

**SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Council Members of the
South Florida Regional Planning Council

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the discretely presented component unit and each major fund of the South Florida Regional Planning Council (the "Council") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Council's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Council, as of September 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Council, 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 financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 4 through 9, budgetary comparison information on pages 32 through 36, and schedules of pension information on pages 37 through 40 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT - Continued

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Council's basic financial statements. 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*, and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 16, 2025, on our consideration of the Council'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 the Council's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Council's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S. Davis & Associates, P.A." The signature is fluid and cursive, with "S. Davis" on the first line and "& Associates, P.A." on the second line.

Hollywood, Florida
June 16, 2025

**SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

This section of the South Florida Regional Planning Council's (the Council) financial statements presents management's analysis of the Council's financial performance during the year ended September 30, 2024. It is presented to enhance the usefulness of the Council's basic financial statements. Please read this narrative in conjunction with the financial statements, which follow this section.

Financial Highlights

- The assets and deferred outflows of the Council as reported in the government-wide financial statements exceeded the liabilities and deferred inflows as of September 30, 2024, by \$12,901,386 (net position). This amount represents an increase of \$1,099,813 as compared to an increase of \$5,611,936 the prior year. This increase was mainly due to the increase in Net HIS Liability of \$1,448,749 and an increase in cash and cash equivalents of \$848,867.
- The General Fund unassigned fund balance as of September 30, 2024, amounts to \$1,446,025 as compared to \$1,348,473 at the end of the previous year. This represents an increase of \$97,552 that was mainly due to the increase in cash and cash equivalents and the increase in contracts and grants receivable.
- As of fiscal year 2021, the South Florida Regional Planning Council (the Council) is partnering with the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration to oversee and administer a new \$5.9 million CARES Act Business Revolving Loan Fund program that is alleviating sudden and severe economic dislocation caused by the coronavirus in Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties.
- In 2023, the U.S. Department of Defense Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation awarded the South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC) \$1.1 million to conduct a regional Military Installation Resilience Review (MIRR) of four key military installations. The Council, with its consultant team consisting of the South Florida Defense Alliance and Jacobs, and with the assistance of the counties, adjacent municipalities, and military installations studied "outside the gate" resilience issues facing: Homestead Air Reserve Base (HARB), Miami-Dade County; United States Army Garrison-Miami (USAG-Miami), Miami-Dade County; US Naval Surface War Center South Florida Ocean Measurement Facility (SFOMF), Broward County; and United States Naval Air Station Key West (NASKW), Monroe County.

Overview of the Financial Statements

The Council's basic financial statements consist of 1) *government-wide statements*, 2) *fund financial statements*, and 3) *notes to the financial statements*. Required supplementary information is also included in the report.

Required Basic Financial Statements

The Council utilizes governmental funds for its financial reporting purposes. As the Council presents financial information using the governmental funds, the Council has elected to present its government-wide statements and fund statements in one set of statements with an adjusting column reconciling the two sets of statements.

**SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

Overview of the Financial Statements (cont'd)

Required Basic Financial Statements (cont'd)

The *government-wide financial* statements include the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, which provide information about the activities of the Council and present a longer-term view of the Council's finances. These two statements report the net position of the Council and changes in them.

You can think of the Council's net position - the difference between assets and deferred outflows minus liabilities and deferred inflows - as one way to measure financial health or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Council is improving or deteriorating. However, to assess the overall financial position of the Council, you will need to consider other non-financial factors, such as the condition of the Council's capital assets, the addition or termination of grants and other revenue sources, and the expansion or contraction of programs and services. The Council reports this information using the accounting methods similar to those used by private sector companies. These statements offer short-term and long-term financial information about its activities. The statement of net position includes all the Council's assets and deferred outflows minus liabilities and deferred inflows and provides information about the nature and amounts of investments in resources (assets) and the obligations to Council creditors (liabilities).

All the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities. This statement presents information showing how the Council's net position changes during the fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in the statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (for example, uncollected contract and grant revenues, and earned, but unused vacation leave).

Both the *statement of net position* and the *statement of activities* of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the Council that are supported by membership assessments, planning projects (federal, state, and local grants/contracts), and revolving loan portfolios.

The Council's activities include administration functions and long-range regional planning goals, and various revolving loan program service functions. The long-range regional planning goal's function is comprised of a wide array of services including strategic plan development and comprehensive plan review, development of regional impact review and providing technical assistance and expertise in several fields including transportation, economic development, geographic information services, affordable housing, emergency preparedness, land use, and natural resources planning. All activities of the Council are governmental activities.

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements tell how the Council's services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The Council utilizes three funds to account for its activities: the general fund, special revenue planning projects fund, and revolving loan funds. The general fund is used to account for all financial resources except those determined to be accounted for in another fund.

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SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

Overview of the Financial Statements (cont'd)

Fund Financial Statements (cont'd)

The Special Revenue Fund is used to account for revenues derived from specific sources, which are usually required by law or regulation to be accounted for in separate funds. As of September 30, 2024, the Planning Projects Fund and the Revolving Loan Funds including the EDA Consolidated Fund and the EPA Brownfield revolving loan fund, are special revenue funds. The SFRPI Fund reports the financial activity for the Southeast Florida Regional Prosperity Institute, Inc. ("SFRPI"), a component unit of the Council, and is reported as a fund for financial statement purposes. The fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the Council's operations and the basic services it provides.

Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Council's operations. We describe the relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities) and governmental funds in a reconciliation as discussed above.

The notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential for a full understanding of the information provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Financial Analysis

Government-Wide Analysis

The government-wide statements report the Council's net position and how they have changed. Table A-1 presents the net position of the Council which measures the Council's financial health, or position. Our analysis and a summary of the Council's statements of net position is presented in Table A-1.

**SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

Financial Analysis (cont'd)

Government-Wide Analysis (cont'd)

Table A-1

**Condensed Statement of Net Position
(in thousands of dollars)**

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|---|------------------|-----------------|
| Current assets, net of loans receivable | \$ 4,552 | \$ 3,652 |
| Loans receivable, net | 8,840 | 9,807 |
| Capital assets, net of depreciation | 59 | 78 |
| Right of use Lease assets net of amortization | 427 | 500 |
| Non-current assets | 16 | 16 |
| Total assets | 13,894 | 14,053 |
| | | |
| Deferred outflows | 270 | 829 |
| | | |
| Current liabilities | 196 | 235 |
| Non-current liabilities | 113 | 1,324 |
| Lease Liability | 427 | 500 |
| Total liabilities | 736 | 2,058 |
| | | |
| Deferred inflows | 306 | 1,021 |
| | | |
| Net position: | | |
| Net investment in capital assets | 59 | 78 |
| Restricted | 10,979 | 11,329 |
| Deficiency in net assets/unrestricted | 2,084 | 395 |
| Total net position | \$ 13,122 | \$11,802 |

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the Council's financial position. As of September 30, 2024 and 2023, the Council's total assets and deferred outflows exceeded its total liabilities and deferred inflows by \$12,901,386 and \$11,801,574, respectively, an increase of \$1,099,813 from 2023. This increase was mainly due to the increase in Net HIS Liability of \$1,448,749 and an increase in cash and cash equivalents in the planning Projects Fund of \$235,588 mainly related to Federal and State programs.

Unrestricted net position as of September 30, 2024 and 2023 was \$2,084,323 and \$394,927, respectively. The surplus in unrestricted net position is principally attributable to the change in deferred outflows related to pension liabilities as of September 30, 2024.

Restricted net position decreased by \$350,344 or 3.09% to \$10,978,670. This decrease was mainly due to the decrease in fund balance of the RLF Funds from prior years.

**SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

Financial Analysis (cont'd)

Government-Wide Analysis (cont'd)

Table A-2 illustrates the revenues and expenses that caused the change in the Council's total net position.

Table A-2

Condensed Statement of Activities (in thousands of dollars)

| | |
|-------------|-------------|
| 2024 | 2023 |
|-------------|-------------|

| REVENUES | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Membership assessments | \$ 1,100 | \$ 971 |
| Federal, state and local grants | 1,749 | 7,387 |
| Interest | 568 | 505 |
| Other Income | 70 | 134 |
| Total Revenues | 3,487 | 8,997 |
| EXPENDITURES | | |
| Comprehensive planning: | | |
| Personnel services | 1,750 | 1,548 |
| Operating expenses | 568 | 546 |
| Outside consultant expense | 1,006 | 965 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 110 | 93 |
| Bad debt expense | 196 | 239 |
| | 3,630 | 3,391 |
| Add: Net transfers | 4 | |
| Change in net position | (139) | 5,606 |
| Change in net position - Pension | 1,458 | - |
| Prior period adjustment | - | - |
| Loan Fund, restricted | | |
| Net position, beginning of year | 11,802 | 6,196 |
| Net position, end of year | \$ 13,122 | \$ 11,802 |

In 2024, total revenues of \$3,487,161 decreased by \$5,509,408 as compared to fiscal year 2023 as unearned revenue from the prior year was recognized during the current fiscal year.

Total expenditures of \$3,629,389 for the year ended September 30, 2024, represents an increase of \$240,505 from the prior year, mainly influenced by an increase in outside consultants and personnel services, offsetting the decrease in operating expenses.

**SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

Financial Analysis (cont'd)

Government-Wide Analysis (cont'd)

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

For the years ended September 30, 2024, and 2023, the Council had \$58,946 and \$77,633 in fixed assets, respectively, net of accumulated depreciation.

The Council has implemented GASB 87 to reflect the right of use lease assets and its related lease liability and has restated the 2023 financial statements to reflect this. The Council does not have any long-term debt related to its capital assets and does not utilize debt as a matter of policy.

