liabilities - Other	269,459
Net Pension Liability	1,822,157
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>	<b>4,041,300</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>4,497,931</b>

**Deferred Inflow of Resources**

Lease	5,702
OPEB	38,468
<b>Total Deferred Inflow of Resources</b>	<b>44,170</b>

**Net Position**

Net Investment in Capital Assets	2,300,602
Restricted Net Position	210,898
Unrestricted Net Position	2,494,200
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>5,005,700</b>

<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES, AND NET POSITION</b>	<b>\$ 9,547,801</b>
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See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

**ERIE METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY**  
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**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGE IN NET POSITION**  
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<b><u>Operating Revenues</u></b>	
Tenant Revenue	\$ 691,926
Government Operating Grants	9,834,414
Other Revenue	722,752
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>11,249,092</b>
<b><u>Operating Expenses</u></b>	
Administrative	1,733,499
Tenant Services	112,048
Utilities	241,954
Maintenance	907,658
Protective Services	58,036
General and Insurance	710,169
Housing Assistance Payment	6,639,447
Depreciation	552,667
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>10,955,478</b>
Operating Income	293,614
<b><u>Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)</u></b>	
Capital Grant Revenue	377,955
Interest Income	20,439
Interest Expense	(89,090)
Casualty Loss Proceeds	79,479
Casualty Loss Noncapitalized	(78,235)
Gain on Disposal	7,000
<b>Total Nonoperating Revenues</b>	<b>317,548</b>
Net Change in Net Position	611,162
Beginning Net Position	4,394,538
<b>Ending Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 5,005,700</b>

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**ERIE METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY**  
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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
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**Cash Flows from Operating Activities**

Operating Grants Received	\$ 9,835,233
Receipts from Tenants	684,978
Other Revenue Received	723,632
Cash Payments for Administrative and Operating Costs	(3,684,841)
Cash Payments for HAP	(6,586,508)
<b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>	<b>972,494</b>

**Cash Flows from Investing Activities**

Interest Earned	20,439
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**Cash Flows from Capital and Related Activities**

Capital Grant Received	377,955
Capital Asset Purchases	(602,013)
Proceeds from Disposal of Capital Assets	7,000
Interest Payment	(96,787)
Debt Payment	(183,303)
Payments on Lease Liability	(13,213)
Casualty Loss Receipts	79,479
Casualty Loss Expended - Noncapital	(78,235)
<b>Net Cash Used by Capital and Related Activities</b>	<b>(509,117)</b>

Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	483,816
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Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year	3,899,864
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents - End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 4,383,680</b>

**Reconciliation of Net Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities**

Net Operating Income	\$ 293,614
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to Net Cash Used by Operating Activities:	
Depreciation	552,667
(Increases) Decreases in:	
Accounts Receivable	8,748
Prepaid Assets	(18,388)
Net OPEB Asset	(58,565)
Pension Assets	270,037
Increases (Decreases) in:	
Accounts Payable	(375)
Accrued Liabilities	(9,495)
Unearned Revenue	2,029
Security Deposits	(350)
Other Current Liabilities	12,343
Pension/OPEB Liability	(139,128)
Deferred Inflow of Resources	10,690
Non-Current Liabilities	48,667
<b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>	<b>\$ 972,494</b>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Organization and Reporting Entity**

The Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority (the Authority) is a political subdivision of the State of Ohio, located in Erie County, Ohio, created under Section 3735.27 of the Ohio Revised Code, to engage in the acquisition, development, leasing, and administration of low-rent housing program. An Annual Contributions Contract was signed by the Authority and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), under the provisions of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437) Section 1.1. The Authority was also created in accordance with state law to eliminate housing conditions which are detrimental to the public peace, health, safety, morals, or welfare by purchasing, acquiring constructing, maintenance, operating, improving, extending, and repairing housing facilities.

The nucleus of the financial reporting entity as defined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 61 is the "primary government". A fundamental characteristic of a primary government is that it is a fiscally independent entity. In evaluating how to define the financial reporting entity, management has considered all potential component units. A component unit is a legally separate entity for which the primary government is financially accountable. The criteria of financial accountability is the ability of the primary government to impose its will upon the potential component unit. This criterion was considered in determining the reporting entity. The Authority is a political subdivision with no component units.

**Basis of Presentation**

The financial statements of the Authority have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

Pursuant to GASB Statement No. 62, *Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance, Contained in Pre-November 30, 1989 FASB and AICPA Pronouncements*, the Authority follows GASB guidance as applicable to enterprise funds.

The Authority's basic financial statements consist of a statement of net position, a statement of revenues, expenses, and change in net position, and a statement of cash flows.

The Authority uses a single enterprise fund to maintain its financial records on an accrual basis. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

Enterprise fund reporting focuses on the determination of the changes in net position, financial position, and cash flows. An enterprise fund may be used to account for any activity for which a fee is charged to external users for goods and services.

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NOTE 1: **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (Continued)

**Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting**

The enterprise fund is accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. All assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of the Authority are included on the Statement of Net Position. The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Net Position presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in total net position. The Statement of Cash Flows provides information about how the Authority finances and meets the cash flow needs of its enterprise activity.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the Authority's enterprise fund are charges to tenants for rent and operating subsidies from HUD. Operating expenses for the enterprise fund include the costs of facility maintenance, housing assistance payments, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

**Property and Equipment**

Property and equipment are recorded at cost. Costs that materially add to the productive capacity or extend the life of an asset are capitalized, while maintenance repair costs are expensed as incurred.

Useful life of property and equipment is as follows:

Buildings	40 years
Land and Building Improvements	15 years
Equipment	7 years
Autos	5 years

Depreciation is recorded on the straight-line method. Total depreciation expense for the 2024 fiscal year was \$552,667.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

The Authority considers all highly liquid investments (including restricted assets) with maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash and cash equivalents.

**Investments**

Investments are stated at fair value.

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**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**Net Position**

Net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflow of resources and liabilities and deferred inflow of resources. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used, or other liabilities incurred, for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the Authority or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments.

**Pensions/Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)**

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

**Deferred inflow/outflow of Resources**

In addition to assets, the statements of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. For the Authority, deferred outflows of resources are reported on the government-wide statement of net position for pension and OPEB. The deferred outflows of resources related to pension and OPEB are explained in Note 5 and 6.

In addition to liabilities, the statements of financial position report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized until that time. Deferred inflows of resources are reported on the government-wide statement of net position for leases, pension and OPEB. The deferred inflows of resources related to pension and OPEB are explained in Note 5 and 6.

**Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Budgetary Accounting**

The Authority annually prepares funding requests as prescribed by HUD. Budgets are adopted by the Board of Commissioners.

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**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**Allocation of Costs**

The Authority allocated expenses not attributable to a specific program to all programs under management. The basis for this allocation was the number of units in each program or estimated actual usage. Management considers this to be an equitable method of allocation.

**Financial Statement Format and Content**

The format and content of the financial statements included in this report conforms to the format and content submitted to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, via the Real Estate Assessment Center.

**NOTE 2: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

The Authority follows the provisions of GASB Statement No. 40, *Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures*. This standard revised the existing requirement regarding disclosure of custodial credit risk and establishes requirements for disclosures regarding credit risk, concentration of credit risk, interest rate risk, and foreign currency risk.

**Deposits**

State statutes classify monies held by the Authority into three categories.

Active deposits are public deposits necessary to meet demands on the treasury. Such monies must be maintained either as cash in the Authority's Treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

Inactive deposits are public deposits that the Authority had identified as not required for use within the current two-year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

Interim deposits are deposits of interim monies. Interim monies are those monies which are not needed to immediate use, but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit or by savings or deposit accounts including passbook accounts.

On June 30, 2024, the carrying amount of the Authority's cash deposits was \$4,383,680, including \$260 of petty cash, and \$48,570 of debt escrow funds held by the trustee. Bank deposits totaled \$4,363,926, of which \$750,000 were covered by Federal Depository Insurance, while \$3,565,356 was collateralized by securities pledged in the name of the Authority.

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NOTE 2: **DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS** (Continued)

**Deposits** (Continued)

Custodial credit is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the Authority's deposits may not be returned. The Authority's policy is to place deposits with major local banks approved by the Board. Multiple financial institution collateral pools that insure public deposits held by fiscal and escrow agents, are collateralized with eligible securities in amounts equal to at least 102 percent of the carrying value of the deposits. Such collateral, as permitted by Chapter 135 of the Ohio Revised Code, is held in financial institution pools at Federal Reserve banks, or at member banks of the Federal Reserve system in the name of the respective depository bank, and pledged as a pool of collateral against all of the public deposits it holds, or as specific collateral held at a Federal Reserve bank in the name of the Authority.

