COASTAL BEND BAYS & ESTUARIES PROGRAM, INC. Audited Financial Statements

August 31, 2022



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

April 12, 2023

To the Board of Directors Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, Inc. Corpus Christi, Texas

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, Inc. which comprise the statement of financial position as of August 31, 2022 and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, Inc. as of August 31, 2022, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, Inc. and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are issued.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, Inc.'s internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.⁴
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Other Matters

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements*, *Cost Principles*, and *Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*; and the accompanying schedule of expenditures of state awards, as required by the State of Texas *Single Audit Circular* are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not required parts of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial

statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, and the accompanying schedule of expenditures of state awards, are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Requirements by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 12, 2023, on our consideration of Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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 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 Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Statement of Financial Position

August 31, 2022

ASSETS

Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents		\$ 1,831,500
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents (Note 6)		701,243
Investments - Cash and Cash Equivalents (Note 2)		2,546,994
Grants Receivable (Note 3)		1,323,264
Prepaid Items		26,666
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Total Current Assets		6,429,667
Noncurrent Assets		
Investments - Unrestricted (Note 2)	7,687,185	
Lease Security Deposit	6,169	7,693,354
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Property and Equipment, Net (Note 4)		
Land (Habitat) - Deed Restricted	18,383,775	
Vehicles and Equipment	202,404	18,586,179
Total Assets		\$ 32 700 200
Total Assets		\$ 32,709,200
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		\$ 193,336
Accrued Expenses		52,760
Deferred Revenues (Note 5)		566,645
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Total Current Liabilities		812,741
Net Assets		
Without Donor Restrictions		
Undesignated		12,609,037
Invested in Property and Equipment		12,007,037
Land (Habitat) - Deed Restricted	18,383,775	
Other	202,404	18,586,179
Subtotal	202,404	31,195,216
Subtotal		31,193,210
With Donor Restrictions (Note 6)		701,243
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Total Net Assets		31,896,459
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Total Liabilities and Net Assets		\$ 32,709,200

Statement of Activities

Year Ended August 31, 2022

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Public Support and Revenue			
Federal and State Funded			
Grant Agreements (Note 8)	\$ -	\$ 3,890,000	\$ 3,890,000
Local Government Contributions (Note 9)	361,529	<u>-</u>	361,529
Investment Loss	(459,876)	_	(459,876)
Private Contributions and Grants:	, , ,		, ,
Celanese	_	33,882	33,882
Cheniere	_	141,441	141,441
Citgo	-	23,448	23,448
Kleberg Foundation	_	86,923	86,923
National Fish & Wildlife Foundation	-	636,308	636,308
Pipeline Easements	358,375	· -	358,375
Coastal Bend Industry Association			
(Formerly Port Industries)	75,000	-	75,000
Port of Corpus Christi Wetlands Mitigation	· -	62,900	62,900
Valero	-	22,500	22,500
Other Private Contributions and Grants	10,497	91,298	101,795
Other Income	2,460	· -	2,460
Loss on Disposal of Equipment	(2,462)	_	(2,462)
Net Assets Released From Restrictions (Note 7)	5,034,470	(5,034,470)	-
Total Public Support and Revenue	5,379,993	(45,770)	5,334,223
Expenses			
Program Services			
Federal and State Funded Program Projects	3,506,296	-	3,506,296
Other Grant and Local Program Projects	986,097		986,097
Total Program Services	4,492,393	-	4,492,393
Supporting Services			
Management and General	784,693		784,693
Total Expenses	5,277,086		5,277,086
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	102,907	(45,770)	57,137
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	31,092,309	747,013	31,839,322
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ 31,195,216	\$ 701,243	\$ 31,896,459