Individual Fund Analysis

Since the Council only has governmental funds/activities, the explanations provided above for the Statement of Activities regarding changes in net position also substantially explain the change in fund balance as shown on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The original budgets were approved at the September 2023 Council meeting. There was an approved amendment, thereafter.

Economic Factors and the Budget

The Council's grants and contracts are contingent upon its renewal and its ability to obtain new grants and, therefore, its revenues may vary from year to year. In setting its budget for fiscal year 2024, various factors, such as delivering at least the same level of expertise by increasing capacity, and adding new programs and grants were considered.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Council's finances for all those with interest in its financial position. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to the Executive Director, South Florida Regional Planning Council, 1 Oakwood Boulevard, Suite 250, Hollywood, Florida.

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
BALANCE SHEET/STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

| | Major Funds | | | | | | | | Statement of Net Position | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|--|
| | General Fund | Planning Projects Fund | Revolving Loan Funds | | | SFRPI Fund | Total Funds | Adjustments | | |
| | | | EDA | Other | | | | | | |
| ASSETS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 1,454,630 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 53,888 | \$ 1,508,518 | \$ - | \$ 1,508,518 | | |
| Investments | 12,513 | - | - | - | - | 12,513 | - | 12,513 | | |
| Receivables | | | | | | | | | | |
| Contract and grant receivables | 77,798 | 58,805 | - | - | - | 136,603 | - | 136,603 | | |
| Deposits and other assets | 15,477 | - | - | - | - | 15,477 | - | 15,477 | | |
| Due from other funds | 40,237 | - | - | - | - | 40,237 | (40,238) | (1) | | |
| Restricted assets: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | - | 714,759 | 1,665,895 | 513,631 | - | 2,894,285 | - | 2,894,285 | | |
| Loans receivable, net | - | - | 7,392,975 | 1,446,912 | - | 8,839,887 | - | 8,839,887 | | |
| Property and equipment, net | - | - | - | - | - | - | 58,946 | 58,946 | | |
| Right of use lease assets net | - | - | - | - | - | - | 427,293 | 427,293 | | |
| Total Assets | \$ 1,600,655 | \$ 773,564 | \$ 9,058,870 | \$ 1,960,543 | \$ 53,888 | \$ 13,447,520 | \$ 446,001 | \$ 13,893,521 | | |
| DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES | | | | | | | | | | |
| Deferred outflows related to pension | | | | | | | \$ 270,191 | \$ 270,191 | | |
| 8 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Liabilities: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Accounts payable and other accrued expenses | \$ 71,301 | \$ 40,390 | \$ 51 | \$ 452 | \$ - | \$ 112,194 | \$ - | \$ 112,194 | | |
| Accrued payroll | 6,336 | - | - | - | - | 6,336 | - | 6,336 | | |
| Compensated absences | 76,992 | - | - | - | - | 76,992 | - | 76,992 | | |
| Unearned revenue | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | |
| Due to other funds | - | - | 24,245 | 15,993 | - | 40,238 | (40,238) | - | | |
| Lease liability | - | - | - | - | - | - | 427,293 | 427,293 | | |
| Net pension liability | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,045,224 | 1,045,224 | | |
| Net HIS liability | - | - | - | - | - | - | (932,140) | (932,140) | | |
| Total Liabilities | \$ 154,629 | \$ 40,390 | \$ 24,296 | \$ 16,445 | \$ - | \$ 235,760 | \$ 500,139 | \$ 735,899 | | |
| DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES | | | | | | | | | | |
| Deferred inflows related to pension | | | | | | | \$ 305,874 | \$ 305,874 | | |
| Fund Balances: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Restricted for revolving loan program | - | - | 9,034,573 | 1,944,097 | - | 10,978,670 | (10,978,670) | - | | |
| Unassigned | 1,446,025 | 733,174 | - | - | 53,888 | 2,233,087 | (2,233,087) | - | | |
| Total fund balances | 1,446,025 | 733,174 | 9,034,573 | 1,944,097 | 53,888 | 13,211,757 | (13,211,757) | - | | |
| Total Liabilities and Fund Balances | \$ 1,600,654 | \$ 773,564 | \$ 9,058,869 | \$ 1,960,542 | \$ 53,888 | \$ 13,447,517 | | | | |
| Net position: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Net investment in capital assets | | | | | | | 58,946 | 58,946 | | |
| Restricted for loan program | | | | | | | 10,978,670 | 10,978,670 | | |
| Unrestricted | | | | | | | 2,084,323 | 2,084,323 | | |
| Total Net Position | | | | | | | \$ 13,121,939 | \$ 13,121,939 | | |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES/STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

| | Major Funds | | | | | | | Statement Activities |
|---|---------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| | General Fund | Planning Projects Fund | Revolving EDA | Loan Funds Other | SFRPI Fund | Total Funds | Adjustments | |
| REVENUES | | | | | | | | |
| Membership assessments | \$ 1,099,870 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | 1,099,870 | \$ - | \$ 1,099,870 |
| Federal, state and local projects | 263,529 | 1,111,044 | - | 373,957 | - | 1,748,530 | - | 1,748,530 |
| Interest | 84,682 | - | 408,226 | 73,026 | 2,431 | 568,365 | - | 568,365 |
| Other Income | 5,359 | 48,000 | 7,537 | - | 9,500 | 70,396 | - | 70,396 |
| Total Revenues | 1,453,440 | 1,159,044 | 415,763 | 446,983 | 11,931 | 3,487,161 | - | 3,487,161 |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | | | | | |
| Comprehensive planning: | | | | | | | | |
| Personnel services | 992,985 | 465,061 | 226,310 | 65,602 | - | 1,749,958 | - | 1,749,958 |
| Operating expenses | 277,147 | 162,564 | 109,313 | 17,101 | 1,809 | 567,934 | - | 567,934 |
| Outside consultant expense | 31,616 | 628,745 | 573 | 344,924 | - | 1,005,858 | - | 1,005,858 |
| Depreciation and amortization | - | - | - | - | - | - | 110,138 | 110,138 |
| Bad debt expense | - | - | 195,501 | - | - | 195,501 | - | 195,501 |
| Total Expenditures | 1,301,748 | 1,256,370 | 531,697 | 427,627 | 1,809 | 3,519,251 | 110,138 | 3,629,389 |
| Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures | 151,692 | (97,326) | (115,934) | 19,356 | 10,122 | (32,090) | (110,138) | (142,228) |
| Other financing sources (uses): | | | | | | | | |
| Operating Transfers in | 1,038,062 | 312,354 | 148,745 | 42,816 | - | 1,541,977 | - | 1,541,977 |
| Operating Transfers (out) | (1,092,202) | (300) | (336,195) | (109,132) | - | (1,537,829) | - | (1,537,829) |
| Total other financing sources (uses) | (54,140) | 312,054 | (187,450) | (66,316) | - | 4,148 | - | 4,148 |
| Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other financing uses/change in net position | 97,552 | 214,728 | (303,384) | (46,960) | 10,122 | (27,942) | (110,138) | (138,080) |
| Add: Pension adjustment, restricted | | | | | | | | |
| Fund balance/net position at beginning of year | 1,348,473 | 518,446 | 9,337,957 | 1,991,057 | 43,766 | 13,239,699 | 1,458,445 | 1,458,445 |
| Fund balance/net position at end of year | \$ 1,446,025 | \$ 733,174 | \$ 9,034,573 | \$ 1,944,097 | \$ 53,888 | \$ 13,211,757 | \$ (1,548,263) | \$ 13,121,939 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Note 1 - Nature of Operations

Reporting entity

The South Florida Regional Planning Council (the "Council") is a regional governmental planning and coordinating agency formed in September 1969, in accordance with Chapter 186 of the Florida Statutes to provide policy analysis and comprehensive planning services in such areas as housing, emergency management, economic development, water management, transportation and other matters having direct regional impact. The membership of the Council presently consists of Broward, Miami-Dade, and Monroe counties.

The Council maintains separate management control and accountability. The governing board of the Council is composed of elected officials from the member counties, elected officials from city governments in the geographic area covered by the Council, and gubernatorial appointees from the geographic area covered by the Council.

The financial reporting entity for which the accompanying financial statements are prepared includes the Council (primary government) and its component unit, which is an entity for which the Council is financially accountable. The Council is financially accountable for legally separate organizations if its officials appoint a voting majority of an organization's body and either is able to impose its will on that organization or there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific burdens on, the Council. The Council may also be financially accountable for organizations that are fiscally dependent on it.

Component Unit

The Southeast Florida Regional Prosperity Institute, Inc. ("SFRPI") was formed as a nonprofit Section 501(c)(3) corporation. SFRPI is dedicated to providing educational and implementation opportunities to the economic development field and stakeholder groups concerning access to capital, environmental justice, conflict resolution, visioning as well as community development and redevelopment practices affecting land use, transportation, emergency management, safe and sanitary housing, health and the built environment, and natural resource protection and management.

SFRPI is a component unit of the Council since SFRPI's Board of Directors consists of the current members of the Council, thereby enabling the Council to impose its will upon SFRPI. It qualifies as a blended component unit; therefore, data from SFRPI is combined with data of the Council. SFRPI does not issue stand-alone audited financial statements.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

These financial statements have been prepared in conformity with reporting guidelines established by GASB and in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. As a result of adopting GASB Statement No. 34 and GASB 63, the following types of financial statements are reported by the Council:

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Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (cont'd)

Government-wide Statements – The government-wide financial statements (i.e., statement of net position and statement of activities) report information on all the activities of the Council. Governments typically report activities as either governmental activities, which are normally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, or business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. The Council reports only governmental activities as it has no business-type activities.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services or privileges provided by a given function, and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a function. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues. Since the Council's primary function (mission) is policy analysis and comprehensive planning, all revenues and expenses are for this purpose and the accompanying financial statements do not segregate beyond this function.