**Investments**

HUD, State Statute, and Board resolutions authorize the Authority to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, agencies and instrumentalities, certificates of deposit, repurchase agreements, money market deposit accounts, municipal depository funds, super NOW accounts, sweep accounts, separate trading of registered interest and principal of securities, mutual funds, bonds and other obligations of this State, and the State Treasurer's investment pool. Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements, and derivatives prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage, and short selling are also prohibited. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the Authority and must be purchased with the exception that it will be held to maturity. Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions. Payment for investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the Treasurer or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

The Authority has a formal investment policy. The objective of this policy shall be to maintain liquidity and protection of principal while earning investment interest. Safety of principal is the primary objective of the investment program. The Authority follows GASB Statement No. 31, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools* and records all its investments at fair value. At June 30, 2024, the Authority has no investments.

**Interest Rate Risk**

As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value of losses caused by rising interest rates, the Authority's investment policy requires those funds which are not operating reserve funds to be invested in investments with a maximum term of one year or the Authority's operating cycle. For investments of the Authority's operating reserve funds, the maximum term can be up to three years. The intent of the policy is to avoid the need to sell securities prior to maturity.



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NOTE 2: **DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS** (Continued)

**Credit Risk**

HUD requires specific collateral on individual accounts in excess of amounts insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. The Authority depository agreements specifically require compliance with the HUD requirement.

**Concentration of Credit Risk**

The Authority's investment policy limits investments in a single security type or with a single financial institution to 50 percent of the total investment portfolio

**Foreign Currency Risk**

Foreign currency risk is the risk that changes in exchange rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment or deposit. As of year-end, the Authority had no exposure to foreign currency rate risk, as regulated by HUD.

**Restricted Cash**

Restricted cash is composed of the following restricted:

Restricted HAP Equity	\$ 103,763
FSS Escrow Funds	269,459
Tenant Security Deposit	23,450
CFFP Debt Escrows	48,570
Uncashed Checks due to Tenants	409
<b>Total</b>	<b><u><u>\$ 445,651</u></u></b>

NOTE 3: **CAPITAL ASSETS**

A summary of capital assets at June 30, 2024 by class is as follows:

Land	\$ 674,630
Building and Building Improvements	19,105,386
Furniture and Equipment - Dwelling	2,590
Furniture and Equipment - Administration	675,122
Intangible Right-to-Use Equipment	62,120
Total	<u>20,519,848</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(16,201,427)</u>
<b>Total Property and Equipment, Net of Depreciation</b>	<b><u><u>\$ 4,318,421</u></u></b>

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**NOTE 3: CAPITAL ASSETS (Continued)**

A summary of changes in capital assets during the year is as follows:

	Balance June 30, 2023	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2024
<b><u>Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated</u></b>				
Land	\$ 674,630	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 674,630
Construction in Progress	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated</b>	<b>674,630</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>674,630</b>
<b><u>Capital Assets Being Depreciated</u></b>				
Buildings and Improvements	18,665,349	440,037	0	19,105,386
Furniture, Machinery, and Equipment	538,368	161,976	(22,632)	677,712
Intangible Right-to-use Lease - Equipment	62,120	0	0	62,120
<b>Subtotal Capital Assets Being Depreciated</b>	<b>19,265,837</b>	<b>602,013</b>	<b>(22,632)</b>	<b>19,845,218</b>
<b><u>Accumulated Depreciation</u></b>				
Buildings and Improvements	(15,255,495)	(467,562)	0	(15,723,057)
Furniture, Machinery, and Equipment	(399,640)	(71,592)	22,632	(448,600)
Intangible Right-to-use Lease - Equipment	(16,257)	(13,513)	0	(29,770)
<b>Total Accumulated Depreciation</b>	<b>(15,671,392)</b>	<b>(552,667)</b>	<b>22,632</b>	<b>(16,201,427)</b>
Depreciable Assests, Net	3,594,445	49,346	0	3,643,791
<b>Total Capital Assets, Net</b>	<b>\$ 4,269,075</b>	<b>\$ 49,346</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 4,318,421</b>

**NOTE 4: LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS**

**Direct Borrowings and Direct Placements**

The long-term debt consists of bond payable dated July 17, 2007, due June 2027, and was funded by a bond issue in the principal amount of \$40,532,000, of which the Authority's share is \$1,130,000. Repayment of the loan is funded through contributions from HUD under the Capital Fund Program and investment earnings. Payments are made by reducing the Capital Fund Program subsidy due to the Authority. Payments are due semi-annually beginning October 1, 2007, totaling approximately \$90,000 annually. Serial bonds were issued with fixed interest rates between 3.90 percent and 4.67 percent. The bonds were issued to provide major renovations at Bayshore Towers. The outstanding balance as of June 30, 2024 is \$225,000.

In January 2021, the Authority entered into an Energy Performance Equipment Lease/Purchase Agreement which provided funding of \$2,109,520 that the Authority used to fully retire the Energy Performance Agreement from December 2014, with the remainder to be used to make energy improvements to its Public Housing Program rental units. Rental payments required under the Agreement will be quarterly for a total of 60 payments of \$49,613 with a term maturing October 31, 2035, with the initial payment due January 30, 2021 and amortized at a 4.65 percent interest rate. The Agreement shall terminate upon payment in full of all rental payments due, or upon payment by the Authority of the rental payment due on such date and payment in full of the then-applicable purchase price as set forth in the Schedule of Payments. In the event of default, Lessor shall have the right to declare an amount equal to the Purchase Price immediately due and payable; or may peaceably retake possession of the equipment. The outstanding balance on the Agreement at June 30, 2024 is \$1,759,922 and the purchase price is \$2,005,896.

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**NOTE 4: LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS** (Continued)

**Direct Borrowings and Direct Placements** (Continued)

Debt maturities are estimated in the amortization schedule as follows:

Year Ended June 30	U.S. Department of HUD		Energy Performance Equipment Lease	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 75,000	\$ 7,650	\$ 118,664	\$ 79,787
2026	75,000	5,100	124,279	74,172
2027	75,000	2,550	130,160	68,291
2028	0	0	136,318	62,133
2029	0	0	142,769	55,682
2030-2034	0	0	821,799	170,456
2035-2036	0	0	285,933	11,746
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 225,000</b>	<b>\$ 15,300</b>	<b>\$ 1,759,922</b>	<b>\$ 522,267</b>

**Equipment Leases**

The Authority entered into a sixty-month lease for a postage machine calling for quarterly payments of \$467.28 beginning May 2022. The equipment is being amortized over the life of the lease. The annual interest rate charged on the lease is 4.00 percent.

The Authority entered into a sixty three-month lease for copier equipment calling for monthly payments of \$606.88 beginning April 2020. The equipment is being amortized over the life of the lease. The annual interest rate charged on the lease is 4.00 percent.

The Authority entered into a sixty three-month lease for printer equipment calling for monthly payments of \$472.50 beginning April 2023. The equipment is being amortized over the life of the lease. The annual interest rate charged on the lease is 4.00 percent.

Lease commitments for the fiscal years ending June 30 are as follows:

	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 13,750	\$ 1,071	\$ 14,821
2026	6,893	646	7,539
2027	6,705	384	7,089
2028	5,549	121	5,670
	<b>\$ 32,897</b>	<b>\$ 2,222</b>	<b>\$ 35,119</b>

The following is a summary of changes in long-term liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2024.

	Balance June 30, 2023	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2024	Due Within One Year
U.S. Department of HUD	\$ 295,000	\$ 0	\$ (70,000)	\$ 225,000	\$ 75,000
Energy Performance Equipment Lease	1,873,225	0	(113,303)	1,759,922	118,664
Net Pension Liability	1,923,057	0	(100,900)	1,822,157	0
OPEB Liability	38,228	0	(38,228)	0	0
Compensated Absence Liability	146,974	0	(7,695)	139,279	0
FSS Escrow Liability	220,792	194,171	(145,504)	269,459	0
Lease Liability	46,110	0	(13,213)	32,897	13,750
<b>Total Long-Term Obligations</b>	<b>\$ 4,543,386</b>	<b>\$ 194,171</b>	<b>\$ (488,843)</b>	<b>\$ 4,248,714</b>	<b>\$ 207,414</b>

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NOTE 4: **LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS** (Continued)

**Family Self-Sufficiency Escrows**

The FSS escrow liability of \$269,459 represents escrow money held in escrow for residents participating in the Family Self-Sufficiency Program. Each month contributions are deposited into the Authority's savings account on behalf of the Program participants. Participants enter into an initial five-year contract, with an option for a two-year extension upon the Authority's approval. At the end of the contract, the participant either meets their Program goals and may withdraw their money earned from the savings account, or they fail to meet their goals and forfeit their money. If a forfeiture occurs in the Program, the money earned is used by the Authority to reinvest into the Program.

