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August 30, 2024

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the New Hampshire Department of Energy (Department) to enter into a **SOLE SOURCE** contract with Southwestern Community Services, Inc, Keene, NH, Vendor #177511, in the amount of \$475,000 to supplement the Agency’s Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP), with Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funds, from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval through September 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds**

Funding is available in the following account, contingent upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds in the operating budget, as follows:

<u>New Hampshire Department of Energy, Fuel Assistance</u>	<u>FY2025</u>
02-52-52-520510-33540000-074-500587	
Grants for Pub Assist & Relief	\$475,000

EXPLANATION

This contract is **SOLE SOURCE** because of the US Department of Energy’s (US DOE) grant guidance (10 CFR 440.15) giving Community Action Agencies preferred status for the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) due to their non-profit status, their role providing a range of services to clients eligible for WAP, and their historical performance delivering the weatherization program.

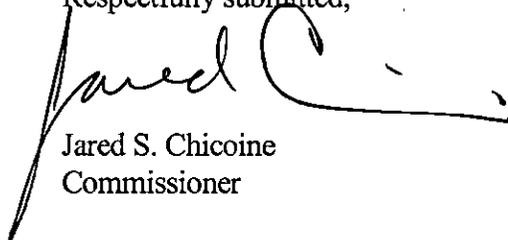
The Department is responsible for administering New Hampshire’s statewide Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). The objective of the program is to reduce energy consumption and the impact of energy costs in low-income households. Priority is given to the elderly, disabled, households with children, and households with high-energy usage. The funding in this contract will supplement WAP work.

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The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP-US DHHS) funding in this contract will allow the Community Action Agency (CAA) to effectively and efficiently increase the number of homes receiving heating system improvements and/or weatherization services in the program year which begins upon G&C approval. The Department estimates that approximately 64 additional homes will be assisted in the CAA's service area as a result of the additional funding.

In the event Federal Funds are no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support this contract.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jared S. Chicoine", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jared S. Chicoine
Commissioner

Notice: This agreement and all of its attachments shall become public upon submission to Governor and Executive Council for approval. Any information that is private, confidential or proprietary must be clearly identified to the agency and agreed to in writing prior to signing the contract.

AGREEMENT

The State of New Hampshire and the Contractor hereby mutually agree as follows:

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. IDENTIFICATION.

1.1 State Agency Name Department of Energy		1.2 State Agency Address 21 S. Fruit St., Concord, NH 03301	
1.3 Contractor Name Southwestern Community Services, Inc.		1.4 Contractor Address 63 Community Way, Keene, NH 03431	
1.5 Contractor Phone Number (603) 352-7512	1.6 Account Unit and Class 02-52-52-520510- 33540000-074-500587	1.7 Completion Date 9/30/2025	1.8 Price Limitation \$475,000
1.9 Contracting Officer for State Agency Leah Richards, Fuel Assistance Program Administrator		1.10 State Agency Telephone Number 603-271-8317	
1.11 Contractor Signature <i>Beth Daniels</i> Date: 07/26/24		1.12 Name and Title of Contractor Signatory Beth Daniels, Chief Executive Officer	
1.13 State Agency Signature <i>Jared S. Chicoine</i> Date: 7/29/24		1.14 Name and Title of State Agency Signatory Jared S. Chicoine, Commissioner	
1.15 Approval by the N.H. Department of Administration, Division of Personnel (if applicable) By: _____ Director, On: _____			
1.16 Approval by the Attorney General (Form, Substance and Execution) (if applicable) By: <i>[Signature]</i> On: 8/6/2024			
1.17 Approval by the Governor and Executive Council (if applicable) G&C Item number: _____ G&C Meeting Date: _____			

2. SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED. The State of New Hampshire, acting through the agency identified in block 1.1 ("State"), engages contractor identified in block 1.3 ("Contractor") to perform, and the Contractor shall perform, the work or sale of goods, or both, identified and more particularly described in the attached EXHIBIT B which is incorporated herein by reference ("Services").

3. EFFECTIVE DATE/COMPLETION OF SERVICES.

3.1 Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, and subject to the approval of the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire, if applicable, this Agreement, and all obligations of the parties hereunder, shall become effective on the date the Governor and Executive Council approve this Agreement, unless no such approval is required, in which case the Agreement shall become effective on the date the Agreement is signed by the State Agency as shown in block 1.13 ("Effective Date").

3.2 If the Contractor commences the Services prior to the Effective Date, all Services performed by the Contractor prior to the Effective Date shall be performed at the sole risk of the Contractor, and in the event that this Agreement does not become effective, the State shall have no liability to the Contractor, including without limitation, any obligation to pay the Contractor for any costs incurred or Services performed.

3.3 Contractor must complete all Services by the Completion Date specified in block 1.7.

4. CONDITIONAL NATURE OF AGREEMENT.

Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, all obligations of the State hereunder, including, without limitation, the continuance of payments hereunder, are contingent upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds. In no event shall the State be liable for any payments hereunder in excess of such available appropriated funds. In the event of a reduction or termination of appropriated funds by any state or federal legislative or executive action that reduces, eliminates or otherwise modifies the appropriation or availability of funding for this Agreement and the Scope for Services provided in EXHIBIT B, in whole or in part, the State shall have the right to withhold payment until such funds become available, if ever, and shall have the right to reduce or terminate the Services under this Agreement immediately upon giving the Contractor notice of such reduction or termination. The State shall not be required to transfer funds from any other account or source to the Account identified in block 1.6 in the event funds in that Account are reduced or unavailable.

5. CONTRACT PRICE/PRICE LIMITATION/ PAYMENT.

5.1 The contract price, method of payment, and terms of payment are identified and more particularly described in EXHIBIT C which is incorporated herein by reference.

5.2 Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, and notwithstanding unexpected circumstances, in no event shall the total of all payments authorized, or actually made hereunder, exceed the Price Limitation set forth in block 1.8. The payment by the State of the contract price shall be the only and the complete reimbursement to the Contractor for all expenses, of whatever nature incurred by the Contractor in the performance

hereof, and shall be the only and the complete compensation to the Contractor for the Services.

5.3 The State reserves the right to offset from any amounts otherwise payable to the Contractor under this Agreement those liquidated amounts required or permitted by N.H. RSA 80:7 through RSA 80:7-c or any other provision of law.

5.4 The State's liability under this Agreement shall be limited to monetary damages not to exceed the total fees paid. The Contractor agrees that it has an adequate remedy at law for any breach of this Agreement by the State and hereby waives any right to specific performance or other equitable remedies against the State.

6. COMPLIANCE BY CONTRACTOR WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS/EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.

6.1 In connection with the performance of the Services, the Contractor shall comply with all applicable statutes, laws, regulations, and orders of federal, state, county or municipal authorities which impose any obligation or duty upon the Contractor, including, but not limited to, civil rights and equal employment opportunity laws and the Governor's order on Respect and Civility in the Workplace, Executive order 2020-01. In addition, if this Agreement is funded in any part by monies of the United States, the Contractor shall comply with all federal executive orders, rules, regulations and statutes, and with any rules, regulations and guidelines as the State or the United States issue to implement these regulations. The Contractor shall also comply with all applicable intellectual property laws.

6.2 During the term of this Agreement, the Contractor shall not discriminate against employees or applicants for employment because of age, sex, sexual orientation, race, color, marital status, physical or mental disability, religious creed, national origin, gender identity, or gender expression, and will take affirmative action to prevent such discrimination, unless exempt by state or federal law. The Contractor shall ensure any subcontractors comply with these nondiscrimination requirements.

6.3 No payments or transfers of value by Contractor or its representatives in connection with this Agreement have or shall be made which have the purpose or effect of public or commercial bribery, or acceptance of or acquiescence in extortion, kickbacks, or other unlawful or improper means of obtaining business.

6.4. The Contractor agrees to permit the State or United States access to any of the Contractor's books, records and accounts for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with this Agreement and all rules, regulations and orders pertaining to the covenants, terms and conditions of this Agreement.

7. PERSONNEL.

7.1 The Contractor shall at its own expense provide all personnel necessary to perform the Services. The Contractor warrants that all personnel engaged in the Services shall be qualified to perform the Services, and shall be properly licensed and otherwise authorized to do so under all applicable laws.

7.2 The Contracting Officer specified in block 1.9, or any successor, shall be the State's point of contact pertaining to this Agreement.

8. EVENT OF DEFAULT/REMEDIES.

8.1 Any one or more of the following acts or omissions of the Contractor shall constitute an event of default hereunder ("Event of Default"):

- 8.1.1 failure to perform the Services satisfactorily or on schedule;
- 8.1.2 failure to submit any report required hereunder; and/or
- 8.1.3 failure to perform any other covenant, term or condition of this Agreement.

8.2 Upon the occurrence of any Event of Default, the State may take any one, or more, or all, of the following actions:

8.2.1 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and requiring it to be remedied within, in the absence of a greater or lesser specification of time, thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the notice; and if the Event of Default is not timely cured, terminate this Agreement, effective two (2) calendar days after giving the Contractor notice of termination;

8.2.2 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and suspending all payments to be made under this Agreement and ordering that the portion of the contract price which would otherwise accrue to the Contractor during the period from the date of such notice until such time as the State determines that the Contractor has cured the Event of Default shall never be paid to the Contractor;

8.2.3 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and set off against any other obligations the State may owe to the Contractor any damages the State suffers by reason of any Event of Default; and/or

8.2.4 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default, treat the Agreement as breached, terminate the Agreement and pursue any of its remedies at law or in equity, or both.

9. TERMINATION.

9.1 Notwithstanding paragraph 8, the State may, at its sole discretion, terminate the Agreement for any reason, in whole or in part, by thirty (30) calendar days written notice to the Contractor that the State is exercising its option to terminate the Agreement.

9.2 In the event of an early termination of this Agreement for any reason other than the completion of the Services, the Contractor shall, at the State's discretion, deliver to the Contracting Officer, not later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the date of termination, a report ("Termination Report") describing in detail all Services performed, and the contract price earned, to and including the date of termination. In addition, at the State's discretion, the Contractor shall, within fifteen (15) calendar days of notice of early termination, develop and submit to the State a transition plan for Services under the Agreement.

10. PROPERTY OWNERSHIP/DISCLOSURE.

10.1 As used in this Agreement, the word "Property" shall mean all data, information and things developed or obtained during the performance of, or acquired or developed by reason of, this Agreement, including, but not limited to, all studies, reports, files, formulae, surveys, maps, charts, sound recordings, video recordings, pictorial reproductions, drawings, analyses, graphic representations, computer programs, computer printouts, notes, letters, memoranda, papers, and documents, all whether finished or unfinished.

10.2 All data and any Property which has been received from the State, or purchased with funds provided for that purpose under this Agreement, shall be the property of the State, and shall be returned to the State upon demand or upon termination of this Agreement for any reason.

10.3 Disclosure of data, information and other records shall be governed by N.H. RSA chapter 91-A and/or other applicable law. Disclosure requires prior written approval of the State.

11. **CONTRACTOR'S RELATION TO THE STATE.** In the performance of this Agreement the Contractor is in all respects an independent contractor, and is neither an agent nor an employee of the State. Neither the Contractor nor any of its officers, employees, agents or members shall have authority to bind the State or receive any benefits, workers' compensation or other emoluments provided by the State to its employees.

12. ASSIGNMENT/DELEGATION/SUBCONTRACTS.

12.1 Contractor shall provide the State written notice at least fifteen (15) calendar days before any proposed assignment, delegation, or other transfer of any interest in this Agreement. No such assignment, delegation, or other transfer shall be effective without the written consent of the State.

12.2 For purposes of paragraph 12, a Change of Control shall constitute assignment. "Change of Control" means (a) merger, consolidation, or a transaction or series of related transactions in which a third party, together with its affiliates, becomes the direct or indirect owner of fifty percent (50%) or more of the voting shares or similar equity interests, or combined voting power of the Contractor, or (b) the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Contractor.

12.3 None of the Services shall be subcontracted by the Contractor without prior written notice and consent of the State.

12.4 The State is entitled to copies of all subcontracts and assignment agreements and shall not be bound by any provisions contained in a subcontract or an assignment agreement to which it is not a party.

13. **INDEMNIFICATION.** The Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State, its officers, and employees from and against all actions, claims, damages, demands, judgments, fines, liabilities, losses, and other expenses, including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees, arising out of or relating to this Agreement directly or indirectly arising from death, personal injury, property damage, intellectual property infringement, or other claims asserted against the State, its officers, or employees caused by the acts or omissions of negligence, reckless or willful misconduct, or fraud by the Contractor, its employees, agents, or subcontractors. The State shall not be liable for any costs incurred by the Contractor arising under this paragraph 13. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein contained shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of the State's sovereign immunity, which immunity is hereby reserved to the State. This covenant in paragraph 13 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

14. INSURANCE.

14.1 The Contractor shall, at its sole expense, obtain and continuously maintain in force, and shall require any subcontractor or assignee to obtain and maintain in force, the following insurance:

14.1.1 commercial general liability insurance against all claims of bodily injury, death or property damage, in amounts of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate or excess; and

14.1.2 special cause of loss coverage form covering all Property subject to subparagraph 10.2 herein, in an amount not less than 80% of the whole replacement value of the Property.

14.2 The policies described in subparagraph 14.1 herein shall be on policy forms and endorsements approved for use in the State of New Hampshire by the N.H. Department of Insurance, and issued by insurers licensed in the State of New Hampshire.

14.3 The Contractor shall furnish to the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or any successor, a certificate(s) of insurance for all insurance required under this Agreement. At the request of the Contracting Officer, or any successor, the Contractor shall provide certificate(s) of insurance for all renewal(s) of insurance required under this Agreement. The certificate(s) of insurance and any renewals thereof shall be attached and are incorporated herein by reference.

15. WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

15.1 By signing this agreement, the Contractor agrees, certifies and warrants that the Contractor is in compliance with or exempt from, the requirements of N.H. RSA chapter 281-A ("*Workers' Compensation*").

15.2 To the extent the Contractor is subject to the requirements of N.H. RSA chapter 281-A, Contractor shall maintain, and require any subcontractor or assignee to secure and maintain, payment of Workers' Compensation in connection with activities which the person proposes to undertake pursuant to this Agreement. The Contractor shall furnish the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or any successor, proof of Workers' Compensation in the manner described in N.H. RSA chapter 281-A and any applicable renewal(s) thereof, which shall be attached and are incorporated herein by reference. The State shall not be responsible for payment of any Workers' Compensation premiums or for any other claim or benefit for Contractor, or any subcontractor or employee of Contractor, which might arise under applicable State of New Hampshire Workers' Compensation laws in connection with the performance of the Services under this Agreement.

16. WAIVER OF BREACH. A State's failure to enforce its rights with respect to any single or continuing breach of this Agreement shall not act as a waiver of the right of the State to later enforce any such rights or to enforce any other or any subsequent breach.

17. NOTICE. Any notice by a party hereto to the other party shall be deemed to have been duly delivered or given at the time of mailing by certified mail, postage prepaid, in a United States Post Office addressed to the parties at the addresses given in blocks 1.2 and 1.4, herein.

18. AMENDMENT. This Agreement may be amended, waived or discharged only by an instrument in writing signed by the parties hereto and only after approval of such amendment, waiver or discharge by the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire unless no such approval is required under the circumstances pursuant to State law, rule or policy.

19. CHOICE OF LAW AND FORUM.

19.1 This Agreement shall be governed, interpreted and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire except where the Federal supremacy clause requires otherwise. The wording used in this Agreement is the wording chosen by the parties to express their mutual intent, and no rule of construction shall be applied against or in favor of any party.