The Council has only governmental activities and one function. As such, the government-wide financial statements are presented together with the governmental fund financial statements, with an adjustment column presented to reconcile the two sets of statements.

Fund Financial Statements – Separate financial statements are provided for the Council's Governmental Funds, as described below:

Governmental Fund Type – used to account for all operations of the Council. The measurement focus of this fund type is based upon determination of changes in financial position or the financial flow measurement focus, rather than upon net income determination. Only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on its balance sheet. The operating statement presents sources (revenues and other financial sources) and uses (expenditures and other financial uses) of available spendable resources during the period. The following comprise the Council's major governmental funds:

- a) **General Fund** – used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.
- b) **Planning Projects Fund** – used to account for resources derived from specific sources, which are usually required by law or regulation to be accounted for in separate funds.

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Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (cont'd)

- c) ***The Revolving Loan Fund*** – used to account for resources derived from the various Revolving Loan portfolios (“RLF”). The RLF fund is used to account for revolving loan funds from the Department of Commerce through the Economic Development Administration (“EDA”) and the Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”). The EDA RLF CARES fund is used to provide loans to small and medium size local businesses to mitigate the negative economic effects of the Coronavirus pandemic in 2020. The EDA RLF is used to provide loans to small and medium size businesses located within Miami-Dade, Broward and Monroe Counties that have evidence demonstrating that credit is not otherwise available on terms and conditions that permit the completion or successful operation of the activity to be financed. The EPA RLF is used to fund loans on qualified, suitable market-ready Brownfield sites to appropriate developers and buyers (for-profit and non-profit developers or local governments). The loan fund will assist in the remediation activities required for site cleanup that will allow redevelopment projects to go forward. The primary target areas for loans are the eastern portion of Miami-Dade, Broward, and the Palm Beach Counties.

- d) ***SFRPI Fund*** – used to account for the financial activity of Southeast Florida Regional Prosperity Institute, Inc. (“SFRPI”), a component unit of the Council. SFRPI is a not-for-profit corporation created by the Council. SFRPI provides educational and implementation opportunities to the economic development field and stakeholder groups concerning access to capital, environmental justice, conflict resolution, visioning as well as community development and redevelopment practices affecting land use, transportation, emergency management, safe and sanitary housing, health and the built environment, and natural resource protection and management.

Measurement focus, basis of accounting and financial statement presentation

Basis of accounting refers to the point at which revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements – The Council uses the accrual basis of accounting under which revenues and expenses of the Council are recorded in the accounting period in which they are earned or incurred.

Expenditures are recorded when obligations are incurred, except for expenditures related to claims and judgments, which are recorded only when payment is due.

Government-wide Financial Statements – The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Intergovernmental and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

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Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (cont'd)

GASB Statement No. 54 establishes fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which a government is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources reported in government funds. Currently, the Council utilizes two of the five designations for fund balance under this statement: restricted and unassigned. These designations are defined as follows:

Restricted fund balance category includes amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by constitution, external source providers, or through enabling legislation. The planning projects fund and revolving loan funds are considered restricted as defined by the statement.

Unassigned fund balance is classification for the government's general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. For fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, the unassigned fund balance in the Council's general fund could be used for the day-to-day operations of the Council.

Cost allocation

Expenses associated with specific grants or contracts are charged directly to the grants or contracts. Indirect expenses are allocated to active grants or contracts based on direct salary. This policy is consistent with the principles of 2 C.F.R. § 200.

Budget policy

Prior to October 1 of each year, the budget is legally adopted by the Council's Board. The budget is prepared based on the accrual basis of accounting which is the same basis of accounting used to reflect actual revenues and expenditures recognized in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. All actual amounts are presented in the Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance.

Risk management

It is the policy of the Council to purchase insurance for the risks of losses related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Council obtained workers' compensation, property, general liability and automobile insurance coverage through the Florida Municipal Insurance Trust Fund of the Florida League of Cities, Inc. The Council obtained, from third party insurers, employee group life and disability insurance.

Encumbrances

The Council does not utilize encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation.

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Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (cont'd)

Accounting estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, deferred outflows, liabilities and deferred inflows and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the amounts of revenues and expenditures/expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include amounts in demand deposit accounts and highly liquid investments (including restricted assets) with maturity of three months or less when purchased.

Investments

Investments are stated at fair value.

Contract and grant receivables

Contract and grant receivables are stated at gross value. In management's opinion, all receivables are collectible as of year-end.

Loans receivable/allowance for loan losses

Loans are stated at the amount of unpaid principal, reduced by an allowance for loan losses. The allowance for loan losses is established through a provision for loan losses charged as an expense.

Restricted assets

The use of certain assets is restricted to finance business development activities with local economic development strategies and for revolving loan fund activities. Assets so designated are identified as restricted assets on the balance sheet.

Capital assets

Capital assets, which include office furniture and equipment and leasehold improvements, are recorded as capital outlay expenditures in the General Fund at the time goods are received and a liability is incurred. These assets are then capitalized at cost in the statement of net position. Fixed assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over two to ten years for furniture and equipment, and the remaining lease period for leasehold improvements. The depreciation expense is recorded in the statement of activities.

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Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (cont'd)

Compensated absences

The Council's policy is to permit regular employees to accumulate earned and unused vacation pay benefits up to 160 hours of vacation time. The liability for accumulated vacation hours is reflected in the statement of net position.

Due to and from other funds

Interfund receivables and payables arise from Interfund transactions and are recorded by funds affected in the period in which transactions are executed.

Unearned revenues

Unearned revenues are payments received from grantor agencies before the related costs are incurred.

Pensions

In the governmental activities Statement of Net Position, pension liabilities are recognized for the Council's proportionate share of each pension plan's net pension liability. For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources related to pensions, deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Florida Retirement System Pension Plan (Pension Plan) defined benefit plan and the Health Insurance Subsidy (HIS) defined benefit plan, and additions to and deductions from the Pension Plan's and the HIS's fiduciary net position, have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the Pension Plan and HIS plans. Changes in the net pension liability during the period are recorded as pension expense, deferred outflows of resources, or deferred inflows of resources depending on the nature of the change. Those changes in the net pension liability that are recorded as deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflows of resources that arise from changes in actuarial assumptions or other inputs, changes in the proportionate share of the net pension liability, and differences between expected or actual experience, are amortized over the average expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plans, and recorded as a component of pension expense beginning with the period in which they arose. Differences between projected and actual investment earnings are reported as deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflows of resources and are amortized as a component of pension expense using a systematic and rational method over a five-year period.

Income taxes

The Council is exempt from federal and state income taxes; accordingly, no provision for income taxes is included in the financial statements.

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Note 3 - Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Net change in fund balances – total governmental funds | \$ (27,942) |
| Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. In the statement of activities, the cost of capital assets purchased are allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. | |
| Depreciation expense for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024 | (110,138) |
| Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds: | |
| Net pension obligations | - |
| Changes in net position of governmental activities | <u>\$ (138,080)</u> |

Note 4 - Cash and Investments

As of September 30, 2024, the Council's cash and investments consisted of the following:

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents – Unrestricted | |
| Demand deposits and petty cash | \$ 1,508,518 |
| Pooled investment fund – Florida SBA | 12,513 |
| Planning Projects Funds | 714,759 |
| EPA Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund | 513,631 |
| EDA Consolidated Loan Fund | 696,434 |
| EDA CARES Loan Fund | 969,461 |
| Total cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash | <u>\$ 4,415,316</u> |

The carrying value of the above cash and investments equals fair value.

Deposits

The Council's deposits are held in financial institutions with Federal depository insurance that are approved by the State Treasurer to hold public funds.

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Note 4 - Cash and Investments (cont'd)

Investments

The Council does not have an investment policy with specific provisions to limit exposure to credit risk, custodial credit risk, concentration of credit risk, interest rate risk, or foreign currency risk. Excess funds are invested with the Local Government Surplus Funds Investment Pool Trust Fund ("Florida Prime"), which is administered by the Florida State Board of Administration (SBA) and governed by Chapters 215 and 218 of the Florida Statues, and Chapter 19-7 of the Florida Administrative Code (collectively, "applicable Florida Law").

As of September 30, 2024, South Florida Regional Council had a balance of \$12,513 invested in the State Board of Administration's Florida Prime Fund.

The Office of the Auditor General performs an operational audit of the activities and investments of the SBA. Investments in the pooled fund are held in the name of the SBA and are not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Florida PRIME is not a registrant with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC); however, SBA has adopted operating procedures consistent with those required of an SEC Rule 2a-7-like fund. A 2a-7-like external investment pool is one that is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but nevertheless has a policy that it will, and does, operate in a manner consistent with SEC Rule 2a-7, which governs the operation of SEC regulated money market funds.

Restricted cash

The EDA Consolidated Loan, EDA CARES Loan Fund, and EPA Brownfield Loan restricted cash represents funds available to be loaned to finance business development activities consistent with local economic development strategies.

Note 5 - Loans Receivable/Allowance for Loan Losses

In August 2000, the U.S. Department of Commerce, through the EDA, transferred the administration of Special Economic Development and Assistance Programs, Long-term Economic Deterioration (RLF I) to the Council from a local nonprofit organization. The outstanding balance of loans receivable and funds available to the program was \$2,745,569 and \$1,723,623, respectively, were likewise transferred to the Council.

On February 23, 2004, the U.S. Department of Commerce, through the EDA, signed an Offer to Amend Grant Agreement to transfer the administration of Special EDA Assistance Program Long-term Economic Deterioration (RLF II) and (RLF Rescue) to the Council from a nonprofit corporation. The outstanding balance of loans receivable and funds available to the program of \$1,571,858 and \$2,001,905, respectively, were transferred to the Council on May 1, 2004.