NOTE 5: **DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN**

***Net Pension Liability***

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

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

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

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

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NOTE 5: **DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN** (Continued)

*Net Pension Liability* (Continued)

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

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

Authority employees participate in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple employer public employee retirement system which administers three separate pension plans. The Traditional Pension Plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The Member-Directed Plan is a defined contribution plan and the Combined Plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan with defined contribution features. Effective January 1, 2022, the Combined Plan is no longer available for member selection. In October 2023, the legislature approved House Bill (HB) 33, which allows for the consideration of the Combined Plan with the Traditional Pension Plan with the timing of the consolidation at the discretion of OPERS. Participating employers are divided into state, local, law enforcement and public safety divisions. While members in the state and local divisions may participate in all three plans, law enforcement and public safety divisions exist only within the Traditional Pension Plan.

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

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

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**NOTE 5: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (Continued)**

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

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

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

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

When a Traditional Pension Plan benefit recipient has received benefits for 12 months, an annual cost of living adjustment (COLA) is provided. This COLA is calculated on the base retirement benefit at the date of retirement and is not compounded. Members retiring under the Combined Plan receive a cost-of-living adjustment on the defined benefit portion of their pension benefit. For those who retired prior to January 7, 2013, the COLA is 3 percent. For those retiring on or after January 7, 2013, beginning in 2019, the adjustment is based on the average percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, capped at 3 percent.

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

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

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

	State and Local		
	Traditional Pension Plan	Combined Plan	Member- Directed Plan
<b>2023-2024 Statutory Maximum Contribution Rates</b>			
Employer	14.0 %	14.0 %	14.0 %
Employee *	10.0 %	10.0 %	10.0 %
<b>2023-2024 Actual Contribution Rates</b>			
Employer:			
Pension	14.0 %	12.0 %	10.0 %
Post-Employment Health Care Benefits	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %
Total Employer	14.0 %	12.0 %	10.0 %
Employee	10.0 %	10.0 %	10.0 %

\* Member contributions within the Combined Plan are not used to fund the defined benefit retirement allowance.



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**NOTE 5: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (Continued)**

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

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

For fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the Authority's contractually required contributions used to fund pension benefits was \$165,116 for the Traditional Pension Plan.

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

The net pension liability for OPERS was measured as of December 31, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Authority's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Authority's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share and pension expense:

	OPERS Traditional Pension Plan
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability:	
Prior Measurement Date	0.006510%
Current Measurement Date	0.006960%
Change in Proportionate Share	<u>0.000450%</u>
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 1,822,157
Pension Expense	\$ 272,027

At June 30, 2024, the Authority reported deferred outflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	OPERS Traditional Pension Plan
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	\$ 367,788
Differences between expected and actual experience	29,782
Changes in proportion and differences between Authority contributions and proportionate share of contributions	64,596
Authority contributions subsequent to the measurement date	83,042
<b>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<u><u>\$ 545,208</u></u>



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**NOTE 5: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN** (Continued)

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

\$83,042 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from the Authority's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ending June 30:	OPERS Traditional Pension Plan
2025	\$ 140,599
2026	139,236
2027	234,702
2028	(52,371)
Total	<u>\$ 462,166</u>

***Actuarial Assumptions - OPERS***

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

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation. The total pension liability in the December 31, 2023, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all prior periods included in the measurement in accordance with the requirements of GASB 67. Key actuarial assumptions and methods used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results, are presented below:

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**NOTE 5: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (Continued)**

***Actuarial Assumptions – OPERS* (Continued)**

	<u>Traditional Pension Plan</u>
Wage Inflation	
Current Measurement Date:	2.75 percent
Prior Measurement Date:	2.75 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	
Current Measurement Date:	2.75 to 10.75 percent including wage inflation
Prior Measurement Date:	2.75 to 10.75 percent including wage inflation
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA	
Pre 1/7/2013 retirees:	3 percent, simple
Post 1/7/2013 retirees:	
Current Measurement Date:	2.3 percent simple through 2024, then 2.05 percent simple
Prior Measurement Date:	3 percent, simple through 2023, then 2.05 percent simple
Investment Rate of Return	
Current Measurement Date:	6.9 percent
Prior Measurement Date:	6.9 percent
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age

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

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

OPERS manages investments in three investment portfolios: the Defined Benefits portfolio, the Health Care portfolio, and the Defined Contribution portfolio. The Defined Benefit portfolio includes the investment assets of the Traditional Pension Plan, the defined benefit component of the Combined Plan, and the annuitized accounts of the Member-Directed Plan. Within the Defined Benefit portfolio, contributions into the plans are all recorded at the same time, and benefit payments all occur on the first of the month. Accordingly, the money-weighted rate of return is considered to be the same for all plans within the portfolio. The annual money weighted rate of return expressing investment performance, net of investments expenses and adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested, for the Defined Benefit portfolio was a gain of 11.2 percent for 2023.

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**NOTE 5: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN** (Continued)

***Actuarial Assumptions – OPERS*** (Continued)

The allocation of investment assets with the Defined Benefit portfolio is approved by the Board of Trustees as outlined in the annual investment plan. Plan assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of achieving and maintaining a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the defined benefit pension plans. The long-term expected rate of return on defined benefit investment assets was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected real rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage, adjusted for inflation. Best estimates of the geometric real rates of return were provided by the Board's investment consultant. For each major asset class that is included in the Defined Benefit portfolio's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2023, these best estimates are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Weighted Average Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Geometric)
Fixed Income	24.00 %	2.85 %
Domestic Equities	21.00	4.27
Real Estate	13.00	4.46
Private Equity	15.00	7.52
International Equities	20.00	5.16
Risk Parity	2.00	4.38
Other investments	5.00	3.46
Total	100.00 %	

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

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

	1% Decrease (5.90%)	Current Discount Rate (6.90%)	1% Increase (7.90%)
Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 2,868,564	\$ 1,822,157	\$ 951,850

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**NOTE 6: DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS**

***Net OPEB Liability***

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) administers three separate pension plans: the traditional pension plan, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan; the member-directed plan, a defined contribution plan; and the combined plan, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that has elements of both a defined benefit and defined contribution plan.

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**NOTE 6: DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS** (Continued)

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

OPERS maintains a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment health care trust, the 115 Health Care Trust, which was established in 2014 to fund health care for the Traditional Pension, Combined, and Member-Directed plans. With one exception, OPERS-provided health care coverage is neither guaranteed nor statutorily required. Ohio law currently requires Medicare Part A equivalent coverage or Medicare Part A premium reimbursement for eligible retirees and their eligible dependents.

Retirees and eligible dependents enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B, and non-Medicare retirees beginning in 2022, are able to participate in the OPERS Connector in lieu of comprehensive health care coverage. The Connector, a vendor selected by OPERS, assist eligible retirees, spouses, and dependents in the evaluation, selection, and purchase of a health care plan on the open market. Eligible retirees may receive a monthly allowance in their health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) account that can be used to reimburse eligible health care expenses.

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

- 1. Age 65 or older** – minimum of 20 years of qualified health care service credit.
- 2. Age 60 to 64** – based on the following age-and-service criteria:
  - a. Group A – 30 years of total service with at least 20 years of qualified health care service credit;
  - b. Group B – 31 years of total service with at least 20 years of qualified health care service credit; or
  - c. Group C – 32 years of total service with at least 20 years of qualified health care service credit.
- 3. Age 59 or younger** – based on the following age-and-service criteria:
  - a. Group A – 30 years of qualified health care service credit;
  - b. Group B - 32 years of qualified health care service credit at any age or 31 years of qualified health care service credit and at least age 52; or
  - c. Group C – 32 years of qualified health care service credit and at least age 55.

