Neuse River Council of Governments d/b/a Eastern Carolina Council New Bern, North Carolina

Financial and Compliance Reports Year Ended June 30, 2020

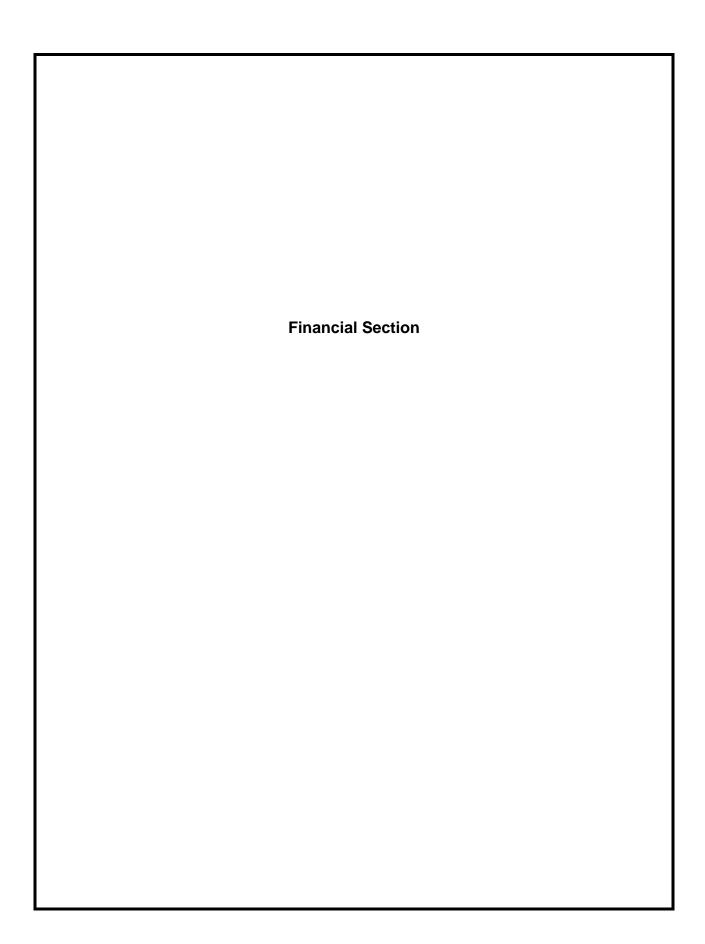
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Independent Auditor's Report

Executive Committee Neuse River Council of Governments d/b/a Eastern Carolina Council

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Neuse River Council of Governments d/b/a Eastern Carolina Council (the "Council"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Council's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Council as of June 30, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position thereof and the respective budgetary comparisons for the General Fund and Special Revenue Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 3-9 and the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System's Schedules of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) and Contributions, on pages 34-35 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, 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.

Other 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 Other Supplementary Information listed on pages 36-40 and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards, as required by Title 2 US Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) and the State Single Audit implementation Act, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

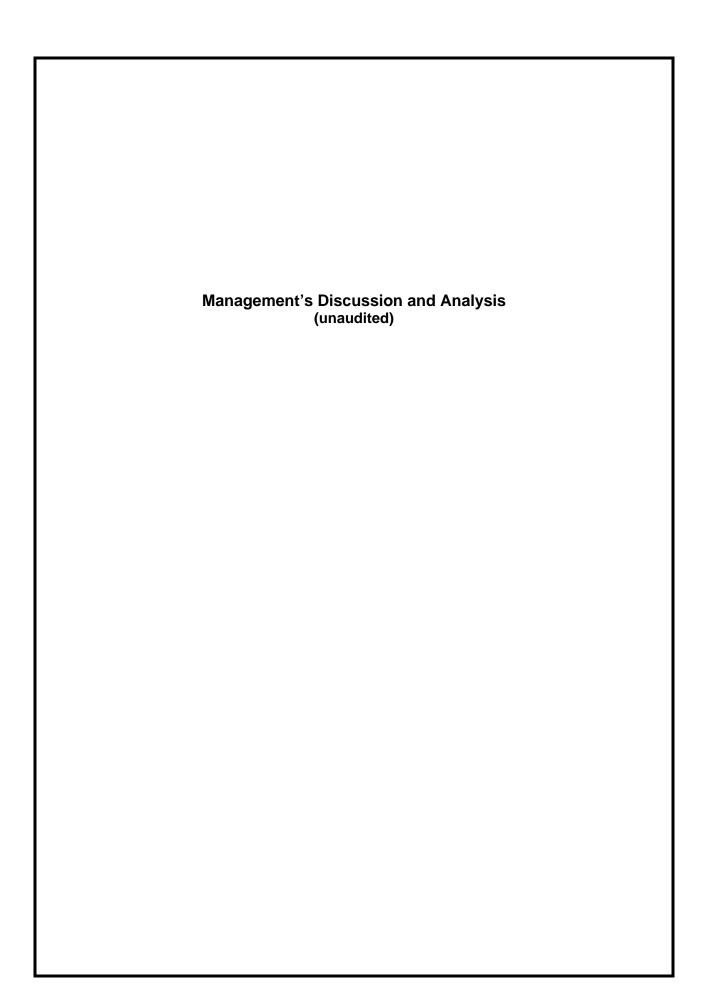
The Other Supplementary Information and Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards identified in the preceding paragraph is the responsibility of management and was derived from, and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such 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 Other Supplementary Information and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards are 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 January 14, 2021, 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.

RSM US LLP

Morehead City, North Carolina January 14, 2021



Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)

This section of the Neuse River Council of Governments d/b/a Eastern Carolina Council ("Council") financial report represents management's discussion and analysis of the financial performance of the Council for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. This information should be read in conjunction with additional information that we have furnished in the Council's financial statements, which follow this narrative.

Regional councils are multi-county planning and development agencies serving different areas of the state. Membership in these councils is voluntary. In North Carolina, the Council is one of sixteen councils that share similar economic, physical and social characteristics.

Financial Highlights

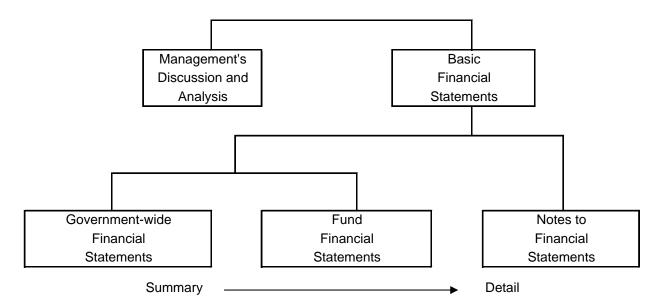
The assets of the Council exceeded its liabilities at the close of the fiscal year by \$322,267 (**net position**).

- The Council's total net position decreased by \$92,265 during the fiscal year due to an increase in expenses.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Council's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$350,779.
- The Council's fiscal obligation for accumulated personnel leave amounts to \$42,741 at June 30, 2019.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to Council's basic financial statements. Council's basic financial statements consist of three components; 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements (see Figure 1). The basic financial statements present two different views of the Council through the use of government-wide statements and fund financial statements. In addition to the basic financial statements, this report contains other supplemental information that will enhance the reader's understanding of the financial condition of the Council.

Figure 1
Required Components of Annual Financial Report



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Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)

Basic Financial Statements

The first two statements (Pages 10 and 11) in the basic financial statements are the **Government-wide Financial Statements**. They provide both short and long-term information about the Council's financial status.

The next statements (Pages 12, 13, 14 and 15) are the **Fund Financial Statements**. These statements focus on the activities of the individual parts of the Council's structure. These statements provide more detail than the government-wide statements. Budgetary information required by the General Statutes can be found in this part of the statements.

The next section of the basic financial statements is the **Notes to Financial Statements**. The notes to financial statements explain in detail some of the data contained in those statements. After the notes, the **Required Supplementary Financial Data (unaudited)** is provided to show additional information required by generally accepted accounting principles. The next section is **Other Supplementary Information** which is provided to show details about the Council's individual funds. More budgetary information required by the General Statutes can be found in this part of the statements as well as the statement of changes in the fiduciary (agency) fund.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide the reader with a broad overview of the Council's finances on the accrual basis, similar in format to financial statements of a private-sector business. The government-wide statements provide short and long-term information about the Council's financial status as a whole.

The two government-wide statements report the Council's net position and how it has changed. Net position is the difference between the Council's total assets plus any deferred outflows and total liabilities plus any deferred inflows. Measuring net position is one way to gauge the Council's financial condition.

The government-wide statements present governmental activities only, as the Council has no business-type activities or discretely presented component units. The governmental activities include the Council's basic services. State and federal grant funds finance most of these activities.

The government-wide financial statements are on pages 10 and 11 of this report.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide a more detailed look at the Council's most significant activities. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Council, like all other governmental entities in North Carolina, uses fund accounting to ensure and reflect compliance (or non-compliance) with finance-related legal requirements, such as the General Statutes or the Council's budget ordinance. All of the funds of Council can be divided into two categories: governmental funds (including the general fund and the special revenue fund) and one fiduciary fund.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)

Governmental Funds – Governmental funds are used to account for those functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. All of the Council's basic services are accounted for in governmental funds. These funds focus on how assets can readily be converted into cash flow in and out, and what monies are left at year-end that will be available for spending in the next year. Governmental funds are reported using an accounting method called *modified accrual accounting* that provides a short-term spending focus. As a result, the governmental fund financial statements give the reader a detailed short-term view that helps him or her determine if there are more or less financial resources available to finance the Council's programs. The relationship between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds is described in reconciliations that are a part of the fund financial statements.

The Council adopts an annual budget for all Funds as required by North Carolina General Statutes. The budget is a legally adopted document that incorporates input from the citizens of the Council's member local governments, the management of the Council, and the decisions of the Board about which services to provide and how to pay for them. It also authorizes the Council to obtain funds from identified sources to finance these current period activities. The budgetary statement provided for the General Fund demonstrates how well the Council complied with the budget ordinance and whether or not the Council succeeded in providing the services as planned when the budget was adopted. The budgetary comparison statement uses the budgetary basis of accounting (the modified accrual basis) and is presented using the same format, language and classifications as the legal budget document. The statement shows four columns: 1) the original budget as adopted by the board, 2) the final budget as amended by the board, 3) the actual resources, charges to appropriations, and ending balances in the General Fund, and 4) the difference or variance between the final budget and the actual resources and charges.