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Note 5 - Loans Receivable/Allowance for Loan Losses (cont'd)

In October 2008, the U.S. Department of Commerce, through the EDA, transferred the administration of Special Economic Development and Assistance Programs, Long-term Economic Deterioration (RLF III) to the Council from the City of Homestead. The outstanding balance of loans receivable and funds available to the program was \$179,523 and \$877,359, respectively, and were likewise transferred to the Council.

On September 22, 2010, an offer to consolidate the existing RLF awards was reached between the Council and the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA). The Consolidated financial award restated was \$10,997,147 in federal award, \$1,290,088 contributed by the original recipients for an estimated total of \$12,287,235. In October 2010, the Council consolidated RLF I, RLF II, RLF III and RLF Rescue into one fund (RLF Consolidated).

On March 9, 2021, and after more than seven years since the EDA disbursed the complete funding of \$4,804,118 as capital base for the RLF Consolidated program, the EDA released its federal interest in the funding. Consequently, the SFRPC no longer needs to comply with OMB regulations at 2CFR part 200, EDA regulations at 13 CFR Chapter III, the terms and conditions attached to the Award and the EDA-approved RLF plan or any related document governing administration of the Award.

As of September 30, 2024, EDA RLF Consolidated fund outstanding balance of loans receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts was \$4,338,729. There are \$85,935 in funds available to the program as of that date, after commitments of \$764,309 for future disbursements. The administrative costs (excluding bad debt expense) related to the management of RLF Consolidated loan program were \$199,221 for the year ended September 30, 2024.

As of September 30, 2024, \$1,262,624 was set up as an allowance for loan losses, a decrease of \$64,864 in the Allowance from 2023 due to the default of different loans that were high risk. It is the Council staff's plan to restructure these loans in hope to get them paid in full.

On November 8, 2005, the Council entered into an agreement with the State of Florida Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development to administer a loan program for small businesses affected by Hurricane Wilma. Eleven Million (\$11,000,000) dollars were released to the Council for small business loans not to exceed twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) per business.

The funds were allocated as follows: five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for Broward, five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for Miami-Dade County and one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for Monroe. Eight million, four hundred seventy-two thousand, two hundred and four dollars (\$8,472,204) were disbursed to small businesses affected by hurricane Wilma from the three counties and the unused portion of the funds went back to the State including interest earned less administrative cost. The Council has restated the net position for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021, to reflect the closeout of the Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Fund related to Hurricane Wilma, as described in Note 9. On 5/16/19, the Council remitted the remaining \$151,603 in cash as well as the \$977,064 in outstanding loan receivables to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. This fund was included in prior years under the "Revolving Loan Funds - Other" and subtracted under the "OTTED Loan Exclusion". The net effect was to exclude it from the Net Position at the entity level.

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Note 6 - Capital Assets

The following is the summary of changes in capital assets for the year ended September 30, 2024:

| Description | 09/30/2023 | Additions | Retirement | 9/30/2024 |
|--|------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Office Furniture & Equipment | \$ 60,302 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 60,302 |
| Leasehold Improvements | 153,690 | - | - | 153,690 |
| Construction in Progress | - | - | - | - |
| Sub-total | 213,992 | - | - | 213,992 |
| Less accumulated depreciation and amortization | (136,359) | (18,687) | - | (155,046) |
| Net | \$ 77,633 | \$ (18,687) | \$ - | \$ 58,946 |

Depreciation and amortization expense was \$18,687 in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024.

Right-of-use lease assets

The Council has recorded the right-to-use lease assets as a result of implementing GASB Statement No. 87. The right-to-use lease assets are initially measured at an amount equal to the initial measurement of the related lease liability plus any lease payment made. The right-to-use lease assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the life of the asset or of the related lease. Refer to Note 10 for information on the liabilities relating to the right-of-use lease asset.

Note 7 - Transfers In/Out

The outstanding balances between Governmental funds mainly resulted from time lag between the dates that (a) inter-fund services are provided, or reimbursable expenditures occur, (b) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and (c) payments between funds are made. Interfund balances to the General Fund are to provide interim resources to Planning Project Fund for expenses related to reimbursable funds and grants. There were no dues not recorded this year.

| | <u>General Fund</u> | <u>Planning</u> | <u>Revolving Loan Funds</u> | | <u>SFPI</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| | | <u>Projects Fund</u> | <u>EDA</u> | <u>Other</u> | <u>Fund</u> | <u>Funds</u> |
| Operating Transfers in | \$ 1,038,062 | \$ 312,354 | \$ 148,745 | \$ 42,816 | \$ - | \$ 1,541,977 |
| Operating Transfers (out) | (1,092,202) | (300) | (336,195) | (109,132) | - | (1,537,829) |
| Total other financing sources (uses) | \$ (54,140) | \$ 312,054 | \$ (187,450) | \$ (66,316) | \$ - | \$ 4,148 |

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Note 8 - Employee Benefit Plans

All Council's employees participate in the Florida Retirement System (FRS). As provided by Chapters 121 and 112, Florida Statutes, the FRS provides two cost sharing, multiple employer defined benefit plans administered by the Florida Department of Management Services, Division of Retirement, including the Pension Plan and the Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy (HIS Plan).

Under Section 121.4501, Florida Statutes, the FRS also provides a defined contribution plan (Investment Plan) alternative to the Pension Plan, which is administered by the State Board of Administration (SBA). Generally, membership in the FRS is compulsory for all employees working in a regularly established position for a state agency, county government, district school board, state university, community college, or a participating city or special district within the State of Florida. The FRS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. The Florida Legislature establishes and may amend the contribution requirements and benefit terms of all FRS plans.

The plan administrator for FRS prepares and publishes its own stand-alone comprehensive annual financial report, including financial statements and required supplementary information. Copies of this report can be obtained from the Department of Management Services, Division of Retirement, Bureau of Research and Member Communications, P.O. Box 9000, Tallahassee, Florida 32315-9000; or at the Division's website (www.frs.myflorida.com).

Pension Plan

Plan Description - The Pension Plan is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, with a Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) for eligible employees.

The general classes of membership for the Council are as follows:

Regular Class - Members of the FRS who do not qualify for membership in the other classes.

Senior Management Service Class (SMSC) - Members in senior management level positions

Employees enrolled in the Pension Plan prior to July 1, 2011, vest after six years of creditable service, and employees enrolled in the Pension Plan on or after July 1, 2011, vest after eight years of creditable service. Regular Class and SMSC members initially enrolled in the Pension Plan before July 1, 2011, once vested, are eligible for normal retirement benefits at age 62 or at any age after 30 years of creditable service. Members in these classes initially enrolled in the Pension Plan on or after July 1, 2011, once vested, are eligible for normal retirement benefits at age 65 or any time after 33 years of creditable service.

Early retirement may be taken any time after vesting within 20 years of normal retirement age; however, there is a 5.0% benefit reduction for each year prior to the normal retirement age.

DROP is available under the Pension Plan when the member first reaches eligibility for normal retirement. The DROP allows a member to retire while continuing employment for up to 60 months. While in the DROP, the member's retirement benefits accumulate in the FRS Trust Fund increased by a cost-of-living adjustment each July and earn monthly interest equivalent to an annual rate of 1.30%. DROP participants with an effective DROP commencement date before

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July 1, 2011, earn monthly interest equivalent to an annual rate of 6.50%.

Benefits Provided - Benefits under the Pension Plan are computed based on age and/or years of service, average final compensation, and service credit. Credit for each year of service is expressed as a percentage of the average final compensation. For members initially enrolled

before July 1, 2011, the average final compensation is the average of the five highest fiscal years' earnings; for members initially enrolled on or after July 1, 2011, the average final compensation is the average of the eight highest fiscal years' earnings. The total percentage value of the benefit received is determined by calculating the total value of all service, which is based on the retirement plan and/or class to which the member belonged when the service credit was earned. The following chart shows the percentage value for each year of service credit earned.

| | % Value (per year of service) |
|--|----------------------------------|
| <u>Regular Class members initially enrolled before July 1, 2011</u> | |
| Retirement up to age 62 or up to 30 years of service | 1.60% |
| Retirement at age 63 or with 31 years of service | 1.63% |
| Retirement at age 64 or with 32 years of service | 1.65% |
| Retirement at age 65 or with 33 or more years of service..... | 1.68% |
| <u>Regular Class members initially enrolled on or after July 1, 2011</u> | |
| Retirement up to age 65 or up to 33 years of service | 1.60% |
| Retirement at age 66 or with 34 years of service..... | 1.63% |
| Retirement at age 67 or with 35 years of service..... | 1.65% |
| Retirement at age 68 or with 36 or more years of service..... | 1.68% |
| <u>Special Risk Class</u> | |
| Service from Dec. 1, 1970 through Sept. 30, 1974 | 2.00% |
| Service on and after Oct. 1, 1974 | 3.00% |

The benefits received by retirees and beneficiaries are increased by a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) each July. If the member was initially enrolled in the Pension Plan before August 1, 2011, and all service credit was accrued before that time, the annual COLA is 3.0% per year. If the member effective retirement date or DROP begin date is on or after August 1, 2011, there is an individually calculated COLA. The annual COLA is a proportion of 3.0% determined by dividing the sum of the pre-July 2011 service credit by the total service credit at retirement multiplied by 3.0%. Pension Plan members initially enrolled on or after July 1, 2011, will not have a COLA after retirement.