Statement of Functional Expenses

Year Ended August 31, 2022

	St	ederal and ate Funded gram Projects	aı	her Grant nd Local ram Projects	Prog	gam Services Total	nagement d General	 Total
Personnel								
Salaries	\$	550,474	\$	190,915	\$	741,389	\$ 375,553	\$ 1,116,942
Fringe Benefits								
Health and Life Insurance		92,343		31,473		123,816	69,188	193,004
Workers' Compensation Insurance		5,541		1,694		7,235	2,607	9,842
Pension Plan (Note 10)		41,041		24,057		65,098	33,311	98,409
Payroll Taxes		43,334		14,685		58,019	 29,264	 87,283
Total Personnel Expenses		732,733		262,824		995,557	509,923	1,505,480
Contractual		2,682,712		503,355		3,186,067	-	3,186,067
Supplies		70,103		86,618		156,721	7,645	164,366
Travel, Training, Conferences		500		11,114		11,614	25,022	36,636
Other Expenses								
Data Processing		124		1,076		1,200	1,542	2,742
Depreciation		-		39,249		39,249	-	39,249
Dues and Subscriptions		158		1,445		1,603	12,813	14,416
Employee Parking		-		-		-	6,439	6,439
Equipment < \$1,000		2,250		7,748		9,998	-	9,998
Equipment Rental		3,138		482		3,620	5,460	9,080
Insurance		8,384		8,022		16,406	58,512	74,918
Janitorial		-		1,600		1,600	-	1,600
Maintenance		2,173		21,663		23,836	2,043	25,879
Miscellaneous		-		7,692		7,692	23,199	30,891
Office Lease		-		-		-	80,747	80,747
Postage and Freight		-		300		300	772	1,072
Printing and Duplication		-		2,500		2,500	560	3,060
Professional Services		-		3,528		3,528	17,489	21,017
Property Taxes		-		14,098		14,098	262	14,360
Registration Fees		90		4,088		4,178	3,915	8,093
Sponsorships		-		1,450		1,450	15,766	17,216
Telephone and Internet		1,946		5,533		7,479	12,386	19,865
Utilities		1,985		1,712		3,697	 198	 3,895
Total Other Expenses		20,248		122,186		142,434	 242,103	 384,537
Total Expenses	\$	3,506,296	\$	986,097	\$	4,492,393	\$ 784,693	\$ 5,277,086

Statement of Cash Flows

Year Ended August 31, 2022

Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Increase in Net Assets	\$	57,137
Adjustments to Reconcile Increase in Net Assets		,
to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:		
Depreciation		39,249
Net Realized and Unrealized Loss on Investments		602,569
Loss on Disposal of Equipment		2,462
In-Kind Contribution of Property to Local Government		4,747
Change in:		
Grants Receivable		(341,770)
Prepaid Items		(2,604)
Accounts Payable		(28,245)
Accrued Expenses		36,625
Deferred Revenue		198,844
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities		569,014
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Purchase of Property and Equipment		(609,853)
Proceeds from Disposal of Equipment		4,500
Purchases of Investments		(7,584,378)
Proceeds on Sale of Investments		6,793,560
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities		(1,396,171)
Net Decrease in Cash		(827,157)
Beginning Cash		5,906,894
Ending Cash	\$	5,079,737
		2,073,737
A reconciliation of cash and restricted cash reported within the statement of financial position to the total of the same amounts shown in the statement of cash flows		
is as follows:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	1,831,500
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	~	701,243
Investments - Cash and Cash Equivalents		2,546,994
	\$	5,079,737

Notes to the Financial Statements August 31, 2022

Note 1 - Summary Of Significant Accounting Policies

Organization

Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, Inc. is a nonprofit Texas corporation chartered in August 1999. The Organization was organized to implement the Coastal Bend Bays Plan, which seeks to ensure that the Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries remain a vibrant part of the region's environmental and economic landscape by preserving and enhancing their roles as a recreational resource, international seaport, and habitat for fish and wildlife.

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded as earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Financial Statement Presentation

The Organization reports information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets: net assets without donor restrictions, which represents the expendable resources that are available for operations at management's discretion, and net assets with donor restrictions, which represents resources restricted by donors as to purpose or by the passage of time, or which represents resources whose use by the Organization is limited by donor-imposed stipulations that neither expire by passage of time nor can be fulfilled or otherwise removed by actions of the Organization.

Federal Income Tax Accounting

The Organization is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 50l(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. However, an annual return must be filed for each fiscal year on Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, to report details of operations and financial position.

Revenue Accounting

Government grants are recognized as revenue in the period of related expenses. Therefore, unreimbursed expenses are accrued as accounts receivable and excess reimbursements are accrued as a liability, to be refunded to the government.

Government Grant Revenues

A significant portion of the Organization's public support and revenues are from various government grants. Federal funds and state funds are provided through the Texas General Land Office, Texas Commission On Environmental Quality, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Local funds are provided by the City of Corpus Christi, Port of Corpus Christi, San Patricio County, City of Ingleside, City of Portland, City of Port Aransas and Nueces County.

