
FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS

**STATE SINGLE
AUDIT REPORT**

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021



CPAs and Professional Consultants

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

To the Honorable KP George, County Judge
and Members of Commissioners Court
Fort Bend County, Texas

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Fort Bend County, Texas (the “County”), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County’s basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 31, 2022. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of Fort Bend County Housing Finance Corporation, as described in our report on the County’s financial statements. The financial statements of the East Fort Bend County Development Authority and Fort Bend County Housing Finance Corporation were not audited in accordance with Government Auditing Standards, and accordingly, this report does not include reporting on internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters associated with these discretely presented component units.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the County’s internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the 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 County’s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County’s internal control.

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

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

To the Honorable KP George, County Judge
and Members of Commissioners Court
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Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Whitley Penn LLP". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Houston, Texas
March 31, 2022

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR STATE PROGRAM;
REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE; AND REPORT ON
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE AWARDS REQUIRED BY THE
TEXAS SINGLE AUDIT CIRCULAR (UNIFORM GRANT
MANAGEMENT STANDARDS)**

To the Honorable KP George, County Judge
and Members of Commissioners Court
Fort Bend County, Texas

Report on Compliance for Each Major State Program

We have audited Fort Bend County, Texas' (the "County") compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *State of Texas Single Audit Circular (Uniform Grant Management Standards)* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the County's major state programs for the year ended September 30, 2021. The County's major state programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management's Responsibility

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the County's major state programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the *Texas Single Audit Circular (Uniform Grant Management Standards)*. Those standards, and the *Texas Single Audit Circular (Uniform Grant Management Standards)* require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major state program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the County's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

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

To the Honorable KP George, County Judge
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Opinion on Each Major State Program

In our opinion, the County complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major state programs for the year ended September 30, 2021.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Management of the County is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the County's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major state program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the *Texas Single Audit Circular (Uniform Grant Management Standards)*, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over compliance.

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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 *Texas Single Audit Circular (Uniform Grant Management Standards)*. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

To the Honorable KP George, County Judge
and Members of Commissioners Court
Fort Bend County, Texas

Report on Schedule of Expenditures of State Awards Required by the *Texas Single Audit Circular (Uniform Grant Management Standards)*

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements. We have issued our report thereon dated March 31, 2022, which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming our opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of State Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the *Texas Single Audit Circular (Uniform Grant Management Standards)* and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain other 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 State Awards is fairly stated, in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Whitley Penn LLP

Houston, Texas
March 31, 2022

FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

I. Summary of Auditors' Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditors' report issued:	Unmodified
Internal control over financial reporting:	
Material weakness(es) identified?	No
Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?	None reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	No

State Awards

Internal control over major programs:	
Material weakness(es) identified?	No
Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?	None reported
Type of auditors' report issued on compliance with major programs:	Unmodified
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with <i>Texas Single Audit Circular (Uniform Grant Management Standards)</i> section 510(a)?	No

Identification of major programs:

Name of State Program:	State Identifying Number
Texas Juvenile Justice Department	
State Aid	TJPC-A-2021-079
State Aid	TJPC-A-2022-079
Special Needs Program – M	TJPC-M-2021-079
Special Needs Program – M	TJPC-M-2022-079
Prevention and Intervention – S	TJPC-S-2022-079
Regionalization Grant – R	TJPC-R-2021-079
Diversionary Reimbursement – RR	079
Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP)	TJPC-P-2019-079
Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP)	TJPC-P-2020-079
Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP)	TJPC-P-2021-079
Texas Infrastructure Resiliency – Hurricane Harvey	TDEM-4332 PA-PW04019
Texas Infrastructure Resiliency – Hurricane Harvey	TDEM-4332 PA-PW07342
County Innovations to Prevent Commercial Sexual Exploitation	SF-3944601

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (continued)

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

I. Summary of Auditors' Results (continued)

Dollar Threshold Considered Between Type A and Type B State Programs	\$300,000
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Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	Yes
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II. Financial Statement Findings