Contributions - Effective July 1, 2011, all enrolled members of the Pension Plan, other than DROP participants, are required to contribute 3% of their salary to the Pension Plan. In addition to member contributions, governmental employers are required to make contributions to the Pension Plan based on state-wide contribution rates established by the Florida Legislature. These rates are updated as of July 1, of each year.

The employer contribution rates by job class for the periods from October 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, and from July 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024, respectively, were as follows: Regular – 13.57% and 13.63%, Senior Management Service – 34.52 % and 34.52% and DROP participants 21.13% and 21.13%. These employer contribution rates include the HIS Plan contribution rates of 2% and 2%, or the administrative cost assessment of 0.06% and 0.06%. The 0.06% administrative/educational fee does not apply to DROP participants.

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Note 8 - Employee Benefit Plans – Pension Plan (cont'd)

For the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, pension contributions, including employee contributions of \$43,810, to the Pension Plan for the Council totaled \$289,242.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions – As of September 30, 2024, the Council reported a liability of \$954,805 for its proportionate share of the Pension Plan's net pension liability.

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2024, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2024. The Council's proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on the Council's 2023-2024 fiscal year contributions relative to the 2023-2024 fiscal year contributions of all participating members. As of June 30, 2024, the Council's proportionate share was 0.002468171% which was an increase of 0.000442823% from its proportionate share measured as of June 30, 2023.

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, the Council reported employer contributions of \$245,432. In addition, the Council reported changes in deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the Pension Plan from the following sources:

Deferred Inflows

| | |
|--|-------------------------|
| Deferred Inflows - Change in Proportion | \$ 84,179 |
| Deferred Inflows - Change in Proportion (reverse prior year) | (122,675) |
| Deferred Inflows - Experience | - |
| Deferred Inflows - Experience (reverse prior year) | - |
| Deferred Inflows - Investments | 63,461 |
| Deferred Inflows - Investments (reverse prior year) | - |
| Total Change | <u>\$ 24,965</u> |

Deferred Outflows

| | |
|--|--------------------------|
| Deferred Outflows - Contributions Subsequent to Measurement Date | \$ 31,453 |
| Deferred Outflows - Assumptions | 130,865 |
| Deferred Outflows - Assumptions (reverse prior year) | (52,609) |
| Deferred Outflows - Change in Proportion | 143,693 |
| Deferred Outflows - Change in Proportion (reverse prior year) | (49,592) |
| Deferred Outflows - Contributions Subsequent to Prior Measurement Date | (26,734) |
| Deferred Outflows - Experience | 96,461 |
| Deferred Outflows - Experience (reverse prior year) | (75,774) |
| Deferred Outflows - Investments | - |
| Deferred Outflows - Investments (reverse prior year) | - |
| Total Change | <u>\$ 197,763</u> |

The deferred outflows of resources related to the Pension Plan for the Council resulting from contributions to the Pension Plan subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the Pension Plan will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

Note 8 - Employee Benefit Plans – Pension Plan (cont'd)

**Fiscal Year Ending
September 30th**

Actuarial Assumptions - The total pension liability in the June 30, 2024, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions:

Mortality rates were based on the Generational RP-2000 with Projection Scale BB tables.

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Inflation | 2.40% |
| Salary Increases | 3.5% average, including inflation |
| Investment rate of return | 6.70% |

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2024 valuation, were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2023.

The long-term expected rate of return on Pension Plan investments was not based on historical returns, but instead is based on a forward-looking capital market economic model. The allocation policy's description of each asset class was used to map the target allocation to the asset classes shown below. Each asset class assumption is based on a consistent set of underlying assumptions and includes an adjustment for the inflation assumption. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic and geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

| Asset Class | Target Allocation* | Annual Arithmetic Return | Compound Annual (Geometric) Return | Annual Standard Deviation |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Cash | 1.0% | 3.3% | 3.3% | 1.1% |
| Fixed Income | 29.0% | 5.7% | 5.6% | 3.9% |
| Global equity | 45.0% | 8.6% | 7.0% | 18.2% |
| Real estate | 12.0% | 8.1% | 6.8% | 16.6% |
| Private equity | 11.0% | 12.4% | 8.8% | 28.4% |
| Strategic Investments | 2.0% | 6.6% | 6.2% | 9.7% |

Assumed Inflation - Mean 2.4% 1.5%

* As outlined in the FRS Pension Plan's Investment policy available from Funds We Manage on the SBA's website at www.shafra.com

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Note 8 - Employee Benefit Plans – Pension Plan (cont'd)

Discount Rate - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.70% The Pension Plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the discount rate for calculation the total pension liability is equal to the long-term expected rate of return.

Sensitivity of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate - The following represents the Council's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.70%, as well as what the proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower of (1%) or one percentage point higher (1%) than the current rate:

| | 1% Decrease | Current Discount Rate | 1% Increase |
|--|--------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| | 5.70% | 6.70% | 7.70% |
| Council's Proportionate share of Net Pension Liability | \$1,679,468 | \$954,805 | \$347,745 |

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Detailed information regarding the Pension Plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued FRS Pension Plan and Other State-Administered Systems Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

HIS Plan

Plan Description - The HIS Plan is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan established under Section 112.363, Florida Statutes, and may be amended by the Florida legislature at any time. The benefit is a monthly payment to assist retirees of State-administered retirement systems in paying their health insurance costs and is administered by the Florida Department of Management Services, Division of Retirement.

Benefits Provided - For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, eligible retirees and beneficiaries received a monthly HIS Plan payment of \$5 for each year of creditable service completed at the time of retirement, with a minimum HIS Plan payment of \$30 and a maximum HIS Plan payment of \$150 per month. To be eligible to receive these benefits, a retiree under a State-administered retirement system must provide proof of health insurance coverage, which may include Medicare.

Contributions - The HIS Plan is funded by required contributions from FRS participating employers as set by the Florida Legislature. Employer contributions are a percentage of gross compensation for all active FRS members. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, the HIS Plan contribution rate for the period October 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, and from July 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024, was 1.66% and 1.66%, respectively. HIS Plan contributions are deposited in a separate trust fund from which payments are authorized. HIS Plan benefits are not guaranteed and are subject to annual legislative appropriation. In the event, legislative appropriation or available funds fail to provide full subsidy benefits to all participants, benefits may be reduced or cancelled.

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Note 8 - Employee Benefit Plans - HIS Plan (cont'd)

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions – As of September 30, 2024, the Council reported a liability of \$571,954 for its proportionate share of the HIS Plan's net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2024, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2024. The Council's proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on the Council's 2023-2024 fiscal year contributions relative to the 2023-2024 fiscal year contributions of all participating members. As of June 30, 2024, the Council's proportionate share was 0.00381278% which was an increase of 0.000457% from its proportionate share measured as of June 30, 2023.

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, the Council reported employer contributions of (\$8,765). In addition, the Council reported changes to deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the HIS Plan from the following sources:

Deferred Inflows

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Deferred Inflows - Assumptions | \$ 904,699 |
| Deferred Inflows - Assumptions (reverse prior year) | \$ (717,760) |
| Deferred Inflows - Change in Proportion | \$ 169,889 |
| Deferred Inflows - Change in Proportion (reverse prior year) | \$ - |
| Deferred Inflows - Experience | \$ 14,674 |
| Deferred Inflows - Experience (reverse prior year) | \$ (19,442) |
| Deferred Inflows - Investments | \$ - |
| Deferred Inflows - Investments (reverse prior year) | \$ - |
| Total Change | \$ 352,060 |

Deferred Outflows

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| Deferred Outflow - Contributions Subsequent to Measurement Date | \$ (102,939) |
| Deferred Outflows - Assumptions | \$ 135,243 |
| Deferred Outflows - Assumptions (reverse prior year) | \$ (217,761) |
| Deferred Outflows - Change in Proportion | \$ 483,221 |
| Deferred Outflows - Change in Proportion (reverse prior year) | \$ (648,854) |
| Deferred Outflows - Contributions Subsequent to Prior Measurement Date | \$ (95,103) |
| Deferred Outflows - Experience | \$ 73,787 |
| Deferred Outflows - Experience (reverse prior year) | \$ (121,259) |
| Deferred Outflows - Investments | \$ - |
| Deferred Outflows - Investments (reverse prior year) | \$ (4,278) |
| Total Change | \$ (497,943) |

The deferred outflows of resources related to the HIS Plan, totaling (\$497,943) for the Council, resulting from contributions to the HIS Plan subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024.

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
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SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Note 8 - Employee Benefit Plans - HIS Plan (cont'd)

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the HIS Plan will be recognized in pension expense as follows:
0.00381278%

| Fiscal Year Ending September 30th | | |
|--|-----------|-----------------|
| 2025 | \$ | (8,659) |
| 2026 | | (10,684) |
| 2027 | | (15,563) |
| 2028 | | (10,882) |
| 2029 | | (5,929) |
| Thereafter | | (1,656) |
| Total | \$ | (53,372) |

Actuarial Assumptions – Actuarial valuations for the HIS Plans are conducted biennially. The July 1, 2023, HIS Plan valuation is the most recent actuarial valuation and was used to develop the liabilities for June 30, 2024. Liabilities originally calculated as the actuarial valuation date have been recalculated as of June 30, 2024, using standard actuarial roll-forward technique. The total pension liability as of June 30, 2024, was determined using the following actuarial assumptions: Mortality rates were based on the Generational RP-2000 with Projection Scale BB tables.

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Inflation | 2.40% |
| Salary Increases | 3.5% average, including inflation |
| Investment rate of return | 6.70% |

The actuarial assumptions that determined the total pension liability as of June 30, 2024, were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2023.