19.2 Any actions arising out of this Agreement, including the breach or alleged breach thereof, may not be submitted to binding arbitration, but must, instead, be brought and maintained in the Merrimack County Superior Court of New Hampshire which shall have exclusive jurisdiction thereof.

20. CONFLICTING TERMS. In the event of a conflict between the terms of this P-37 form (as modified in EXHIBIT A) and any other portion of this Agreement including any attachments thereto, the terms of the P-37 (as modified in EXHIBIT A) shall control.

21. THIRD PARTIES. This Agreement is being entered into for the sole benefit of the parties hereto, and nothing herein, express or implied, is intended to or will confer any legal or equitable right, benefit, or remedy of any nature upon any other person.

22. HEADINGS. The headings throughout the Agreement are for reference purposes only, and the words contained therein shall in no way be held to explain, modify, amplify or aid in the interpretation, construction or meaning of the provisions of this Agreement.

23. SPECIAL PROVISIONS. Additional or modifying provisions set forth in the attached EXHIBIT A are incorporated herein by reference.

24. FURTHER ASSURANCES. The Contractor, along with its agents and affiliates, shall, at its own cost and expense, execute any additional documents and take such further actions as may be reasonably required to carry out the provisions of this Agreement and give effect to the transactions contemplated hereby.

25. SEVERABILITY. In the event any of the provisions of this Agreement are held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to any state or federal law, the remaining provisions of this Agreement will remain in full force and effect.

26. ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This Agreement, which may be executed in a number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the parties, and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings with respect to the subject matter hereof.

EXHIBIT A

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

1. 2 CFR 200 as amended (Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards), 10 CFR 440 dated February 1, 2002 (Weatherization Assistance Program), the New Hampshire Weatherization Assistance Program State Plan, Weatherization Assistance Program Policies and Procedures Manual, and Field Guide are all considered part of this contract and are legally binding and enforceable documents under this contract. Subgrantee also agrees to abide by Weatherization Program Notices and Standard Work Specifications and any other such guidance or procedural document that US DOE or the Department may issue. The New Hampshire Department of Energy (Department) reserves the right to use any legal remedy at its disposal including, but not limited to, disallowance of costs, withholding of funds, suspension of agency personnel, disbarment of agency personnel, disbarment of agencies and/or subgrantees from present or future contracts, and such other legal remedies as determined to be appropriate by the New Hampshire Department of Justice in the enforcement of rules and regulations pertaining to the Weatherization Assistance Program and the documents referenced above.

2. An audit shall be made at the end of the Grantee's fiscal year in accordance with 2 CFR 200, Subpart F - Audit Requirements. This audit report shall include a schedule of revenues and expenditures by contract or grant number of all expenditures during the Grantee's fiscal year. The Grantee shall utilize a competitive bidding process to choose a qualified financial auditor at least every four years.

The audit report shall include a schedule of prior year's questioned costs along with a response to the current status of the prior year's questioned costs. Copies of all management letters written as a result of the audit along with the audit report shall be forwarded to the Department within one month of the time of receipt by the Grantee accompanied by an action plan, if applicable, for each finding or questioned cost.

3. The following paragraph shall be added to paragraph 9 of the general provisions:

"9.4 All negotiated contracts (except those of \$5,000 or less) awarded by the Subgrantee shall allow the NH Department of Energy, the US DOE, Health and Human Services, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any duly authorized representatives, access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Subgrantee or their subcontractors, which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purpose of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcription."

4. The costs charged under this contract shall be determined as allowable under the cost principles detailed in 2 CFR 200 Subpart E – Cost Principles.

5. Program and financial records pertaining to this contract shall be retained by the Grantee for three years from the date of submission of the final expenditure report or, for awards

that are renewed quarterly or annually, from the date of the submission of the quarterly or annual financial report, as stated in 2 CFR 200.334– Retention Requirements for Records.

6. This is not a Research and Development (R&D) award. The Department's indirect cost rate is 25.14 percent.
7. Kirk Stone, Weatherization Program Manager at the Department, has been designated with the responsibility for overseeing this contract.
8. RESTRICTION ON ADDITIONAL FUNDING. It is understood and agreed between the parties that no portion of the "Grant" funds may be used for the purpose of obtaining additional Federal funds under any other law of the United States, except if authorized under that law.
9. ASSURANCES/CERTIFICATIONS. The following are attached and signed: Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements; Certification Regarding Lobbying; Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Certification Regarding the Americans With Disabilities Act Compliance; Certification Regarding Environmental Tobacco Smoke; Assurance of Compliance Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs; Certification Regarding the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Compliance; and Certification Regarding NHPA and NEPA Compliance.
10. COPELAND ANTI-KICKBACK ACT. All contracts and subgrants in excess of \$2,000.00 for construction or repair shall include a provision for compliance with Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (18 USC 874) as supplemented in Department of Labor Regulations (29 CFR, Part 3). This Act provides that each Grantee, subcontract or subgrantee shall be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he is otherwise entitled. The subgrantee should report all suspected violations to the Department.
11. PROCUREMENT. Subgrantee shall comply with all provisions of 2 CFR 200 Subpart D – Post Federal Award Requirements – Procurement Standards, with special emphasis on financial procurement (2 CFR 200 Subpart F – Audit Requirements) and property management (2 CFR 200 Subpart D – Post Federal Award Requirements – Property Standards).
12. CLOSE OUT OF CONTRACT. All final required reports and reimbursement requests shall be submitted to the State within 45 days of the completion date (Agreement Block 1.7).
13. Monitoring of the Subgrantee will be conducted at least annually by the Department and will be focused on the programmatic, financial, and technical categories. Along with annual monitoring, the Department may issue risk assessments to Subgrantee for each of

the programmatic, financial, and technical categories. The monitoring process, risk assessment, post-monitoring corrective action, and the appeal processes are outlined in further detail in the most recent Weatherization Assistance Program Policies and Procedures Manual.

14. This agreement consists of the following documents: a completed P-37 form, and Exhibits A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J and K. All exhibits are incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth herein.

EXHIBIT B

SCOPE OF SERVICES

1. Southwestern Community Services, Inc. hereinafter "the Contractor," agrees to utilize the Building Weatherization Program (BWP) funds, which are the subject of this contract and which have their origin in the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), to provide eligible clients with weatherization services, primarily heating system repair and replacement services, which meet the requirements and standards for LIHEAP weatherization work as modified and approved in the FY24 New Hampshire LIHEAP State Plan. In addition, all work completed using BWP funds will be in accordance with the fiscal requirements of regulations set forth in 2 CFR 200 as amended, and will be guided and implemented as directed by the Department in this contract and, from time to time, in BWP Subgrantee Notices or other communications. The Contractor agrees to revise BWP practices and procedures to incorporate instructions from the Department.

Contractor agrees to incorporate changes to the NH Building Weatherization Program as prescribed by the Department to improve program delivery. Contractor further agrees to perform all weatherization services in a manner that will successfully interact with utility administered energy efficiency programs for low income households in order to provide the best collaborative services for those households.

2. This BWP contract period, to be known as "BWP24," will commence upon approval of this contract by the Governor and Executive Council, and will have a completion date of September 30, 2025, also subject to the approval of the Governor and Executive Council.
3. BWP funds, which are the subject of this contract, shall not be expended for health and safety purposes. However, in projects where BWP money is used without any federal Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) money involved – in other words, where there is no money for the installation of health and safety measures – then that BWP project may include the cost of incidental repair measures (see the NH Policies and Procedures Manual) if, by so doing, the cumulative SIR for the entire project is not brought down to below 1.
4. No portion of the BWP funding in this contract is set aside for training and technical assistance (T&TA). However, Contractor may choose to expend some or all of the designated administrative funds on T&TA activities. Appropriate back-up and justification for the use of those funds will be required by the Department prior to reimbursement.
5. During the contract period, the Contractor agrees to complete weatherization services on the number of units that is the result of dividing the Contractor's PY24 BWP allocation by \$7,000. The Department understands that the actual number of BWP completions will likely differ from that number due to the unpredictability of heating system costs, etc.,

but the Department expects to see monthly BWP payment requests from the Contractor in order to monitor BWP spending progress. Unit completions will be done to the standards and expectations presented in LIHEAP weatherization guidance, this contract, and the NH WAP *Policies and Procedures Manual*, 2019 edition, section on BWP management.

- a. The number of dwelling units and the amount of funds to be expended shall conform to the provisions of this contract. The Department reserves the right to review progress under this contract at any time and may utilize information from such reviews to alter dwelling unit goals and funds to be expended.
 - b. All funds provided to the Contractor under this agreement must be expended by September 30, 2025.
6. Effective April 1, 2015, all work performed under the federal Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) in New Hampshire must meet the minimum specifications defined in the US Department of Energy's Quality Work Plan (QWP) and the associated Standard Work Specifications (SWS). While BWP work is to be managed mostly under US DOE rules, it is not subject to all of the same specifications and requirements as WAP work. However, Contractor will manage BWP work in a manner which provides clients with weatherization outcomes similar to those achieved under WAP guidance whenever possible. The occasions when WAP rules must apply to BWP work are set out in this document (Exhibit B).
7. Client eligibility for BWP-funded weatherization work should generally be the same as for WAP-funded weatherization work: client income is to be no greater than 60% of the state median income (SMI).
8. BWP money may be "leveraged" (used in combination) with any other weatherization funding source. If US DOE WAP money is used in a dwelling weatherization project, and if the Subgrantee wishes to count that project as a US DOE WAP completion, then the project must have at least one energy conservation measure that meets the SIR test, that measure (or those measures) must be paid for with WAP dollars, and the final inspection of the whole job must be done by a current BPI certified Quality Control Inspector (QCI) and declared "WAP complete, ready for reimbursement."
9. BWP money may be used for either full dwelling weatherization upgrades or for heating system improvements alone. Contractor is obligated under this contract to expend at least 70% of the contracted BWP amount on heating system repairs and/or replacements.
- a. The PY24 BWP package of forms (see item 12b, below) for reporting BWP expenditures will include columns to make clear whenever BWP money was used:
 - i. for restoration of heating services (repair or replacement of inoperable heating equipment),
 - ii. for prevention of heating system service loss (repair or replacement to avoid approaching failure), or

- iii. for supplementing or fully supporting a whole house weatherization project, with space to report when heating system work paid for with BWP funds is part of that whole house upgrade.
- 10. The maximum amount of BWP money to be spent on any one dwelling project without an approved waiver is \$15,000. If the BWP budget for any one project must exceed that amount, a waiver must be received from the Department. The Department will review all waiver requests promptly and will provide approval when possible. However, applying the expenditure guidelines in the FY24 NH LIHEAP State Plan, the Department will not approve total BWP expenditures on any one dwelling weatherization project that exceed \$20,000. This total is cumulative, summing the BWP expenditures made during all visits to that dwelling (including amounts from program years in which the name of the LIHEAP-funded weatherization program may have been different).
- 11. BWP production includes:
 - a. Weatherization upgrades which are commensurate with a work plan developed from a thorough dwelling energy audit and a TREAT model prepared by a qualified (BPI-certified) Building Analyst or Energy Auditor or Quality Control Inspector who has developed the work plan (the energy conservation measures – ECMs – to be installed) using either the "benefit/cost ratio" (B/C) methodology as defined by the utilities' Home Energy Assistance (HEA) program or the "savings to investment ratio" (SIR) methodology as defined by the US DOE for use in WAP. The SIR methodology must be used to justify the installation of any ECMs which are to be paid for with WAP funds.
 - b. Final inspections which determine:
 - i. whether the project's work plan was appropriate and complete, taking into account the methodology – B/C or SIR – used by the energy auditor to select the ECMs to be installed, the pre-weatherization condition of the building, etc.
 - ii. whether that appropriate work plan was fully and effectively implemented in the dwelling, providing the client with a comprehensive energy-saving weatherization outcome, or, in the case of heating system only improvements, providing the client with a safe and efficient and fully operational home heating system.
 - c. In projects where BWP money is used alongside WAP money in the same dwelling (and there may be other funding sources as well), that project's ECMs which are to be paid for using BWP and/or WAP funds must be completed using the WAP rules and standards, including the installation of only those measures which individually achieve an SIR equal to or greater than 1, the use of a certified Quality Control Inspector to perform the final inspection, etc.

- d. In projects where no WAP money is involved, the final BWP inspection may be performed by a person holding a current BPI certification in at least one of the following areas: Building Analyst, Energy Auditor, or Quality Control Inspector.
 - e. Because BWP money is not WAP money, BWP money may be used in weatherization upgrades to dwellings which have received WAP-funded or BWP-funded upgrades more recently than the 15-year rolling time period which governs WAP re-weatherization by presenting a waiver request to the Department. However:
 - i. re-weatherization should be done sparingly, remembering that there are thousands of potential clients who have received no weatherization services at all;
 - ii. care should be taken, as always, to avoid even the appearance of favoritism;
 - iii. all BWP-funded second visits to previously weatherized dwellings, whether that weatherization work was done with WAP or BWP or HEA funds, must be preceded by receipt of an approved waiver from the Department.
12. The tracking of BWP jobs will include:
- a. Contractor preparation and maintenance of a client file on every BWP job. Contractor will utilize a filing protocol which allows recovery of the file when checking future jobs against previous weatherization work performed at that address, etc., even if no WAP money was used. Future CAP agency WAP Directors need to be able to check on weatherization work completed in dwellings, even when WAP money was not involved.
13. The use of a separate BWP reimbursement request package/spreadsheet package supplied by the Department. All jobs with any BWP money invested must be submitted for reimbursement on the BWP set of forms. If a particular job also includes the use of any WAP money, then that job will have to be submitted for WAP reimbursement as well, using the WAP reimbursement request forms. Therefore, if a single weatherization job uses funds from two different weatherization funding sources managed by the Department, that job must be submitted to the Department twice in order for it to be reimbursed for the correct amount from each source.

EXHIBIT C

PAYMENT TERMS

In consideration of the satisfactory performance of the Services, the Department agrees to pay Southwestern Community Services, Inc. in total, the sum of:

\$475,000 (which hereinafter is referred to as the "Contracted Amount"), of which
\$ 23,750 is the maximum to be spent on BWP related administrative costs,
\$451,250 (the balance) to be spent on weatherization activities (Program Activity),

Drawdowns from the total contracted amount will be paid to the Grantee only after written documentation of cash need is submitted to the Department. Disbursement of the contracted amount shall be made in accordance with the procedures established by the State and 2 CFR 200.305(b) on an advance basis; limited to minimum amounts needed; and be timed to be in accordance with the actual, immediate cash requirements of the Grantee in carrying out the purpose of the program. The Grantee must make timely payments to (sub)Grantees in accordance with the contract provisions. Grantee shall submit a payment request to the Department for each month of the contract period. Payment requests from Grantee shall be received at the Department no later than the 15th day of each month, or the first business day following the 15th day.

Administrative costs are provided to cover a specified number of unit completions at minimal standards. Administrative funds may be pro-rated by the Department if production unit completions do not meet expected production goals.

The Department may, as a function of its administrative oversight, modify contracted budget amounts as necessary to ensure the efficient operation of the contract as long as these modified expenditures do not exceed the Contracted Amount total as specified above.

All obligations of the Department, including the continuance of any payments, are contingent upon the availability and continued appropriation of Federal funds for the services to be provided.