Fiduciary Funds – Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources received and held for the benefit of parties outside of the government. The Council has one agency fund.

Notes to Financial Statements – The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements are on pages 16 through 33 of this report.

Other Information – In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report includes certain required supplemental financial data and other supplementary information. That information can be found beginning on page 34 of this report.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

Table 1
Condensed Statements of Net Position as of June 30, 2020 and 2019

	 Governmer	ntal A	ctivities
	2020		2019
Assets and deferred outflows			
Current and other assets	\$ 1,164,912	\$	1,174,259
Capital assets	5,278		11,870
Deferred outflows of resources	164,954		174,780
Total assets and deferred outflows	1,335,144		1,360,909
Liabilities and deferred inflows			
Current liabilities	685,856		597,833
Long-term liabilities	318,564		275,109
Unearned revenue	-		58,655
Pension deferrals	8,457		14,780
Total liabilities and deferred inflows	1,012,877		946,377
Net position:			
Net investment in capital assets	5,278		11,870
Restricted	1,176,689		1,088,382
Unrestricted	(859,700)		(685,720)
Total net position	\$ 322,267	\$	414,532

Net position may serve over time as one useful indicator of a government's financial condition. The assets of the Council exceeded liabilities by \$322,267 as of June 30, 2020. The Council's net position decreased by \$92,265 for the fiscal year ended June 20, 2020. Also, \$5,278 of net position reflects the Council's net investment in its capital assets; consequently these assets are not available for future spending. Additionally, \$1,176,689 of net position is restricted by state statute. The remaining deficit balance of (\$859,700) is unrestricted.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)

Government-Wide Financial Analysis (Continued)

Table 2
Condensed Statements of Net Activities for the Years Ended June 30, 2020 and 2019

	Governmen	tal A	ctivities
	2020		2019
Revenues:			
Program revenues:			
Charges for services	\$ 168,206	\$	45,494
Operating grants and contributions	5,898,279		5,953,363
General revenues:			
Local dues	161,419		158,372
Miscellaneous	 7,141		1,303
Total revenues	6,235,045		6,158,532
Expenses:			
General government	199,515		131,834
Transportation	272,636		272,827
Environmental protection	8,633		20,307
Economic and physical development	212,850		258,523
Human services	 5,633,676		5,544,650
Total expenses	6,327,310		6,228,141
Change in net position	 (92,265)		(69,609)
Net position, beginning of year	 414,532		484,141
Net position, June 30	\$ 322,267	\$	414,532

Governmental activities decreased the Council's net position by \$92,265 thereby accounting for 100% of the total decrease in the net position of the Council. The Council's revenues and expenses increased by \$76,513 and \$99,169, respectively, from fiscal year 2019 to fiscal year 2020. The primary cause of the increase in revenues and expenses was an increase in federal and state awards received during the fiscal year.

Financial Analysis of the Council's Funds

As noted earlier, the Council uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds. The focus of the Council's governmental funds is to provide information on nearterm inflows, outflows and balances of usable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Council's financing requirements. Specifically, unassigned fund balance can be a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)

Financial Analysis of the Council's Funds (Continued)

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the Council. At the end of the current fiscal year, fund balance was \$535,101 for the general fund, of which \$195,445 was unassigned. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare unassigned fund balance to total general fund expenditures. General fund unassigned fund balance represents 92.30% of total general fund expenditures.

At June 30, 2020, the governmental funds of the Council reported a combined fund balance of \$350,779, a 6.34% decrease over the June 30, 2019 combined balance due to current year expenditures in excess of revenues.

Impact of Coronavirus on the Council: During the fiscal year, the Council and the nation were affected by the spread of the coronavirus. The Council's response to the coronavirus included multiple process and control changes in order to account for the remote working environment. There was limited financial and economic impact on the Council.

Governmental Funds Budgetary Highlights

During the fiscal year, the Council revised the budget on several occasions. Generally, budget amendments fall into one of three categories: (1) amendments made to adjust the estimates that are used to prepare the original budget ordinance once exact information is available; (2) amendments made to recognize new funding amounts from external sources, such as federal and State grants; and (3) increased in appropriations that become necessary to maintain service.

The Council made several budget amendments due to increases or decreases in federal and State funding for various programs, and decreases in general administration. Total amendments to the Council's budget increased budgeted revenues by \$227,890. This increase is primarily due to increases to federal grant revenues and local revenues.

As noted earlier, the Council uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Capital assets. The Council's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2020 totals \$5,278 (net of accumulated depreciation). These assets include furniture, fixtures, software and equipment used for operations and are scheduled in Note 2.A.3. in the Notes to Financial Statements.

Budgetary Highlights for the Coming Fiscal Year

The Council adopted a budget of \$6,518,226 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, which is a 2.97% or \$199,968 decrease from the original adopted budget for the previous year. The contribution rate of .353 cents per capita for member governments to the Council remains the same. The Council has a positive outlook for the upcoming year.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)

Requests for Information

This report is designed to provide an overview of the Council's finances for those with an interest in this area. Questions concerning any of the information found in this report or requests for additional information should be directed to:

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Basic Financial Statements
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Statement of Net Position June 30, 2020

	Governmental Activities
Assets	
Current assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 247,140
Accounts receivable	29,135
Awards receivable	837,033
Total current assets	1,113,308
Non-current assets	
Certificate of deposit	51,604
Capital assets, net of depreciation	5,278
Total assets	1,170,190
Deferred outflows of resources	
Pension deferrals	164,954
Total deferred outflows of resources	164,954
Liabilities	
Current liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	168,563
Due to member counties	517,293
Total current liabilities	685,856
Non-current liabilities	
Compensated absences	42,741
Net pension liability	275,823
Total liabilities	1,004,420
Deferred inflows of resources	
Pension deferrals	8,457
Total deferred inflows of resources	8,457
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Unrestricted	1,176,689
	(859,700) \$ 322,267
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Statement of Activities Year Ended June 30, 2020

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			m Revenues Operating	Primary Government
		Charges for	Grants and	Governmental
Functions/Programs	Expenses	Services	Contributions	Activities
Governmental activities:				
General government	\$ 199,515	\$ 168,206	\$ -	\$ (31,309)
Transportation	272,636	-	293,961	21,325
Environmental protection	8,633	-	6,495	(2,138)
Economic and physical development	212,850	-	128,353	(84,497)
Human services	5,633,676	-	5,469,470	(164,206)
Total governmental activities	\$ 6,327,310	\$ 168,206	\$ 5,898,279	(260,825)
	General reven	ues:		
	Local dues			161,419
	Miscellaneou	ıs		7,141
	Total	general reve	enues	168,560
	Change in net	position		(92,265)
	Net position,	beginning of	year	414,532
	Net position,	end of year		\$ 322,267

Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds June 30, 2020

Name		Major Funds				_	
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	Net position of governmental activities			. =		\$	322,267

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance (Deficit) Governmental Funds - Annual Budget and Actual

General and Major Special Revenue Funds, with Total Governmental Funds Actual Year Ended June 30, 2020

					General	l		
		Budgete	d Amou	nts			Variance with Budget Posi	
		Original		Final	_	Actual	(Negative)
Revenues								
Federal government grants	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
State government grants		-		-		-		-
Local dues		173,615		173,615		161,419		(12,196)
In-kind		-		-		-		-
Miscellaneous		-		-		7,141		7,141
Contract services		179,086		179,086		168,206		(10,880)
Total revenues		352,701		352,701		336,766		(15,935)
Expenditures								
General government		212,676		271,330		211,730		59,600
Transportation		-		· -		-		
Environmental protection		-		=		-		-
Economic and physical development		-		=		-		-
Human services		-		-		-		-
Total expenditures		212,676		271,330		211,730		59,600
Revenues over								
(under) expenditures		140,025		81,371		125,036		43,665
Other financing sources (uses)								
Transfers in		_		-		-		-
Transfers out		(140,025)		(140,025)		(140,025)		-
Fund balance appropriated				58,654				(58,654)
Total other financing	•			, -				,
sources (uses)		(140,025)		(81,371)		(140,025)		(58,654)
Net change in fund balance	\$	-	\$	-	=	(14,989)	\$	(14,989)
Fund balance (deficit), beginning of year						550,090		
Fund balance (deficit), end of year					\$	535,101	•	

Total Governmental

		Opoc	ial Revenue			Funds
				Variance with Final		
	Budgeted	Amounts	_	Budget Positive		
	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)		Actual
\$	5 045 090	\$ 6,035,581	\$ 3,361,741	\$ (2,673,840)	\$	2 261 741
φ	5,945,080 344,681	\$ 6,035,581 423,416	\$ 3,361,741 2,491,908	2,068,492	φ	3,361,741 2,491,908
	54,566	54,566	54,570	2,000,432		215,989
	16,666	16,666	-	(16,666)		-
	-	-	_	(10,000)		7,141
	4,500	4,500	4,919	419		173,125
	6,365,493	6,534,729	5,913,138	(621,591)		6,249,904
	-	-	-	-		211,730
	272,836	272,836	272,636	200		272,636
	7,753	6,495	8,633	(2,138)		8,633
	188,333	188,333	212,850	(24,517)		212,850
	6,036,596	6,207,090	5,567,911	639,179		5,567,911
	6,505,518	6,674,754	6,062,030	612,724		6,273,760
	(140,025)	(140,025)	(148,892)	(8,867)		(23,856)
	140,025	140,025	140,025	-		140,025
	-	-	-	-		(140,025)
	-	-	-	-		-
	- 140,025	140,025	140,025	_		_
\$	-	\$ -	(8,867)	\$ (8,867)	\$	(23,856)
			(175,455)			374,635
			\$ (184,322)	· :	\$	350,779
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Statement of Fiduciary Net Position June 30, 2020

Assets		
Accounts receivable	\$	27,715
Liabilities Accounts payable	_\$	27,715



Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of Neuse River Council of Governments d/b/a Eastern Carolina Council (the "Council") have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standards-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the Council's accounting policies are described below.