Discount Rate - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability as of June 30, 2024, was 3.65%. In general, the discount rate for calculating the total pension liability is equal to the single rate equivalent to discounting at the long-term expected rate of return for benefit payments prior to the projected depletion date. Because the HIS Plan benefit is essentially funded on a pay-as-you-go basis, the depletion date is considered to be immediate, and the single equivalent discount rate is equal to the municipal bond rate selected by the FRS Actuarial Assumption Conference. The Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index was adopted as the applicable municipal bond index. The discount rate used in the 2024 valuation was updated from 3.65% to 3.93%, reflecting the change in the Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-Bond Municipal Index as of June 30, 2024.

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
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SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Note 8 - Employee Benefit Plans - HIS Plan (cont'd)

Sensitivity of the Proportionate Share of the Net HIS Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate - The following represents the Council's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated as of September 30, 2024, using the discount rate of 3.93%, as well as what the proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower 2.93% or one percentage point higher 4.93% than the current rate:

| | 1% Decrease | Current Discount Rate | 1% Increase |
|--|--------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| | 2.93% | 3.93% | 4.93% |
| Council's Proportionate share of Net Pension Liability | \$651,096 | \$571,954 | \$506,253 |

HIS Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Detailed information regarding the HIS Plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued FRS Pension Plan and Other State-Administered Systems Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Investment Plan

The SBA administers the defined contribution plan officially titled the FRS Investment Plan. The Investment Plan is reported in the SBA's annual financial statements and in the State of Florida Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

As provided in Section 121.4501, Florida Statutes, eligible FRS members may elect to participate in the Investment Plan in lieu of the defined benefit pension plan. Council employees participating in DROP are not eligible to participate in the Investment Plan. Employer and employee contributions, including amounts contributed to individual member's accounts, are defined by law, but the ultimate benefit depends in part on the performance of investment funds. Benefit terms, including contribution requirements, for the Investment Plan are established and may be amended by the Florida Legislature. The Investment Plan is funded with the same employer and employee contribution rates that are based on salary and membership class, as the Pension Plan. Contributions are directed to individual member accounts, and the individual members allocate contributions and account balances among various approved investment choices. Costs of administering the Investment Plan, including the FRS Financial Guidance Program, are funded through an employer contribution of 0.04% of payroll and by forfeited benefits of plan members.

For all membership classes, employees are immediately vested in their own contributions and are vested after one year of service for employer contributions and investment earnings. If an accumulated benefit obligation for service credit originally earned under the Pension Plan is transferred to the Investment Plan, the member must have the years of service required for Pension Plan vesting (including the service credit represented by the transferred funds) to be vested for these funds and the earnings on the funds. Non-vested employer contributions are placed in a suspense account for up to five years. If the employee returns to FRS-covered employment within the five-year period, the employee will regain control over their account. If the

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Note 8 - Employee Benefit Plans - Investment Plan (cont'd)

employee does not return within the five-year period, the employee will forfeit the accumulated account balance.

After termination and applying to receive benefits, the member may rollover vested funds to another qualified plan, structure a periodic payment under the Investment Plan, receive a lump sum distribution, leave the funds invested for future distribution, or any combination of these options. Disability coverage is provided. The member may, either transfer the account balance to the Pension Plan when approved for disability retirement to receive guaranteed lifetime monthly benefits under the Pension Plan or remain in the Investment Plan and rely upon that account balance for retirement income.

Note 9 - Long-Term Liabilities

A summary of changes in long-term liabilities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, are as follows:

Note 9 Long-Term Liabilities

| | 09/30/2023 | Increase | Decrease | 9/30/2024 |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Net pension liability | \$ 807,037 | \$ 238,187 | \$ - | \$ 1,045,224 |
| Net HIS liability | 516,609 | - | 1,448,749 | (932,140) |
| Net lease liability | 499,714 | - | 89,723 | 409,991 |
| Total | \$ 1,823,360 | \$ 238,187 | \$ 1,538,472 | \$ 523,075 |

Note 10 – Commitments

The Council conducts its operations from a leased office space. The five-year lease expires October 15, 2029. Total rental expense for the year ended September 30, 2024, was \$110,137.79. Future annual rental payments, including approximate common area maintenance cost and real estate taxes required under the amended lease and the extension period are included as follows:

| Year ending September 30th | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 2025 | 111,646 |
| 2026 | 113,215 |
| 2027 | 114,847 |
| 2028 | 116,544 |
| 2029 | 118,309 |
| Thereafter | 65,180 |
| Total | \$ 639,742 |

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Note 11 - Contingencies

The Council participates in several Federal programs and State projects. These programs and projects are subject to financial and compliance audits by the grantors or their respective representatives. The possible disallowance of any item charged to the program or project or request for the return of any unexpended funds cannot be determined at this time. No provision for any liability that may result has been made in the financial statements.

Note 12 - Southeast Florida Regional Prosperity Institute, Inc. ("SFRPI")

As described in Note 1, the Southeast Florida Regional Prosperity Institute, Inc ("SFRPI") is a component unit of the Council. Summary financial data as of September 30, 2024, for the SFRPI is as follows:

| | |
|---|------------------|
| Cash | \$ 53,888 |
| Receivables | - |
| Total Assets | <u>53,888</u> |
| Liabilities: | |
| Unearned revenue | - |
| Total Liabilities | <u>-</u> |
| Fund Balance: | |
| Unassigned | 53,888 |
| Total Fund Balance | <u>53,888</u> |
| Total Liabilities and Fund Balance | <u>53,888</u> |
| Total Revenue | 11,931 |
| Total Expenditures | 1,809 |
| Excess Revenue over Expenditures | <u>10,122</u> |
| Fund Balance at the beginning of year | 43,766 |
| Fund Balance at the end of year | <u>\$ 53,888</u> |

Note 13 - Subsequent Events

Subsequent events are events or transactions that occur after the balance sheet date but before the financial statements are issued or are available to be issued. Subsequent events should be disclosed in the financial statements if exclusion of such disclosure would cause the financial statements to be misleading.

Management has evaluated subsequent events through June 16, 2025, the date the financial statements were available, and does not believe that there are any other events or transactions that require disclosure.

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

| | <u>Original Budget</u> | <u>Final Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> | Variance to Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable) |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---|
| REVENUES | | | | |
| Local Funded Projects | \$ 262,000 | \$ 270,900 | \$ 222,779 | \$ (48,121) |
| Other Revenues | <u>1,149,870</u> | <u>1,307,725</u> | <u>1,230,661</u> | <u>(77,064)</u> |
| Total Revenues | <u>1,411,870</u> | <u>1,578,625</u> | <u>1,453,440</u> | <u>(125,185)</u> |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | |
| Local Funded Projects | 882,000 | 882,000 | 167,009 | 714,991 |
| Other Expenditures | <u>529,870</u> | <u>696,625</u> | <u>1,134,739</u> | <u>(438,114)</u> |
| Total Expenditures | <u>1,411,870</u> | <u>1,578,625</u> | <u>1,301,748</u> | <u>276,877</u> |
| Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures | - | - | 151,692 | 151,692 |
| Other financing sources (uses) | | | | |
| Operating Transfers in | - | - | 1,038,062 | 1,038,062 |
| Operating Transfers (out) | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(1,092,202)</u> | <u>(1,092,202)</u> |
| Net change in fund balance | - | - | 97,552 | 97,552 |
| Fund balance at beginning of year | 1,348,473 | 1,348,473 | 1,348,473 | - |
| Fund balance at end of year | <u>\$ 1,348,473</u> | <u>\$ 1,348,473</u> | <u>\$ 1,446,025</u> | <u>\$ 97,552</u> |

The accompanying notes to the required supplementary information are an integral part of this schedule.

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
PLANNING PROJECTS FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

| | <u>Original Budget</u> | <u>Final Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> | Variance to Final Budget |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Favorable (Unfavorable) |
| REVENUES | | | | |
| Total Revenues | \$ 769,767 | \$ 1,177,335 | \$ 1,159,044 | \$ (18,291) |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | |
| Total Expenditures | <u>769,767</u> | <u>1,177,335</u> | <u>1,256,370</u> | <u>(79,035)</u> |
| Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures | - | - | (97,326) | (97,326) |
| Other financing sources (uses) | | | | |
| Operating Transfers in | - | - | 312,354 | 312,354 |
| Operating Transfers (out) | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(300)</u> | <u>(300)</u> |
| Total other financing sources (uses) | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>312,054</u> | <u>312,054</u> |
| Net change in fund balance | - | - | 214,728 | 214,728 |
| Fund balance at beginning of year | <u>518,446</u> | <u>518,446</u> | <u>518,446</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Fund balance at end of year | <u>\$ 518,446</u> | <u>\$ 518,446</u> | <u>\$ 733,174</u> | <u>\$ 214,728</u> |

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SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
EDA REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

| | <u>Original Budget</u> | <u>Final Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> | Variance to Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable) |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---|
| REVENUES | | | | |
| Total Revenues | \$ 408,000 | \$ 408,000 | \$ 415,763 | \$ 7,763 |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | |
| Total Expenditures | \$ 408,000 | \$ 408,000 | 336,196 | 71,804 |
| Bad Debt Expense | | | 195,501 | (195,501) |
| Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures | - | - | (115,934) | (115,934) |
| Other financing sources (uses) | | | | |
| Operating Transfers in | - | - | 148,745 | 148,745 |
| Operating Transfers (out) | - | - | (336,195) | (336,195) |
| Total other financing sources (uses) | - | - | (187,450) | (187,450) |
| Fund balance at beginning of year | <u>9,337,957</u> | <u>9,337,957</u> | <u>9,337,957</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Fund balance at end of year | <u>\$ 9,337,957</u> | <u>\$ 9,337,957</u> | <u>\$ 9,034,573</u> | <u>\$ (303,384)</u> |