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STANDARD EXHIBIT D

The Grantee identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions agrees to comply with the provisions of Sections 5151-5160 of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-690, Title V, Subtitle D; 41 U.S.C. 701 et seq.), and further agrees to have the Grantee's representative, as identified in Sections 1.11 and 1.12 of the General Provisions execute the following Certification:

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS
ALTERNATIVE I - FOR GRANTEEES OTHER THAN INDIVIDUALS**

**US DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - GRANTEEES
US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - GRANTEEES
US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - GRANTEEES
US DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
US DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

This certification is required by the regulations implementing Sections 5151-5160 of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-690, Title V, Subtitle D; 41 U.S.C. 701 et seq.). The January 31, 1989, regulations were amended and published as Part II of the May 25, 1990, Federal Register (pages 21681-21691), and require certification by grantees (and by inference, sub-grantees and sub-contractors), prior to award, that they will maintain a drug-free workplace. Section 3017.630(c) of the regulation provides that a grantee (and by inference, sub-grantees and sub-contractors) that is a State may elect to make one certification to the Department in each federal fiscal year in lieu of certificates for each grant during the federal fiscal year covered by the certification. The certificate set out below is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the agency awards the grant. False certification or violation of the certification shall be grounds for suspension of payments, suspension or termination of grants, or government wide suspension or debarment. Grantee s using this form should send it to:

Kirk Stone, Weatherization Assistance Manager, New Hampshire Department of Energy
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, NH 03301

- (A) The grantee certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:
- (a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
 - (b) Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about—
 - (1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - (2) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - (3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 - (4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
 - (c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);
 - (d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will—
 - (1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
 - (2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;

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**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS
ALTERNATIVE I - FOR GRANTEES OTHER THAN INDIVIDUALS, cont'd**

**US DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - GRANTEES
US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - GRANTEES
US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - GRANTEES
US DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
US DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

- (e) Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;
 - (f) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted--
 - (1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
 - (2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;
 - (g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f).
- (B) The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant.

Southwestern Community Services, Inc.
63 Community Way, Keene NH 03431

Check if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here.

Southwestern Community Services, Inc. Upon G&C approval through September 30, 2025
Grantee Name Period Covered by this Certification

Beth Daniels, CEO
Name and Title of Authorized Grantee Representative

Beth Daniels 07/26/24
Grantee Representative Signature Date

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STANDARD EXHIBIT E

The Grantee identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions agrees to comply with the provisions of Section 319 of Public Law 101-121, Government wide Guidance for New Restrictions on Lobbying, and 31 U.S.C. 1352, and further agrees to have the Grantee's representative, as identified in Sections 1.11 and 1.12 of the General Provisions execute the following Certification:

CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

**US DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - GRANTEES
US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - GRANTEES
US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - GRANTEES
US DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
US DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

Programs (indicate applicable program covered):

Community Services Block Grant
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program
BWP Program
Weatherization Assistance Program

Contract Period: From the date of approval by the NH Governor and Executive Council to September 30, 2025

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement (and by specific mention sub-grantee or sub-contractor).
- (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement (and by specific mention sub-grantee or sub-contractor), the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying, in accordance with its instructions, attached and identified as Standard Exhibit E-1.
- (3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award document for sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub-grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Beth Daniels CEO
Grantee Representative Signature Grantee's Representative Title

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STANDARD EXHIBIT F

The Grantee identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions agrees to comply with the provisions of Executive Office of the President, Executive Order 12529 and 45 CFR Part 76 regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters, and further agrees to have the Grantee's representative, as identified in Sections 1.11 and 1.12 of the General Provisions execute the following Certification:

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS - PRIMARY COVERED TRANSACTIONS

Instructions for Certification

- (1) By signing and submitting this proposal (contract), the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out below.
- (2) The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. If necessary, the prospective participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the NH Department of Energy (Department) determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective primary participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.
- (3) The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the Department determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the Department may terminate this transaction for cause or default.
- (4) The prospective primary participant shall provide immediate written notice to the Department to whom this proposal (contract) is submitted if at any time the prospective primary participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- (5) The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549: 45 CFR Part 76.
- (6) The prospective primary participant agrees by submitting this proposal (contract) that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the Department.
- (7) The prospective primary participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions," provided by the Department, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
- (8) A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or involuntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the Non-procurement List (of excluded parties).
- (9) Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- (10) Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 6 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal government, the Department may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER
RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS - PRIMARY COVERED TRANSACTIONS, cont'd**

*Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other
Responsibility Matters - Primary Covered Transactions*

- (1) The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:
 - (a) are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
 - (b) have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal (contract) been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or a contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
 - (c) are not presently indicted for otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1) (b) of this certification; and
 - (d) have not, within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal, had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.
- (2) Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal (contract).

*Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and
Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions
(To Be Supplied to Lower Tier Participants)*

By signing and submitting this lower tier proposal (contract), the prospective lower tier participant, as defined in 45 CFR Part 76, certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that it and its principals:

- (a) are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency.
- (b) where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the above, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal (contract).

The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal (contract) that it will include this clause entitled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions," without modification in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.

Beth Daniels CEO
Grantee Representative Signature Grantee's Representative Title

Southwestern Community Services, Inc. 07/26/24
Grantee Name Date

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STANDARD EXHIBIT G

CERTIFICATION REGARDING THE
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT COMPLIANCE

The Grantee identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions agrees by signature of the Grantee's representative as identified in Sections 1.11 and 1.12 of the General Provisions, to execute the following certification:

By signing and submitting this proposal (contract) the Grantee agrees to make reasonable efforts to comply with all applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Beth Daniels CEO
Grantee Representative Signature Grantee's Representative Title

Southwestern Community Services, Inc. 07/26/24
Grantee Name Date

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

STANDARD EXHIBIT H

CERTIFICATION

Public Law 103-227, Part C

ENVIRONMENTAL TOBACCO SMOKE

Public Law 103227, Part C Environmental Tobacco Smoke, also known as the Pro Children Act of 1994, requires that smoking not be permitted in any portion of any indoor facility routinely owned or leased or contracted for by an entity and used routinely or regularly for provision of health, day care, education, or library services to children under the age of 18, if the services are funded by Federal programs either directly or through State or local governments, by Federal grant, contract, loan, or loan guarantee.

The law does not apply to children's services provided in private residences, facilities funded solely by Medicare or Medicaid funds, and portions of facilities used for inpatient drug or alcohol treatment.

Failure to comply with the provisions of the law may result in the imposition of a civil monetary penalty of up to \$1000 per day and/or the imposition of an administrative compliance order on the responsible entity.

By signing and submitting this application the applicant/grantee certifies that it will comply with the requirements of the Act.

The applicant/grantee further agrees that it will require the language of this certification be included in any sub awards which contain provisions for the children's services and that all Grantees shall certify accordingly.

Beth Daniels CEO
Grantee Representative Signature Grantee's Representative Title

Southwestern Community Services, Inc. 07/26/24
Grantee Name Date

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STANDARD EXHIBIT I

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE NONDISCRIMINATION IN FEDERALLY ASSISTED PROGRAMS**

OMB Burden Disclosure Statement

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to Office of Information Resources Management Policy, Plans, and Oversight, Records Management Division, HR-422 - GTN, Paperwork Reduction Project (1910-0400), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20585; and to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Paperwork Reduction Project (1910-0400), Washington, DC 20503.

Southwestern Community Services, Inc., (Hereinafter called the "Grantee") HEREBY AGREES to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Pub. L. 88-352), Section 16 of the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-275), Section 401 of the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-438), Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, (Pub. L. 92-318, Pub. L. 93-568, and Pub. L. 94-482), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Pub. L. 93-112), the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (Pub. L. 94-135), Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Pub. L. 90-284), the Department of Energy Organization Act of 1977 (Pub. L. 95-91), the Energy Conservation and Production Act of 1976, as amended, (Pub. L. 94-385) and Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1040. In accordance with the above laws and regulations issued pursuant thereto, the Grantee agrees to assure that no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity in which the Grantee receives Federal assistance from the Department of Energy.

Applicability and Period of Obligation

In the case of any service, financial aid, covered employment, equipment, property, or structure provided, leased, or improved with Federal assistance extended to the Grantee by the Department of Energy, this assurance obligates the Grantee for the period during which Federal assistance is extended. In the case of any transfer of such service, financial aid, equipment, property, or structure, this assurance obligates the transferee for the period during which Federal assistance is extended. If any personal property is so provided, this assurance obligates the Grantee for the period during which it retains ownership or possession of the property. In all other cases, this assurance obligates the Grantee for the period during which the Federal assistance is extended to the Grantee by the Department of Energy.

Employment Practices

Where a primary objective of the Federal assistance is to provide employment or where the Grantee's employment practices affect the delivery of services in programs or activities resulting from Federal assistance extended by the Department, the Grantee agrees not to discriminate on the ground of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability, in its employment practices. Such employment practices may include, but are not limited to, recruitment, advertising, hiring, layoff or termination, promotion, demotion, transfer, rates of pay, training and participation in upward mobility programs; or other forms of compensation and use of facilities.

Subrecipient Assurance

The Grantee shall require any individual, organization, or other entity with whom it subcontracts, subgrants, or subleases for the purpose of providing any service, financial aid, equipment, property, or structure to comply with laws and regulations cited above. To this end, the subrecipient shall be required to sign a written assurance form;

however, the obligation of both recipient and subrecipient to ensure compliance is not relieved by the collection or submission of written assurance forms.

Data Collection and Access to Records

The Grantee agrees to compile and maintain information pertaining to programs or activities developed as a result of the Grantee's receipt of Federal assistance from the Department of Energy. Such information shall include, but is not limited to the following: (1) the manner in which services are or will be provided and related data necessary for determining whether any persons are or will be denied such services on the basis of prohibited discrimination; (2) the population eligible to be served by race, color, national origin, sex, age and disability; (3) data regarding covered employment including use or planned use of bilingual public contact employees serving beneficiaries of the program where necessary to permit effective participation by beneficiaries unable to speak or understand English; (4) the location of existing or proposed facilities connected with the program and related information adequate for determining whether the location has or will have the effect of unnecessarily denying access to any person on the basis of prohibited discrimination; (5) the present or proposed membership by race, color, national origin, sex, age and disability in any planning or advisory body which is an integral part of the program; and (6) any additional written data determined by the Department of Energy to be relevant to the obligation to assure compliance by recipients with laws cited in the first paragraph of this assurance.

The Grantee agrees to submit requested data to the Department of Energy regarding programs and activities developed by the Grantee from the use of Federal assistance funds extended by the Department of Energy. Facilities of the Grantee (including the physical plants, buildings, or other structures) and all records, books, accounts, and other sources of information pertinent to the Grantee's compliance with the civil rights laws shall be made available for inspection during normal business hours on request of an officer or employee of the Department of Energy specifically authorized to make such inspections. Instructions in this regard will be provided by the Director, Office of Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Energy.

This assurance is given in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining any and all Federal grants, loans, contracts (excluding procurement contracts), property, discounts or other Federal assistance extended after the date hereof, to the Grantees by the Department of Energy, including installment payments on account after such data of application for Federal assistance which are approved before such date. The Grantee recognizes and agrees that such Federal assistance will be extended in reliance upon the representations and agreements made in this assurance, and that the United States shall have the right to seek judicial enforcement of this assurance. This assurance is binding on the Grantee, the successors, transferees, and assignees, as well as the person(s) whose signatures appear below and who are authorized to sign this assurance on behalf of the Grantee.

Grantee Certification

The Grantee certifies that it has complied, or that, within 90 days of the date of the grant, it will comply with all applicable requirements of 10 C.F.R. § 1040.5 (a copy will be furnished to the Grantee upon written request to DOE).

Representative Name/Title: Beth Daniels, CEO

Signature: Beth Daniels Date 07/26/24

Southwestern Community Services, Inc.
63 Community Way, Keene NH 03431
603-352-7512

**NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
EXHIBIT J
FORM A**

As the Grantee identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions, I certify that the responses to the below listed questions are true and accurate.

1. The UEI number for your entity is: HMUUXK8MBJC3

2. In your business or organization's preceding completed fiscal year, did your business or organization receive (1) 80 percent or more of your annual gross revenue in U.S. federal contracts, subcontracts, loans, grants, sub-grants, and/or cooperative agreements; and (2) \$30,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from U.S. federal contracts, subcontracts, loans, grants, subgrants, and/or cooperative agreements?

NO

YES

If the answer to #2 above is NO, stop here

If the answer to #2 above is YES, please answer the following:

3. Does the public have access to information about the compensation of the executives in your business or organization through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C.78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986?

NO

YES

If the answer to #3 above is YES, stop here

If the answer to #3 above is NO, please answer the following:

4. The names and compensation of the five most highly compensated officers in your business or organization are as follows:

Name: _____ Amount: _____

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EXHIBIT K

CERTIFICATION REGARDING NHPA and NEPA COMPLIANCE FOR WAP24

The Grantee identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions agrees to comply with the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) 42 U.S.C. §4321 et seq., rules promulgated thereunder (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), guidance documents issued by the Office of Management and Budget or the U.S. Department of Energy (U.S. DOE), New Hampshire Department of Energy (Department) executed Historic Preservation Programmatic Agreement, and U.S. DOE Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) NEPA Determination GFO-WAP-ARLD2024A (NEPA Determination-WAP24).

The Grantee agrees to assure compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and the Department executed Historic Preservation Programmatic Agreement prior to authorizing the use of funds.

The Grantee agrees that it will not fund activities that are not "Allowable Activities" pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Determination-WAP24.

Allowable activities for WAP annual formula funds and Community Scale Pilot Projects include:

1. Administrative activities associated with management of the designated Weatherization Office and management of programs and strategies in support of weatherization activities.
2. Development and implementation of training programs and strategies for weatherization effort, including initial home energy audits, final inspections, and client education.
3. Purchase of vehicles and equipment needed for administrative activities, weatherization energy audits, installation of measures indicated below, and quality control inspections.
4. Weatherization activities provided that activities adhere to the requirements of the respective Recipients' U.S. DOE executed Historic Preservation Programmatic Agreement, are installed in existing buildings, are appropriately sized, are covered by Appendix A of 10 CFR 440, and/or approved as part of the energy audit approval procedures and material approvals process, and limited to:
 - a. Building Shell Measures:
 - i. Install insulation where needed;
 - ii. Perform air sealing;
 - iii. Repair and replace windows, storm windows, install window film, awnings and solar screens;
 - b. Mechanical Measures:
 - i. Clean, tune, repair, or replace heating and/or cooling systems;
 - ii. Install duct and heating pipe insulation;
 - iii. Repair leaks in heating/cooling ducts;
 - iv. Install programmable thermostats;

- v. Repair/replace domestic water heaters, including switching fuel source for system;
- vi. Install domestic hot water heater tank insulation;
- c. Electric and Water Measures:
 - i. Install efficient light sources;
 - ii. Install low-flow showerheads;
 - iii. Replace inefficient refrigerators with energy-efficient models.

5. Energy-related health and safety measures (per Weatherization Program Notice 22-7, or the most current guidance) provided that activities adhere to the requirements of the Department executed Historic Preservation Programmatic Agreement, occur in existing buildings, and are limited to:

- a. Combustion appliance safety inspections;
- b. Air quality assessment and limited removal of formaldehyde, volatile organic compounds, flammable liquids, and other air pollutants limited to areas of WAP activities;
- c. Gas and bulk fuel leak inspections;
- d. Limited testing and/or containment, removal or disposal of lead, asbestos, refrigerant, mercury, and other materials so WAP activities may be completed;
- e. Cleaning of mold limited to surface preparation of WAP activities;
- f. Conduct radon testing and the installation of precautionary measures to minimize radon infiltration, including but not limited to, sump pump covers, covering exposed dirt floors with polyethylene sheeting which contains a rating of no more than 0.1 perm, which is sealed and attached at all seams, walls and foundation penetrations;
- g. Inspection of combustion appliances and installation of carbon monoxide and smoke alarms;
- h. Install ventilation as required by the American Society of Heating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) 62.2-2016 standard, including blower door testing addressing infiltration, ventilation, and exhaust;
- i. Repair/replace cooking appliances limited to gas ovens, ranges, and stovetops.