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

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

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

Participants in the Member-Directed Plan have access to the Connector and have a separate health care funding mechanism. A portion of employer contributions for these participants is allocated to a retiree medical account (RMA). Upon separation or retirement, participants may use vested RMA funds for reimbursement of qualified medical expenses.

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

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

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

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. In 2023 and 2024, state and local employers contributed at a rate of 14.0 percent of earnable salary and public safety and law enforcement employers contributed at 18.1 percent. These are the maximum employer contribution rates permitted by the Ohio Revised Code. Active member contributions do not fund health care.

Each year, the OPERS Board determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside to fund health care plans. For 2023-2024, no portion of the employer contribution rate was allocated to health care for the Traditional Pension Plan. The employer contribution as a percent of covered payroll deposited for the Combined Plan and Member-Directed Plan health care programs in 2023-2024 was 2.0 percent and 4.0 percent, respectively.

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. The Authority's contractually required contribution allocated to health care was \$791 for the year ending June 30, 2024.

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**NOTE 6: DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (Continued)**

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

The net OPEB asset and total OPEB liability for OPERS were determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2022, rolled forward to the measurement date of December 31, 2023, by incorporating the expected value of health care cost accruals, the actual health care payment, and interest accruals during the year. The Authority's proportion of the net OPEB asset was based on the Authority's share of contributions to the retirement plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share and OPEB expense:

	<u>OPERS</u>
Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability/Asset:	
Prior Measurement Date	0.006063%
Current Measurement Date	<u>0.006489%</u>
Change in Proportionate Share	<u>0.000426%</u>
 Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	 \$ (58,565)
OPEB Expense	\$ (11,683)

At June 30, 2024, the Authority reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>OPERS</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on	
OPEB plan investments	\$ 35,169
Changes of assumptions	15,077
Authority contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>791</u>
<b>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<u>\$ 51,037</u>
 <b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 8,336
Changes of assumptions	25,175
Changes in proportion and differences between Authority	
contributions and proportionate share of contributions	<u>4,957</u>
<b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<u>\$ 38,468</u>

\$791 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from Authority contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as an increase of the net OPEB asset in the year ending June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:



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**NOTE 6: DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (Continued)**

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

Year Ending June 30:	<u>OPERS</u>
2025	\$ (5,014)
2026	1,291
2027	27,378
2028	<u>(11,877)</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u><u>\$ 11,778</u></u>

***Actuarial Assumptions - OPERS***

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

Projections of health care costs for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan and include the types of coverage provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of costs between OPERS and plan members. The total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2022, rolled forward to the measurement date of December 31, 2023. The actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions and methods applied to all prior periods included in the measurement in accordance with the requirements of GASB 74:

	<u>December 31, 2023</u>	<u>December 31, 2022</u>
Wage Inflation	2.75 percent	2.75 percent
Projected Salary Increases	2.75 to 10.75 percent, including wage inflation	2.75 to 10.75 percent, including wage inflation
Single Discount Rate	5.70 percent	5.22 percent
Investment Rate of Return	6.00 percent	6.00 percent
Municipal Bond Rate	3.77 percent	4.05 percent
Health Care Cost Trend Rate	5.50 percent initial, 3.50 percent ultimate in 2038	5.50 percent initial, 3.50 percent ultimate in 2036
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age	Individual Entry Age



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*Actuarial Assumptions – OPERS* (Continued)

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

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

During 2023, OPERS managed investments in three investment portfolios: the Defined Benefit portfolio, the Health Care portfolio, and the Defined Contribution portfolio. The Health Care portfolio includes the assets for health care expenses for the Traditional Pension Plan, Combined Plan and Member-Directed Plan eligible members. Within the Health Care portfolio, contributions into the plans are assumed to be received continuously throughout the year based on the actual payroll payable at the time contributions are made, and health care-related payments are assumed to occur mid-year. Accordingly, the money-weighted rate of return is considered to be the same for all plans within the portfolio. The annual money-weighted rate of return expressing investment performance, net of investment expenses and adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested, for the Health Care portfolio was a gain of 14.0 percent for 2023.

The allocation of investment assets with the Health Care portfolio is approved by the Board of Trustees as outlined in the annual investment plan. Assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of continuing to offer a sustainable health care program for current and future retirees. OPERS' primary goal is to achieve and maintain a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the defined pension plans. Health care is a discretionary benefit. The long-term expected rate of return on health care investment assets was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected real rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage, adjusted for inflation. The table below displays the Board-approved asset allocation policy for 2023 and the long-term expected real rates of return:

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**NOTE 6: DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS** (Continued)

***Actuarial Assumptions – OPERS*** (Continued)

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Weighted Average Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Geometric)
Fixed Income	37.00 %	2.82 %
Domestic Equities	25.00	4.27
Real Estate Investment Trust	5.00	4.68
International Equities	25.00	5.16
Risk Parity	3.00	4.38
Other investments	5.00	2.43
Total	<u>100.00 %</u>	

***Discount Rate*** A single discount rate of 5.70 percent was used to measure the OPEB liability on the measurement date of December 31, 2023; however, the single discount rate used at the beginning of the year was 5.22 percent. Projected benefit payments are required to be discounted to their actuarial present value using a single discount rate that reflects (1) a long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments (to the extent that the health care fiduciary net position is projected to be sufficient to pay benefits), and (2) tax-exempt municipal bond rate based on an index of 20-year general obligation bonds with an average AA credit rating as of the measurement date (to the extent that the contributions for use with the long-term expected rate are not met). This single discount rate was based on an expected rate of return on the health care investment portfolio of 6.00 percent and a municipal bond rate of 3.77 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the actuarially determined contribution rate. Based on these assumptions, the health care fiduciary net position and future contributions were sufficient to finance health care costs through 2070. As a result, the actuarial long-term expected rate of return on health care investments was applied to projected costs through the year 2070, and the municipal bond rate was applied to all health care costs after that date.

***Sensitivity of the Authority's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate*** The following table presents the Authority's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability calculated using the single discount rate of 5.70 percent, as well as what the Authority's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1.0 percent lower or 1.0 percent higher than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (4.70%)	Current Discount Rate (5.70%)	1% Increase (6.70%)
Authority's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ 32,185	\$ (58,565)	\$ (133,738)

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**NOTE 6: DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS** (Continued)

*Actuarial Assumptions – OPERS* (Continued)

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

Retiree health care valuations use a health care cost-trend assumption that changes over several years built into the assumption. The near-term rates reflect increases in the current cost of health care; the trend starting in 2024 is 5.50 percent. If this trend continues for future years, the projection indicates that years from now virtually all expenditures will be for health care. A more reasonable alternative is the health plan cost trend will decrease to a level at, or near, wage inflation. On this basis, the actuaries project premium rate increases will continue to exceed wage inflation for approximately the next decade, but by less each year, until leveling off at an ultimate rate, assumed to be 3.50 percent in the most recent valuation.

	1% Decrease	Current Health Care Cost Trend Rate Assumption	1% Increase
Authority's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ (60,997)	\$ (58,565)	\$ (55,805)

**NOTE 7: RESTRICTED NET POSITION**

Restricted net position of \$210,898 is composed of the following:

Unspent Funding to make Housing Assistance Payments	\$ 103,763
Restricted for CFFP Debt Escrows	48,570
Restricted for the GASB 75 Net OPEB Asset	58,565
<b>Total Restricted Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 210,898</b>

**NOTE 8: COMPENSATED ABSENCES**

Vacation and sick leave policies are established by the Board of the Authority based on local and state laws. All permanent employees will earn 3.69 hours of sick leave per eighty (80) hours of service. Unused sick leave may accumulate without limit. At the time of retirement, employees shall be paid the value of twenty-five percent of unused sick leave subject to a maximum payment equal to 120 days of sick leave. All permanent employees will earn vacation hours accumulated based on length of service. Employees will be paid for all unused vacation time upon their separation from service.

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**NOTE 9: RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; damage to and theft or destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees, and natural disasters. The Authority is covered for property damage, general liability, automobile liability, law enforcement liability, public officials' liability, and other crime liabilities through membership in the State Housing Authority Risk Pool Association, Inc. (SHARP). SHARP is an insurance risk pool comprised of forty (40) housing authorities in Ohio, of which the Authority is a member. Settled claims have not exceeded the Authority's insurance in any of the past three years.

**NOTE 10: CONTINGENCIES**

The Authority is party to various legal proceedings which seek damages or injunctive relief generally incidental to its operations and pending projects. The Authority's management is of the opinion that the ultimate disposition of various claims and legal proceedings will not have a material effect, if any, on the financial condition of the Authority.