A. Reporting Entity

The Council was formed as a jointly governed entity on May 9, 1967 to perform and carry out such powers, duties and responsibilities as authorized by North Carolina legislation. The Council is one of the sixteen regional councils of government formed pursuant to the General Statutes of North Carolina, Chapter 160A, Article 20, Part 2. Membership in the Council is composed of local governmental units who have:

- 1. Made application to the Council by resolution and adoption of the Council Charter and Bylaws.
- 2. Received membership acceptance and approval by the Board of Directors.
- 3. Appropriated in their annual budgets the pro-rata assessment for the support of the Council's operation.
- 4. Paid their annual pro-rata membership dues and are otherwise members in good standing.

As described below, although the Council is accounted for as a governmental entity, the Council does not have the statutory authority to levy taxes or issue bonds.

GAAP requires that the reporting entity include (1) the primary government, (2) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable and (3) other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Council has no component units, and is not a component unit of any other entity

B. Governance

The Board is constituted in a two-part governance:

- 1. The Executive Committee meets on several occasions throughout the year and is comprised of the following:
 - a. One county commissioner appointed by the member county.
 - b. One city/town alderman or councilman representing a member municipality elected by caucus of the member municipalities in that county.
 - c. Maximum number of Executive Committee is twenty three.
 - d. Officers of the Board are elected from those serving on the Executive Committee.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

B. Governance (Continued)

- 2. General membership board meets twice a year and is comprised of the following:
 - a. The Executive Committee.
 - Additional members appointed as necessary to satisfy Federal requirements on Board composition. The Boards of County Commissioners of the appropriate counties would select these additional members.

Dues and administrative fees received from the related local governments amounted to \$161,419 for the year ended June 30, 2020.

The officers of the Council consist of a president, a first and second vice-president, and a treasurer, all of whom are elected from and by the Board of Directors of the Council, and the Executive Director, who serves as secretary.

C. Basis of Presentation

Government-Wide Statements: The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the primary government, and exclude any fiduciary funds. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal activities. These statements distinguish between the governmental and any business-type activities of a local government unit. Governmental activities generally are financed through intergovernmental revenues and other non-exchange transactions. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties. The Council has no business-type activities.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the Council's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Indirect expense allocations that have been made in the funds have not been reversed for the statement of activities. Program revenues include: (a) fees and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including member dues, are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements: The fund financial statements provide information about the Council's funds. The Council currently maintains the following major governmental funds:

General Fund – The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Council. The General Fund accounts for and reports all unrestricted resources except those required to be accounted for in other funds.

Special Revenue Fund – The Special Revenue Fund accounts for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted by law or account for administrative action to expend funds for specified purposes. The primary revenue sources are federal and State grants, and the primary expenditures are for human services. The departments within this special revenue fund with current year operations are Transportation, Economic and Physical Development, Human Services, and Environmental Protection.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

C. Basis of Presentation (Continued)

The Council's fiduciary fund consists of:

Craven Pamlico Re-Entry Council ("CPRC") and North Carolina Council of Governments Human Resources Group ("NC COG HR") – The agency fund is custodial in nature and does not involve the measurement of operating results. The fund is used to account for assets the Council holds on behalf of others. The Council maintains one agency fund for the purpose of accounting for the activities of CPRC monies awarded to regional nonprofit organizations for which the Council acts as fiscal agent and accounting for the administrative monies related to the NC COG HR group.

D. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

In accordance with North Carolina General Statutes, all funds of the Council are maintained during the year using the modified accrual basis of accounting.

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. Non-exchange transactions, in which the Council gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include grants. Revenues from grants are recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Governmental Funds Financial Statements – Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related liability is incurred. The exception to this general rule is that long-term obligations (e.g. debt, compensated absences) and claims and judgments are recognized when due. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

The Council considers all revenues available if they are collected within 90 days after year-end. Those revenues susceptible to accrual are members' dues, investment earnings, technical assistance contracts and fees, and federal and State restricted intergovernmental revenues. Expenditure-driven grants are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other grant eligibility requirements have been satisfied, subject to meeting the availability criterion. Grant receipts that are unearned at year-end are included as liabilities.

E. Budgetary Data

The Council's budgets are adopted, as required by the North Carolina General Statutes, annually for all funds. All annual appropriations lapse at the fiscal year-end. All budgets are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the program level. The Council's Budget Officer is authorized to transfer appropriations within a program or project; however, any revisions that alter total expenditure of any program must be approved by the governing board.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

E. Budgetary Data (Continued)

The appropriations are formally budgeted and legally controlled on a program or project basis. The annual budget, which is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting as required by North Carolina statute, is amended during the fiscal year by the Executive Committee, and the final budget amounts reflected in the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance (deficit) represent the budget as amended to June 30, 2020. Unencumbered annual appropriations lapse at each fiscal year-end and must be re-appropriated in the following fiscal year's budget.

F. Estimates

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

G. Indirect Costs

Indirect costs in program or project expenditures are those costs not readily assignable to a program or incurred for a common or joint purpose benefiting more than one program or project. Indirect costs are charged to programs or projects during the year based on direct salaries and fringe benefits using a cost methodology plan approved by the United States Department of Commerce.

The United Stated Department of Commerce continues to be the cognizant agency for the Council. As a local government entity, and a public authority, the Council complies with the indirect cost methodology regulated by the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") 2 CFR part 200, subpart E and the North Carolina State Treasurer Policies, Section 55, User Fees - Utilizing Expense / Expenditure Information.

Per definition of the Uniform Guidance, the Council is a multi-function entity. The multi-functions include five (5) categories or functions: General Government, Transportation, Environmental Protection, Economic and Physical Development, and Human Services. To comply with the requirements of 2 CFR part 200, subpart E, the Council captures all indirect costs into one separate cost pool at the time of expenditure. On a monthly basis, the indirect costs are allocated to each function, and to individual awards and activities within that function, by means of the indirect cost methodology stated in 2 CFR part 200, subpart E – direct salaries and wages. Each month a percentage relationship is determined between salaries of a particular award or activity and its relation to the total salaries for the Council as a whole. The resultant percentage is applied to all indirect costs held in the pool. The indirect costs are then distributed to indirect line-items within each award or activity on that basis.

H. Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Equity

1. Deposits and Investments

All deposits of the Council are made in board-designated official depositories and are collateralized as required by North Carolina General Statute 159-31. The Council may designate as an official depository any bank or savings association whose principal office is located in North Carolina. The Council may establish time deposits, such as NOW and SuperNOW accounts, money market accounts and certificates of deposit.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

1. Deposits and Investments (Continued)

All of the Council's deposits are either insured or collateralized under the Pooling Method, a system of state-wide single financial institution collateral pools, whereby all uninsured deposits are collateralized with securities held by the State Treasurer's agent in the name of the State Treasurer. As the State Treasurer is acting in a fiduciary capacity for the Council, these deposits are considered to be held by the Council's agent in the Council's name. The amount of the pledged collateral is based on an approved averaging method for non-interest-bearing deposits and the actual current balance for interest-bearing deposits. Depositories using the Pooling Method report to the State Treasurer the adequacy of their pooled collateral covering uninsured deposits. The State Treasurer does not confirm this information with the Council or the escrow agent. Because of the inability to measure the exact amount of collateral pledged for the Council under the Pooling Method, the potential exists for under collateralization, and this risk may increase in periods of high cash flows.

However, the State Treasurer of North Carolina enforces strict standards of financial stability for each Pooling method depository. The Board has no formal policy regarding custodial credit risk for deposits, but informally complies with North Carolina General Statute 159-31.

At June 30, 2020, the Council's deposits had a carrying amount of \$247,140 and a bank balance of \$335,399. Of the bank balance, \$250,000 is covered under Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insurance and \$85,399 is covered under the Pooling Method.

North Carolina General Statute 159-30(c) authorizes the Council to invest in obligations of the United States or obligations fully guaranteed both as to principal and interest by the United States; obligations of the State of North Carolina; bonds and notes of any North Carolina local government or public Council; obligations of certain nonguaranteed federal agencies; certain high quality issues of commercial paper and bankers' acceptances; and the North Carolina Capital Management Trust (NCCMT). At June 30, 2020, the Council had \$50,000 invested in a certificate of deposit that is covered under Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insurance and matures June 22, 2021. At June 30, 2020, the Council had \$1,313 invested in the NCCMT Government Portfolio. The NCCMT Government Portfolio, a SEC-registered (2a-7) money market annual fund, is measured at fair value. Because the NCCMT Government portfolio has a weighted average maturity of less than 90 days, they are presented as an investment with a maturity date of less than 6 months.

2. Capital Assets

Capital assets are reported in the Council's government-wide financial statements only and are defined by the Council as assets with an initial, individual cost greater than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Capital assets meeting this policy threshold are recorded at cost or estimated historical cost. Donated capital assets received prior to June 15, 2015 are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. Donated capital assets received after June 15, 2015 are recorded at their acquisition value. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized. When an asset is disposed of, the cost of the asset and the related accumulated depreciation are removed from the books.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

2. Capital Assets (Continued)

Any gain or loss on disposition is reflected in the earnings for the period. Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

	Years
Furniture and equipment	7 - 10
Copiers	5 - 7
Computer software	3
Computer equipment	3 - 5

3. Compensated Absences

Employees may accumulate up to 240 hours earned personal leave with such leave being fully vested when earned. Accumulated earned personal leave at June 30, 2020, was \$42,741. The Council's liability for accumulated earned personal leave as of June 30, 2020, is recorded in the government-wide financial statements and is considered to be used on a last-in, first-out (LIFO) basis, assuming that employees are taking leave time as it is earned. The current portion of the accumulated personal leave pay is not considered to be material and therefore, no current liability has been reported in the accompanying statement of net position.

In the governmental fund financial statements, an expenditure and a liability for compensated absences is recorded when payable, which occurs when the personal leave or sick leave is used or upon termination of an employee.

4. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position and the balance sheet - governmental funds will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *Deferred Outflows of Resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an expense or expenditure until then. The Council has one item that meets this criterion, pension costs to be recognized in future years including contributions made to the pension plan in the 2020 fiscal year in accordance with GASB Statement 68. In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position and the balance sheet-governmental funds will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *Deferred Inflows of Resources*, represents an acquisition of net position or fund balance that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as revenue until then. The Council has two items that meet this criterion, unavailable revenue and pension deferrals under GASB Statement 68.

5. Net Position/Fund Balances

Net Position

Net position in government-wide financial statements is classified as net investment in capital assets; restricted; or unrestricted. Net investment in capital assets reflects amounts expended for capital assets, less accumulated depreciation, net of related debt. Restricted net position represents constraints on resources that are either a) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or b) imposed by law through State statute.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

5. Net Position/Fund Balances (Continued)

Fund Balances

In the governmental fund financial statements, fund balance is composed of five classifications designed to disclose the hierarchy of constraints placed on how fund balance can be spent.

The governmental fund types classify fund balances as follows:

Nonspendable Fund Balance – This classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Notes Receivable – Portion of fund balance that is not an available resource because it represents the year-end balances, which are not expected to be collected during the coming year and, therefore, are not considered spendable resources.

Prepaid items – Portion of fund balance that is not an available resource because it represents the year-end balance of prepaid items, which are not spendable resources.

Restricted Fund Balance – This classification includes revenue sources that are restricted to specific purposes externally imposed or imposed by law.

Restricted for Stabilization by State Statute – Portion of fund balance that is restricted by State Statute [G.S. 159-8(a)].

Committed Fund Balance – Portion of fund balance that can only be used for specific purpose imposed by majority vote of the Council's governing body (highest level of decision-making authority). Any changes or removal of specific purposes requires majority action by the governing body.

Assigned Fund Balance – Portion of fund balance that the Council governing board has budgeted.

Unassigned fund balance – Portion of fund balance that has not been restricted, committed or assigned to specific purposes or other funds.

I. Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability (asset), deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (LGERS) and additions to/deductions from LGERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by LGERS. For this purpose, plan member contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are due. The Council's employer contributions are recognized when due and the Council has a legal requirement to provide the contributions. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of LGERS. Investments are reported at fair value.

J. Other Resources

The General Fund provides the basis of local resources for the special revenue fund. These transactions are recorded as "Transfers out" or "Transfer of local matching funds" in the General Fund and "Transfers in" or "Transfer of local matching funds" in the receiving fund.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 2. Detailed Notes on All Funds

A. Assets

1. Accounts and Awards Receivable

At June 30, 2020, accounts and awards receivable totaling \$866,168 consists of the following amounts due, principally from grantor agencies in the Special Revenue Fund:

General Fund	\$ 29,135
Special Revenue Fund	
Transportation	95,454
Economic and Physical Development	6,458
Human Services	735,121
	837,033
	\$ 866,168

2. Capital Assets

The capital assets activity for the year ended June 30, 2020, is as follows:

		eginning Balances	Α	dditions	De	letions		Ending alances
Capital assets being depreciated: Council equipment Less accumulated depreciation for:	\$	112,739	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 1	12,739
Council equipment		100,869		6,592		-	1	07,461
Governmental activity capital assets, net	\$	11,870	\$	(6,592)	\$	-	\$	5,278
Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:								
General Government							\$	6,592
							\$	6,592

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 2. Detailed Notes on All Funds (Continued)

B. Deferred Outflows of Resources

Deferred outflows of resources as of June 30, 2020 is comprised of the following:

Governmental Activities

Contributions to pension plan in current fiscal year Other pension deferrals

\$ 59,157 105,797 \$ 164,954

C. Liabilities

1. Long-Term Obligation Activity

The following is a summary of long-term obligation changes for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020:

	В	eginning						Ending
	B	alances	Inc	creases	De	creases	В	alances
Governmental activities								
Net pension liability (LGERS)	\$	220,153	\$	55,670	\$	-	\$	275,823
Compensated absences		54,956		37,460		49,675		42,741
Total	\$	275,109	\$	93,130	\$	49,675	\$	318,564

2. Pension Plan Obligations

Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System

Plan Description. The Council is a participating employer in the statewide Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (LGERS), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of North Carolina. LGERS membership is comprised of general employees of participating local governmental entities. LGERS provides retirement and disability benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Article 3 of G.S. Chapter 128 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the North Carolina General Assembly. Management of the plan is vested in the LGERS Board of Trustees, which consists of 13 members – nine appointed by the Governor, one appointed by the State Senate, one appointed by the State House of Representatives, and the State Treasurer and State Superintendent, who serve as ex-officio members. LGERS is included in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) of the State of North Carolina. The State's CAFR includes financial statements and required supplementary information for LGERS. That report may be obtained by writing to the Office of the State Controller, 1410 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1410, or by calling (919) 981-5454, or at www.osc.nc.gov.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 2. Detailed Notes on All Funds (Continued)

2. Pension Plan Obligations (Continued)

Benefits Provided. LGERS provides retirement and survivor benefits. Retirement benefits are determined as 1.85% of the member's average final compensation times the member's years of creditable service. A member's average final compensation is calculated as the average of a member's four highest consecutive years of compensation. Plan members are eligible to retire with full retirement benefits at age 65 with five years of creditable service, at age 60 with 25 years of creditable service, or at any age with 30 years of creditable service. Plan members are eligible to retire with partial retirement benefits at age 50 with 20 years of creditable service or at age 60 with five years of creditable service. Survivor benefits are available to eligible beneficiaries of members who die while in active service or within 180 days of their last day of service and who have either completed 20 years of creditable service regardless of age or have completed five years of service and have reached age 60. Eligible beneficiaries may elect to receive a monthly Survivor's Alternate Benefit for life or a return of the member's contributions. The plan does not provide for automatic post-retirement benefit increases. Increases are contingent upon actuarial gains of the plan.

Contributions. Contribution provisions are established by General Statute 128-30 and may be amended only by the North Carolina General Assembly. The Council employees are required to contribute 6% of their compensation. Employer contributions are actuarially determined and set annually by the LGERS Board of Trustees. The Council's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2020, was 8.95% of compensation, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employer contributions, is expected to finance the cost of benefits earned by employees during the year. Contributions to the pension plan from the Council were \$59,157 for the year ended June 30, 2020.

Refunds of Contributions – Council employees who have terminated service as a contributing member of LGERS may file an application for a refund of their contributions. By state law, refunds to members with at least five years of service include 4% interest. State law requires a 60-day waiting period after service termination before the refund may be paid. The acceptance of a refund payment cancels the individual's right to employer contributions or any other benefit provided by LGERS.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions.

At June 30, 2020, the Council reported a liability of \$275,823 for its proportionate share of LGERS's net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2019. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2018. The total pension liability was then rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2019, utilizing update procedures incorporating the actuarial assumptions. The Council's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Council's long-term share of future payroll covered by the pension plan of all participating LGERS employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2019, the Council's proportion was .01010%, which was an increase of .00082% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2018.

Note 2. Detailed Notes on All Funds (Continued)

2. Pension Plan Obligations (Continued)

For the year ended June 30, 2020, the Council recognized pension expense of \$118,330. At June 30, 2020, the Council reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	 red Outflows Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 47,228	\$	-	
Changes of assumptions	44,955		-	
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on				
pension plan investments	6,727		-	
Changes in proportion and differences between Council				
contributions and proportionate share of contributions	6,887		8,456	
Council contributions subsequent to the measurement date	 59,157		<u> </u>	
Total	\$ 164,954	\$	8,456	

\$59,157 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Council contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a decrease of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2020 (Council year ending June 30, 2021). Other amounts reported as deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ending June 30:

2021	\$ 47,558
2022	16,359
2023	25,326
2024	8,098
2025	-
Thereafter	
	\$ 97,341

Actuarial Assumptions. The total pension liability in the December 31, 2018 valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation 3.0 percent

Salary increases 3.50 to 8.10 percent

Investment rate of return 7.00 percent, net of pension plan investment

expense, including inflation

The plan currently uses mortality tables that vary by age, gender, employee group (i.e. general, law enforcement officer) and health status (i.e. disabled and healthy). The current mortality rates are based on published tables and based on studies that cover significant portions of the U.S. population. The healthy mortality rates also contain a provision to reflect future mortality improvements. The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2018 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study prepared as of December 31, 2015.

Future ad hoc COLA amounts are not considered to be substantively automatic and are therefore not included in the measurement.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 2. Detailed Notes on All Funds (Continued)

2. Pension Plan Obligations (Continued)

The projected long-term investment returns and inflation assumptions are developed through review of current and historical capital markets data, sell-side investment research, consultant whitepapers, and historical performance of investment strategies. Fixed income return projections reflect current yields across the U.S. Treasury yield curve and market expectations of forward yields projected and interpolated for multiple tenors and over multiple year horizons. Global public equity return projections are established through analysis of the equity risk premium and the fixed income return projections. Other asset categories and strategies' return projections reflect the foregoing and historical data analysis. These projections are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class of June 30, 2019 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Fixed Income	29.0%	1.4%
Global Equity	42.0%	5.3%
Real Estate	8.0%	4.3%
Alternatives	8.0%	8.9%
Credit	7.0%	6.0%
Inflation Protection	6.0%	4.0%
Total	100.0%	

The information above is based on 30-year expectations developed with the consulting actuary for the 2018 asset, liability, and investment policy study for the North Carolina Retirement Systems, including LGERS. The long-term nominal rates of return underlying the real rates of return are arithmetic annualized figures. The real rates of return are calculated from nominal rates by multiplicatively subtracting a long-term inflation assumption of 3.00%. All rates of return and inflation are annualized.

Discount rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from employers will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially determined. Based on these assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of the current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Council's proportionate share of the net pension asset to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the Council's proportionate share of the net pension asset calculated using the discount rate of 7.00 percent, as well as what the Council's proportionate share of the net pension asset or net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.00 percent) or one percentage point higher (8.00 percent) than the current rate:

	1%	Discount		1%
	ecrease (6.00%)	Rate (7.00%)		ncrease (8.00%)
Council's proportionate share of	 	 	,	
the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 630,858	\$ 275,823	\$	(19,283)

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 2. Detailed Notes on All Funds (Continued)

2. Pension Plan Obligations (Continued)

Pension plan fiduciary net position. Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the State of North Carolina.