6. Incidental and necessary energy-related repairs and replacements provided that activities adhere to the requirements of the respective Recipients' DOE executed Historic Preservation Programmatic Agreement, occur in existing buildings, and are limited to:

- a. Repair/replace damaged windows and doors
- b. Minor electrical and plumbing repairs
- c. Minor roof repairs-limited to replacing and/or fixing decking material and roof material.

7. Installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) and solar hot water heating systems on buildings with 1 to 4 dwelling units, provided that activities adhere to the requirements of the respective Recipients' USDOE executed Historic Preservation Programmatic Agreement, occur in or on existing buildings, and are limited to:

- a. PV systems would be appropriately sized and would not exceed 60 kW and/or
- b. Solar hot water heating systems would be appropriately sized and would not exceed 200,000 BTU/HR
- c. Systems would be roof mounted or attached to structure

d. Battery storage, if applicable, would be attached to structure

8. Weatherization Readiness activities focused on structural, health, and safety issues required before weatherization measures can be completed to help reduce the frequency of deferred homes, provided that activities adhere to the requirements of the respective Recipients' DOE executed Historic Preservation Programmatic Agreement, are installed in or on existing buildings, and are limited to:

- a. Repair and/or replace damaged windows and doors
- b. Minor electrical and plumbing repairs
- c. Roof repairs or replacement including, replacing decking material and roof, and/or changing roof material (e.g., shingles to metal).
- d. Interior and exterior wall repairs
- e. Ceiling repairs
- f. Floor repairs
- g. Foundation or subspace (crawl space) repairs
- h. Exterior drainage repairs limited to gutter repair or replacement, trimming shrubs, and/or grading adjacent to the perimeter of the foundation
- i. Plumbing repairs
- j. Electrical repairs
- k. Clean-up or remediation beyond typical scope of WAP
 - i. Lead paint
 - ii. Asbestos (confirmed or suspected, including vermiculite)
 - iii. Mold and/or moisture

No ground disturbance (beyond grading adjacent to the perimeter of a foundation), including tree removal or tree trimming, would occur for implementation for the above activities.

Activities/projects not listed above, including ground disturbing activities and tree removal; activities where the following elements exist: extraordinary circumstances, cumulative impacts or connected actions that may lead to significant effects on the human environment, or any inconsistency with the "integral elements" (as contained in 10 CFR Part 1021, Appendix B) as they relate to a particular project; and activities restricted elsewhere in Award No. DE-EE0009916 are not "Allowable Activities."

Activities that do not qualify as "Allowable Activities" as defined above are subject to additional NEPA review, which requires additional documentation and submission of an environmental questionnaire. If the Grantee wants to fund activities that do not qualify as "Allowable Activities," then Grantee agrees to notify the Department WAP Administrator, and to seek NEPA review through the Department WAP Administrator. Activities requiring NEPA review are not authorized for Federal funding and the Grantee may not undertake or fund those activities unless and until the U.S. DOE Contracting Officer, through the Department WAP Administrator, provides written authorization for those activities.

All activities related to hazardous material identified during a WAP job will be managed in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local requirements.

The Grantee agrees to document conformance with the Allowable Activities listed above before commencement of any project.

Award # 2401NHLIEA; Award Date: 10/27/23
ALN: 93.568
Southwestern Community Services, Inc.

Exhibit K
Initials **BD** Date **07/26/24**
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The Grantee agrees to complete the online U.S. DOE training on NEPA and Historic Preservation at www.energy.gov/node/4816816. Proof of complete training must be submitted to the Department WAP Administrator.

Beth Daniels CEO
Grantee Representative Signature Grantee's Representative Title

Southwestern Community Services, Inc. 07/26/24
Grantee Name Date

State of New Hampshire

Department of State

CERTIFICATE

I, David M. Scanlan, Secretary of State of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby certify that SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC. is a New Hampshire Nonprofit Corporation registered to transact business in New Hampshire on May 19, 1965. I further certify that all fees and documents required by the Secretary of State's office have been received and is in good standing as far as this office is concerned.

Business ID: 65514

Certificate Number: 0006663003



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF,

I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed
the Seal of the State of New Hampshire,
this 9th day of April A.D. 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David M. Scanlan".

David M. Scanlan
Secretary of State

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

I, Kevin Watterson, Officer, hereby certify that:
(Name of the elected Officer of the Corporation; cannot be contract signatory)

1. I am a duly elected Officer of Southwestern Community Services, Inc.
(Corporation Name)

2. The following is a true copy of a vote taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors, duly called and held on June 14, 2024, at which a quorum of the Directors were present and voting.
(Date)

VOTED: That Beth Daniels, CEO and/or Margaret Freeman, CFO (may list more than one person)
(Name and Title of Contract Signatory)

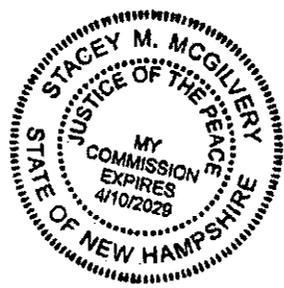
is duly authorized on behalf of Southwestern Community Services Inc. to enter into contracts or agreements with
(Name of Corporation/ LLC)

the State of New Hampshire and any of its agencies or departments and further is authorized to execute all documents, agreements and other instruments, and any amendments, revisions, or modifications thereto, which may in his/her judgment be desirable or necessary to affect the purpose of this vote.

3. I hereby certify that said vote has not been amended or repealed and remains in full force and effect as of the date of the contract/contract amendment to which this certificate is attached. This authority **remains valid for thirty (30) days** from the date of this Certificate of Authority. I further certify that it is understood that the State of New Hampshire will rely on this certificate as evidence that the person(s) listed above currently occupy the position(s) indicated and that they have full authority to bind the corporation. To the extent that there are any limits on the authority of any listed individual to bind the corporation in contracts with the State of New Hampshire, all such limitations are expressly stated herein.

Dated: 7/25/2024

Kevin D. Watterson
Signature of Elected Officer
Name: Kevin Watterson
Title: Board Chair



Stacey M. McGilvery
7/25/2024



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)
12/19/2023

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must have ADDITIONAL INSURED provisions or be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

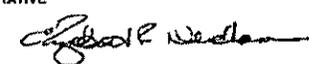
PRODUCER The Hilb Group New England, LLC PO Box 608 Keene NH 03431		CONTACT NAME: Ana O'Donnell, CPIW, CIC PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): (877) 352-2121 FAX (A/C, No): E-MAIL ADDRESS: aodonnell@hilbgroup.com	
INSURED Southwestern Community Services Inc. 83 Community Way PO Box 603 Keene NH 03431		INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE INSURER A: Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Co INSURER B: Granite State Healthcare & Human Services Trust INSURER C: INSURER D: INSURER E: INSURER F:	
		NAIC # 18058	

COVERAGES **CERTIFICATE NUMBER:** 24/25 **REVISION NUMBER:**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADDL INSD	SUBR WVD	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS
A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUR GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLICY <input type="checkbox"/> PROJECT <input type="checkbox"/> LOC OTHER:			PHPK2836316	01/01/2024	01/01/2025	EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 1,000,000 DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence) \$ 100,000 MED EXP (Any one person) \$ 5,000 PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$ 1,000,000 GENERAL AGGREGATE \$ 2,000,000 PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG \$ 2,000,000 Professional Liability \$ 1m / 2m
A	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO <input type="checkbox"/> OWNED AUTOS ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> HIRED AUTOS ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> NON-OWNED AUTOS ONLY			PHPK2836315	01/01/2024	01/01/2025	COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) \$ 1,000,000 BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$ BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$ PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$ \$
A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UMBRELLA LIAB <input type="checkbox"/> EXCESS LIAB <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUR <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE DED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RETENTION \$ 10,000			PHUB893672	01/01/2024	01/01/2025	EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 2,000,000 AGGREGATE \$ 2,000,000 \$
B	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below	Y/N	N/A	HCHS20242000036	01/01/2024	01/01/2025	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PER STATUTE <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$ 1,000,000 E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ 1,000,000 E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$ 1,000,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)
3a state: NH. All officers included. This certificate is issued as a matter of information only and confers no rights upon the certificate holder. This certificate does not amend, extend or alter the coverage afforded by the policies referenced herein.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER		CANCELLATION	
State of New Hampshire Department of Energy 21 South Fruit St, Ste 10 Concord NH 03301		SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE 	

Financial Statements

SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.
AND RELATED COMPANIES

**CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED MAY 31, 2023 AND 2022
AND
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT
AND
REPORTS ON COMPLIANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL**

SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC. AND RELATED COMPANIES

**CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED MAY 31, 2023 AND 2022**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors of
Southwestern Community Services, Inc.

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Southwestern Community Services, Inc. (a New Hampshire nonprofit corporation) and related companies, which comprise the consolidated statements of financial position as of May 31, 2023, and the related consolidated statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Southwestern Community Services, Inc. and related companies as of May 31, 2023, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with 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 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 Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Southwestern Community Services, Inc. and related companies and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated 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 consolidated 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 Southwestern Community Services, Inc. and related companies' ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the consolidated financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards 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 consolidated financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards 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 consolidated 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 consolidated 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 Southwestern Community Services, Inc. and related companies' 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 consolidated financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Southwestern Community Services, Inc. and related companies' 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.

Report on Summarized Comparative Information

We have previously audited Southwestern Community Services, Inc. and related companies' 2022 financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated February 9, 2023. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended May 31, 2022, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the consolidated financial statements as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the consolidated 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 consolidated financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the consolidated financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the consolidated financial statements or to the consolidated 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 expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the consolidated 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 24, 2024, on our consideration of Southwestern Community Services, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of Southwestern Community Services, Inc.'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 Southwestern Community Services, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Leone McDermott & Roberts
Professional Association*

Wolfeboro, New Hampshire
January 24, 2024

SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC. AND RELATED COMPANIES

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
MAY 31, 2023 AND 2022**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,237,914	\$ 3,153,976
Accounts receivable, net	2,027,517	1,745,952
Prepaid expenses	157,449	243,990
Total current assets	<u>4,422,880</u>	<u>5,143,918</u>
PROPERTY		
Land and buildings	30,392,465	29,859,136
Vehicles and equipment	647,670	555,554
Furniture and fixtures	983,264	958,072
Total property	<u>32,023,399</u>	<u>31,372,762</u>
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>16,520,026</u>	<u>15,527,483</u>
Property, net	<u>15,503,373</u>	<u>15,845,279</u>
OTHER ASSETS		
Investment in related parties	64,178	94,230
Right of use asset	98,159	-
Due from related parties	53,895	47,566
Cash escrow and reserve funds	1,556,493	1,479,277
Security deposits	111,044	111,033
Other assets	384	384
Total other assets	<u>1,884,153</u>	<u>1,732,490</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 21,810,406</u>	<u>\$ 22,721,687</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 239,270	\$ 208,035
Accrued expenses	158,107	229,110
Accrued payroll and payroll taxes	235,401	353,786
Other current liabilities	166,988	158,972
Refundable advances	1,246,787	1,519,622
Current portion of right of use liability	32,364	-
Current portion of Economic Injury Disaster Loan	3,685	3,585
Current portion of long term debt	183,158	159,974
Total current liabilities	<u>2,265,760</u>	<u>2,633,084</u>
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES		
Long term right of use liability, less current portion shown above	65,795	-
Economic Injury Disaster Loan, less current portion shown above	144,966	146,415
Long term debt, less current portion shown above	11,103,983	11,243,212
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>11,314,744</u>	<u>11,389,627</u>
Total liabilities	<u>13,580,504</u>	<u>14,022,711</u>
NET ASSETS		
Without donor restrictions	8,106,510	8,564,624
With donor restrictions	123,392	134,352
Total net assets	<u>8,229,902</u>	<u>8,698,976</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 21,810,406</u>	<u>\$ 22,721,687</u>

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC. AND RELATED COMPANIES

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 2023
WITH PRIOR YEAR SUMMARIZED COMPARATIVE INFORMATION**

	<u>Without Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>With Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>2023 Total</u>	<u>2022 Total</u>
REVENUES AND OTHER SUPPORT				
Government contracts	\$ 23,407,391	\$ -	\$ 23,407,391	\$ 24,553,574
Program service fees	2,480,960	-	2,480,960	2,991,407
Rental income	1,873,226	-	1,873,226	1,817,636
Support	591,754	123,392	715,146	669,175
Sponsorship	8,197	-	8,197	28,520
Interest income	18,235	-	18,235	1,099
Forgiveness of debt	166,931	-	166,931	90,609
Miscellaneous	104,742	-	104,742	156,954
In-kind contributions	69,852	-	69,852	89,366
	<u>28,721,288</u>	<u>123,392</u>	<u>28,844,680</u>	<u>30,398,340</u>
NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS				
	<u>134,352</u>	<u>(134,352)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total revenues, other support, and net assets released from restrictions	<u>28,855,640</u>	<u>(10,960)</u>	<u>28,844,680</u>	<u>30,398,340</u>
EXPENSES				
Program services				
Home energy programs	9,895,617	-	9,895,617	7,051,760
Education and nutrition	3,090,471	-	3,090,471	2,826,493
Homeless programs	9,417,446	-	9,417,446	13,349,415
Housing services	3,113,505	-	3,113,505	3,070,446
Economic development services	731,021	-	731,021	658,791
Other programs	678,220	-	678,220	683,000
	<u>26,926,280</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,926,280</u>	<u>27,639,905</u>
Supporting activities				
Management and general	2,360,358	-	2,360,358	2,031,266
	<u>29,286,638</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,286,638</u>	<u>29,671,171</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS BEFORE GAIN (LOSS) ON SALE OF PROPERTY				
	(430,998)	(10,960)	(441,958)	727,169
GAIN (LOSS) ON SALE OF PROPERTY	2,936	-	2,936	(14,836)
LOSS ON INVESTMENT IN LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS	(30,052)	-	(30,052)	(43,771)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(458,114)	(10,960)	(469,074)	668,562
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>8,564,624</u>	<u>134,352</u>	<u>8,698,976</u>	<u>8,030,414</u>
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 8,106,510</u>	<u>\$ 123,392</u>	<u>\$ 8,229,902</u>	<u>\$ 8,698,976</u>