The Authority has received several Federal and state grants for specific purposes which are subject to review and audit by the grantor agencies. Such audits could lead to requests for reimbursements to grantor agencies for expenditures disallowed under the terms of the grant. Based upon prior experience, management believes such disallowances, if any, will be immaterial.

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**LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

<b>Traditional Plan</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
Authority's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.006960%	0.006151%	0.006151%	0.006019%	0.005962%	0.006092%	0.006269%	0.007123%	0.008293%	0.008495%
Authority's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 1,822,157	\$ 1,923,057	\$ 535,162	\$ 891,283	\$ 1,178,430	\$ 1,668,475	\$ 983,487	\$ 1,617,512	\$ 1,430,634	\$ 1,024,595
Authority's Covered Payroll	\$ 1,145,563	\$ 1,009,067	\$ 892,662	\$ 847,699	\$ 838,915	\$ 822,793	\$ 828,500	\$ 920,848	\$ 1,032,204	\$ 1,041,492
Authority's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	159.06%	190.58%	59.95%	105.14%	140.47%	202.78%	118.71%	175.65%	138.60%	98.38%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	79.01%	75.74%	92.62%	86.88%	82.17%	74.70%	84.66%	77.25%	81.08%	86.45%
<b>Combined Plan</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
Authority's Proportion of the Net Pension Asset	0.000000%	0.000000%	0.006447%	0.014634%	0.013804%	0.014502%	0.014995%	0.015921%	0.016490%	0.016901%
Authority's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension (Asset)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ (25,402)	\$ (42,243)	\$ (28,785)	\$ (16,216)	\$ (20,413)	\$ (8,861)	\$ (6,835)	\$ (6,509)
Authority's Covered Payroll	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 29,393	\$ 64,490	\$ 61,451	\$ 62,025	\$ 61,412	\$ 61,975	\$ 60,026	\$ 59,146
Authority's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Asset as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	0.00%	0.00%	86.42%	65.50%	46.84%	26.14%	33.24%	14.30%	11.39%	11.00%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	144.55%	137.14%	169.88%	157.67%	145.28%	126.64%	137.28%	116.55%	116.90%	114.83%

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

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

**ERIE METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY**  
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**SCHEDULE OF THE AUTHORITY'S CONTRIBUTIONS**  
**OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM**  
**LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
<u>Contractually Required Contributions</u>										
Traditional Plan	\$ 165,116	\$ 149,528	\$ 134,837	\$ 119,810	\$ 118,346	\$ 115,978	\$ 115,292	\$ 104,056	\$ 118,772	\$ 123,077
Combined Plan	0	0	64	8,630	8,857	8,548	8,637	7,613	7,117	7,151
Total Required Contributions	165,116	149,528	134,901	128,440	127,203	124,526	123,929	111,669	125,889	130,228
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	(165,116)	(149,528)	(134,901)	(128,440)	(127,203)	(124,526)	(123,929)	(111,669)	(125,889)	(130,228)
Contribution Deficiency / (Excess)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<u>Authority's Covered Payroll</u>										
Traditional Plan	\$ 1,179,400	\$ 1,068,057	\$ 963,121	\$ 855,786	\$ 845,329	\$ 828,412	\$ 855,335	\$ 835,219	\$ 989,769	\$ 1,025,639
Combined Plan	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 457	\$ 61,643	\$ 63,264	\$ 61,054	\$ 64,064	\$ 61,089	\$ 59,310	\$ 59,592
<u>Pension Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll</u>										
Traditional Plan	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	13.48%	12.46%	12.00%	12.00%
Combined Plan	0.00%	0.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	13.48%	12.46%	12.00%	12.00%

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**SCHEDULE OF THE AUTHORITY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY/(ASSET)**  
**OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM**  
**LAST EIGHT FISCAL YEARS (1)**

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Authority's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability/Asset	0.006489%	0.006063%	0.005913%	0.006032%	0.005960%	0.006100%	0.006280%	0.006280%
Authority's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability/(Asset)	\$ (58,565)	\$ 38,228	\$ (185,204)	\$ (107,465)	\$ 823,231	\$ 795,296	\$ 681,962	\$ 634,301
Authority's Covered Payroll	\$ 1,145,563	\$ 1,009,067	\$ 922,055	\$ 912,189	\$ 900,366	\$ 884,818	\$ 889,912	\$ 982,823
Authority's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability/Asset as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	-5.11%	3.79%	-20.09%	-11.78%	91.43%	89.88%	76.63%	64.54%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	107.76%	94.79%	128.23%	115.57%	47.80%	46.33%	54.14%	54.05%

(1) Information prior to 2017 is not available. Schedule is intended to show ten years of information, and additional years will be displayed as the information becomes available.

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

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**OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM**  
**LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS (1)**

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 791	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4,787	\$ 13,814	\$ 20,982	\$ 21,705
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	(791)	0	0	0	0	0	(4,787)	(13,814)	(20,982)	(21,705)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Authority Covered Payroll	\$ 1,179,400	\$ 1,068,057	\$963,578	\$ 917,429	\$ 908,593	\$ 889,466	\$ 919,399	\$ 896,308	\$ 1,049,079	\$ 1,085,231
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	0.07%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.52%	1.54%	2.00%	2.00%

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.



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***OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (OPERS)***

***Net Pension Liability***

*Changes in benefit terms:* There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2014-2024.

*Changes in assumptions:* There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for 2014-2016 and 2018. For 2017, the following changes of assumptions affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the expected investment return was reduced from 8.00% to 7.50%, (b) the expected long-term average wage inflation rate was reduced from 3.75% to 3.25%, (c) the expected long-term average price inflation rate was reduced from 3.00% to 2.50%, (d) Rates of withdrawal, retirement and disability were updated to reflect recent experience, (e) mortality rates were updated to the RP-2014 Health Annuitant Mortality Table, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observant period base year of 2006 and then established the base year as 2015 (f) mortality rates used in evaluating disability allowances were updated to the RP-2014 Disabled Mortality tables, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observation base year of 2006 and a base year of 2015 for males and 2010 for females (g) Mortality rates for a particular calendar year for both healthy and disabled retiree mortality tables are determined by applying the MP-2015 mortality improvement scale to the above described tables. For 2019, the following changes of assumptions affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the expected investment return was reduced from 7.50% to 7.20%. For 2020, the following changes of assumptions affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the cost-of-living adjustments for post-1/7/2013 retirees were reduced from 3.00% simple through 2018 to 1.40% simple through 2020, then 2.15% simple. For 2021, the following changes of assumptions affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the cost-of-living adjustments for post-1/7/2013 retirees were reduced from 1.40% simple through 2020 to 0.50% simple through 2021, then 2.15% simple. For 2022, the following changes of assumptions affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the expected long-term average wage inflation rate was reduced from 3.25% to 2.75% (b) the cost-of-living adjustments for post-1/7/2013 retirees were increased from 0.50% simple through 2021 to 3.00% simple through 2022, then 2.05% simple (c) the expected investment return was reduced from 7.20% to 6.90%. There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for 2023. For 2024, the following changes of assumptions affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the cost-of-living adjustments for post-1/7/2013 retirees were decreased from 3.00% simple through 2023 then 2.05% simple, to 2.30% simple through 2024 then 2.05% simple.

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***Net OPEB Liability***

*Changes in benefit terms:* There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2018-2024.

*Changes in assumptions:* For 2018, the single discount rate changed from 4.23% to 3.85%. For 2019, the following changes of assumptions affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the expected investment return was reduced from 6.50% to 6.00% (b) In January 2019, the Board adopted changes to health care coverage for Medicare and pre-Medicare retirees. It will include discontinuing the PPO plan for pre-Medicare retirees and replacing it with a monthly allowance to help participants pay for a health care plan of their choosing. The base allowance for Medicare eligible retirees will be reduced. The specific effect of these changes on the net OPEB liability and OPEB expense are unknown at this time (c) the single discount rate changed from 3.85% to 3.96%. For 2020, the following changes of assumptions affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the single discount rate changed from 3.96% to 3.16%. For 2021, the following changes of assumptions affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the single discount rate changed from 3.16% to 6.00% (b) the municipal bond rate changed from 2.75% to 2.00% (c) the health care cost trend rate changed from 10.50% initial and 3.50% ultimate in 2030 to 8.50% initial and 3.50% ultimate in 2035. For 2022, the following changes of assumptions affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the expected long-term average wage inflation rate was reduced from 3.25% to 2.75%. (b) the municipal bond rate changed from 2.00% to 1.84% (c) the health care cost trend rate changed from 8.50% initial and 3.50% ultimate in 2035 to 5.50% initial and 3.50% ultimate in 2034. For 2023, the following changes in assumptions affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the single discount rate changed from 6.00% to 5.22% (b) the municipal bond rate changed from 1.84% to 4.05% (c) the health care cost trend rate changed from 5.50% initial and 3.50% ultimate in 2034 to 5.50% initial and 3.50% ultimate in 2036. For 2024, the following changes in assumptions affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the single discount rate changed from 5.22% to 5.70% (b) the municipal bond rate changed from 4.05% to 3.77% (c) the health care cost trend rate changed from 5.50% initial and 3.50% ultimate in 2036 to 5.50% initial and 3.50% ultimate in 2038.

	Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority Financial Data Schedule For the Year Ended June 30, 2024												
	Project Total	14.896 PIH Family Self-Sufficiency Program	14.896 PIH Family Self-Sufficiency Program	93.778 Medical Assistance Program	2 State/Local	93.044 Special Programs for the Aging_Title III, Part B, Grants for Supportive	93.045 Special Programs for the Aging_Title III, Part C, Nutrition Services	14.879 Mainstream Vouchers	14.871 Housing Choice Vouchers	COCC	Subtotal	ELIM	Total
111 Cash - Unrestricted	1,987,956				352,475			7169	1,085,178	609,014	4,041,792		3,938,029
112 Cash - Restricted - Modernization and Development	48,570										48,570		48,570
113 Cash - Other Restricted	409	25136							244,323		269,868		373,631
114 Cash - Tenant Security Deposits	23,450										23,450		23,450
115 Cash - Restricted for Payment of Current Liabilities											0		0
100 Total Cash	2,060,385	25,136	0	0	352,475	0	0	7,169	1,329,501	609,014	4,383,680		4,383,680
121 Accounts Receivable - PHA Projects									415		415		415
122 Accounts Receivable - HUD Other Projects								21174			21,174		21,174
124 Accounts Receivable - Other Government											0		0
125 Accounts Receivable - Miscellaneous	710								10,257	754	11,721		11,721
126 Accounts Receivable - Tenants	7,308										7,308		7,308
126.1 Allowance for Doubtful Accounts - Tenants	-1,500										-1,500		-1,500
126.2 Allowance for Doubtful Accounts - Other	-7,700								0	0	-7,700		-7,700
127 Notes, Loans, & Mortgages Receivable - Current	47,250				7046						54,296		54,296
128 Fraud Recovery											0		0
128.1 Allowance for Doubtful Accounts - Fraud											0		0
129 Accrued Interest Receivable											0		0
120 Total Receivables, Net of Allowances for Doubtful Accounts	46,068	0	0	0	7046	0	0	21174	10,672	754	85,714		85,714
131 Investments - Unrestricted											0		0
132 Investments - Restricted											0		0
135 Investments - Restricted for Payment of Current Liability											0		0
142 Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets	65,323				3,300				6,340	22,629	97,592		97,592
143 Inventories	7,584										7,584		7,584
143.1 Allowance for Obsolete Inventories					0						0		0
144 Inter Program Due From											0		0
145 Assets Held for Sale											0		0
150 Total Current Assets	2,179,360	25,136	0	0	362,821	0	0	28,343	1,346,513	632,397	4,574,570		4,574,570
161 Land	638,695									35,935	674,630		674,630
162 Buildings	18,444,236								72,305	588,845	19,105,386		19,105,386
163 Furniture, Equipment & Machinery - Dwellings	2,590										2,590		2,590
164 Furniture, Equipment & Machinery - Administration	245,690				290,211			4,000	135,221	675,122	675,122		675,122
165 Leasehold Improvements	10623				7531			24249	19717	62,120	62,120		62,120
166 Accumulated Depreciation	-15,311,083				-133,185				-69,243	-687,916	-16,201,427		-16,201,427
167 Construction in Progress											0		0
168 Infrastructure											0		0
160 Total Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	4,030,751	0	0	0	164,557	0	0	0	31,311	91,802	4,318,421		4,318,421
171 Notes, Loans and Mortgages Receivable - Non-Current											0		0
172 Notes, Loans, & Mortgages Receivable - Non Current - Past Due											0		0
173 Grants Receivable - Non Current											0		0
174 Other Assets	15,423				13,784				15,931	13,427	58,565		58,565
176 Investments in Joint Ventures											0		0
180 Total Non-Current Assets	4,046,174	0	0	0	178,341	0	0	0	47,242	105,229	4,376,986		4,376,986
200 Deferred Outflow of Resources	157,011	0	0	0	140,331			0	162,208	136,695	596,245		596,245
290 Total Assets and Deferred Outflow of Resources	6,382,545	25,136	0	0	681,493	0	0	28,343	1,555,963	874,321	9,547,801		9,547,801

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	Project Total	14.896 PIH Family Self-Sufficiency Program	14.896 PIH Family Self-Sufficiency Program	93.778 Medical Assistance Program	2 State/Local	93.044 Special Programs for the Aging_Title III, Part B, Grants for Supportive	93.045 Special Programs for the Aging_Title III, Part C, Nutrition Services	14.879 Mainstream Vouchers	14.871 Housing Choice Vouchers	COCC	Subtotal	ELIM	Total
311 Bank Overdraft											0		0
312 Accounts Payable <= 90 Days	42,833				49,601					47,742	140,176		140,176
313 Accounts Payable >90 Days Past Due											0		0
321 Accrued Wage/Payroll Taxes Payable	7,313									13,024	20,337		20,337
322 Accrued Compensated Absences - Current Portion											0		0
324 Accrued Contingency Liability											0		0
325 Accrued Interest Payable	6,820										6,820		6,820
331 Accounts Payable - HUD PHA Programs											0		0
332 Account Payable - PHA Projects											0		0
333 Accounts Payable - Other Government	38,286										38,286		38,286
341 Tenant Security Deposits	23,450										23,450		23,450
342 Unearned Revenue	4,386										4,386		4,386
343 Current Portion of Long-term Debt - Capital Projects/Mortgage Revenue	196,816				2357				8116	4856	212,145		207,414
344 Current Portion of Long-term Debt - Operating Borrowings											0		0
345 Other Current Liabilities	462				15000					300	15,762		15,762
346 Accrued Liabilities - Other	0										0		0
347 Inter Program - Due To											0		0
348 Loan Liability - Current											0		0
310 Total Current Liabilities	320,366	0	0	0	66,958	0	0	0	8,116	65,922	461,362		456,631
351 Long-term Debt, Net of Current - Capital Projects/Mortgage Revenue	1,793,865				2022				4326	5461	1,805,674		1,810,405
352 Long-term Debt, Net of Current - Operating Borrowings											0		0
353 Non-current Liabilities - Other		25136							244,323		269,459		269,459
354 Accrued Compensated Absences - Non Current	20,697				20,212				46,353	52,017	139,279		139,279
355 Loan Liability - Non Current											0		0
356 FASB 5 Liabilities											0		0
357 Accrued Pension and OPEB Liabilities	479,836				428,857				495,720	417,744	1,822,157		1,822,157
350 Total Non-Current Liabilities	2,294,398	25136	0	0	451,091	0	0	0	790,722	475,222	4,036,569		4,041,300
300 Total Liabilities	2,614,764	25136	0	0	518,049	0	0	0	798,838	541,144	4,497,931		4,497,931
400 Deferred Inflow of Resources	10,130				14,756			0	10,465	8,819	44,170		44,170
508.4 Net Investment in Capital Assets	2,040,070	0	0	0	160,178	0	0	0	18,869	81,485	2,300,602		2,300,602
511.4 Restricted Net Position	63993	0	0	0	13784	0	0	0	15,931	13427	107,135		210,898
512.4 Unrestricted Net Position	1,653,588	0	0	0	-25,274	0	0	28343	711,860	229,446	2,597,963		2,494,200
513 Total Equity - Net Assets / Position	3,757,651	0	0	0	148,688	0	0	28,343	746,660	324,358	5,005,700		5,005,700
600 Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Equity - Net	6,382,545	25136	0	0	681,493	0	0	28,343	1,555,963	874,321	9,547,801		9,547,801