Supplemental Retirement Income Plan:

Plan Description. The Council contributes to the Supplemental Retirement Income Plan, a defined contribution retirement (401(k)) plan administered by the Department of State Treasurer and a Board of Trustees. Article 5 of G.S Chapter 135 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the North Carolina General Assembly. The Supplemental Retirement Income Plan is also included in the CAFR of the State of North Carolina. The State's CAFR includes the pension trust fund financial statements for the Internal Revenue Code Section 401(k) plan that includes the Supplemental Retirement Income Plan. That report may be obtained by writing to the Office of the State Controller, 1410 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1410, or by calling (919) 707-0500.

Full-time employees of the Council are eligible for the supplemental retirement plan. Under this plan, an employee may contribute a percentage of their annual gross salary as limited by federal tax laws. Additionally, the Council contributes 3% of an eligible employee's gross salary to the supplemental retirement plan, regardless of the employee's contribution. The Council's contribution to the 401(k) plan for the year ended June 30, 2020, was \$20,191.

3. Other Employment Benefits

The Council has elected to provide death benefits to employees through the Death Benefit Plan for Members of the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (the System), a multi-employer State administered cost-sharing plan funded on a one-year term cost basis. Lump sum death benefits are provided to employees who have completed one year as a contributing member in the System and (a) die in active service or (b) die within 180 days of retirement or termination of service. Lump sum death benefit payments to beneficiaries are equal to the employee's 12 highest months' salary in a row during the 24 months prior to the employee's death, but the benefit may not exceed \$50,000, or be less than \$25,000. Because all death benefit payments are made from the Death Benefit Plan and not by the Council, the Council does not determine the number of eligible participants. The Council has no liability beyond the payment of monthly contributions. Annually, the State sets the Council's monthly contribution rate for death benefits as a percentage of monthly payroll. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, the Council did not make any contributions to the State of North Carolina death benefits plan as none were required.

D. Deferred Inflows of Resources

Deferred Inflows of resources as of June 30, 2020 is comprised of the following:

Note Deferred Inflows

Governmental Activities Other pension plan deferrals	\$ 8,457
General Fund Unavailable revenue - receivables not collected within 90 days	\$ 17,130
Special Revenue Fund Unavailable revenue - receivables not collected within 90 days	_\$ 111,147

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 2. Detailed Notes on All Funds (Continued)

E. Fund Balance

The Council has a revenue spending policy for programs with multiple revenue sources. The Finance Officer works with the Department Director to ensure the use of resources in the following hierarchy: federal funds, State funds, local funds, Council funds. For purposes of fund balance classification, expenditures are to be spent from restricted fund balance first, followed in order by committed, assigned and unassigned fund balance. The Finance Officer has Board authorization to deviate from this policy if it is in the best interest of the Council. The following shows to the public the portion of the General Fund balance that is available for appropriation:

Total fund balance-General Fund	\$ 535,101
Less:	
Stabilized by state statute	339,656
Remaining fund balance	\$ 195,445
Unassigned fund balance	\$ 195,445

Note 3. Summary Disclosure of Other Significant Commitments and Contingencies

A. Risk Management

The Council is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Council participates in a self-funded risk financing pool administered by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, transferring risk to the pool. Through this pool the Council obtains property insurance coverage of \$802,289, equipment insurance coverage of \$122,370 and general liability coverage of \$5 million. The pool is reinsured through commercial companies for single occurrence losses in excess of \$500,000 for property coverage and \$500,000 for general liability. The Council carries commercial coverage for all other risks of loss. Claims have not exceeded coverage in any of the past five fiscal years.

In accordance with G.S. 159-29, the Council's employees that have access to \$100 or more at any given time of the Council's funds are performance bonded through a commercial surety bond. The Council purchased public officials bonds for the Finance Director, Deputy Finance Director and Executive Director in the amount of \$50,000. In addition, all employees are bonded under a blanket employee dishonesty bond for \$250,000.

B. Operating Lease

The Council is committed under an office space lease, which is considered for accounting purposes to be an operating lease. The Council also has noncancellable leases for certain office equipment. Rent under these leases for the year ended June 30, 2020, amounted to \$61,309.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 3. Summary Disclosure of Other Significant Commitments and Contingencies (Continued)

Future minimum lease payments for the office and equipment leases are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Total Minin Lease Paym	
2021	\$ 59.	,839
2022	59	,839
2023	57	,701
2024	54	,138
2025	49	,627
	\$ 281,	,144

C. Federal and State Assisted Programs

The Council has received significant amounts of proceeds from federal and State grants. Periodic audits of these grants are required and certain costs may be questioned as not being appropriate expenditures under the grant agreements. Such audits could result in the refund of grant monies to the grantor agencies. Management believes that any required refunds will be immaterial. No provision has been made in the accompanying financial statements for the refund of grant monies. Due to the Council's reliance on government funding sources, changes in State and federal budgets could have a significant effect on the Council's future operations.

D. Interfund Balances and Transfer Activity

Transfers and due to/from other funds at June 30, 2020, consist of the following:

Transfer from the General Fund to the Special Revenue Fund to cover various expenditures in each of the program departments. \$140,025

Borrowings from the General Fund to the Special Revenue Funds to fund restricted activities until awards receivable are collected \$310,521

Note 4. Related Party Transactions

During the year ended June 30, 2020, the Council received and recorded dues revenues of \$161,419 from member governments, including Carteret, Craven, Duplin, Greene, Jones, Lenoir, Onslow, Pamlico and Wayne Counties and the municipalities within their boundaries.

Also during the year ended June 30, 2020, the Council expended the following amounts to member governments, in the form of pass-through monies:

Carteret County	\$ 452,446
Craven County	556,546
Duplin County	536,109
Greene County	244,000
Jones County	185,724
Lenoir County	516,596
Onslow County	769,100
Pamlico County	220,647
Wayne County	 918,576
	\$ 4,399,744

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 4. Related Party Transactions (Continued)

Amounts due to member counties at June 30, 2020, are presented separately on the statement of net position and the balance sheet.

Note 5. Recent GASB Statements

The Council implemented the following GASB pronouncements during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020:

In May 2020, GASB issued Statement No. 95, *Postponement of the Effective Dates of Certain Authoritative Guidance*. The objective of this Statement is to provide temporary relief to governments and other stakeholders in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. That objective is accomplished by postponing the effective dates of certain provisions in Statements and Implementation Guides that first became effective or are scheduled to become effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2018. This statement is effective immediately (May 2020), and did not have a material impact on the Council's financial position, overall cash flow or balances or results of operations.

In June 2020, GASB issued Statement No. 97, Certain Component Unit Criteria, and Accounting and Financial Reporting for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans – An amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 84, and a Supersession of GASB Statement No. 32. The primary objectives of this Statement are to (1) increase consistency and comparability related to the reporting of fiduciary component units in circumstances in which a potential component unit does not have a governing board and the primary government performs the duties that a governing board typically would perform; (2) mitigate costs associated with the reporting of certain defined contribution pension plans, defined contribution other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plans, and employee benefit plans other than pension plans or OPEB plans (other employee benefit plans) as fiduciary component units in fiduciary fund financial statements; and (3) enhance the relevance, consistency, and comparability of the accounting and financial reporting for Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 457 deferred compensation plans (Section 457 plans) that meet the definition of a pension plan and for benefits provided through those plans. The requirements in this Statement as it applies to defined contribution pension plans, defined contribution OPEB plans, and other employee benefit plans are effective immediately (June 2020), and did not have a material impact on the Council's financial position, overall cash flow or balances or results of operations. All other requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2021.

Note 6. Pending GASB Statements

The Council has not yet evaluated the effect of implementation of the following GASB pronouncements.

In January 2017, GASB issued Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*. This Statement established criteria for identifying fiduciary activities of all state and local governments. The focus of the criteria is generally on (1) whether a government is controlling the assets of the fiduciary activity and (2) the beneficiaries with whom a fiduciary relationship exists. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019 and did not have a material impact on the Council's financial position, overall cash flow or balances or results of operations.

In August 2018, GASB issued Statement No. 90, Majority Equity Interests – *An Amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 61*. The primary objectives of this Statement are to improve the consistency and comparability of reporting a government's majority equity interest in a legally separate organization and to improve the relevance of financial statement information for certain component units. This Statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019 and did not have a material impact on the Council's financial position, overall cash flow or balances or results of operations.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 6. Pending GASB Statements (Continued)

In June 2017, GASB issued Statement No. 87, *Leases*. The objective of this statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by improving accounting and financial reporting for leases. This Statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2021.

In June 2018, GASB issued Statement No. 89, *Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred Before the End of a Construction Period.* The objectives of this statement are (1) to enhance the relevance and comparability of information about capital assets and the cost of borrowing for a reporting period and (2) to simplify accounting for interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period. This statement requires that interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period be recognized as an expense in the period in which the cost is incurred for financial statements prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2020.

In May 2019, GASB issued Statement No. 91, *Conduit Debt Obligations*. The primary objectives of this Statement are to provide a single method of reporting conduit debt obligations by issuers and eliminate diversity in practice associated with (1) commitments extended by issuers, (2) arrangements associated with conduit debt obligations and (3) related note disclosures. This Statement is effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2021.

In January 2020, GASB issued Statement No. 92, *Omnibus 2020*. The objectives of this Statement are to enhance comparability in accounting and financial reporting and to improve the consistency of authoritative literature by addressing practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB statements. This statement is effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2021.

In March 2020, GASB issued Statement No. 93, *Replacement of Interbank Offered Rates*. The objective of this Statement is to address those and other accounting and financial reporting implications that result from the replacement of an interbank offered rate (IBOR). As a result of global reference rate reform, LIBOR is expected to cease to exist in its current form at the end of 2021, prompting governments to amend or replace financial instruments for the purpose of replacing LIBOR with other reference rates. The requirements of this Statement, except for paragraphs 11b, 13, and 14 are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2020, and did not have a material impact on the County's financial position, overall cash flow or balances or results of operations. The requirement in paragraph 11b is effective for reporting periods ending after December 31, 2021. The requirements in paragraphs 13 and 14 are effective for fiscal years periods beginning after June 15, 2021.