Notes to the Financial Statements August 31, 2022

Note 1 - Summary Of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Contributions

Contributions are recognized as revenue when they are received or unconditionally pledged. All contributions are available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor.

Donated Materials, Equipment and Services In Kind Services)

Donated materials and equipment and donated services are recorded as contributions at their estimated values at the date of receipt.

Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of providing Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, Inc.'s programs and other activities have been presented in the statement of functional expenses. Indirect or shared costs, including personnel costs, management fees, and occupancy and maintenance, are allocated among the program and support services by a method that best measures the relative degree of benefit.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Organization considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. The cash restricted is considered to be a cash equivalent for purposes of the statement of cash flows.

Investments

Investments are recorded at fair market value. Both unrealized gains and losses from the fluctuation of market value and realized gains and losses from the sale of investments are reflected in the statement of activities.

Concentrations of Credit Risk

Credit risk represents the accounting loss that would be recognized at the reporting date if counterparties failed to completely perform as contracted. Management believes the likelihood of incurring material losses due to concentration of credit risk is remote. The principal financial instruments subject to credit risk are as follows:

The Organization's cash and cash - restricted are deposited with a financial institution (bank). The cash deposited exceeds the FDIC (Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation) insured limits and is not secured by any other collateral.

Grants Receivable

Grants receivable represent amounts due under grant contracts after expenditure of allowable costs.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are stated at cost or donated value. Improvement and replacement of property and equipment greater than \$5,000 are capitalized. Capital assets are being depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

	Estimated
Asset Class	Useful Lives
Equipment	5-10
Classroom Structure and Improvements	15-25

Notes to the Financial Statements August 31, 2022

Note 1 - Summary Of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Deferred Revenues

Grants funds advanced before incurrence of related expenses are recorded as a liability. When related expenses are incurred, the deferred amounts are recognized as revenue.

Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through April 12, 2023, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 2 - Fair Value Measurement - Investments

The Organization's assets and liabilities reported at fair value are valued using a hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy defines three levels of inputs, giving the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs.

The Organization uses the following hierarchical disclosure framework:

<u>Level 1</u> - Measurement based upon quoted prices for identical assets in an active market as of the reporting date.

<u>Level 2</u> - Measurement based upon marketplace inputs other than Level 1 that are observable, either directly or indirectly, such as quoted prices in active markets for similar assets or liabilities, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.

<u>Level 3</u> - Measurement based on the Organization's assumptions about a hypothetical marketplace because observable market inputs are not available as of the reporting date.

The Organization uses appropriate valuation techniques based on the available inputs to measure the fair values of its assets and liabilities. When available, the Organization measures fair value using Level 1 inputs because they generally provide the most reliable evidence of fair value. Level 3 inputs have the lowest priority.

The following table sets forth by level within the fair value hierarchy, the Organization's assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of August 31, 2022:

Description	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	<u>Total</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$2,546,994	\$ -	\$ -	\$2,546,994
Fixed Income	4,368,924	-	-	4,368,924
Equities	1,513,727	-	-	1,513,727
Exchange Traded Funds	720,933	-	-	720,933
Mutual Funds	217,877	-	-	217,877
Other Assets	865,724			865,724
Total Investments	\$ <u>10,234,179</u>	\$ <u> </u>	\$	\$ <u>10,234,179</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements August 31, 2022

Note 3 - Grants Receivable

Grants receivable at August 31, 2022, consisted of the following:

\$	277,381
	191,350
	174,605
	118,385
	312,107
	83,402
	145,539
_	20,495
\$	1,323,264
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All grants receivable are due in less than one year. Management believes all grants receivable to be collectible.

Note 4 - Property and Equipment

Property and equipment at August 31, 2022 consisted of the following:

Land (Habitat)-Deed Restricted	\$18,383,775
Classroom Structure	
and Improvements	43,961
Equipment	408,890
Total	18,836,626
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	(250,446)
Property and equipment, net	\$ <u>18,586,179</u>

Land (Habitat) - The Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program Inc. acquires real property interests in wetlands and associated uplands to ensure that the real property will be administered for the long-term conservation of such lands and waters and the migratory birds and fish and other wildlife dependent thereon. Acquisitions of real property are reported at cost and donations of land are reported at fair value at the date of donation based on highest and best use, as required by accounting standards.