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70300 Net Tenant Rental Revenue	608,712										\$608,712		608,712
70400 Tenant Revenue - Other	83,214										83,214		83,214
70500 Total Tenant Revenue	691,926	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	691,926	0	691,926
70600 HUD PHA Operating Grants	1,830,343		79,820		-			351,773	7,145,590		9,407,526		9,407,526
70610 Capital Grants	377,955										377,955		377,955
70710 Management Fee										232,359	232,359	-232,359	0
70720 Asset Management Fee										27,240	27,240	-27,240	0
70730 Book Keeping Fee										19,988	19,988	-19,988	0
											0		0
70750 Other Fees										164,029	164,029		164,029
70700 Total Fee Revenue	2,208,298	0	79,820	0	-			351,773	7,145,590	443,616	443,616	-279,587	164,029
70800 Other Government Grants				77,761	126,119	37,926	185,082				426,888		426,888
71100 Investment Income - Unrestricted	10,228				474					3682	3721	18,105	18,105
71200 Mortgage Interest Income											0		0
71300 Proceeds from Disposition of Assets Held for Sale											0		0
71310 Cost of Sale of Assets											0		0
71400 Fraud Recovery									34,748		34,748		34,748
71500 Other Revenue	186,397	1265			436,156				13,512	20500	657,830	-54376	603,454
71600 Gain or Loss on Sale of Capital Assets	7000				0						7,000		7,000
72000 Investment Income - Restricted	2334										2,334		2,334
70000 Total Revenue	3,106,183	1,265	79,820	77,761	562,749	37,926	185,082	351,773	7,197,532	467,837	12,067,928	-333,963	11,733,965
91100 Administrative Salaries	81,178				270,588			23,819	288,954	263,575	928,114		928,114
91200 Auditing Fees	3,094				1,154			597	7,245	3078	15,168		15,168
91300 Management Fee	232,359										232,359	-232,359	0
91310 Book-keeping Fee	19,988										19,988	-19,988	0
91400 Advertising and Marketing	987				402			28	335	451	2,203		2,203
91500 Employee Benefit contributions - Administrative	33,019				78,821			11,457	179,991	94,267	397,555		397,555
91600 Office Expenses	64,935				51,608			11,643	141,245	29,160	298,591		303,747
91700 Legal Expense	34,061				1853			9	105	9	36,037		36,037
91800 Travel	12,473				14,454			442	5,361	7,809	40,539		40,539
91810 Allocated Overhead											0		0
91900 Other	10098				38			0	0	0	10,136		10,136
91000 Total Operating - Administrative	492,192	0	0	0	418,918	0	0	47,995	623,236	398,349	1,980,690	-252,347	1,733,499
92000 Asset Management Fee	27,240										27,240	-27,240	0
92100 Tenant Services - Salaries	16,273		55,101								71,374		71,374
92200 Relocation Costs											0		0
92300 Employee Benefit Contributions - Tenant Services	6,755		18,935								25,690		25,690
92400 Tenant Services - Other	9,200		5,784								14,984		14,984
92500 Total Tenant Services	59,468	0	79,820	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	139,288	-27,240	112,048
93100 Water	10,625				11			7	87	85	10,815		10,815
93200 Electricity	156,589				530			331	4,019	1,524	162,993		162,993
93300 Gas	39,370				117			73	888	336	40,784		40,784
93400 Fuel											0		0
93500 Labor											0		0
93600 Sewer	27,138				19			12	140	53	27,362		27,362
93700 Employee Benefit Contributions - Utilities											0		0
93800 Other Utilities Expense											0		0
93000 Total Utilities	233,722	0	0	0	677	0	0	423	5,134	1,998	241,954	0	241,954

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94100 Ordinary Maintenance and Operations - Labor	205,298										205,298		205,298
94200 Ordinary Maintenance and Operations - Materials and Other	143,532				9,302			182	2,211	843	156,070		156,070
94300 Ordinary Maintenance and Operations Contracts	442,197				56,233			937	11,373	10,395	521,135	-54376	461,603
94500 Employee Benefit Contributions - Ordinary Maintenance	84,687										84,687		84,687
94000 Total Maintenance	875,714		0	0	65,535	0	0	1,119	13,584	11,238	967,190	-54376	907,658
95100 Protective Services - Labor											0		0
95200 Protective Services - Other Contract Costs	58,036										58,036		58,036
95300 Protective Services - Other											0		0
95500 Employee Benefit Contributions - Protective Services											0		0
95000 Total Protective Services	58,036	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58,036	0	58,036
96110 Property Insurance	111,401								0	1032	112,433		112,433
96120 Liability Insurance	2,461				2295			760	9,220	853	15,589		15,589
96130 Workmen's Compensation	1,717				2,496			209	2,537	1,921	8,880		8,880
96140 All Other Insurance	5,290				5,376					642	11,308		11,308
96100 Total insurance Premiums	120,869	0	0	0	10,167	0	0	969	11,757	4,448	148,210	0	148,210
96200 Other General Expenses	750	1265			425365			1974	1,437	17997	448,788		448,788
96210 Compensated Absences	1037								0	4,365	5,402		5,402
96300 Payments in Lieu of Taxes	38,286										38,286		38,286
96400 Bad debt - Tenant Rents	49,786										49,786		49,786
96500 Bad debt - Mortgages											0		0
96600 Bad debt - Other											0		0
96800 Severance Expense	587				17568			118	1424	0	19,697		19,697
96000 Total Other General Expenses	90,446	1265	0	0	442,933	0	0	2092	2,861	22,362	561,959	0	561,959
96710 Interest of Mortgage (or Bonds) Payable	87,649				71				828	542	89,090		89,090
96720 Interest on Notes Payable (Short and Long Term)											0		0
96730 Amortization of Bond Issue Costs											0		0
96700 Total Interest Expense and Amortization Cost	87,649		0	0	71	0	0	0	828	542	89,090	0	89,090
96900 Total Operating Expenses	2,018,096	1265	79820	0	938,301	0	0	52,598	657,400	438,937	4,186,417	-333,963	3,852,454
97000 Excess of Operating Revenue over Operating Expenses	1,088,087	-	-	77,761	(375,552)	37,926	185,082	299,175	6,540,132	28,900	7,881,511	0	7,881,511
97100 Extraordinary Maintenance											0		0
97200 Casualty Losses - Non-capitalized	78,235										78,235		78,235
97300 Housing Assistance Payments								313,779	6,319,208		6,632,987		6,632,987
97350 HAP Portability-In									6,460		6,460		6,460
97400 Depreciation Expense	509,940				20,549				8,675	13,503	552,667		552,667
97500 Fraud Losses											0		0
97600 Capital Outlays - Governmental Funds											0		0
97700 Debt Principal Payment - Governmental Funds											0		0
97800 Dwelling Units Rent Expense											0		0
90000 Total Expenses	2,606,271	1265	79820	0	958,850	0	0	366,377	6,991,743	452,440	11,456,766	-333,963	11,122,803

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10010 Operating Transfer In	432,993				300,769						733,762	-733,762	0
10020 Operating transfer Out	-432,993			-77,761		-37,926	-185,082				-733,762	733,762	0
10030 Operating Transfers from/to Primary Government											0		0
10040 Operating Transfers from/to Component Unit											0		0
10050 Proceeds from Notes, Loans and Bonds											0		0
10060 Proceeds from Property Sales											0		0
10070 Extraordinary Items, Net Gain/Loss											0		0
10080 Special Items (Net Gain/Loss)											0		0
10091 Inter Project Excess Cash Transfer In	100000										100,000	-100000	0
10092 Inter Project Excess Cash Transfer Out	-100000										-100,000	100000	0
10093 Transfers between Program and Project - In											0		0
10094 Transfers between Project and Program - Out											0		0
10100 Total Other financing Sources (Uses)	0	0	0	-77,761	300,769	-37,926	-185,082	0	0	0	0	0	0
10000 Excess (Deficiency) of Total Revenue Over (Under) Total Expenses	499,912		-	0	-95,332	0	0	-14,604	205,789	15,397	611,162	0	611,162
11020 Required Annual Debt Principal Payments	346,220	-	0	0	2129	0	0	0	4958	0	353,307		353,307
11030 Beginning Equity	3,257,739	0	0	0	244,020	0	0	42947	540,871	308,961	4,394,538		4,394,538
11040 Prior Period Adjustments, Equity Transfers and Correction of Errors	0										0		0
11050 Changes in Compensated Absence Balance											0		0
11060 Changes in Contingent Liability Balance											0		0
11070 Changes in Unrecognized Pension Transition Liability											0		0
11080 Changes in Special Term/Severance Benefits Liability											0		0
11090 Changes in Allowance for Doubtful Accounts - Dwelling Rents											0		0
11100 Changes in Allowance for Doubtful Accounts - Other											0		0
11170 Administrative Fee Equity									642,897		642,897		642,897
11180 Housing Assistance Payments Equity									103,763		103,763		103,763
11190 Unit Months Available	2712							780	12876		16,368		16,368
11210 Number of Unit Months Leased	2665							612	9316		12,593		12,593
11270 Excess Cash	1,576,665										1,576,665		1,576,665
11610 Land Purchases	0									0	0		0
11620 Building Purchases	307,955									0	307,955		307,955
11630 Furniture & Equipment - Dwelling Purchases	0									0	0		0
11640 Furniture & Equipment - Administrative Purchases	0									0	0		0
11650 Leasehold Improvements Purchases	0									0	0		0
11660 Infrastructure Purchases	0									0	0		0
13510 CFFP Debt Service Payments	0									0	0		0
13901 Replacement Housing Factor Funds	0									0	0		0

