

**BURNET COUNTY, TEXAS**  
**SINGLE AUDIT REPORT**  
**SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**



**BURNET COUNTY, TEXAS**

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

To the Honorable County Judge  
And Members of Commissioner’s Court  
Burnet County, Texas

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Burnet County, Texas (the “County”) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County’s basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 19, 2024.

***Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting***

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

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

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

**Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

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

**Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the County’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 County’s internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Pattillo, Brown & Hill, L.L.P.*

Waco, Texas  
March 20, 2024



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL AND STATE PROGRAM  
AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNIFORM  
GUIDANCE AND THE STATE OF TEXAS GRANT MANAGEMENT STANDARDS**

Honorable County Judge  
And Commissioners’ Court of Burnet County  
Burnet, Texas

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

***Opinion on Each Major Federal and State Program***

We have audited Burnet County, Texas’ (the “County”) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB Compliance Supplement and the State of Texas Grant Management Standards (“TxGMS”) that could have a direct and material effect on each of the County’s major federal and state programs for the year ended September 30, 2023. The County’s major federal and state programs are identified in the summary of auditor’s results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the County 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 and state programs for the year ended September 30, 2023.

***Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal and State Program***

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United State; 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); and TxGMS. Our responsibilities under those standards, the Uniform Guidance and TxGMS are further described in the Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the County 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 and state program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the County’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 the County’s federal and state programs.

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

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

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the County's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the County'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 and TxGMS, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County'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 or state program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a 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 or state 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 or state 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 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. 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.



**Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance and the State of Texas Grant Management Standards**

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon, dated March 19, 2024, which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Uniform Guidance and TxGMS and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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 and TxGMS. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Pattillo, Brown & Hill, L.L.P.*

Waco, Texas  
March 20, 2024

**BURNET COUNTY, TEXAS**

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

| Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/<br>Program Title            | Assistance<br>Listing<br>Number | Pass-through<br>Entity Identifying<br>Number | Federal<br>Expenditures | Passed<br>Through to<br>Subrecipients |
|---|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b><u>U. S. Department of Justice</u></b>                         |                                 |  |                         |                                       |
| Direct Program:   |                                 |  |                         |                                       |
| State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP)                   | 16.606                          | 15PBJA-21-RR-04980-SCAA                      | \$ 7,969                | \$ -                                  |
| Total Direct Programs   |                                 |  | <u>7,969</u>            | <u>-</u>                              |
| Passed through the Texas Office of the Governor:                  |                                 |  |                         |                                       |
| Crime Victim Assistance   | 16.575                          | 3073005/2021-CS-21027                        | 56,430                  | -                                     |
| Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program            | 16.738                          | 4429701/15PBJA-21-GG-00289-JAGX              | 105,000                 | -                                     |
| Total Texas Office of the Governor                                |                                 |  | <u>161,430</u>          | <u>-</u>                              |
| Total U. S. Department of Justice                                 |                                 |  | <u>169,399</u>          | <u>-</u>                              |
| <b><u>U.S. Department of Transportation</u></b>                   |                                 |  |                         |                                       |
| Passed through the Texas Department of Transportation:            |                                 |  |                         |                                       |
| Highway Planning and Construction Grant (Cluster)                 | 20.205                          | 3733302                                      | 353,610                 | -                                     |
| Total Passed through Texas Department of Transportation           |                                 |  | <u>353,610</u>          | <u>-</u>                              |
| Total U.S. Department of Transportation                           |                                 |  | <u>353,610</u>          | <u>-</u>                              |
| <b><u>U. S. Department of the Treasury</u></b>                    |                                 |  |                         |                                       |
| Direct Program:   |                                 |  |                         |                                       |
| COVID-19 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund       | 21.027                          | N/A  | 3,101,853               | -                                     |
| Total U. S. Department of the Treasury                            |                                 |  | <u>3,101,853</u>        | <u>-</u>                              |
| <b><u>U.S. Department of Homeland Security</u></b>                |                                 |  |                         |                                       |
| Passed through the Texas Department of Emergency Management:      |                                 |  |                         |                                       |
| Hazard Mitigation Grant   | 97.039                          | 4572-0034                                    | 24,881                  | -                                     |
| Total Passed through the Texas Department of Emergency Management |                                 |  | <u>24,881</u>           | <u>-</u>                              |
| Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security                        |                                 |  | <u>24,881</u>           | <u>-</u>                              |
| Total Expenditures of Federal Awards                              |                                 |  | \$ <u>3,649,743</u>     | \$ <u>-</u>                           |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