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC. AND RELATED COMPANIES

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 2023**

	Home Energy Programs	Education and Nutrition	Homeless Programs	Housing Services	Economic Development Services	Other Programs	Total Program	Management and General	2023 Total
Payroll	\$ 694,298	\$ 1,847,987	\$ 633,731	\$ 625,222	\$ 353,418	\$ 441,854	\$ 4,596,610	\$ 918,734	\$ 5,515,244
Payroll taxes	57,891	151,663	50,582	49,028	30,751	36,239	376,154	67,510	443,664
Employee benefits	132,466	360,268	144,229	212,369	35,364	128,121	1,012,817	163,746	1,176,563
Retirement	35,253	105,674	38,175	44,702	15,838	26,598	266,141	83,144	349,285
Advertising	3,510	7,035	1,706	3,611	2,333	-	18,195	1,524	19,719
Bank charges	10	-	23	4,175	-	-	4,208	8,243	12,451
Computer cost	22,147	21,189	21,648	28,559	19,001	-	112,533	147,767	260,300
Contractual	751,082	15,648	35,804	21,229	32,679	11,039	867,481	117,724	985,205
Depreciation	-	28,865	159,460	692,182	-	7,700	888,207	148,552	1,036,769
Dues/registration	-	4,480	-	1,080	468	267	6,295	11,110	17,405
Duplicating	1,469	12,587	-	-	-	-	14,056	16,742	30,798
Insurance	13,455	16,378	38,947	70,125	19,755	9,030	167,690	44,378	212,068
Interest	-	3,940	5,205	54,004	-	428	63,577	108,853	172,230
Meeting and conference	13,891	156	896	3,962	4,153	901	23,959	15,367	39,326
Miscellaneous expense	1,205	2,599	45	130,108	13,041	1,164	148,162	36,401	184,563
Miscellaneous taxes	-	-	-	122,213	-	-	122,213	451	122,664
Equipment purchases	7,732	3,636	-	7,983	-	-	19,351	590	19,941
Office expense	66,290	12,574	31,714	12,403	10,330	1,830	135,141	33,063	168,204
Postage	1,378	226	176	123	484	-	2,387	37,767	40,154
Professional fees	2,825	-	6,559	32,542	-	-	41,926	99,770	141,696
Staff development and training	10,191	1,323	1,065	6,558	1,760	1,228	22,125	24,323	46,448
Subscriptions	-	-	-	115	-	-	115	327	442
Telephone	7,081	4,984	29,729	19,282	1,771	1,898	64,745	60,155	124,900
Travel	7,440	19,611	128,830	10,111	38,103	-	204,095	6,650	210,745
Vehicle	15,962	551	1,653	25,000	83,361	7,639	134,166	772	134,938
Rent	19,200	13,900	-	-	-	-	33,100	-	33,100
Space costs	18,019	244,532	554,835	922,645	15,968	-	1,755,999	160,957	1,916,956
Direct client assistance	8,012,822	140,813	7,532,435	14,183	52,443	2,284	15,755,080	45,928	15,801,008
In-kind expenses	-	69,852	-	-	-	-	69,852	-	69,852
TOTAL FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES BEFORE MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL ALLOCATION	9,895,617	3,090,471	9,417,446	3,113,505	731,021	678,220	26,926,280	2,360,358	29,286,638
Allocation of management and general expenses	<u>867,450</u>	<u>270,911</u>	<u>825,533</u>	<u>272,930</u>	<u>64,081</u>	<u>59,453</u>	<u>2,360,358</u>	<u>(2,360,358)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES	\$ 10,763,067	\$ 3,361,382	\$ 10,242,979	\$ 3,386,435	\$ 795,102	\$ 737,673	\$ 29,286,638	\$ -	\$ 29,286,638

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 2022**

	Home Energy Programs	Education and Nutrition	Homeless Programs	Housing Services	Economic Development Services	Other Programs	Total Program	Management and General	2022 Total
Payroll	\$ 551,449	\$ 1,553,713	\$ 601,469	\$ 672,177	\$ 340,079	\$ 416,924	\$ 4,135,811	\$ 856,748	\$ 4,992,559
Payroll taxes	45,132	127,557	49,849	51,549	30,490	35,545	340,122	68,379	408,501
Employee benefits	137,544	387,109	140,322	217,637	27,775	137,184	1,047,571	101,743	1,149,314
Retirement	31,440	95,676	32,887	49,044	16,083	18,580	243,710	86,594	310,304
Advertising	1,066	12,573	428	7,537	8,801	-	30,405	5,120	35,525
Bank charges	35	-	663	4,650	-	-	5,348	9,701	15,049
Computer cost	307	15,754	13,319	8,001	14,818	-	52,199	127,747	179,946
Contractual	628,975	15,256	87,421	26,033	-	35,197	992,882	63,330	1,056,212
Depreciation	-	26,438	134,036	674,506	-	3,810	838,790	150,983	989,773
Dues/registration	-	2,539	-	490	508	125	3,662	11,739	15,401
Duplicating	-	8,660	-	-	-	-	8,660	5,503	14,163
Insurance	6,123	16,620	35,676	62,108	19,859	7,313	147,699	45,537	193,236
Interest	-	423	9,536	48,822	-	278	59,059	118,508	177,565
Meeting and conference	-	-	354	3,255	832	2,862	7,303	1,636	8,939
Miscellaneous expense	670	2,917	120	112,217	6,388	5,102	127,414	30,814	158,228
Miscellaneous taxes	-	-	-	129,976	-	-	129,976	150	130,126
Equipment purchases	14,730	3,421	-	5,376	-	519	24,046	720	24,766
Office expense	43,201	8,735	22,754	10,409	3,513	90	88,702	24,071	112,773
Postage	190	383	28	24	171	-	796	33,927	34,723
Professional fees	1,075	-	4,323	26,930	-	220	32,548	65,753	118,301
Staff development and training	1,866	2,687	825	3,095	121	1,665	10,259	8,781	19,040
Subscriptions	-	-	-	228	-	-	228	180	408
Telephone	5,147	3,727	21,670	19,709	1,930	1,298	53,481	48,594	100,075
Travel	4,715	18,859	11,158	14,784	26,330	249	76,095	1,428	77,523
Vehicle	9,433	-	2,099	24,565	79,216	13,061	128,374	1,420	129,794
Rent	8,000	16,300	-	-	24,565	-	48,895	-	48,895
Space costs	21,837	205,132	456,408	856,317	19,742	25	1,589,451	164,162	1,753,613
Direct client assistance	5,338,825	212,648	11,724,070	11,007	37,540	2,953	17,327,043	-	17,327,043
In-kind expenses	-	89,366	-	-	-	-	89,366	-	89,366
TOTAL FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES BEFORE GENERAL AND MANAGEMENT ALLOCATION	7,051,760	2,826,493	13,349,415	3,070,446	658,791	683,000	27,639,905	2,031,266	29,671,171
Allocation of management and general expenses	518,236	207,720	981,053	225,648	48,415	50,194	2,031,266	(2,031,266)	-
TOTAL FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES	\$ 7,569,996	\$ 3,034,213	\$ 14,330,468	\$ 3,296,094	\$ 707,206	\$ 733,194	\$ 29,671,171	\$ -	\$ 29,671,171

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED MAY 31, 2023 AND 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Change in net assets	\$ (469,074)	\$ 668,562
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash from operating activities:		
Depreciation	1,036,769	989,773
Amortization of deferred financing costs	662	662
Loss (gain) on sale of assets	(2,936)	14,836
Loss on investment in limited partnerships	30,052	43,771
Forgiveness of debt	(166,931)	(90,609)
Decrease (increase) in assets:		
Accounts receivable, net	(281,555)	38,041
Prepaid expenses	86,541	(181,362)
Due from related parties	(6,329)	7,572
Security deposits	(11)	(5,243)
(Decrease) increase in liabilities:		
Accounts payable	31,235	(32,551)
Accrued expenses	(71,003)	59,036
Accrued payroll and payroll taxes	(118,385)	109,783
Other current liabilities	8,016	10,118
Refundable advances	(272,835)	789,667
NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>(195,794)</u>	<u>2,422,056</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from sale of property	3,301	3,840
Purchase of property	(467,807)	(831,642)
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	<u>(464,506)</u>	<u>(827,802)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from long term debt	8,581	-
Repayment of long term debt	(187,127)	(155,683)
NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES	<u>(178,546)</u>	<u>(155,683)</u>
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND RESTRICTED CASH	<u>(838,846)</u>	<u>1,438,571</u>
CASH AND RESTRICTED CASH, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>4,633,253</u>	<u>3,194,682</u>
CASH AND RESTRICTED CASH, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 3,794,407</u>	<u>\$ 4,633,253</u>

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEARS ENDED MAY 31, 2023 AND 2022**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION		
Cash paid during the year for interest	<u>\$ 171,568</u>	<u>\$ 176,903</u>
CASH AND RESTRICTED CASH:		
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 2,237,914</u>	<u>\$ 3,153,976</u>
Cash escrow and reserve funds	<u>1,556,493</u>	<u>1,479,277</u>
Total cash and restricted cash	<u>\$ 3,794,407</u>	<u>\$ 4,633,253</u>
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF NONCASH INVESTING AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Property financed by long term debt	<u>\$ 227,421</u>	<u>\$ 595,015</u>

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED MAY 31, 2023 AND 2022

NOTE 1 ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

General

Southwestern Community Services, Inc. is a New Hampshire nonprofit corporation formed as an umbrella corporation that offers an array of services to the elderly, disabled, and low-income households in the Cheshire and Sullivan counties of New Hampshire. Various programs provide assistance in the areas of education, child development, employment, energy and its conservation, housing, and homelessness prevention. Services are provided through Southwestern Community Services, Inc., and its related corporations, SCS Management Corporation, SCS Housing, Inc., SCS Development Corporation, SCS Housing Development, Inc., and various limited partnerships, as described below. The Organization is committed to providing respectful support services and assisting individuals and families in achieving self-sufficiency by helping them overcome the causes of poverty. The primary source of revenues is derived from governmental contracts.

Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Southwestern Community Services, Inc. and the following entities (collectively the Organization) as Southwestern Community Services, Inc. has both an economic interest and control of the entities through a majority voting interest in their governing board. All significant intercompany items and transactions have been eliminated from the basic consolidated financial statements.

- SCS Management Corporation
- SCS Housing, Inc.
- SCS Development Corporation
- SCS Housing Development, Inc.
- Drewsville Carriage House Associates, Limited Partnership (Drewsville)
- Troy Senior Housing Associates, Limited Partnership (Troy Senior)
- Keene East Side Senior Housing Associates, Limited Partnership (Keene East Side)
- Winchester Senior Housing Associates, Limited Partnership (Winchester)
- Swanzey Township Housing Associates, Limited Partnership (Swanzey)
- Snow Brook Meadow Village Housing Associates, Limited Partnership (Snow Brook)
- Keene Highland Housing Associates, Limited Partnership (Keene Highland)
- Warwick Meadow Housing Associates, Limited Partnership (Warwick)

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Basis of Accounting

The consolidated financial statements of the Organization have been prepared utilizing the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Basis of Presentation

The consolidated financial statements of the Organization have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (US GAAP), which require the Organization to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to the following net asset classifications. The classes of net assets are determined by the presence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

Net assets without donor restrictions: Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions and may be expended for any purpose in performing the primary objectives of the Organization. These net assets may be used at the discretion of the Organization's Board of Directors.

Net assets with donor restrictions: Net assets subject to stipulations imposed by donors and grantors. Some donor restrictions are temporary in nature; those restrictions will be met by actions of the Organization or by passage of time. Other donor restrictions are perpetual in nature, whereby the donor has stipulated the funds be maintained in perpetuity.

As of May 31, 2023 and 2022, the Organization had net assets without donor restrictions and with donor restrictions (See **Note 12**).

The financial statements include certain prior-year summarized comparative information in total but not by net asset class. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the Organization's financial statements for the year ended May 31, 2022 from which the summarized information was derived.

Estimates

The presentation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Organization considers all liquid investments purchased with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The Organization maintains its cash accounts in several financial institutions, which at times may exceed federally insured limits. The Organization has not experienced any losses in such accounts and believes it is not exposed to any significant risk with respect to these accounts.

Current Vulnerability Due to Certain Concentrations

The Organization is operated in a heavily regulated environment. The operations of the Organization are subject to the administrative directives, rules and regulations of federal, state and local regulatory agencies. Such administrative directives, rules and regulations are subject to change by an act of Congress or Legislature. Such changes may occur with little notice or inadequate funding to pay for the related cost, including the additional administrative burden, to comply with a change. For the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, approximately 81% of the Organization's total revenue was received from government agencies. The future nature of the Organization is dependent upon continued support from the government.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable are stated at the amount management expects to collect from balances outstanding at year end. Balances that are still outstanding after management has used reasonable collection efforts are written off through a charge to the valuation allowance and a credit to accounts receivable. The allowance for uncollectible accounts was estimated to be zero at May 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The Organization has no policy for charging interest on overdue accounts.

Refundable Advances

The Organization records grant and contract revenue as refundable advances until it is expended for the purpose of the grant or contract, at which time it is recognized as revenue.

In-Kind Donations / Noncash transactions

The Organization records various types of in-kind support including professional services and materials. Contributed professional services are recognized if the service received creates or enhances long-lived assets or requires specialized skill, are provided by individuals possessing those skills, and would typically need to be purchased if not provided by donation. Contributions of tangible assets are recognized at fair value when received. The Organization received \$69,852 and \$89,366 in donated services and materials for the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively (See Note 15).

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Property and Depreciation

Purchased property and equipment are stated at cost at the date of acquisition or at fair value at the date of receipt in the case of donated property. The Organization generally capitalizes and depreciates all assets with a cost greater than \$5,000 and an expected life greater than one year. Depreciation is provided for using the straight-line method in amounts designed to amortize the cost of the assets over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Buildings and improvements	10 - 40 Years
Vehicles and equipment	5 - 10 Years
Furniture and fixtures	7 Years

The use of certain assets is specified under the terms of grants received from agencies of the federal government. These grants also place liens on certain assets and impose restrictions on the use of funds received from the disposition of the property. Depreciation expense for the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022 totaled \$1,036,769 and \$989,773, respectively.

Advertising

The Organization expenses advertising costs as incurred.

Income Taxes

Southwestern Community Services, Inc. and SCS Management Corporation are exempt from Federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and are not private foundations. As such, they are exempt from income tax on their exempt function income.

SCS Housing, Inc., SCS Development Corporation and SCS Housing Development, Inc. are taxed as corporations. SCS Housing Inc. has federal net operating loss carryforwards available for the May 31, 2023 and 2022 tax returns totaling \$1,276,789 and \$1,252,122, respectively. These loss carryforwards may be offset against future taxable income and, if not used, will begin to expire in 2027. SCS Development Corporation has federal net operating loss carryforwards totaling \$509 and \$513 at May 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. These loss carryforwards may be offset against future taxable income and, if not used, will begin to expire in 2023. SCS Housing Development, Inc. has federal net operating loss carryforwards totaling \$89,166 and \$55,129 at May 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. These loss carryforwards may be offset against future taxable income and, if not used, will begin to expire in 2035.

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The tax effects of the carryforwards as related to deferred tax assets is as follows as of May 31, 2023 and 2022:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Tax benefit from loss carryforwards	\$ 286,957	\$ 274,630
Valuation allowance	<u>(286,957)</u>	<u>(274,630)</u>
Deferred tax asset	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Drewsville, Troy Senior, Winchester, Keene East Side, Swanzey, Snow Brook, Keene Highland, and Warwick are taxed as partnerships. Federal income taxes are not payable by, or provided for these entities. Earnings and losses are included in the partners' federal income tax returns based on their share of partnership earnings. Partnerships are required to file income tax returns with the State of New Hampshire and pay an income tax at the state's statutory rate.

Accounting Standard Codification No. 740, "Accounting for Income Taxes," established the minimum threshold for recognizing, and a system for measuring, the benefits of tax return positions in financial statements. Management has analyzed the Organization's tax position taken on its income tax returns for all open years and has concluded that no additional provision for income taxes is necessary in the Organization's financial statements.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

FASB ASC Topic No. 820-10, Financial Instruments, provides a definition of fair value which focuses on an exit price rather than an entry price, establishes a framework in generally accepted accounting principles for measuring fair value which emphasizes that fair value is a market-based measurement, not an entity-specific measurement, and requires expanded disclosures about fair value measurements. In accordance with ASC 820-10, the Organization may use valuation techniques consistent with market, income and cost approaches to measure fair value. As a basis for considering market participant assumptions in fair value measurements, Topic 820-10 establishes a fair value hierarchy, which prioritizes the inputs used in measuring fair values. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to Level 1 measurements and the lowest priority to Level 3 measurements. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under ASC Topic 820-10 are described as follows:

Level 1 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are quoted prices available in active markets for identical investments as of the reporting date.