In March 2020, GASB issued Statement No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*. The primary objective of this Statement is to improve financial reporting by addressing issues related to the public-private and public-public partnership arrangements (PPPs). This Statement is effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2022.

In May 2020, GASB issued Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*. This Statement provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) for government end users (governments). This Statement (1) defines a SBITA; (2) establishes that a SBITA results in a right-to-use subscription asset—an intangible asset—and a corresponding subscription liability; (3) provides the capitalization criteria for outlays other than subscription payments, including implementation costs of a SBITA; and (4) requires note disclosures regarding a SBITA. To the extent relevant, the standards for SBITAs are based on the standards established in Statement No. 87, *Leases*, as amended. This Statement is effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2022.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 7. Commitments and Contingencies

The Agreement to Terminate the Financial Assistance Award for Convenience with the EDA related to the revolving loan fund in fiscal year 2012 did not relieve the Council of the obligation to pay the federal share on any amounts recovered on defaulted loans for a period of 10 years.

Required Supplementary Financial Data (unaudited)

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- Schedule of Proportionate Share of Net Pension Asset for Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System
- Schedule of Contributions to Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System

Neuse River Council of Governments d/b/a Eastern Carolina Council Schedule of the Council's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability (Asset) Required Supplementary Information Last Seven Fiscal Years*

Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System

	 2020		2019	2018	2017	2016		2015	2014
The Council's proportion of the net pension liability (asset) (%)	0.01010%		0.00928%	0.00957%	0.00768%	0.01032%	,	0.00956%	0.01130%
The Council's proportion of the net pension liability (asset) (\$) The Council's covered employee payroll* The Council's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	\$ 275,823 678,332 40.66%	٠	220,153 584,912 37.64%	\$ 146,203 559,301 26.14%	\$ 162,995 \$ 497,875 32.74%	\$ 46,316 \$ 509,914 9.08%	\$	(,,	\$ 136,208 \$ 592,330 23.00%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability**	90.86%		91.63%	94.18%	91.47%	98.09%		102.64%	94.35%

^{*} The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the prior fiscal year ending June 30.

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a full 10 year trend is compiled, the Council will present information for those years for which information is available.

^{**} This will be the same percentage for all participant employers in the LGERS plan.

Neuse River Council of Governments d/b/a Eastern Carolina Council Council's Contributions Required Supplementary Information Last Seven Fiscal Years

Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Contractually required contribution	\$ 59,157	\$ 44,480	\$ 38,559	\$ 41,146	\$ 33,507	\$ 36,051	\$ 34,500
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution Contribution deficiency (excess)	59,157 \$ -	44,480 \$ -	38,559	41,146 \$ -	33,507	36,051	34,500
The Council's covered-employee payroll	\$ 678,332	\$ 584,912	\$ 506,123	\$ 559,301	\$ 497,875	\$ 509,914	\$ 487,979
Contributions as a percentage of covered- employee payroll	8.72%	7.60%	7.62%	7.36%	6.73%	7.07%	7.07%

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a full 10 year trend is compiled, the Council will present information for those years for which information is available.



Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures General Fund For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

Revenues	
Local dues	\$ 161,419
Miscellaneous	7,141
Contract services	168,206
Total revenues	336,766
Expenditures	
Compensation and benefits	182,682
Board and advisory expenses	22,694
Travel	14,082
Rent	56,165
Utilities and maintenance	25,298
Training	6,401
Dues and subscriptions	5,368
Supplies	20,379
Professional services	118,947
Systems administration	26,809
	478,825
Indirect costs allocated	(267,095)
Total expenditures	211,730
Revenues over expenditures	125,036
Operational matching transfers (out)	(140,025)
Revenues and other financing sources (under) expenditures	\$ (14,989)

Combining Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures by Program Special Revenue Fund For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Tra	nsportation	ironmental otection	an	conomic d Physical velopment	Human Services	Total Special Revenue Fund
Revenues							
Federal	\$	239,391	\$ 6,495	\$	143,212	\$ 2,972,643	\$ 3,361,741
State		-	-		-	2,491,908	2,491,908
Local		54,570	-		-	-	54,570
Contract revenues		-	-		-	4,919	4,919
Total revenues		293,961	6,495		143,212	5,469,470	5,913,138
Expenditures							
Direct support to counties, others		_	-		-	4,518,790	4,518,790
Compensation and benefits		166,824	5,829		125,930	448,995	747,578
Board and advisory expenses		-	-		-	1,501	1,501
Travel		7,289	16		6,197	25,879	39,381
Rent		1,134	-		1,268	2,742	5,144
Maintenance		6,442	-		3,754	15,042	25,238
Advertising		728	-		304	3,302	4,334
Training		1,625	-		2,275	4,661	8,561
Dues and publications		119	-		7,143	4,991	12,253
Supplies		3,981	-		2,146	16,733	22,860
Professional services		5,668	2,204		3,072	317,351	328,295
Systems administration		18,887			15,514	36,596	70,997
Miscellaneous		· -	-		· -	10,003	10,003
Indirect costs		59,939	584		45,247	161,325	267,095
Total expenditures		272,636	8,633		212,850	5,567,911	6,062,030
Revenues over (under) expenditures		21,325	(2,138)		(69,638)	(98,441)	(148,892)
Operational matching transfers in		-	-		42,000	98,025	140,025
Revenues and other financing sources							
over (under) expenditures	\$	21,325	\$ (2,138)	\$	(27,638)	\$ (416)	\$ (8,867)

Schedule of Member Dues and Administrative Fees Revenue For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

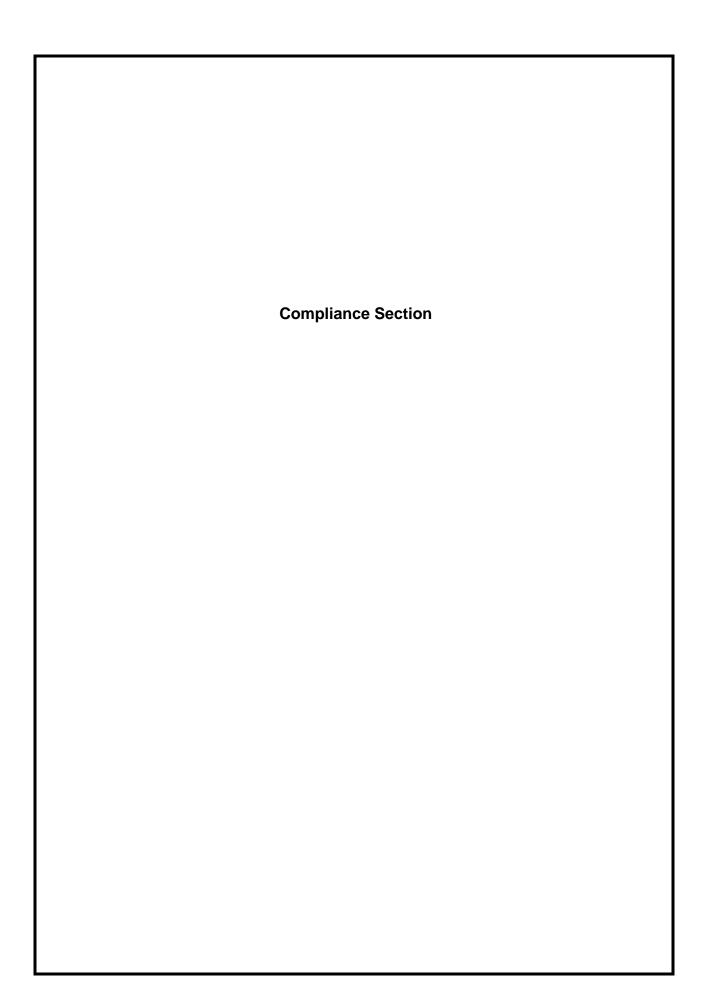
County	
Carteret	\$ 24,700
Craven	33,580
Duplin	21,172
Greene	7,758
Jones	3,778
Lenoir	13,911
Onslow	19,180
Pamlico	5,267
Wayne	 32,073
	\$ 161,419

Schedule of Indirect Costs For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

		 al Year 2018 Igeted Cost
Total Indirect Annual Salaries		\$ 125,126
Total Indirect Fringe Benefits		35,585
Other Indirect Expenses	_	146,056
Total Indirect Expenditures	=	\$ 306,767
Total Personnel Costs		\$ 975,702
Less: Total Indirect Salaries		(125,126)
Less: Total Indirect Fringe Benefits	_	(35,585)
Total Direct Salaries and Direct Fringe Benefits	_	\$ 814,991
Indirect Rate Calculation		
Total Indirect Expenditures	\$ 306,767	37.64%
Total Direct Personnel Costs =	\$ 814,991	37.04%
Total Indirect Expenditures	\$ 306,767	
Less: Total indirect received	 (323,441)	
Less Total Indirect Received	\$ (16,674)	-1.71%
Total Indirect Rate for Fiscal Year 2020		35.93%

Schedule of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position - Agency Fund For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

Ва	alance					E	Balance
June	30, 2019	Α	dditions	Ded	uctions	Jun	e 30, 2020
\$	354	\$	27,361	\$	-	\$	27,715
\$	354	\$	27,361	\$	-	\$	27,715
<u> </u>							
\$	354	\$	27,361	\$	-	\$	27,715
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Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed In Accordance with Government Auditing Standards

Independent Auditor's Report

Executive Committee
Neuse River Council of Governments d/b/a Eastern Carolina 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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Neuse River Council of Governments d/b/a Eastern Carolina Council (the "Council"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Council's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 14, 2021.

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, and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as finding 2020-001 that we consider to be a material weakness.

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*.

Council Response to Finding

The Council's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questions Costs and Corrective Action Plan. The Council's response was not subject to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements, and accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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.