**BURNET COUNTY, TEXAS**

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

| State Grantor/<br>Program Title  | Pass-through<br>Grantor's Number | State<br>Expenditures |
|--|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b><u>Texas Office of the Governor - Criminal Justice Division</u></b> |                                  |                       |
| Capital Murder Trial: Luckenbach                                       | 4523001/2021-CE-ST-0016          | \$ 16,460             |
| Body Worn Camera   | 4391001/2022-BC-ST-0020          | 58,882                |
| Sheriff's Office Bullet Resistant Shield Program                       | 4648601/2023-SH-ST-0000          | 23,697                |
| ALERRT Training Program  | 4648501/2023-AL-ST-0001          | <u>4,081</u>          |
| Total Texas Office of the Governor - Criminal Justice Division         |                                  | <u>103,120</u>        |
| <b><u>Texas Department of Motor Vehicles</u></b>                       |                                  |                       |
| Heart of Texas Auto Theft Task Force                                   | 608-23-0270000                   | <u>216,631</u>        |
| Total Texas Department of Motor Vehicles                               |                                  | <u>216,631</u>        |
| <b><u>Texas Veterans Commission</u></b>                                |                                  |                       |
| VETRIDE  | GT-FVA22-001                     | <u>76,326</u>         |
| Total Texas Veterans Commission  |                                  | <u>76,326</u>         |
| <b><u>Texas Commission on Environmental Quality</u></b>                |                                  |                       |
| Regional Solid Waste Grants Program                                    | 582-20-10206                     | 33,865                |
| Local Emergency Planning Committee                                     | 582-23-43596                     | <u>44,000</u>         |
| Total Texas Commission on Environmental Quality                        |                                  | <u>77,865</u>         |
| <b><u>Texas Indigent Defense Commission</u></b>                        |                                  |                       |
| Indigent Defense Formula Grant   | 212-22-027                       | 37,769                |
| Indigent Defense Improvement Grant                                     | SG-22-023                        | 188,558               |
| Indigent Defense Improvement Grant                                     | SG-23-023                        | <u>866,357</u>        |
| Total Texas Indigent Defense Commission                                |                                  | <u>1,092,684</u>      |
| <b><u>Office of the Attorney General</u></b>                           |                                  |                       |
| Texas Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE)              | C-00024                          | <u>17,505</u>         |
| Total Office of the Attorney General                                   |                                  | <u>17,505</u>         |
| Total Expenditures of State Awards                                     |                                  | \$ <u>1,584,131</u>   |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

**BURNET COUNTY, TEXAS**

**NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF  
FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

**Basis of Accounting**

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards is presented using the modified accrual basis of accounting. The modified accrual basis of accounting is described in Note I of the basic financial statements. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance) and the State of Texas Grant Management Standards (TxGMS). Therefore, some of the amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the financial statements.

**Basis of Presentation**

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards presents the activity of all applicable federal and state awards programs of the County. The County's reporting entity is defined in Note I of the basic financial statements. Federal and state awards received directly from federal and state agencies, as well as awards passed through other government agencies, are included on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards.

**Indirect Costs**

The County has elected not to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed in the Uniform Guidance.

**BURNET COUNTY, TEXAS**

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

**Summary of Auditor's Results**

Financial Statements:

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| Type of auditor's report issued                       | Unmodified    |
| Internal control over financial reporting:            |               |
| Material weakness(es) identified?                     | None          |
| Significant deficiency(ies) identified?               | None reported |
| Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? | None          |

Federal and State Awards:

|  |               |
|--|---------------|
| Internal control over major programs:                            |               |
| Material weakness(es) identified?                                | None          |
| Significant deficiency(ies) identified?                          | None reported |
| Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs | Unmodified    |

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a) of Uniform Guidance or the State of Texas Grant Management Standards? None

Identification of major programs:

|                                    |   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Federal major program:             |   |
| Assistance Listing Number - 21.027 | COVID-19 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund |
| State major program                | Indigent Defense Sustainability Grant                       |

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs:

|         |           |
|---------|-----------|
| Federal | \$750,000 |
| State   | \$750,000 |

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee for federal single audit? Yes  
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee for state single audit? Yes

**Findings Relating to the Financial Statements Which are Required to be Reported in Accordance With Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards**

None

**Findings and Questioned Costs for Federal and State Awards**

None

**BURNET COUNTY, TEXAS**

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

None