Level 2 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are other than quoted market prices in active markets, which are either directly or indirectly observable as of the reporting date, and fair value can be determined through the use of models or other valuation methodologies.

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Level 3 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable inputs in situations where there is little or no market activity for the asset or liability and the reporting entity makes estimates and assumptions related to the pricing of the asset or liability including assumptions regarding risk.

The carrying amount of cash, accounts receivables, prepaid expenses, accounts payable, accrued expenses, and refundable advances approximates fair value because of the short maturity of those instruments.

Support and Revenue Recognition

Contracts with Customers

Program service fees are reported at the amount that reflects the consideration to which the Organization expects to be entitled for providing childcare services to its clients.

Generally, the Organization bills customers and third-party payors several days after the services are performed. Revenue is recognized as performance obligations are satisfied. Performance obligations are determined based on the nature of the services provided by the Organization. The Organization measures the performance obligations of its childcare services to the point when it is no longer required to provide services to the client, which is generally weekly for childcare services. These services are considered to be a single performance obligation.

Revenue for performance obligations satisfied at a point in time is recognized when services are provided, and the Organization does not believe it is required to provide additional services to the client.

Based on the nature of services provided by the Organization and due to the fact that all of the Organization's performance obligations related to contracts with a duration of less than one year, the Organization has elected to apply the optional exemption provided in FASB ASC 606-10-50-14(a) and, therefore is not required to disclose the aggregate amount of the transaction price allocated to performance obligations that are unsatisfied or partially unsatisfied at the end of the reporting period.

The transaction price for childcare services is based on standard charges for services provided to clients. Under the terms of the State of New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services childcare subsidy programs, reimbursement for childcare services provided may differ from established rates. It is the Organization's policy to set its rates to be consistent with current reimbursement rates. Therefore, amounts due do not include significant variable consideration subject to retroactive revenue adjustments due to settlement of reviews and audits.

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Private Grant Revenue and Contributions (Support)

Private grant contributions are recognized when cash, securities or other assets, an unconditional promise to give, or notification of a beneficial interest is received. Conditional promises to give are not recognized until the conditions on which they depend have been substantially met. Support that is restricted by the donor is reported as an increase in net assets without donor restrictions, if the restriction expires in the reporting period in which the support is recognized. All other donor-restricted support is reported as an increase in net assets with donor restrictions, depending on the nature of the restriction. When a restriction expires, (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished), net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the combined statements of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Government Grants and Support

Grant revenue is derived from various federal grant agreements and various state and private entity passthrough grant agreements and contracts to provide funding support of the Organization's programs and services provided by the Organization including childcare, child development, social, health, nutrition, employment, language, energy, and special needs services to families enrolled in the Organization's programs. The Organization has evaluated its grant agreements against applicable accounting standard guidance and determined that the grant agreements are contributions (nonreciprocal transaction) conditioned upon certain performance requirements and/or incurrence of allowable qualifying expenses. Amounts received are recognized as revenue when the Organization has incurred expenses in compliance with specific provisions of the grant agreements.

Rental Revenue

The Organization derives revenues from the rental of apartment units. Revenues are recognized as income, monthly, when rents become due and control of the apartment units is transferred to the lessees. The individual leases are for a term of one year and are cancelable by the tenants. Control of the leased units is transferred to the lessee in an amount that reflects the consideration the Partnership expects to be entitled to in exchange for the leased units. The cost incurred to obtain a lease will be expensed as incurred.

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Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of providing the various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis. Natural expenses are defined by their nature, such as salaries, rent, supplies, etc. Functional expenses are classified by the type of activity for which expenses are incurred, such as management and general and direct program costs. Expenses are allocated by function using a reasonable and consistent approach that is primarily based on function and use.

The costs of providing certain program and supporting services have been directly charged.

The Organization submits an indirect cost rate proposal for the paid leave, fringe benefits and other indirect costs to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The indirect cost rate is 12% effective from June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2024.

New Accounting Pronouncement

In September 2020, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2020-07, *Not-for-Profit Entities (Topic 958): Presentation and Disclosures by Not-for-Profit Entities for Contributed Nonfinancial Assets*, intended to improve transparency in the reporting of contributed nonfinancial assets, also known as gifts-in-kind, for not-for-profit organizations. Examples of contributed nonfinancial assets include fixed assets such as land, buildings, and equipment; the use of fixed assets or utilities; material and supplies, such as food or clothing; intangible assets; and recognized contributed services. The ASU requires a not-for-profit organization to present contributed nonfinancial assets as a separate line item in the statement of activities, apart from contributions of cash or other financial assets. It also requires certain disclosures for each category of contributed nonfinancial assets recognized. The amendments in this ASU should be applied on a retrospective basis and are effective for annual reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2021. The Organization adopted the provisions of ASU 2020-07 during the year ended May 31, 2023 (See Note 15).

In February 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2016-02, *Leases (Topic 842)*, to increase transparency and comparability among organizations by recognizing lease assets and lease liabilities on the statement of financial position and disclosing key information about leasing arrangements for lessees and lessors. The standard applies a right of use model that requires, all leases with a lease term of more than 12 months, to recognize an asset representing its right to use the underlying asset for the lease term and liability to make lease payments to be recorded. The adoption of ASU 2016-02 resulted in the recognition of an operating right of use asset of \$98,159 and operating lease liability of \$98,159 as of May 31, 2023. The adoption of ASU 2016-02 did not have a material impact on the Organization's results of operations and cash flows (See Note 6).

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NOTE 2 **BANK LINE OF CREDIT**

The Organization has a \$250,000 revolving line of credit agreement with a bank. Interest is due monthly and is stated at the Wall Street Journal Prime Rate or at a floor rate of 4%. The line is secured by all the Organization's assets. As of May 31, 2023 and 2022, the interest rate was 8.25% and 4%, respectively. There was no outstanding balance at May 31, 2023 and 2022.

NOTE 3 **LONG TERM DEBT**

The long term debt consisted of the following at May 31:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
1% mortgage payable to New Hampshire Housing in monthly installments for principal and interest of \$891 through August 2032. The note is secured by real estate of the Organization (NHH, 96 Main Street).	\$ 107,975	\$ 117,535
Non-interest bearing mortgage payable to Community Development Finance Authority, in quarterly principal payments based on an operating income formula applied to affordable housing portion of the specified real estate. The note is secured by real estate of the Organization (CDFA, 96 Main Street).	23,589	25,589
Non-interest bearing mortgage payable to New Hampshire Housing. Payment is deferred for 30 years, through September 2031, or until the project is sold or refinanced. The note is secured by real estate of the Organization (NHH, 17 Pearl).	242,708	242,708
Non-interest bearing mortgage payable to New Hampshire Housing. Payment is deferred for 30 years, through July 2032, unless there is surplus cash from which to make a payment, or until the project is sold or refinanced. The note is secured by real estate of the Organization (NHH, 41-43 Central).	376,066	376,066

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	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
4.25% mortgage payable to a bank in monthly installments for principal and interest of \$1,875 through December 2016, with a balloon payment that was due January 2017. The note was amended during the year ended May 31, 2019, and is now due December 2026. Under the amendment, the interest rate is 4.94% and monthly installments for principal and interest are \$1,957. The note is secured by real estate of the Organization (People's United Bank, Milestones).	75,268	94,456
4.375% note payable to Rural Housing Service in monthly installments for principal and interest of \$11,050 through May 2049. The note is secured by real estate of the Organization (TD Bank, Keene Office).	2,053,855	2,095,301
Non-interest bearing note payable to Cheshire County in New Hampshire. Payment is not necessary unless Organization defaults on the contract. The note is secured by real estate of the Organization (CDBG, Keene Office).	460,000	460,000
Note payable to a bank in monthly installments for principal and interest of \$2,463 including interest through May 2039. Interest is adjusted every five years based on remaining principal balance and "Classic Advantage Rate" provided by Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston which resulted in an interest rate of 4.67% at May 31, 2023 and 2022. The note is secured by real estate of the Organization (TD Bank, Keene Office/Community Way).	348,687	362,931
Non-interest bearing note payable to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. No payment is due and beginning in January 2015 10% of the note is forgiven each year providing the property is used for low income housing through January 2025. The note is secured by real estate of the Organization (HUD, Ashuelot).	25,000	50,000

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	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Non-interest bearing note payable to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. No payment is due and beginning in January 2015 10% of the note is forgiven each year providing the property is used for low income housing through January 2025. The note is secured by real estate of the Organization (HUD, 112 Charlestown Road).	15,000	30,000
Non-interest bearing note payable to New Hampshire Housing in annual payments in the amount of 50% of annual surplus cash through July 2042 at which time the remaining balance is due. The note is secured by real estate of the Organization (NHH, Second Chance).	794,189	794,189
Non-interest bearing note payable to a county in New Hampshire. No payment is due and 5% of the balance is forgiven each year through 2032 when the remaining balance becomes due. The note is secured by real estate of the Organization (CDBG, Second Chance).	281,406	296,217
Non-interest bearing note payable to a county in New Hampshire, relating to an agreement between the City of Keene and SCS for the purpose of renovating Keene shelters. In total, SCS will receive \$472,000 from CDBG. The agreement was amended during the year ended May 31, 2023 to increase the total loan to \$784,021. SCS will receive the funds as progress is made. The note is secured by real estate of the Organization and will be fully forgiven providing the facility serves low- and moderate-income individuals for 20 years (Keene Shelters).	761,210	629,280
5.54% note payable to a finance company in monthly installments for principal and interest of \$543 through August 2022. The note was paid in full during the year ended May 31, 2023. The note was secured by a vehicle (Ally, Econoline Van).	-	1,581

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	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
2.99% note payable to a bank in monthly installments for principal and interest of \$820 through May 2031. The note is secured by real estate of the Organization (Savings Bank of Walpole, 45 Central Street).	69,327	76,974
Non-interest bearing note payable to the City of Keene, New Hampshire. The note expired in June 2022 and payment was not necessary unless the Organization defaults on contract. The note was forgiven during the year ended May 31, 2023. The note was secured by real estate of the Organization (City of Keene, 139 Roxbury Street).	-	77,100
Non-interest bearing note payable to the City of Keene, New Hampshire, with an original balance of \$240,000 reduced to \$204,000 when the Organization acquired the note from Keene Housing in July 2020. No payment is due and 5% of the balance is forgiven each year through June 2037. The note is secured by real estate of the Organization (City of Keene, 139 Roxbury Street).	180,000	192,000
3.575% note payable to a finance company in monthly installments for principal and interest of \$650 through September 2026. The note is secured by a vehicle (Leaf, Dodge Ram).	23,914	30,888
3.75% note payable to a finance company in monthly installments for principal and interest of \$530 through November 2026. The note is secured by a vehicle (Leaf, Promaster Van).	20,166	25,960
4.373% note payable to a finance company in monthly installments for principal and interest of \$534 through December 2026. The note is secured by a vehicle (Leaf, Promaster Van).	20,766	26,576
6.04% note payable to a finance company in monthly installments for principal and interest of \$626 through June 2027. The note is secured by a vehicle (Leaf, Promaster Van).	26,649	-

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	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
5.64% note payable to a finance company in monthly installments for principal and interest of \$621 through July 2027. The note is secured by a vehicle (Leaf, Promaster Van).	26,836	-
5.88% note payable to a finance company in monthly installments for principal and interest of \$631 through September 2027. The note is secured by a vehicle (Leaf, Promaster Van).	28,337	-
Troy Senior - Non-interest bearing note payable to a county in New Hampshire. Payments are deferred until the note matures in June 2029. The note is secured by real estate of the Organization (CDBG).	640,000	640,000
Troy Senior - Non-interest bearing note payable to New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority to fund energy efficient improvements through the Authority's Greener Homes Program. Payment is deferred for 30 years, through August 2042. The note is secured by real estate of the Organization (NHH).	140,210	140,210
Keene East Side - Non-interest bearing note payable to a county in New Hampshire. Payments are deferred until the note matures in December 2028. The note is secured by real estate of the Organization (CDBG).	900,000	900,000
Keene East Side - Non-interest bearing note payable to New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA) to fund energy upgrades and capital improvements. Beginning in 2016, 10% of the note is forgiven each year based on the rolling balance. The mortgage may be released after ten years in January 2026. The note is secured by real estate of the Organization (CDFA).	93,821	116,841

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	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Keene East Side - Non-interest bearing note payable to New Hampshire Housing to fund energy efficient improvements through the Authority's Greener Homes Program. Payment is deferred for 30 years, through August 2042. The note is secured by real estate of the Organization (NHH).	228,934	228,934
Swanzy - Non-recourse, 4.90% simple interest mortgage note payable to the New Hampshire Housing (HOME), due September, 2033, principal and interest payable at the sole discretion of the lender from the excess cash of the borrower determined by formula, secured by the Partnership's land and buildings, subject to low income housing use restrictions for the 30 year term of the mortgage.	293,634	286,530
Swanzy - Non-recourse mortgage note payable to New Hampshire Housing (AHF), due September 2043, payable in monthly installments of \$1,698, including interest at 2.35% secured by the Partnership's land and buildings, subject to low income housing use restrictions for the 40 year term of the mortgage.	328,879	341,364
Snow Brook - Non-recourse, mortgage note payable to New Hampshire Housing, due July 2057, payable in monthly instalments of \$2,002 including interest at 4.35% secured by the Partnership's land and buildings, subject to low income housing use restrictions for the 30 year term of the mortgage.	426,517	431,859
Snow Brook - Non-recourse, zero interest mortgage note payable to New Hampshire Housing (AHF), due June 2034, principal and interest payable at the sole discretion of the lender from the excess cash of the borrower determined by formula, secured by the Partnership's land and buildings, subject to low income housing use restrictions for the 30 year term of the mortgage.	229,826	237,173

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	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Winchester - Non-recourse mortgage note payable to New Hampshire Housing (AHF), due May 2032, payable in monthly installments of \$370, including interest at 2.00%, secured by the Partnership's land and buildings, subject to low income housing use restrictions for the 30 year term of the mortgage note (NHH):	36,178	39,850
Winchester - Non-recourse, zero interest bearing mortgage note payable to New Hampshire Housing (FAF), due May 2032, payable at the sole discretion of the lender from the excess cash of the borrower determined by formula, secured by the Partnership's land and buildings, subject to low income housing use restrictions for the 30-year term of the mortgage note (NHH).	75,836	77,452
Winchester - Non-recourse, zero interest bearing, direct subsidy AHP loan secured by the Partnership's land and buildings, subject to low-income housing restrictions under the terms of the AHP agreement. In the event of a default under the aforementioned agreement, the loan is due upon demand with interest accrued at a rate of 11.67% for the period the funds were outstanding (Federal Home Loan Bank).	150,000	150,000
Keene Highland - Non-recourse mortgage note payable to New Hampshire Housing (AHF), due August 2035, payable in monthly installments of \$3,122, including interest at 2.90%, secured by the Partnership's land and buildings, subject to low income housing use restrictions for the 30 year term of the mortgage note (NHH).	383,653	409,579
Keene Highland - 30 year, zero interest, non-recourse deferred mortgage note payable to the City of Keene, New Hampshire due June 2035, payment of principal is deferred until the due date, secured by land and buildings (City of Keene).	915,000	915,000

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	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Warwick - 30 year, zero interest, non-recourse deferred mortgage note payable to the Town of Winchester, New Hampshire due August 2036, payment of principal is deferred until the due date, secured by land and buildings (Town of Winchester).	<u>500,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>
Total long term debt before unamortized deferred financing costs	11,303,436	11,420,143
Unamortized deferred financing costs	<u>(16,295)</u>	<u>(16,957)</u>
	11,287,141	11,403,186
Less current portion due within one year	<u>183,158</u>	<u>159,974</u>
	<u>\$ 11,103,983</u>	<u>\$ 11,243,212</u>

The schedule of maturities of long term debt at May 31, 2023 is as follows:

Year Ending	
<u>May 31</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2024	\$ 183,158
2025	190,399
2026	197,955
2027	180,203
2028	146,598
Thereafter	<u>10,405,123</u>
Total	<u>\$ 11,303,436</u>

NOTE 4 **ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOAN**

During June 2020, the Organization received an Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) from the Small Business Administration with proceeds in the amount of \$150,000. The EIDL is payable over 30 years at an interest rate of 2.75% with a deferral of payments for 30 months from the date of the note. Installments, including principal and interest, of \$641 monthly begin in December 2022. The balance of principal and interest will be payable in December 2052. The loan is secured by the Small Business Administration. The balance outstanding on the loan at May 31, 2023 and 2022 is \$148,651 and \$150,000, respectively.