None noted

III. State Award Findings and Questioned Costs

None noted

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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE AWARDS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

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State Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	Grantor or Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	State Expenditures
Texas Department of Transportation		
Direct Program:		
<i>Section 5311 State/Local Rural Public Transportation</i>	RUR 2102 (11)	\$ 110,423
Total Texas Department of Transportation		110,423
Texas Department of Criminal Justice - Community Justice Assistance Division		
Direct Programs:		
Diversion Programs		
<i>PreTrial Intervention-Diversion</i>	008	323,528
<i>PreTrial Intervention-Diversion</i>	008	14,386
<i>Mental Health Initiative Caseload</i>	015	168,039
<i>Mental Health Initiative Caseload</i>	015	9,276
<i>Felony Drug Court</i>	016	108,992
<i>Felony Drug Court</i>	016	3,495
<i>Substance Abuse Treatment Caseload</i>	018	151,788
<i>Substance Abuse Treatment Caseload</i>	018	8,485
<i>Special Sanctions Court</i>	019	397,906
<i>Special Sanctions Court</i>	019	16,592
<i>Aftercare Caseload</i>	023	125,334
<i>Aftercare Caseload</i>	023	6,456
Total Diversion Programs		1,334,277
Treatment Alternative to Incarceration		
<i>Treatment Alternative to Incarceration</i>	010	662,477
<i>Treatment Alternative to Incarceration</i>	010	37,297
Total Treatment Alternative to Incarceration		699,774
Total Texas Department of Criminal Justice - Community Justice Assistance Division		2,034,051
Texas Juvenile Justice Department		
Direct Programs:		
<i>State Aid</i>	TJPC-A-2021-079	2,155,209
<i>State Aid</i>	TJPC-A-2022-079	96,734
<i>Special Needs Program M</i>	TJPC-M-2021-079	50,441
<i>Special Needs Program M</i>	TJPC-M-2022-079	2,610
<i>Prevention and Intervention- S</i>	TJPC-S-2022-079	4,424
<i>Regionalization Grant- R</i>	TJPC-R-2021-079	29,216
<i>Diversionary Reimbursement - RR</i>	079	11,857
<i>Diversionary Reimbursement - RR</i>	079	94,179
Total Texas Juvenile Justice Department		2,444,670

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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE AWARDS (continued)
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

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State Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	Grantor or Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	State Expenditures
Office of the Governor - Criminal Justice Division		
Direct Programs:		
<i>Felony Drug Court (CARD), Misdemeanor DWI Court (JAG) (CSCD)</i>	SF-1919114	123,500
<i>District Attorney Testing of Forensic Evidence</i>	FC-3932402	615
<i>County Innovations to Prevent Commercial Sexual Exploitation</i>	SF-3944601	250,574
Total Office of the Governor - Criminal Justice Division		374,689
Texas Education Agency		
<i>Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP)</i>	TJPC P-2021-079	20,361
<i>Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP)</i>	TJPC P-2020-079	55,406
<i>Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP)</i>	TJPC P-2019-079	31,342
Total Texas Education Agency		107,109
Texas Veterans Commission		
Direct Programs:		
<i>Texas Veterans Commission General Assistance-2020</i>		210,188
<i>Texas Veterans Commission General Assistance-2021</i>		95,367
Total Texas Veterans Commission		305,555
Texas Department of State Health Services		
Direct Programs:		
<i>Tuberculosis Prevention and Control - State</i>	HHS000448000001 Amendment 1	168,400
<i>Tuberculosis Prevention and Control - State</i>	HHS000448000001 Amendment 2	8,980
<i>CDC - HIV/PREVF HIV-Prevention Services</i>	HHS000077800023	39,492
<i>CDC - HIV/PREVF HIV-Prevention Services</i>	HHS000077800023 Amendment 1	49,267
<i>Immunization Cooperative Agreement - Locals</i>	HHS000103000001 Amendment 2	143,409
<i>Preventive Health Block Grant - RLSS-Local Public Health System</i>	HHS000485600014	12,037
<i>Preventive Health Block Grant - RLSS-Local Public Health System</i>	HHS001025600001	516
<i>Infectious Disease Control Unit/Surveillance Epidemiology</i>	HHS000436300012	137,693
<i>Infectious Disease Control Unit/Surveillance Epidemiology</i>	HHS000436300012 Amendment 2	14,577
Total Direct Programs		574,371
Passed-Through Texas State University:		
<i>Texas State School Safety Center Tobacco - Sheriff</i>	790000	16,539
<i>Texas State School Safety Center Tobacco - Sheriff</i>	790000	13,656
<i>Texas State School Safety Center Tobacco - Constable #1</i>	790000	18,259
<i>Texas State School Safety Center Tobacco - Constable #1</i>	790000	26,208
Total Passed-Through Texas State University		74,662
Total Texas Department of State Health Services		649,033