RSM US LLP

Morehead City, North Carolina January 14, 2021



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Report On Compliance For Each Major Federal Program and Report on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance and the State Single Audit Implementation Act

Independent Auditor's Report

Executive Committee
Neuse River Council of Governments d/b/a Eastern Carolina Council

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Neuse River Council of Governments d/b/a Eastern Carolina Council's (the "Council's") compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* and the *Audit Manual for Governmental Auditors in North Carolina* issued by the Local Government Commission that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Council's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2020. 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.

Management's Responsibility

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the Council's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; 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 the State Single Audit Implementation Act. Those standards, the Uniform Guidance, and the State Single Audit Implementation Act 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 federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Council's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

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

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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 June 30, 2020.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or 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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control over 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 that we consider to be for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section, was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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.

RSM US LLP

Morehead City, North Carolina January 14, 2021



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Report On Compliance For Each Major State Program and Report on Internal Control Over Compliance in Accordance with the Uniform Guidance and State Single Audit Implementation Act

Independent Auditor's Report

Executive Committee
Neuse River Council of Governments d/b/a Eastern Carolina Council

Report on Compliance for Each Major State Program

We have audited Neuse River Council of Governments d/b/a Eastern Carolina Council's (the "Council's") compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *Audit Manual for Governmental Auditors in North Carolina* issued by the Local Government Commission that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Council's major State programs for the year ended June 30, 2020. The Council'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 Council'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; the applicable sections of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance), as described in the *Audit Manual for Governmental Auditors in North Carolina*, and the State Single Audit Implementation Act. Those standards, applicable sections of the Uniform Guidance, and the State Single Audit Implementation Act 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 Council'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 Council's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major State Program

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 State programs for the year ended June 30, 2020.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the Council is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the Council'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 for each major State program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the applicable sections of the Uniform Guidance and the State Single Audit Implementation Act, 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 Council'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 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 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 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 over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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 applicable sections of the Uniform Guidance and the State Single Audit Implementation Act. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

RSM US LLP

Morehead City, North Carolina January 148, 2021

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

Section I - Summary of Independent Auditor's Results

Financial Statements Type of report the auditor issued on whether the financial statements audited were in accordance with GAAP: Unmodified Internal control over financial reporting: Material weakness(as) identified? No Significant deficiency(ies) identified? Yes None Reported Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? No Yes Federal Awards Internal control over major federal programs: Material weakness(es) identified? Yes No Significant deficiency(ies) identified? Yes None Reported Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for Unmodified major federal programs: Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)? Yes No Identification of major federal programs: CFDA Number Program Name or Cluster Aging Cluster: 93.044-CL Special Programs for the Aging - Title III, Part B -Grants for Supportive Services and Senior Centers 93.045 Special Programs for the Aging - Title III, Part C -**Nutrition Services** 93.053 **Nutrition Services Incentive Program** Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs \$ 750,000 Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? Yes No

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Continued) Year Ended June 30, 2020

Section I - Summary of Independent Auditor's Results (Continued) State Awards Internal control over major state programs: Material weakness(es) identified? Yes No Significant deficiency(ies) identified? Yes None Reported Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for Unmodified major state programs: Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with the State Single Audit Implementation Act? Yes No Identification of major State programs: Program Name or Cluster CFDA Number Aging Cluster N/A Ombudsman N/A Access N/A In Home/Support Services N/A Home Delivered Meals

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Continued) Year Ended June 30, 2020

Section II - Financial Statement Findings

Identifying Number: 2020-001 - Error in Accounts Payable (Material Weakness)

Criteria: Appropriate internal controls should be in place to ensure that the accounts payable subledger agrees to

<u>Condition and Context:</u> We noted that the accounts payable detail provided by the client did not agree to the trial balance for the general fund by \$6,067 due to an issue in the accounts payable module and not caught by

Effect: Accounts payable and expenses were misstated by \$6,067.

<u>Cause:</u> This error was caused by an inadequate review of the accounts payable detail and a lack of reconciliations between the detail and the trial balance. The variance between the detail and the trial balance

<u>Recommendation:</u> We recommend the Finance Director to perform detailed reconciliations between the subledger and the trial balance monthly in order to catch errors and make corrections in a timely manner.

Section III - Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

No findings reported.

Section IV - State Award Findings and Questioned Costs

No findings reported.



Neuse River Council of Governments d/b/a Eastern Carolina Council Corrective Action Plan Year Ended June 30, 2020

Section II - Financial Statement Findings

Name of Contact Person:

Jenny Miller, Finance Director

Identifying Number:

2020-001

Audit Finding:

Error in Accounts Payable (Material Weakness)

Corrective Actions Taken or Planned:

Finance staff will manage time/workload responsibilities to ensure the financial aspect of their position is a top priority. This will allow for proper time in advance of the audit to prepare and fully review all financial statements and balances monthly. Finance staff will also work with the IT Developer within the next 30 days to make adjustments to the financial software system, if possible, to automate this process. By automating the process manual entries would no longer be needed,

removing any issues with user error.

Proposed Completion Date:

Workload reassignments implemented. Work with IT Developer to begin

within 30 days.

Section III - Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

No findings reported

Section II - State Award Findings and Questioned Costs

No findings reported

Executive Director

Finance Director



Neuse River Council of Governments d/b/a Eastern Carolina Council Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings Year Ended June 30, 2020

Section II - Financial Statement Findings

There were no reported findings during the year ended June 30, 2019.

Section III - Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

There were no reported findings during the year ended June 30, 2019.

Section IV - State Award Findings and Questioned Costs

There were no reported findings during the year ended June 30, 2019.

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Federal CFDA Number	Pass-Through Grantor Number	Federal Expenditures	State Expenditures	Pass-through to Subrecipients
Federal Programs					
US Department of Health & Human Services					
Passed through NC Dept of Health and Human Services					
Division of Aging & Adult Services					
Aging Cluster:					
(93.044, 93.045 & 93.053):	00 044 01	NO 45			
Special Programs for the Aging - Title III B	93.044-CL	NC-15			•
Ombudsman			\$ 73,317	\$ 4,313	\$ -
Legal Services			20,277	1,193	21,470
Access			430,336	25,314	455,650
In Home/Support Services			403,529	23,737	427,266
Special Programs for the Aging - Title III C	93.045	NC-15			
Planning and Administration			258,322	14,156	<u>-</u>
Congregate Meals			512,921	30,172	543,093
Home Delivered Meals			507,524	29,854	537,378
Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP)	93.053	NC-15	226,532	-	226,532
Total Aging Cluster			2,432,758	128,739	2,211,389
Medicare Improvement for Patients and Providers	93.518	NC-15	26,626	-	-
Special Programs for the Aging - Title III D	93.043	NC-15			
Preventive Health			31,795	1,870	25,480
Special Programs for the Aging - Title VII E	93.042	NC-15			
Ombudsman			44,379	2,610	-
Money Follows the Person					
Rebalancing Demonstration	93.791	NC-15	37,351	-	-
LCA	93.791	NC-15	1,795	-	-
National Family Caregiver Support Program	93.052	NC-15	•		
Family Caregiver Services			260,885	17,392	152,168
Division of Social Services					
Social Services Block Grant In-home Services	93.667	NC-15	137,054	3,915	140,969
Total US Department of Health and Human Servi	ces		2,972,643	154,526	2,530,006

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards (Continued) Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Federal CFDA Number	Pass-Through Grantor Number	Federal Expenditures	State Expenditures	Pass-through to Subrecipients
US Department of Commerce					
Direct Program					
Economic Development Administration					
(EDA) Supplemental	11.302	N/A	\$ 143,212	\$ -	\$ -
US Environmental Protection Agency					
Passed through the NC Department					
of Environmental Quality					
Water Quality Management Planning	66.454	N/A	6,495	-	-
US Department of Transportation					
Passed through the NC Department					
of Transportation					
State Planning & Research Rural					
Planning Organization Program					
East Carolina RPO	20.205-8	N/A	87,643	_	_
Down East RPO	20.205-8	N/A	151,748	_	_
Total US Department of Transportation	20.203-0	IV/A	239,391		
rotal of Department of Transportation			200,001		
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			3,361,741	154,526	2,530,006
State Grants					
NC Department of Health and Human Services					
Division of Aging & Adult Services					
Division of Social Services					
Aging Cluster					
Ombudsman - 90% State Funds		NC-15	-	66,575	-
Access 90% State Funds		NC-15	-	119,184	119,184
In Home/Support Services - 90% State Funds		NC-15	-	1,211,337	1,211,337
Home Delivered Meals - 90% State		NC-15	-	576,086	576,086
Title III P&A / AAA Administration		NC-15	-	48,262	
Senior Center Development / General Purpose		NC-15	-	76,879	76,879
Operation Fan		NC-15	-	5,298	5,298
Total NC Department of Health and Human Serv	vices		-	2,103,621	1,988,784
NC Department of Public Safety					
Rehabilitative Program Services					
Reentry Program		N/A	_	233,761	_
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NC Department of Transportation					
Regional Bicycle Planning Grant	-	DOT-24		-	
Total assistance expended			\$ 3,361,741	\$ 2,491,908	\$ 4,518,790
·					

N/A - Not available

See Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards.

Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020

Note 1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal and State awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal and State award activity of Neuse River Council of Governments d/b/a Eastern Carolina Council, primary government, under programs of the federal and State government for the year ended June 30, 2020. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) and the State Single Audit Implementation Act. Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Neuse River Council of Governments d/b/a Eastern Carolina Council, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, and changes in net assets of Neuse River Council of Governments d/b/a Eastern Carolina Council.