Conservation Easements - CBBEP holds third-party conservation easements on 1,100 acres of property owned by various local governments. These properties were acquired by local governments for use as parks and protected green space. The conservation easements were donated at no cost to CBBEP in order to satisfy the requirements of the grants used by local governments to purchase the properties. No values have been placed on these easements, due to the lack of foreseeable future cash flow benefits and absence of a secondary conservation easement market.

Notes to the Financial Statements August 31, 2022

Note 5 – Deferred Revenues

Deferred revenues at August 31, 2022, consist of advances from the following organizations:

Cheniere	\$115,041
AEP	114,280
Kleberg Foundation	100,000
Conoco Phillips	80,000
Ed Rachal Foundation	50,000
Celanese	41,118
Hershey Foundation	25,000
Voelstapine	15,000
Trull Foundation	9,054
Citgo	6,551
Phillips 66	5,601
Foundation of Carolinas	5,000

Total Deferred Revenues \$566,645

Note 6 - Donor Restricted Net Assets

Donor restricted net assets were available for particular purposes as of August 31, 2022:

Ed Rachal Foundation	\$186,831
AEP	166,633
Delta Land Service Mitigation	125,661
Coastal Conservation Association	97,176
Port of Corpus Christi Mitigation	77,005
Tortuga Dunes	20,122
Helix	12,852
Citgo	8,406
Conoco Phillips	6,467
City of Corpus Christi	90

Total Donor Restricted Net Assets \$701,243

Note 7 - Net Assets Released from Restrictions

Net assets were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses, satisfying the restricted purposes by donors as follows:

Environmental projects funded	
by federal and state grants	\$3,890,000
Private non-profit corporate grants	1,144,470
Total	\$5.034.470

Notes to the Financial Statements August 31, 2022

Note 7 - Net Assets Released from Restrictions (continued)

Funds totaling \$383,706 provided by certain federal and state grants, and as allowed by the grant contracts, were used as and are included in management and general expenses presented on the statement of functional expenses.

Note 8 - Federal, State and Other Funded Grant Agreements

CBBEP has ongoing grants with the following:

- National Fish & Wildlife Foundation
- Texas Commission On Environmental Quality
- Texas General Land Office
- United States Fish and Wildlife Service
- United States Environmental Protection Agency Region VI

Note 9 - Local Governmental Contributions

As of August 31, 2022, the Organization had received the following contributions from local governmental sources:

Port of Corpus Christi	\$171,529
City of Corpus Christi	75,000
Nueces County	50,000
San Patricio County	50,000
City of Port Aransas	5,000
City of Ingleside	5,000
City of Portland	5,000

Total Contributions \$\frac{361,529}{}

Note 10 - Retirement Plan

The Organization established a defined contribution Section 401(k) employee retirement plan. All employees are eligible to participate in the plan immediately upon employment. The Plan requires that the Organization make discretionary contributions in each Plan Year to the Individual Retirement Accounts of all eligible employees. The plan provides that the Organization contributes 3% of the gross compensation of all eligible employees and also make matching contributions equal to 100% of the portion of each eligible employee's 401(k) contributions that do not exceed 6% of the employee's eligible pay. For the year ended August 31, 2022 the Organization contributed \$98,410.