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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE AWARDS (continued)
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State Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	Grantor or Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	State Expenditures
Texas Division of Emergency Management		
Direct Programs:		
<i>Texas Infrastructure Resiliency - Hurricane Harvey</i>	TDEM-4332 PA-PW04019	578,015
<i>Texas Infrastructure Resiliency - Hurricane Harvey</i>	TDEM-4332 PA-PW07342	202,327
Total Texas Division of Emergency Management		780,342
 Office of the Attorney General		
Direct Program:		
<i>Texas VINE Program (SAVNS)</i>	2110997	34,191
Total Office of the Attorney General		34,191
 Texas Indigent Defense Commission		
Direct Programs:		
<i>Formula Grant</i>	212-20-079	580,007
<i>Fort Bend County Public Defender Program</i>	212-21-D05	71,045
Total Texas Indigent Defense Commission		651,052
 Texas Department of Family and Protective Services		
Direct Program:		
<i>Concrete Services</i>	23355842	2,058
Total Passed-through Texas Department of Family & Protective Services		2,058
 Texas Secretary of State		
Direct Programs:		
<i>Chapter 19 Election Funds - 2020</i>	79	74,452
Total Texas Secretary of State		74,452
 Total Expenditure of State Awards		\$ 7,567,625

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NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE AWARDS

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

Note 1 - Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of state awards (the "Schedule") includes the state grant activity of Fort Bend County, Texas (the "County") under programs of the state government for the year ended September 30, 2021. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of the *Texas Single Audit Circular (Uniform Grant Management Standards)*. Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the County, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position or cash flows of the County.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The County accounts for all state awards under programs of the state government in the General and Special Revenue Funds. These programs are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e. revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e. expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is used for these funds. This basis of accounting recognizes revenues in the accounting period in which they become susceptible to accrual, i.e. both measurable and available, and expenditures in the accounting period in which the liability is incurred, if measurable, except for certain compensated absences and claims and judgments, which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources.

State grant funds for governmental funds are considered to be earned to the extent of expenditures made under the provisions of the grant. When such funds are advanced to the County, they are recorded as unearned revenues until earned. Otherwise, state grant funds are received on a reimbursement basis from the respective state program agencies. Generally, unused balances are returned to the grantor at the close of specified project periods.

FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

The *State of Texas Single Audit Circular (Uniform Grant Management Standards)* states that the auditee is responsible for follow-up and corrective action on all audit findings. As part of this responsibility, the auditee shall prepare a summary schedule of prior audit findings. The summary schedule of prior audit findings shall report the status of the following:

- All audit findings included in the prior audit's schedule of findings and questioned costs and
- All audit findings reported in the prior audit's summary schedule of prior audit findings except audit findings listed as corrected.

I. Prior Audit Findings

None reported

FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS
CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

The State of Texas Single Audit Circular (Uniform Grant Management Standards) states that at the completion of the audit, the auditee shall prepare, in a document separate from the auditor's findings, a corrective action plan to address each audit finding included in the current year auditor's reports.

I. Corrective Action Plan

Not applicable