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

Note 3. Indirect Cost Rate

Neuse River Council of Governments d/b/a Eastern Carolina Council utilizes an approved indirect cost rate of 35.93% as allowed under the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, the Council does not utilize the 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards (Continued) Year Ended June 30, 2020

Note 4. Subrecipients

Federal and State awards which have been passed-through to subrecipients by program:

Program		Federal CFDA/ State Pass-through Number	Federal and State Amount
Cortorat County	HCCBG - In Home/Support Services	93.667	\$ 19,724
Carteret County	• •	93.667	۶ 19,724 17,244
Craven County	HCCBG - In Home/Support Services	93.667 93.667	17,244
Duplin County	HCCBG - In Home/Support Services		8,664
Greene County	HCCBG - In Home/Support Services HCCBG - In Home/Support Services	93.667	2,085
Jones County		93.667	
Lenoir County	HCCBG - In Home/Support Services	93.667	22,442
Onslow County	HCCBG - In Home/Support Services	93.667	30,659
Pamlico County	HCCBG - In Home/Support Services	93.667	6,393
Wayne County	HCCBG - In Home/Support Services	93.667	22,502
Carteret County	HCCBG - In Home/Support Services	93.044	59,816
Craven County	HCCBG - In Home/Support Services	93.044	48,977
Duplin County	HCCBG - In Home/Support Services	93.044	17,512
Greene County	HCCBG - In Home/Support Services	93.044	24,097
Jones County	HCCBG - In Home/Support Services	93.044	5,993
Lenoir County	HCCBG - In Home/Support Services	93.044	72,156
Onslow County	HCCBG - In Home/Support Services	93.044	96,012
Pamlico County	HCCBG - In Home/Support Services	93.044	26,801
Wayne County	HCCBG - In Home/Support Services	93.044	75,902
Carteret County	HCCBG - In Home/Support Services	NC-15	182,811
Craven County	HCCBG - In Home/Support Services	NC-15	134,866
Duplin County	HCCBG - In Home/Support Services	NC-15	96,859
Greene County	HCCBG - In Home/Support Services	NC-15	59,265
Jones County	HCCBG - In Home/Support Services	NC-15	17,845
Lenoir County	HCCBG - In Home/Support Services	NC-15	211,187
Onslow County	HCCBG - In Home/Support Services	NC-15	240,743
Pamlico County	HCCBG - In Home/Support Services	NC-15	71,444
Wayne County	HCCBG - In Home/Support Services	NC-15	196,317
Carteret County	HCCBG - Access	93.044	23,054
Craven County	HCCBG - Access	93.044	72,411
Duplin County	HCCBG - Access	93.044	58,874
Greene County	HCCBG - Access	93.044	23,526
Jones County	HCCBG - Access	93.044	-
Lenoir County	HCCBG - Access	93.044	36,855
Onslow County	HCCBG - Access	93.044	107,333
Wayne County	HCCBG - Access	93.044	133,597

Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards (Continued) Year Ended June 30, 2020

Note 4. Subrecipients (Continued)

Subrecipient	Program Name	Federal CFDA/ State Pass-through Number	Federal and State Amount
Carteret County	HCCBG - Access	NC-15	\$ 1,940
Craven County	HCCBG - Access	NC-15	15,924
Duplin County	HCCBG - Access	NC-15	7,183
Greene County	HCCBG - Access	NC-15	7,227
Lenoir County	HCCBG - Access	NC-15	3,234
Onslow County	HCCBG - Access	NC-15	41,039
Wayne County	HCCBG - Access	NC-15	42,637
Carteret County	HCCBG - Congregate Meals	93.045	55,983
Craven County	HCCBG - Congregate Meals	93.045	36,864
Duplin County	HCCBG - Congregate Meals	93.045	133,199
Greene County	HCCBG - Congregate Meals	93.045	40,457
Jones County	HCCBG - Congregate Meals	93.045	50,469
Lenoir County	HCCBG - Congregate Meals	93.045	43,127
Onslow County	HCCBG - Congregate Meals	93.045	79,510
Pamlico County	HCCBG - Congregate Meals	93.045	16,167
Wayne County	HCCBG - Congregate Meals	93.045	87,317
Carteret County	HCCBG - Home Delivered Meals	93.045	44,705
Craven County	HCCBG - Home Delivered Meals	93.045	87,541
Duplin County	HCCBG - Home Delivered Meals	93.045	63,789
Greene County	HCCBG - Home Delivered Meals	93.045	24,222
Jones County	HCCBG - Home Delivered Meals	93.045	38,976
Lenoir County	HCCBG - Home Delivered Meals	93.045	50,594
Onslow County	HCCBG - Home Delivered Meals	93.045	52,136
Pamlico County	HCCBG - Home Delivered Meals	93.045	26,341
Wayne County	HCCBG - Home Delivered Meals	93.045	149,074
Carteret County	HCCBG - Home Delivered Meals	NC-15	37,636
Craven County	HCCBG - Home Delivered Meals	NC-15	93,141
Duplin County	HCCBG - Home Delivered Meals	NC-15	92,706
Greene County	HCCBG - Home Delivered Meals	NC-15	26,143
Jones County	HCCBG - Home Delivered Meals	NC-15	48,801
Lenoir County	HCCBG - Home Delivered Meals	NC-15	61,136
Onslow County	HCCBG - Home Delivered Meals	NC-15	65,162
Pamlico County	HCCBG - Home Delivered Meals	NC-15	51,926
Wayne County	HCCBG - Home Delivered Meals	NC-15	99,435

Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards (Continued) Year Ended June 30, 2020

Note 4. Subrecipients (Continued)

Subrecipient	Program Name	Federal CFDA/ State Pass-through Number	 deral and te Amount
Carteret County	USDA Nutrition	93.053	\$ 11,529
Craven County	USDA Nutrition	93.053	36,335
Duplin County	USDA Nutrition	93.053	33,624
Greene County	USDA Nutrition	93.053	8,875
Jones County	USDA Nutrition	93.053	17,586
Lenoir County	USDA Nutrition	93.053	15,865
Onslow County	USDA Nutrition	93.053	22,634
Pamlico County	USDA Nutrition	93.053	12,537
Wayne County	USDA Nutrition	93.053	67,547
Legal Aid of North Carolina	Legal Services	93.044	20,277
Legal Aid of North Carolina	Legal Services	NC-15	1,193
Carteret Senior Services	Senior Center Outreach and General	NC-15	10,575
Havelock Senior Center	Senior Center Outreach and General	NC-15	5,256
Craven Department of Social Services	Senior Center Outreach and General	NC-15	3,524
Duplin Services on Aging	Senior Center Outreach and General	NC-15	3,523
Greene County Senior Services	Senior Center Outreach and General	NC-15	10,574
Jones Co-op Extension	Senior Center Outreach and General	NC-15	3,523
Lenoir County Council on Aging	Senior Center Outreach and General	NC-15	17,362
Onslow Senior Services	Senior Center Outreach and General	NC-15	10,574
Pamlico Senior Services	Senior Center Outreach and General	NC-15	7,050
Wayne Services of Aging	Senior Center Outreach and General	NC-15	10,573
Carteret Senior Services	Special Programs for the Aging - Title III D	93.043	3,949
Havelock Senior Center	Special Programs for the Aging - Title III D	93.043	1,134
Craven Department of Social Services	Special Programs for the Aging - Title III D	93.043	2,328
Duplin Services on Aging	Special Programs for the Aging - Title III D	93.043	3,575
Greene County Senior Services	Special Programs for the Aging - Title III D	93.043	2,136
Jones Co-op Extension	Special Programs for the Aging - Title III D	93.043	184
Lenoir County Council on Aging	Special Programs for the Aging - Title III D	93.043	1,352
Onslow Senior Services	Special Programs for the Aging - Title III D	93.043	3,722
Pamlico Senior Services	Special Programs for the Aging - Title III D	93.043	1,708
Wayne Services of Aging	Special Programs for the Aging - Title III D	93.043	5,392

Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards (Continued) Year Ended June 30, 2020

Note 4. Subrecipients (Continued)

	Program	Federal CFDA/ State Pass-through	F	ederal and
Subrecipient	Name	Number	St	tate Amount
Coastal Community Action	National Family Caragivar Support Program	93.052	•	F0 702
Coastal Community Action Craven Department of Social Services	National Family Caregiver Support Program National Family Caregiver Support Program	93.052	\$	58,793 1,620
Duplin Services on Aging	National Family Caregiver Support Program	93.052		13,543
Coastal Community Action-Jones City	National Family Caregiver Support Program	93.052		2,245
Greene Home Health	National Family Caregiver Support Program	93.052		8,534
Lenoir County Council on Aging	National Family Caregiver Support Program	93.052		16,033
Onslow Senior Services	National Family Caregiver Support Program	93.052		18,776
Wayne Services of Aging	National Family Caregiver Support Program	93.052		26,969
Carteret Community Action	Operation Fan	NC-15		724
Craven Department of Social Services	Operation Fan	NC-15		515
Havelock Senior Center	Operation Fan	NC-15		172
Duplin Services on Aging	Operation Fan	NC-15		466
Greene County Senior Services	Operation Fan	NC-15		280
Jones Co-op Extension	Operation Fan	NC-15		262
Lenoir County Council on Aging	Operation Fan	NC-15		485
Onslow Senior Services	Operation Fan	NC-15		800
Pamlico Senior Services	Operation Fan	NC-15		280
Wayne Services of Aging	Operation Fan	NC-15		1,314
Total Federal and State Awards				.,
Passed-Through to Subreipients				
For Aging Programs			\$	4,518,790
Total Federal and State Awards				
Passed-Through to Subreipients			\$	4,518,790
Total Federal and State Awards Passed-Through	n to Subrecipients Summary by Program			
_	_	Federal		State
HCCBG - In Home/Support Services	93.044 / NC-15	403,529	\$	1,235,074
HCCBG - Access	93.044 / NC-15	430,336		144,498
HCCBG - Congregate Meals	93.045 / NC-15	512,921		30,172
HCCBG - Home Delivered Meals	93.045 / NC-15	507,524		605,940
Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP)	93.053 / NC-15	226,532		-
Legal Services	93.044 / NC-15	20,277		1,193
Senior Center Development / General Purpose	NC-15	-		76,879
Special Programs for the Aging - Title III D	93.043 / NC-15	23,693		1,787
National Family Caregiver Support Program	93.052 / NC-15	144,076		8,092
Social Services Block Grant	93.667 / NC-15	137,054		3,915
Operation Fan	NC-15	-		5,298
		2,405,942		2,112,848
Total Federal and State Awards				
Passed-Through to Subreipients				
For Aging Programs			\$	4,518,790