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The scheduled maturities of the EIDL as of May 31, 2023 were as follows:

Year Ending	Amount
<u>May 31</u>	
2024	\$ 3,685
2025	3,788
2026	3,893
2027	4,001
2028	4,113
Thereafter	<u>129,171</u>
Total	<u>\$ 148,651</u>

NOTE 5 **FORGIVENESS OF DEBT**

During the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, the Organization realized forgiveness of debt income in connection with notes payable to Community Development Block Grant, HUD and Community Development Finance Authority. Forgiveness of debt income totaled \$166,931 and \$90,609 for the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

NOTE 6 **OPERATING LEASES**

On June 1, 2022, the Organization was required to adopt ASU 2016-02, *Leases (Topic 842)*. As part of implementing ASU 2016-02, the Organization evaluated current contracts to determine which met the criteria of a lease. The right of use (ROU) assets represent the Organization's right to use underlying assets for the lease term, and the lease liabilities represent the Organization's obligation to make lease payments arising from these leases. The ROU assets and lease liabilities, all of which arise from operating leases, were calculated based on the present value of future lease payments over the lease terms. The Organization has elected to discount future cash flows at the risk free borrowing rates commensurate with the lease terms, which was 1.80% at June 1, 2022. Common expenses, classified as occupancy costs in the accompanying financial statements, are considered a non-lease component under FASB ASC 842 and are recognized as costs are incurred. The Organization's operating leases are described below.

The Organization leases facilities, equipment and vehicles under non-cancelable lease agreements at various financial institutions. Lease periods range from month to month to 2028. Monthly lease payments range from \$470 to \$4,050. Lease expense for the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022 totaled \$143,725 and \$156,230, respectively.

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The Organization elected to use the risk free rate of 1.80% on all operating leases. The weighted average discount rate is 1.80%, the weighted average remaining lease term for operating lease obligations is 2.66 years.

Future minimum payments as of May 31, 2023 on the above leases are as follows:

Year Ending	Amount
<u>May 31</u>	
2024	\$ 32,364
2025	32,945
2026	23,379
2027	<u>12,427</u>
	101,115
Less imputed interest	<u>2,956</u>
Total	<u>\$ 98,159</u>

NOTE 7 **ACCRUED COMPENSATED BALANCES**

At May 31, 2023 and 2022, the Organization accrued a liability for future annual leave time that its employees had earned and vested in the amount of \$149,156 and \$143,703, respectively.

NOTE 8 **CONTINGENCIES**

Southwestern Community Services, Inc. is the 100% owner of SCS Housing, Inc. and SCS Housing Development, Inc. SCS Housing, Inc. and SCS Housing Development, Inc. are the general partners of eight limited partnerships formed to develop low-income housing projects through the use of Low Income Housing Tax Credits. Southwestern Community Services, Inc., SCS Housing, Inc. and SCS Housing Development, Inc. have guaranteed repayment of liabilities of various partnerships totaling approximately \$11,650,000 and \$11,760,000 at May 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Partnership real estate with a cost basis of approximately \$27,360,000 and \$27,348,000 at May 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, provides collateral on these loans.

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The Organization receives funds under various state grants and from Federal sources. Under the terms of these agreements, the Organization is required to use the funds within a certain period and for purposes specified by the governing laws and regulations. If costs were found not to have been incurred in compliance with the laws and regulations, the Organization might be required to repay the funds.

No provisions have been made for this contingency because specific amounts, if any, have not been determined or assessed by government audits as of May 31, 2023 and 2022.

NOTE 9 **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

During the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, SCS Housing, Inc. managed nine limited partnerships. Management fees charged by SCS Housing, Inc. totaled \$243,847 and \$237,822, for the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Additionally, SCS Housing, Inc. has advanced the limited partnerships funds for cash flow purposes over several years.

The Organization has also advanced funds to a related entity for Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) sponsorship purposes.

The total amounts due and expected to be collected from the limited partnerships and related entities totaled \$53,895 and \$47,566 at May 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

NOTE 10 **EQUITY INVESTMENT**

Southwestern Community Services, Inc. and related companies use the equity method to account for their financial interests in the following companies:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Cityside Housing Associates, LP	\$ (9,522)	\$ (9,516)
Marlborough Homes, LP	(73)	(57)
Payson Village Senior Housing Associates, LP	(12,553)	(12,539)
Railroad Square Senior Housing Associates, LP	(2,643)	(2,436)
Woodcrest Drive Housing Associates, LP	107,416	137,205
Westmill Senior Housing, LP	20	34
Alstead Senior Housing Associates, LP	<u>(18,467)</u>	<u>(18,461)</u>
	<u>\$ 64,178</u>	<u>\$ 94,230</u>

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SCS Housing Development, Inc. is a 0.01% partner of Cityside Housing Associates, LP, Marlborough Homes, LP, Payson Village Senior Housing Associates, LP, Warwick Meadows Housing Associates, LP, Woodcrest Drive Housing Associates, LP, and Alstead Senior Housing Associates, LP, a 0.10% partner of Railroad Square Senior Housing Associates, LP, and a 1% partner of Westmill Senior Housing, LP during the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022.

SCS Housing, Inc. is a 0.01% partner of Winchester Senior Housing Associates, LP, Swanzey Township Housing Associates, LP, Snow Brook Meadow Village Housing Associates, LP, and Keene Highland Housing Associates, LP during the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022.

Summarized financial information for entities accounted for under the equity method, as of May 31, 2023 and 2022, consists of the following:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Total assets	\$ 49,327	\$ 51,204
Total liabilities	14,694	14,923
Capital/Member's equity	<u>34,632</u>	<u>36,281</u>
	<u>\$ 49,327</u>	<u>\$ 51,204</u>
Income	\$ 3,576	\$ 3,306
Expenses	<u>4,975</u>	<u>4,713</u>
Net loss	<u>\$ (1,399)</u>	<u>\$ (1,407)</u>

NOTE 11 RETIREMENT PLAN

The Organization maintains a tax sheltered annuity plan under the provisions of Section 403(b) of the internal Revenue Code. All employees who have had at least 30 days of service to the Organization are eligible to contribute to the plan. The Organization begins matching contributions after the employee has reached one year of service. Employer contributions are at the Organization's discretion and totaled \$349,285 and \$310,304 for the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

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NOTE 12 RESTRICTIONS ON NET ASSETS

Net assets with donor restrictions are available for the following purposes:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
GAPS/Warm Fund	\$ 116,369	\$ 108,508
Transport	-	20,000
HS Parents Association	<u>7,023</u>	<u>5,844</u>
Total net assets with donor restrictions	<u>\$ 123,392</u>	<u>\$ 134,352</u>

NOTE 13 BOARD DESIGNATED NET ASSETS

The board designates a portion of the unrestricted net assets for WM Marcello GAPS funds. There was \$12,951 and \$12,792 designated by the board at May 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

NOTE 14 LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY

The following represents Southwestern Community Services, Inc. and related companies' financial assets as of May 31, 2023 and 2022:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Financial assets at year end:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,237,914	\$ 3,153,976
Accounts receivable, net	2,027,517	1,745,952
Due from related party	53,895	47,566
Cash escrow and reserve funds	<u>1,556,493</u>	<u>1,479,277</u>
Total financial assets	<u>5,875,819</u>	<u>6,426,771</u>
Less amounts not available to be used within one year:		
Due from related party	(53,895)	(47,566)
Reserve funds	<u>(1,556,493)</u>	<u>(1,479,277)</u>
Total amounts not available within one year	<u>(1,610,388)</u>	<u>(1,526,843)</u>
Financial assets available to meet general expenditures over the next twelve months	<u>\$ 4,265,431</u>	<u>\$ 4,899,928</u>

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The Organization has a goal to maintain unrestricted cash on hand to meet 30 days of normal operating expenditures, which are, on average, approximately \$2,320,000 and \$2,350,000 at May 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The Organization has a \$250,000 line of credit available to meet cash flow needs.

NOTE 15 IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS/SERVICES

The Organization records the value of in-kind contributions according to the accounting policies described in Note 1.

The fair value of gifts in kind included contributions in the financial statements and the corresponding program expenses for the year ended May 31, 2023, is as follows:

Volunteer hours	
Head Start and Early Head Start	<u>\$ 69,852</u>
Total	<u>\$ 69,852</u>

NOTE 16 RECLASSIFICATION

Certain amounts and accounts from the prior year's financial statements were reclassified to enhance comparability with the current year's financial statements.

NOTE 17 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events are events or transactions that occur after the statement of financial position date, but before financial statements are available to be issued. Recognized subsequent events are events or transactions that provide additional evidence about conditions that existed at the statement of financial position date, including the estimates inherent in the process of preparing financial statements. Nonrecognized subsequent events are events that provide evidence about conditions that did not exist at the statement of financial position date, but arose after that date. Management has evaluated subsequent events through January 24, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Subsequent to year end, on June 29, 2023, Southwestern Community Services finalized the sale of the property named Drewsville Carriage House Associates Limited Partnership, at 4 Common Road, 27 old Cheshire Turnpike, for gross proceeds of \$450,000.

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	Home Energy Programs	Education and Nutrition	Homeless Programs	Housing Services	Economic Development Services	Other Programs	Total Program	Management and General	2023 Total
REVENUES AND OTHER SUPPORT									
Government contracts	\$ 9,381,673	\$ 3,512,407	\$ 9,284,458	\$ 4,217	\$ 509,801	\$ 122,528	\$ 22,815,084	\$ 592,307	\$ 23,407,391
Program service fees	622,718	-	182,240	727,503	-	948,499	2,480,960	-	2,480,960
Rental income	-	-	70,369	1,779,682	-	-	1,850,051	23,175	1,873,226
Support	136,476	44,743	255,916.00	3,500	130,414	143,845	714,894	252	715,146
Sponsorship	-	2,269	-	-	-	5,928	8,197	-	8,197
Interest income	1,031	837	2,401	4,042	91	2,522	10,824	7,311	18,235
Forgiveness of debt	-	-	143,911	23,020	-	-	166,931	-	166,931
Miscellaneous	4,543	3,480	12,123	60,276	-	-	80,422	24,320	104,742
In-kind contributions	-	69,852	-	-	-	-	69,852	-	69,852
Total revenues and other support	\$ 10,146,441	\$ 3,633,588	\$ 9,951,418	\$ 2,802,240	\$ 640,306	\$ 1,223,322	\$ 28,197,315	\$ 647,365	\$ 28,844,680
EXPENSES									
Payroll	\$ 694,298	\$ 1,847,987	\$ 633,731	\$ 625,222	\$ 353,416	\$ 441,854	\$ 4,596,510	\$ 918,734	\$ 5,515,244
Payroll taxes	57,891	151,663	50,582	49,028	30,751	36,239	376,154	67,510	443,664
Employee benefits	132,466	360,268	144,229	212,369	35,364	128,121	1,012,817	163,746	1,176,563
Retirement	35,253	105,574	38,176	44,702	15,838	26,698	266,141	83,144	349,285
Advertising	3,510	7,035	1,706	3,611	2,333	-	18,195	1,524	19,719
Bank charges	10	-	23	4,175	-	-	4,208	8,243	12,451
Computer cost	22,147	21,189	21,646	28,550	19,001	-	112,533	147,787	260,300
Contractual	751,082	15,648	35,804	21,229	32,679	11,039	867,481	117,724	985,205
Depreciation	-	28,665	159,460	692,182	-	7,700	889,207	148,562	1,036,769
Dues/registration	-	4,480	-	1,080	468	267	6,295	11,110	17,405
Duplicating	1,469	12,587	-	-	-	-	14,056	16,742	30,798
Insurance	13,455	16,378	38,947	70,125	19,755	9,030	167,690	44,378	212,068
Interest	-	3,940	5,205	54,004	-	428	63,577	108,653	172,230
Meeting and conference	13,891	156	896	3,962	4,153	901	23,959	15,367	39,326
Miscellaneous expense	1,205	2,599	45	130,108	13,041	1,164	148,162	36,401	184,563
Miscellaneous taxes	-	-	-	122,213	-	-	122,213	451	122,664
Equipment purchases	7,732	3,636	-	7,883	-	-	19,351	580	19,941
Office expense	66,290	12,574	31,714	12,403	10,330	1,830	135,141	33,083	168,204
Postage	1,378	226	176	123	484	-	2,387	37,767	40,154
Professional fees	2,825	-	6,559	32,542	-	-	41,928	89,770	141,696
Staff development and training	10,191	1,323	1,065	6,558	1,760	1,228	22,125	24,323	46,448
Subscriptions	-	-	-	115	-	-	115	327	442
Telephone	7,081	4,984	29,729	19,282	1,771	1,898	64,745	60,155	124,900
Travel	7,440	19,611	128,830	10,111	38,103	-	204,095	6,650	210,745
Vehicle	15,962	551	1,653	25,000	83,361	7,639	134,166	772	134,938
Rent	19,200	13,900	-	-	-	-	33,100	-	33,100
Space costs	18,019	244,532	554,835	922,645	15,968	-	1,755,999	160,957	1,916,956
Direct client assistance	8,012,822	140,913	7,532,435	14,183	52,443	2,284	15,765,080	45,928	15,801,008
In-kind expenses	-	69,852	-	-	-	-	69,852	-	69,852
TOTAL FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES BEFORE MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL ALLOCATION	9,895,617	3,090,471	9,417,446	3,113,505	731,021	678,220	26,926,280	2,360,358	29,266,638
Allocation of management and general expenses	667,450	270,911	825,533	272,930	64,081	59,453	2,360,358	(2,360,358)	-
TOTAL FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES	\$ 10,763,067	\$ 3,361,382	\$ 10,242,979	\$ 3,386,435	\$ 795,102	\$ 737,673	\$ 29,286,638	\$ -	\$ 29,266,638

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**CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF FUNCTIONAL REVENUES AND EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 2022**