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SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
OTHER REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

| | <u>Original Budget</u> | <u>Final Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> | Variance to Final Budget |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Favorable (Unfavorable) |
| REVENUES | | | | |
| Total Revenues | \$ 474,000 | \$ 474,000 | \$ 446,983 | \$ (27,017) |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | |
| Total Expenditures | 474,000 | 474,000 | 427,627 | 46,373 |
| Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures | - | - | 19,356 | 19,356 |
| Other financing sources (uses) | | | | |
| Operating Transfers in | - | - | 42,816 | 42,816 |
| Operating Transfers (out) | - | - | (109,132) | (109,132) |
| Total other financing sources (uses) | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(66,316)</u> | <u>(66,316)</u> |
| Fund balance at beginning of year | <u>1,991,057</u> | <u>1,991,057</u> | <u>1,991,057</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Fund balance at end of year | <u>\$ 1,991,057</u> | <u>\$ 1,991,057</u> | <u>\$ 1,944,097</u> | <u>\$ (46,960)</u> |

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SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
SFRPI FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

| | <u>Original</u> | <u>Final</u> | Variance to Final Budget | |
|---|-----------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--|
| | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Favorable</u> <u>(Unfavorable)</u> |
| REVENUES | | | | |
| Total Revenues | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 11,931 | \$ 11,931 |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | |
| Total Expenditures | - - | - - | 1,809 | (1,809) |
| Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures | - - | - - | 10,122 | 10,122 |
| Other financing sources (uses) | | | | |
| Operating Transfers in | - - | - - | - - | - - |
| Operating Transfers (out) | <u>- -</u> | <u>- -</u> | <u>- -</u> | <u>- -</u> |
| Total other financing sources (uses) | <u>- -</u> | <u>- -</u> | <u>- -</u> | <u>- -</u> |
| Net change in fund balance | - - | - - | 10,122 | 10,122 |
| Fund balance at beginning of year | <u>- -</u> | <u>- -</u> | <u>43,766</u> | <u>43,766</u> |
| Fund balance at end of year | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 53,888</u> | <u>\$ 53,888</u> |

The accompanying notes to the required supplementary information are an integral part of this schedule.

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS
FLORIDA RETIREMENT SYSTEM PENSION PLAN
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

| | 2024 | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| Contractually required contribution | \$ 278,053 | \$ 199,676 | \$ 175,356 | \$ 161,890 | \$ 128,515 | \$ 122,770 | \$ 109,090 | \$ 122,557 | \$ 126,170 | \$ 120,681 |
| Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution | (278,053) | (199,676) | (175,356) | (161,890) | (128,515) | (122,770) | (109,090) | (122,557) | (126,170) | (120,681) |
| Contribution deficiency (excess) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| SFRPC's covered-employee payroll | \$ 1,613,614 | \$ 1,288,729 | \$ 1,205,522 | \$ 1,188,177 | \$ 1,006,185 | \$ 865,803 | \$ 797,279 | \$ 958,014 | \$ 1,023,750 | \$ 1,004,216 |
| Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll | -17.23% | -15.49% | -14.55% | -13.63% | -12.77% | -14.18% | -13.68% | -12.79% | -12.32% | -12.02% |

**Note: The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of September 30th.
Information is not available prior to fiscal year 2015.**

The accompanying notes to the required supplementary information are an integral part of this schedule.

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
FLORIDA RETIREMENT SYSTEM PENSION PLAN
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

| | 2024 | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 ¹ ³ | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|--|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| SFRPC's proportion of the net pension liability (asset) | 0.002468171% | 0.002025348% | 0.057256101% | 0.058011151% | 0.060856890% | 0.059267773% | 0.059740238% | 0.057945094% | 0.058090248% | 0.053894033% |
| SFRPC's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) | \$ 954,805 | \$ 25,458,602 | \$ 21,303,871 | \$ 4,382,083 | \$ 26,376,273 | \$ 20,410,438 | \$ 17,994,069 | \$ 17,145,653 | \$ 14,667,833 | \$ 6,961,137 |
| SFRPC's covered-employee payroll | \$ 1,613,614 | \$ 1,288,729 | \$ 1,205,522 | \$ 1,188,177 | \$ 1,006,185 | \$ 865,803 | \$ 797,279 | \$ 958,014 | \$ 1,023,750 | \$ 1,004,216 |
| SFRPC's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll | 59.17% | 1975.48% | 1767.19% | 368.81% | 2621.41% | 2357.40% | 2256.93% | 1789.71% | 1432.75% | 693.19% |
| Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability | 83.70% | 82.38% | 82.89% | 96.40% | 78.85% | 82.61% | 84.26% | 83.89% | 84.88% | 92.00% |

¹ The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of 6/30.

²NPL at 2017 has been increased by \$10,152,810 due to implementation of GASB 75.

³NPL at 2019 has been decreased by \$940,602.

Note 1: The amounts shown above are for illustration purposes only. Each employer will determine the appropriate amounts to present based upon amounts published in the pension allocation schedules.

Note 2: The Plan's fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability is published in Note 4 of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Note 3: Refer to GASB 68, paragraph 81a - the information in this schedule should be determined as of the measurement date of the collective net pension liability.

**Note: The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of September 30th.
Information is not available prior to fiscal year 2015.**

The accompanying notes to the required supplementary information are an integral part of this schedule.

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS
FLORIDA RETIREMENT SYSTEM HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDY
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

| | 2024 | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| Contractually required contribution | \$ 32,280 | \$ 21,393 | \$ 20,012 | \$ 14,460 | \$ 18,969 | \$ 16,966 | \$ 13,936 | \$ 15,661 | \$ 17,275 | \$ 12,598 |
| Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution | (32,280) | (21,393) | (20,012) | (14,460) | (18,969) | (16,966) | (13,936) | (15,661) | (17,275) | (12,598) |
| Contribution deficiency (excess) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| SFRPC's covered-employee payroll | \$ 1,613,614 | \$ 1,288,729 | \$ 1,205,522 | \$ 1,188,177 | \$ 1,006,185 | \$ 865,803 | \$ 797,279 | \$ 958,014 | \$ 1,023,750 | \$ 1,004,216 |
| Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll | -2.00% | -1.66% | -1.66% | -1.22% | -1.89% | -1.96% | -1.75% | -1.63% | -1.69% | -1.25% |

Note: The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of September 30th.
Information is not available prior to fiscal year 2015.

The accompanying notes to the required supplementary information are an integral part of this schedule.

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
FLORIDA RETIREMENT SYSTEM HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDY
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

| | 2024 | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| SFRPC's proportion of the net pension liability (asset) | 0.050942444% | 0.052156298% | 0.047159501% | 0.046730414% | 0.046462988% | 0.045544109% | 0.044162719% | 0.042122000% | 0.041674824% | 0.040376046% |
| SFRPC's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) | \$ 7,641,864 | \$ 8,283,116 | \$ 4,994,944 | \$ 5,732,188 | \$ 5,673,055 | \$ 5,095,930 | \$ 4,674,232 | \$ 4,503,879 | \$ 4,857,028 | \$ 4,117,722 |
| SFRPC's covered-employee payroll | \$ 1,613,614 | \$ 1,288,729 | \$ 1,205,522 | \$ 1,188,177 | \$ 1,006,185 | \$ 865,803 | \$ 797,279 | \$ 958,014 | \$ 1,023,750 | \$ 1,004,216 |
| SFRPC's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll | 473.59% | 642.74% | 414.34% | 482.44% | 563.82% | 588.58% | 586.27% | 470.13% | 474.43% | 410.04% |
| Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability | 4.80% | 4.12% | 4.81% | 3.56% | 3.00% | 2.63% | 2.15% | 1.64% | 0.97% | 0.50% |

* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of 6/30.

Note 1: GASB 68 requires information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, governments should present information for only those years for which information is available.

Note 2: The amounts shown above are for illustration purposes only. Each employer will determine the appropriate amounts to present based upon amounts published in the pension allocation schedules.

Note 3: The Plan's fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability is published in Note 4 of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Note 4: Refer to GASB 68, paragraph 81a - the information in this schedule should be determined as of the measurement date of the collective net pension liability.

**Note: The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of September 30th.
Information is not available prior to fiscal year 2014.**

The accompanying notes to the required supplementary information are an integral part of this schedule.

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Note 1- Budgetary Requirements

The South Florida Regional Planning Council (the “Council”) prepares an annual operating budget for all the funds presented in the financial statements. They include the following:

1. General Fund
2. Planning Projects Fund
3. EDA Revolving Loan Fund
4. Other Revolving Loan Funds
5. The SFRPI Fund

The Council’s budgeting process is based on estimates of revenues and expenditures and requires that all budgets be approved by the Board of the Council (the “Board”). Subsequent amendments to the budget, if any, are approved by the Board; however, there were no amendments for fiscal year ended September 30, 2024.

Budgets are prepared on the same basis of accounting as required for Governmental Fund Types. Any remaining fund balances remain with the Council at the end of the year.

For the year ended September 30, 2024, the budget to actual comparison for the major funds were the following:

- General Fund revenues were \$1,453,440 or \$125,185 lower than the budget.
- General Fund expenditures were \$1,301,748 or \$276,877 lower than the budget.
- Planning Project Fund revenues were \$1,159,044 or \$18,291 lower than the budget.
- Planning Project Fund expenditures were \$1,256,370 or \$79,035 higher than the budget.
- EDA Revolving Loan Fund revenues were \$415,763 or \$7,763 higher than the budget.
- EDA Revolving Loan Fund expenditures were \$336,196 or \$71,804 lower than the budget.
- Other Revolving Loan Fund revenues were \$446,983 or \$27,017 lower than the budget.
- Other Revolving Loan Fund expenditures were \$427,627 or \$46,373 lower than the budget.