**ERIE METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY  
ERIE COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

<b>FEDERAL GRANTOR</b>	<b>Federal</b>	
<b><i>Pass Through Grantor</i></b>	<b>AL</b>	<b>Total Federal</b>
<b>Program / Cluster Title</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>
<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT</b>		
<b><i>Direct Programs</i></b>		
Public Housing Operating Fund	14.850	\$ 1,304,570
Public Housing Capital Fund	14.872	903,728
Housing Voucher Cluster:		
Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers	14.871	7,145,590
Mainstream Vouchers	14.879	351,773
Total Housing Voucher Cluster		<u>7,497,363</u>
Family Self-Sufficiency Program	14.896	79,820
<b><i>Pass-Through Erie County</i></b>		
HOME Investment Partnerships Program	14.239	<u>25,000</u>
<b>Total U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development</b>		<b><u>9,810,481</u></b>
<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES</b>		
<b><i>Passed Through Area Office on Aging of Northwest Ohio Inc.</i></b>		
Aging Cluster:		
Special Programs for the Aging - Title III, Part B Grants for Supportive Services and Senior Centers	93.044	77,761
Special Programs for the Aging - Title III, Part C Nutrition Services	93.045	185,082
Total Aging Cluster		<u>262,843</u>
Medicaid Cluster:		
Medical Assistance Program	93.778	37,926
Total Medicaid Cluster		<u>37,926</u>
<b>Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</b>		<b><u>300,769</u></b>
<b>Total Expenditures of Federal Awards</b>		<b><u>\$ 10,111,250</u></b>

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.*



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**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
2 CFR 200.510(b)(6)  
FOR THE FICAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

**NOTE A – BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority (the Authority) under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2024. The information on this Schedule is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Authority, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the Authority.

**NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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

**NOTE C – INDIRECT COST RATE**

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

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

Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority  
Erie County  
322 Warren Steet  
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To the Board of Commissioners:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority, Erie County, Ohio (the Authority) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated January 8, 2025.

***Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting***

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

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

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

***Report on Compliance and Other Matters***

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

***Purpose of This Report***

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



Keith Faber  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

January 8, 2025



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

Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority  
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To the Board of Commissioners:

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

***Qualified and Unmodified Opinions***

We have audited Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority, Erie County, Ohio's (Authority) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority's major federal programs are identified in the *Summary of Auditor's Results* section of the accompanying schedule of findings.

***Qualified Opinion on Public Housing Operating Fund***

In our opinion, except for the noncompliance described in the *Basis for Qualified and Unmodified Opinions* section of our report, Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on Public Housing Operating Fund for the year ended June 30, 2024.

***Unmodified Opinion on the Other Major Federal Program***

In our opinion, Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its other major federal program identified in the *Summary of Auditor's Results* section of the accompanying schedule of findings for the year ended June 30, 2024.

### ***Basis for Qualified and Unmodified Opinions***

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

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

#### ***Matter Giving Rise to Qualified Opinion on Public Housing Operating Fund***

As described in finding 2024-001 in the accompanying schedule of findings, the Authority did not comply with requirements regarding eligibility. applicable to its AL #14.850 Public Housing Operating Fund major federal program.

Compliance with such requirements is necessary, in our opinion, for the Authority to comply with requirements applicable to that program.

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

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

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance***

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

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

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

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

#### ***Other Matter***

*Government Auditing Standards* requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Authority's response to the noncompliance finding identified in our compliance audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and corrective action plan. The Authority's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

#### **Report on Internal Control over Compliance**

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance* section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we did identify a certain deficiency in internal control over compliance that we consider to be a material weakness.

A *deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiency in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2024-001 to be a material weakness.

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

*Government Auditing Standards* requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Authority's response to the internal control over compliance finding identified in our audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and corrective action plan. The Authority's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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

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Keith Faber  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

January 8, 2025



**ERIE METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY  
ERIE COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS  
2 CFR § 200.515  
JUNE 30, 2024**

**1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS**

<b>(d)(1)(i)</b>	<b>Type of Financial Statement Opinion</b>	Unmodified
<b>(d)(1)(ii)</b>	<b>Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(ii)</b>	<b>Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(iii)</b>	<b>Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(iv)</b>	<b>Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported for major federal programs?</b>	Yes
<b>(d)(1)(iv)</b>	<b>Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(v)</b>	<b>Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion</b>	Unmodified for all major programs except for Public Housing Operating Fund, which we qualified.
<b>(d)(1)(vi)</b>	<b>Are there any reportable findings under 2 CFR § 200.516(a)?</b>	Yes
<b>(d)(1)(vii)</b>	<b>Major Programs (list):</b>	Public Housing Operating Fund - AL #14.850 Public Housing Capital Fund AL - #14.872
<b>(d)(1)(viii)</b>	<b>Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs</b>	Type A: > \$ 750,000 Type B: all others
<b>(d)(1)(ix)</b>	<b>Low Risk Auditee under 2 CFR § 200.520?</b>	Yes

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

None

### 3. FINDINGS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

#### Eligibility

<b>Finding Number:</b>	<b>2024-001</b>
<b>Assistance Listing Number and Title:</b>	<b>AL # 14.850 Public Housing Operating</b>
<b>Federal Award Identification Number / Year:</b>	<b>OH028-00000123D/2023 and OH028-00000124D/2024</b>
<b>Federal Agency:</b>	<b>U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development</b>
<b>Compliance Requirement:</b>	<b>Eligibility</b>
<b>Pass-Through Entity:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Repeat Finding from Prior Audit?</b>	<b>No</b>

#### Noncompliance and Material Weakness

**2 CFR § 2400.101** gives regulatory effect to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for **2 CFR § 200.303** which requires that non-Federal entities receiving Federal awards (i.e., auditee management) establish, document and maintain effective internal control designed to reasonably ensure compliance with Federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the Federal award.

**24 CFR § 960.253** provides that once a year, the Authority must give each family the opportunity to choose between the two methods for determining the amount of tenant rent payable monthly by the family.

**24 CFR § 960.257** provides that the Authority must reexamine family income and composition at least once every 12 months for families paying an income-based rent, and must reexamine family composition at least once every 12 months and family income at least once every three years for families paying a flat rent and adjust the tenant rent as necessary using the documentation from third party verification

Due to deficiencies in the Authority's internal controls over compliance requirements, ten percent of applications tested for eligibility compliance did not have sufficient documentation to demonstrate that examination was reviewed before certification and that the tenant was given a choice between the two methods prior to the examination's completion.

Failing to properly determine eligibility could result in the Authority improperly admitting ineligible tenants and making improper payments. The Authority should review the applications for accuracy and ensure that proper documentation is maintained of those which meet the eligibility guidelines set for the Public Operating Fund.

#### Officials' Response:

See Corrective Action Plan



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## CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN 2 CFR § 200.511(c) JUNE 30, 2024

**Finding Number:** 2024-001  
**Planned Corrective Action:** Case Managers will ensure all documents are scanned and retained for the Authority's files prior to destroying them.  
**Anticipated Completion Date:** 12/31/2024  
**Responsible Contact Person:** Cyndy Frankart, Finance Director

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# OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



**ERIE METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY**

**ERIE COUNTY**

## **AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION**

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



**Certified for Release 1/28/2025**

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