	Home Energy Programs	Education and Nutrition	Homeless Programs	Housing Services	Economic Development Services	Other Programs	Total Program	Management and General	2022 Total
REVENUES AND OTHER SUPPORT									
Government contracts	\$ 6,681,786	\$ 3,398,274	\$ 12,926,412	\$ 4,791	\$ 714,196	\$ 225,735	\$ 23,951,204	\$ 602,370	\$ 24,553,574
Program service fee	1,163,537	-	93,555	781,840	-	946,475	2,985,407	6,000	2,991,407
Rental income	-	-	84,046	1,713,405	-	-	1,797,451	20,185	1,817,636
Support	68,298	14,491	254,638	-	191,342	120,408	649,175	20,000	669,175
Sponsorship	-	-	-	-	-	28,520	28,520	-	28,520
Interest income	7	2	163	302	56	54	574	525	1,099
Forgiveness of debt	-	-	67,590	23,019	-	-	90,609	-	90,609
Miscellaneous	10,270	1,033	9,973	86,870	33,651	-	141,797	15,157	156,954
In-kind contributions	-	89,366	-	-	-	-	89,366	-	89,366
Total revenues and other support	\$ 7,923,608	\$ 3,503,166	\$ 13,436,365	\$ 2,610,227	\$ 939,245	\$ 1,321,192	\$ 29,734,103	\$ 664,237	\$ 30,398,340
EXPENSES									
Payroll	\$ 551,449	\$ 1,553,713	\$ 601,469	\$ 672,177	\$ 340,079	\$ 418,924	\$ 4,135,811	\$ 856,748	\$ 4,992,559
Payroll taxes	45,132	127,657	49,849	51,549	30,490	35,545	340,122	68,379	408,501
Employee benefits	137,544	387,109	140,322	217,637	27,775	137,184	1,047,571	101,743	1,149,314
Retirement	31,440	95,676	32,887	49,044	16,083	18,580	243,710	66,594	310,304
Advertising	1,066	12,573	428	7,537	8,801	-	30,405	5,120	35,525
Bank Charges	35	-	663	4,650	-	-	5,348	9,701	15,049
Computer cost	307	15,754	13,319	8,001	14,818	-	52,199	127,747	179,946
Contractual	828,975	15,256	87,421	26,033	-	35,197	992,882	63,330	1,056,212
Depreciation	-	26,438	134,036	674,506	-	3,810	838,790	150,983	989,773
Dues/registration	-	2,539	-	490	508	125	3,662	11,739	15,401
Duplicating	-	8,660	-	-	-	-	8,660	5,503	14,163
Insurance	6,123	16,620	35,676	62,108	19,859	7,313	147,599	45,537	193,238
Interest	-	423	9,536	48,822	-	278	59,059	118,508	177,565
Meeting and conference	-	-	354	3,255	832	2,862	7,303	1,636	8,939
Miscellaneous expense	670	2,917	120	112,217	6,388	5,102	127,414	30,814	158,228
Miscellaneous taxes	-	-	-	129,976	-	-	129,976	150	130,126
Equipment purchases	14,730	3,421	-	5,376	-	519	24,048	720	24,766
Office expense	43,201	8,735	22,754	10,409	3,513	90	88,702	24,071	112,773
Postage	190	383	28	24	171	-	796	33,927	34,723
Professional	1,075	-	4,323	26,930	-	220	32,548	85,753	118,301
Staff development and training	1,865	2,687	825	3,095	121	1,685	10,259	8,781	19,040
Subscriptions	-	-	-	228	-	-	228	180	408
Telephone	5,147	3,727	21,670	19,709	1,930	1,298	53,481	46,594	100,076
Travel	4,715	18,859	11,158	14,784	26,330	249	76,095	1,428	77,523
Vehicle	9,433	-	2,099	24,565	79,218	13,081	128,374	1,420	129,794
Rent	8,000	16,300	-	24,595	-	-	48,895	-	48,895
Space costs	21,837	205,132	456,408	886,317	19,742	25	1,589,481	164,162	1,753,623
Direct client assistance	5,338,825	212,648	11,724,070	11,007	37,540	2,953	17,327,043	-	17,327,043
In-kind expenses	-	89,366	-	-	-	-	89,366	-	89,366
TOTAL FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES BEFORE GENERAL AND MANAGEMENT ALLOCATION	7,051,760	2,826,493	13,349,415	3,070,446	658,791	683,000	27,839,905	2,031,268	29,671,171
Allocation of management and general expenses	518,236	207,720	981,053	225,648	46,415	50,194	2,031,268	(2,031,268)	-
TOTAL FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES	\$ 7,569,996	\$ 3,034,213	\$ 14,330,468	\$ 3,296,094	\$ 707,206	\$ 733,194	\$ 29,671,171	\$ -	\$ 29,671,171

See Independent Auditors' Report

SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 2023**

<u>FEDERAL GRANTOR/ PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR/PROGRAM TITLE</u>	<u>ASSISTANCE LISTING NUMBER</u>	<u>PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR'S NAME</u>	<u>GRANTOR'S NUMBER</u>	<u>FEDERAL EXPENDITURE</u>
<u>U.S. Department of Agriculture</u>				
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	10.557	State of NH, Department of Health & Human Services	010-090-52600000-500589	\$ 368,773
Child and Adult Care Food Program	10.558	State of NH, Department of Education	Unknown	119,162
<u>Food Distribution Cluster</u>				
Commodity Supplemental Food Program	10.565	Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties	Unknown	\$ 4,416
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (Food Commodities)	10.565	Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties	Unknown	<u>102,824</u> 107,240
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture				<u>\$ 596,175</u>
<u>U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development</u>				
Community Development Block Grants/State's Program and Non-Entitlement Grants in Hawaii	14.228	City of Keene	19-038-CDPF	\$ 544,798
COVID-19 Community Development Block Grants/State's Program and Non-Entitlement Grants in Hawaii	14.228	City of Claremont	45 Central Street	<u>112,367</u> \$ 657,165
Emergency Solutions Grant Program	14.231	State of NH, DHHS, Bureau of Housing Supports	10-042-79270000-102-500731	\$ 240,733
COVID-19 Emergency Solutions Grant Program	14.231	State of NH, DHHS, Bureau of Housing Supports	10-042-79270000-102-500731	<u>37,684</u> 278,417
Supportive Housing Program	14.235	State of NH, DHHS, Bureau of Housing Supports	10-042-79270000-074-500589	187,971
Shelter Plus Care	14.238	State of NH, DHHS, Bureau of Housing Supports	10-042-79270000-074-500589	305,243
Continuum of Care Program	14.267	State of NH, DHHS, Bureau of Housing Supports	10-042-79270000-074-500589	220,467
Continuum of Care Program	14.267	State of NH, DHHS, Bureau of Housing Supports	10-042-79270000-074-500589	85,407
Continuum of Care Program	14.267	State of NH, DHHS, Bureau of Housing Supports	10-042-79270000-074-500589	<u>132,233</u> 438,107
Total U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development				<u>\$ 1,866,903</u>
<u>U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration (FTA)</u>				
Formula Grants for Rural Areas	20.509	State of NH, Department of Transportation	04-98-96-964010-2916	\$ 381,464
<u>Transit Services Programs Cluster</u>				
Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities	20.513	State of NH, Department of Transportation	04-98-96-964010-2916	<u>92,381</u>
Total U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration (FTA)				<u>\$ 473,845</u>

See Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 2023**

FEDERAL GRANTOR/ PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR/PROGRAM TITLE	ASSISTANCE LISTING NUMBER	PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR'S NAME	GRANTOR'S NUMBER	FEDERAL EXPENDITURE
<u>U.S. Department of Treasury</u>				
Emergency Rental Assistance Program	21.023	New Hampshire Housing	ERA1, ERA2	\$ 7,263,277
Emergency Rental Assistance Program	21.023	New Hampshire Housing	00FRF602PH9529A	<u>130,000</u> 7,393,277
Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	New Hampshire Housing	Emergency Temporary Housing	<u>62,710</u>
Total U.S. Department of Treasury				<u>\$ 7,455,987</u>
<u>U.S. Department of Energy</u>				
Weatherization Assistance for Low-Income Persons	81.042	State of NH, Department of Energy	02-52-52-520010-33560000-074-500587	\$ 232,735
Weatherization Assistance for Low-Income Persons	81.042	State of NH, Department of Energy	02-52-52-520010-XXXX0000-074-500587	<u>130,446</u> \$ 363,181
Total U.S. Department of Energy				<u>\$ 363,181</u>
<u>U.S. Department of Health & Human Services</u>				
<u>Aging Cluster</u>				
Special Programs for the Aging, Title III, Part B, Grants for Supportive Services and Senior Centers	93.044	State of NH, Department of Energy	02-52-52-520010-33540000-074-500587	\$ 811
Special Programs for the Aging, Title III, Part B, Grants for Supportive Services and Senior Centers	93.044	State of NH, DHHS, Bureau of Elderly & Adult Services	48030315	<u>57,087</u> \$ 57,898
Grants to States to Support Oral Health Workforce Activities	93.236	State of NH, DHHS, NH Medicaid	1008368	373
Activities to Support State, Tribal, Local and Territorial (STLT) Health Department Response to Public Health or Healthcare Crises	93.391	State of NH, DHHS, Division of Public Health Services	90577150	97,445
Low Income Household Water Assistance Program	93.499	State of NH, Department of Energy	02-52-52-52010-19880000-500587, 02-52-52-52010-24520000-500587	229,482
Low Income Home Energy Assistance (Fuel Assistance)	93.568	State of NH, Department of Energy	02-052-052-52010-33540000	6,709,925
Low Income Home Energy Assistance (BWP)	93.568	State of NH, Department of Energy	02-52-52-520010-33540000-074-500587	135,169
COVID-19 Low Income Home Energy Assistance	93.568	State of NH, Department of Energy	02-052-052-520010-24490000	1,579,232
ARPA Low Income Home Energy Assistance (BWP)	93.568	State of NH, Department of Energy	02-052-052-520010-24490000-074-500587	<u>16,383</u> 8,440,709
Community Services Block Grant	93.569	State of NH, DHHS, Div. of Family Assistance	45012170	402,239
COVID-19 Community Services Block Grant	93.569	State of NH, DHHS, Division of Economic & Housing Stability	500731	<u>114,705</u> 516,944
Community Services Block Grant - Discretionary	93.570	State of NH, DHHS, Div. of Family Assistance	Unknown	22,852

See Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 2023**

FEDERAL GRANTOR/ PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR/PROGRAM TITLE	ASSISTANCE LISTING NUMBER	PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR'S NAME	GRANTOR'S NUMBER	FEDERAL EXPENDITURE
<u>U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (continued)</u>				
Head Start Cluster				
Head Start	93.600	Direct Funding	01CH011494	\$ 2,424,089
COVID-19 Head Start	93.600	Direct Funding	01CH011494	<u>177,773</u>
Total U.S. Department of Health & Human Services				<u>\$ 11,967,375</u>
<u>U.S. Department of Homeland Security</u>				
Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program	97.024	State of NH, DHHS, Office of Human Services	Unknown	<u>\$ 1,548</u>
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security				<u>\$ 1,548</u>
TOTAL				<u>\$ 22,725,014</u>

See Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

**NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 2023**

NOTE 1 BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of Southwestern Community Services, Inc. under programs of the federal government for the year ended May 31, 2023. The information in this Schedule is presented 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 Southwestern Community Services, Inc., it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of the Organization.

NOTE 2 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 the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

NOTE 3 INDIRECT COST RATE

Southwestern Community Services, Inc. has elected not to use the ten percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

NOTE 4 FOOD DONATION

Nonmonetary assistance is reported in the Schedule at the fair value of the commodities received and disbursed.

NOTE 5 SUBRECIPIENTS

Southwestern Community Services, Inc. had no subrecipients for the year ended May 31, 2023.

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

To the Board of Directors of
Southwestern Community Services, Inc.

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 consolidated financial statements of Southwestern Community Services, Inc. (a New Hampshire nonprofit corporation) and related companies, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as of May 31, 2023, and the related consolidated statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 24, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the consolidated financial statements, we considered Southwestern Community Services, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the consolidated financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Southwestern Community Services, Inc.'s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Southwestern Community Services, Inc.'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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's consolidated 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 Southwestern Community Services, Inc.'s consolidated financial statements are free of 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 consolidated 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 Organization'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 Organization's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Lionel McDonnell & Roberts
Professional Association*

Wolfeboro, New Hampshire
January 24, 2024

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE
FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL
OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

To the Board of Directors of
Southwestern Community Services, Inc.

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Southwestern Community Services, Inc.'s (a New Hampshire nonprofit corporation) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Southwestern Community Services, Inc.'s major federal programs for the year ended May 31, 2023. Southwestern Community Services, Inc.'s major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, Southwestern Community Services, Inc. complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended May 31, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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 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 Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of Southwestern Community Services, Inc. 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 opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of Southwestern Community Services, Inc.'s compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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 Southwestern Community Services, Inc.'s federal programs.

Auditors' 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 Southwestern Community Services, Inc.'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 generally accepted auditing standards, *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 Southwestern Community Services, Inc.'s compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *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 Southwestern Community Services, Inc.'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 Southwestern Community Services, Inc.'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 Southwestern Community Services, Inc.'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.

Report on 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 Auditors' 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. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

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.

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.

*Leone McDermott & Roberts
Professional Association*

Wolfeboro, New Hampshire
January 24, 2024

SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 2023

SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS

1. The auditors' report expresses an unmodified opinion on whether the consolidated financial statements of Southwestern Community Services, Inc. and related companies were prepared in accordance with GAAP.
2. No significant deficiencies relating to the audit of the consolidated financial statements are reported in the *Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards*. No material weaknesses are reported.
3. No instances of noncompliance material to the consolidated financial statements of Southwestern Community Services, Inc. and related companies, which would be required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* were disclosed during the audit.
4. No significant deficiencies in internal control over major federal award programs are reported in the *Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance for Each Major Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance*. No material weaknesses are reported.
5. The auditors' report on compliance for the major federal award programs for Southwestern Community Services, Inc. expresses an unmodified opinion on all major federal programs.
6. Audit findings that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR section 200.516(a) are reported in this Schedule.
7. The programs tested as major programs were: U.S. Department of Treasury; Emergency Rental Assistance Program, ALN 21.023; and U.S. Department of Energy; Weatherization Assistance for Low-Income Persons, ALN 81.042.
8. The threshold for distinguishing Type A and B programs was \$750,000.
9. Southwestern Community Services, Inc. was determined to be a low-risk auditee.

FINDINGS - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT

None

FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS - MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS AUDIT

None

SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

**SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 2023**

FINDINGS – FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCY

2022-001 – Lack of accurate and timely reconciliations

Condition: There was a delay in accurate account reconciliations at May 31, 2022.

Recommendation: Internal control policies and procedures should be followed throughout the year to ensure accurate and timely reconciliations.

Current Status: The Organization has made improvements to their internal control policies and appears to be following the policies as designed.

Southwestern Community Services, Inc.
Board of Directors
2024 Composition

Cheshire County

Sullivan County

CONSTITUENT
SECTOR

<p>Ron Nason SCS Tenant</p> <p>Heather Cameron Head Start Policy Council Parent Representative</p>	<p>Mary Lou Huffling Fall Mountain Emergency Food Shelf Alstead Friendly Meals</p> <p>Anne Beattie Newport Service Organization</p>
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PRIVATE
SECTOR

<p>Kevin Watterson, Chair Swamp Bats Clarke Companies (<i>retired</i>)</p> <p>Dominic Perkins, <i>Treasurer/Secretary</i> Senior VP, Retail Administration Savings Bank of Walpole</p>	<p>David Edkins, Vice-Chair Town of Walpole</p> <p>Kerry Belknap Morris, M.Ed. Early Childhood Education River Valley Community College</p>
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PUBLIC
SECTOR

<p>Jay Kahn Current Mayor, City of Keene Former State Senator, District 10</p> <p>Andy Bohannon Deputy City Manager City of Keene</p>	<p>Derek Ferland Sullivan County Manager</p> <p>Liz Emerson Planning and Zoning Administrator Town of Charlestown</p>
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