Note 2 – Pension Information

The discount rate used to measure the pension liability of the HIS plan as of June 30, 2024, was increased from 3.54% to 3.93%, reflecting the change in the Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index as of June 30, 2024.

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

COMPLIANCE SECTION

SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

**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 Council Members of the
South Florida Regional Planning Council

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the South Florida Regional Planning Council (the "Council"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Council's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 16, 2025.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Council'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*.

**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 - Continued**

Purpose of this Report

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

S. Davis & Associates, P.A.

Hollywood, Florida
June 16, 2025

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

To the Council Members of the
South Florida Regional Planning Council

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the South Florida Regional Planning Council's (the "Council") compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Council's major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2024. The Council's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the Council, complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2024.

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 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the Council 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 the Council'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 Council's federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the Council'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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE - Continued

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 Council'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 the Council'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 Council's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council'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 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 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 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.

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.

S. Davis & Associates, P.A.

Hollywood, Florida

June 16, 2025

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

| FEDERAL AWARDS | ALN | Contract # | Expenditures | Loans Receivable | Cash & Investments | Total Expenditures |
|---|--------|------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <u>US Dept. of Commerce - Economic Development Administration</u> | | | | | | |
| <i>Economic Development Cluster</i> | | | | | | |
| RLF CARES Act | 11.307 | 04-79-07544 | \$ 182,284 | \$ 4,783,348 | \$ 969,461 | \$ 5,935,093 |
| Economic Development_Strategic Economic Development Plan | 11.307 | 04-69-07325 | 54,896 | | | 54,896 |
| Economic Development Cluster | | | 237,180 | 4,783,348 | 969,461 | 5,989,989 |
| Total US Department of Commerce | | | 237,180 | 4,783,348 | 969,461 | 5,989,989 |
| <u>US Department of Defense</u> | | | | | | |
| Community Economic Adjustment Assistance for Responding to Threats to the Resilience of a Military Installation | 12.003 | MIR1319-21-01 | 165,422 | | | 165,422 |
| Total US Department of Defense | | | 165,422 | | | 165,422 |
| <u>Federal Transit Administration (FTA)</u> | | | | | | |
| Federal Transit Capital Investment Grant | | | | | | |
| Passed through South Florida Regional Transportation Authority ("SFRTA") | 20.500 | D20 15-TODP-0008 | 97,753 | | | 97,753 |
| <u>US Department of Transportation</u> | | | | | | |
| Interagency Hazardous Materials Public Sector Training and Planning Grants | | | | | | |
| Passed through the State of Florida Division of Emergency Management | 20.703 | D0005 | 17,168 | | | 17,168 |
| Total US Department of Transportation | | | 114,920 | | | 114,920 |
| <u>US Department of Environmental Protection</u> | | | | | | |
| Brownfields Multipurpose, Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Cooperative Agreements | 66.818 | BF-OOD93919-0 | 536,758 | | | 536,758 |
| Total US Department of Environmental Protection | | | 536,758 | | | 536,758 |
| <u>US Department of Energy</u> | | | | | | |
| Conservation Research and Development | | | | | | |
| Clean Cities Coalition Programmatic Support | 81.086 | DE-EE0010586 | 138,525 | | | 138,525 |
| Total US Department of Energy | | | 138,525 | | | 138,525 |
| Total Federal Awards | | | \$ 1,192,806 | \$ 4,783,348 | \$ 969,461 | \$ 6,945,615 |

The accompanying notes to the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are an integral part of this schedule.

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards included herein represents the Federal grant activity of the South Florida Regional Council (the "Council").

Basis of Presentation

The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and the requirements of Title 2, Part 200 of the Code of Federal Regulations (2 CFR part 200). Some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in, the preparation of the basic financial statements.

Basis of Accounting

The expenditures in the accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. The accrual basis recognizes expenses when they are incurred.

Note 2 - Indirect Cost Rate

The Council has not elected to use the 10 percent de minimis cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

Note 3 - Loans Receivable

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) for EDA RLF grant (ALN 11.307, contract # 04-79-07544) shows as a separate line item calculated as follows:

1. Balance of RLF loans outstanding at the end of the fiscal year, *plus*
2. Cash and investment balance in the RLF at the end of the fiscal year, *plus*
3. Administrative expenses paid out of RLF income during the fiscal year; *plus*
4. The unpaid principal of all loans written off during the fiscal year; *and then multiply this sum (1+ 2 +3+4) by*
5. The Federal share of the RLF. The Federal share is defined as the Federal participation rate (or the Federal grant rate) as specified in the grant award.

Economic Development Agency Revolving Loan Funds

2024
RLF CARES

| | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Balance of Principal | \$ 4,783,348 |
| Cash and Investments | \$ 969,461 |
| Administrative Expenses | 182,284 |
| Net total | 5,935,093 |
| % of Federal Share | 100.00% |
| Federal Share | \$ 5,935,093 |

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Note 3 - Loans Receivable (cont'd)

In March 2023, the Council was notified that the EDA Consolidated Revolving Loan Fund was defederalized by the Economic Development Agency.

The balance of RLF loan receivables outstanding as of September 30, 2024, are as follows:

| <u>Loan Description</u> | <u>Balance</u> |
|--|-----------------------|
| Economic Adjustment Assistance Program | \$ 3,872,252 |
| RLF Consolidated Allowance for Loan Losses | \$ (1,262,624) |
| CARES Act | \$ 4,783,348 |

Note 4 - Contingencies

Grant monies received and disbursed by the Council are for specific purposes and are subject to review by the grantor agencies. Such audits may result in requests for reimbursement due to disallowed expenditures. Based upon prior experience, the Council does not believe that such disallowances, if any, would have a material effect on the financial position of the Council. As of June 16, 2025, management is not aware of any material questioned or disallowed costs as a result of grant audits in process or completed; however, the possible disallowance by a governmental agency of any item charged to a program or project cannot be determined at this time.

**SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued: **Unmodified**

- Material weakness(es) identified? Yes No
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be a material weakness? Yes None Reported
- Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? Yes No

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified? Yes No
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be a material weakness? Yes 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)? Yes No

Identification of major programs:

| <u>ALN</u> | <u>Name of Federal Program</u> |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|

| | |
|--------|---|
| 11.307 | U.S. Department of Commerce - Economic Adjustment Assistance (<i>Economic Development Cluster</i>) |
|--------|---|

| | |
|--------|---|
| 66.818 | Brownfields Multipurpose, Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Cooperative Agreements |
|--------|---|

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

Auditee qualified as a low-risk auditee? Yes No

**SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

Section II - Financial Statement Current Year Findings and Questioned Costs

There were no findings and questioned costs noted during the current year.

Section III - Financial Statement Prior Year Findings and Questioned Costs

There were no findings and questioned costs noted during the prior year.

Section IV - Federal Award Current Year Findings and Questioned Costs

There were no findings and questioned costs noted during the current year.

Section V - Federal Award Prior Year Findings and Questioned Costs

There were no findings and questioned costs noted during the prior year.

Section VI - Other Matters

There were no other matters noted in the current or prior year.

Management Letter in Accordance with Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida

To the Council Members of the
South Florida Regional Planning Council

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of the South Florida Regional Planning Council (the "Council") as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated June 16, 2025.

Auditor's Responsibility

We conducted our audit 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; 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 Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General.

Other Reports and Schedule

We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*; Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and Report on Internal Control over Compliance; Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs; and Independent Accountant's Report on an examination conducted in accordance with AICPA Professional Standards, AT-C Section 315, regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Disclosures in those reports and schedule, which are dated June 16, 2025, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Prior Audit Findings

Section 10.554(1)(i)1., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding financial audit report. There were no such findings or recommendations.

Official Title and Legal Authority

Section 10.554(1)(i)4., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that the name or official title and legal authority for the primary government and each component unit of the reporting entity be disclosed in the management letter, unless disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. The name or official title and legal authority of the primary government and component unit are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

**Management Letter in Accordance with
Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida - Continued**

Financial Condition and Management

Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.a. and 10.556(7), Rules of the Auditor General, require us to apply appropriate procedures and communicate the results of our determination as to whether or not the Council met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and to identify the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audit, we determined that the Council did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.

Pursuant to Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.b. and 10.556(8), Rules of the Auditor General, we applied financial condition assessment procedures for the Council. It is management's responsibility to monitor the Council's financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and review of financial information provided by same.

Section 10.554(1)(i)2., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we communicate any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Programs

As required by Section 10.554(1)(i)6.a., Rules of the Auditor General, a PACE program authorized pursuant to Section 163.081 or Section 163.082, Florida Statutes, did not operate within the Council's geographical boundaries during the fiscal year under audit.

Additional Matters

Section 10.554(1)(i)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires us to communicate noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material, but which warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.

Purpose of this Letter

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, Federal and other granting agencies, Members of the Council and management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Hollywood, Florida
June 16, 2025

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S. Davis & Associates, P.A." The signature is fluid and cursive, with "S. Davis" on the first line and "& Associates, P.A." on the second line.



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

To the Council Members of the
South Florida Regional Planning Council

We have examined South Florida Regional Planning Council's (the "Council") compliance with the requirements of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024. Management is responsible for the Council's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Council's compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether management's assertion about compliance with the specified requirements is fairly stated, in all material respects. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether management's assertion is fairly stated, in all material respects. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material misstatement of management's assertion, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the Council's compliance with the specified requirements.

In our opinion, the Council complied in all material respects with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes for fiscal year ended September 30, 2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S. Davis & Associates, P.A." The signature is fluid and cursive, with "S. Davis" on the top line and "& Associates, P.A." on the line below it.

Hollywood, Florida
June 16, 2025