



## **TOWN OF AMHERST, MASSACHUSETTS**

Independent Auditors' Reports Pursuant  
to Government Auditing Standards  
and Uniform Guidance

For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

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

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Town Council and Town Manager  
Town of Amherst, Massachusetts

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, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Amherst, Massachusetts (the Town), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 21, 2021.

**Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

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

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a

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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 may exist that have not been identified.

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

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

### **Purpose of this Report**

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

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Greenfield, Massachusetts  
January 21, 2021



**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM,  
REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE, AND  
REPORT ON SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Town Council and Town Manager  
Town of Amherst, Massachusetts

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

We have audited the Town of Amherst's (the Town) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Town's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2020. The Town's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

**Management's Responsibility**

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

**Auditors' Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the Town's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a

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major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Town's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Town's compliance.

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

In our opinion, the Town complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2020.

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

Management of the Town is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the Town's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program 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 internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control over compliance.

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal



control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

### **Purpose of This Report**

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

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

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated January 21, 2021, which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Uniform Guidance and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditure of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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Greenfield, Massachusetts  
January 21, 2021

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Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

<i>Federal Agency</i>	Federal	Pass Through	Federal
Cluster	CFDA	Identifying	Expenditures
Pass-through Agency Program Title	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u></u>
<b>U.S. Department of Agriculture</b>			
Child Nutrition Cluster			
Passed Through Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education			
National School Lunch Program - Cash Assistance	10.555	08-008	\$ 196,759
National School Lunch Program - Non-Cash Assistance	10.555	08-008	<u>38,654</u>
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			235,413
Passed Through Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education			
Farm to School Grant Program	10.575	CB-F2S-PLN-18-MA	<u>8,319</u>
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			243,732
<b>U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development</b>			
Passed Through the Commonwealth of Massachusetts			
Department of Housing and Community Development			
Community Development Block Grants/Small Cities Grants - 2017	14.228	17 ME 143	204,686
Community Development Block Grants/Small Cities Grants - 2018	14.228	18 ME 158	444,781
Community Development Block Grants/Small Cities Grants - 2019	14.228	19 ME 143	<u>216,662</u>
Total U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development			866,129
<b>U.S. Department of Justice</b>			
Direct Federal Program			
Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program	16.590	n/a	<u>144,738</u>
Total U.S. Department of Justice			144,738
<b>U.S. Department of Treasury</b>			
Passed Through the Massachusetts Executive Office for Administration and Finance			
COVID-19 - Coronavirus Relief Fund	21.019	COVID19-008	<u>59,367</u>
Total U.S. Department of Treasury			59,367
<b>Institute of Museum and Library Services</b>			
Direct Federal Program			
Grants to States	45.310	n/a	<u>9,815</u>
Total Institute of Museum and Library Services			9,815
<b>U.S. Department of Education</b>			
Special Education Cluster			
Passed Through Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education			
Special Education Preschool Grants - 2019	84.173	298-280628-2019-0008	4,046
Special Education Preschool Grants - 2020	84.173	262-304297-2020-0008	<u>17,574</u>
Total Special Education Cluster			21,620
Passed Through Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education			
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies - 2018	84.010	305-159772-2018-0008	4,720
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies - 2019	84.010	305-225061-2019-0008	103,397
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies - 2020	84.010	305-314629-2020-0008	369,474
English Language Acquisition State Grants - 2018	84.365	180-162109-2018-0008	8,662
English Language Acquisition State Grants - 2019	84.365	180-225060-2019-0008	20,578
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants - 2018	84.367	140-159771-2018-0008	1,697
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants - 2019	84.367	140-225059-2019-0008	8,688
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants - 2020	84.367	140-314634-2020-0008	13,183
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program -2018	84.424	309-162090-2018-0008	1,347
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program -2019	84.424	309-225062-2019-0008	3,722
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program -2020	84.424	309-314636-2020-0008	<u>10,282</u>
Total U.S. Department of Education			567,370
<b>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</b>			
Passed Through Massachusetts Department of Health and Human Services			
Special Programs for the Aging Title III, Part B Grants for Supportive Services and Senior Centers	93.044	unavailable	<u>15,467</u>
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			15,467
Total Federal Expenditures			\$ <u>1,906,618</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.



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### Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

#### **Note 1. Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal award activity of the Town under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2020. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) 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 Town, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position or cash flows of the Town.

#### **Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

- Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited to reimbursement.
- The amounts reported for the National School Lunch Program – Non-Cash Assistance represent the fair value of commodities received.
- The Town has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

#### **Note 3. Donated Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) (Unaudited)**

During fiscal year 2020 the Town did not receive any donated PPE from federal sources.

#### **Note 4. Subrecipients**

Of the federal expenditures presented in the Schedule, the Town did not provide federal awards to subrecipients.

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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

**SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS**

***Financial Statements***

Type of auditors' report issued: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weaknesses identified?  yes  no
- Significant deficiencies identified?  yes  none reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?  yes  no

***Federal Awards***

Internal control over major federal programs:

- Material weaknesses identified?  yes  no
- Significant deficiencies identified?  yes  none reported

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

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?  yes  no

Identification of major federal programs:

<b><i>CFDA Number(s)</i></b>	<b><i>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</i></b>
14.228	Community Development Block Grants – Small Cities Grants

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: \$750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?  yes  no

**SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS**

None.

**SECTION III - FEDERAL AWARDS FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**

None.

**SECTION IV - SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS**

There were no findings in the prior year.