Note 11 – Port Development Services Agreement

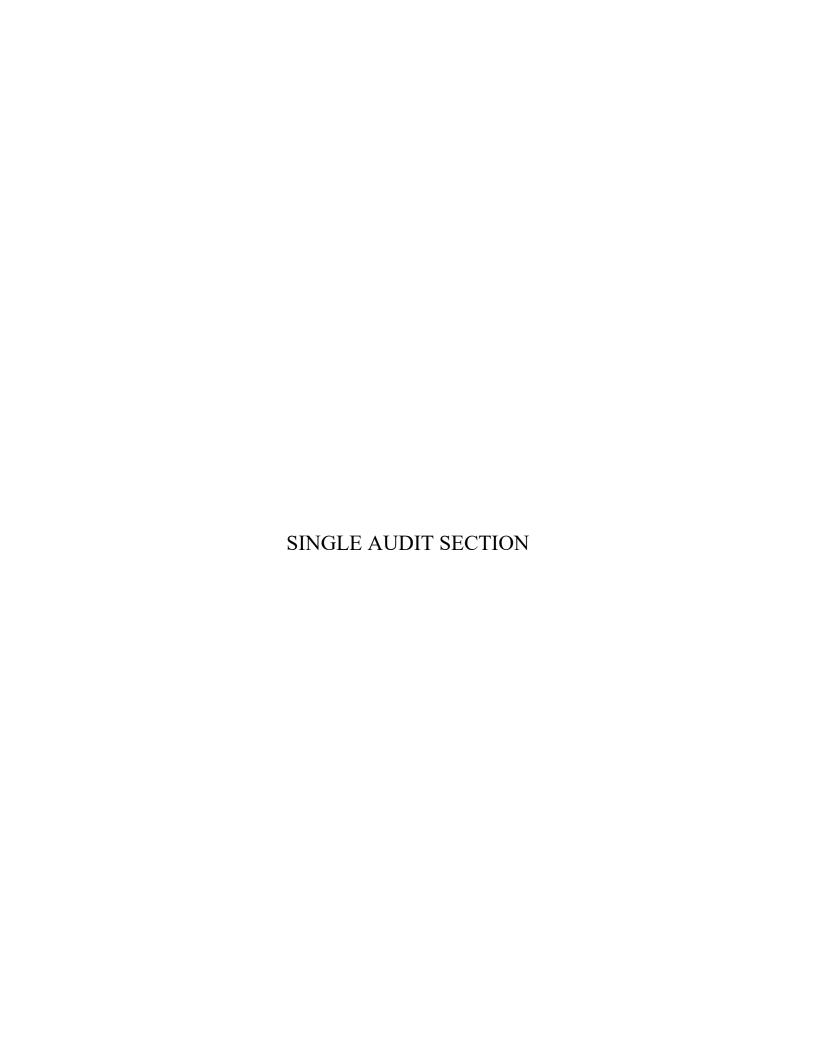
Effective for calendar year 2023, the Organization entered into a development services agreement with the Port of Corpus Christi Authority (POCCA). In return for providing services to POCCA related to the implementation of the Coastal Bend Bays Plan, POCCA is paying \$90,000 to the Organization and is providing office facilities that include space for the organization's use rent-free. The agreement also provides for POCCA to appoint one representative to the Organization's Board of Directors.

Notes to the Financial Statements August 31, 2022

Note 12 - Liquidity and Availability of Financial Assets

The liquidity and availability of the Organization's financial assets to fund general expenditures as of August 31, 2022 is shown below:

Financial Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,831,500
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	701,243
Investments - Cash and cash equivalents – Unrestricted	2,546,994
Grants receivable	1,323,264
Investments - Noncurrent - Unrestricted	<u>7,687,185</u>
Total Financial Assets	14,090,186
Less assets unavailable for General Expenditures:	
Donor restricted net assets	(701,243)
Investments - Long-term - Unrestricted	(7,687,185)
Financial assets available to meet cash needs	
for general expenses within one year	\$ <u>5,701,758</u>





Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards

April 12, 2023

To the Board of Directors Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, Inc. Corpus Christi, Texas

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of August 31, 2022, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 12, 2023.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, Inc. 's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, Inc.'s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control.

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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

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Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance and by the State of Texas Single Audit Circular

April 12, 2023

To the Board of Directors Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, Inc. Corpus Christi, Texas

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal and State Program

We have audited Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, Inc.'s compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* and the State of Texas *Single Audit Circular* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, Inc.'s major federal and state programs for the year ended August 31, 2022. Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, Inc. 's major federal and state programs are identified in the summary of auditor's result 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 and state awards applicable to its federal and state programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, Inc.'s major federal and state programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the 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 of Texas *Single Audit Circular*. Those standards and the Uniform Guidance and Texas *Single Audit Circular* 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 or state program occured. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, Inc. '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 and state program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination on Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, Inc.'s compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal and State Program

In our opinion, Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, Inc. 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 and state programs for the year ended August 31, 2022.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, Inc. 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 Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, Inc.'s internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal and state program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance for each major federal and state 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 Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, Inc.'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 or state program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal or state program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal or state program that is less severe than as 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 deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses. 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 and the State of Texas Single Audit Circular. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Adamson & Company, LLC

COASTAL BEND BAYS & ESTUARIES PROGRAM, INC. SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

A. Summary of Auditor's Results

1.	Financial Statements				
	Type of auditor's report issue	d:	Unmodified	l	
	Internal control over financia	l reporting:			
	Material weakness(es) iden	tified?	Yes	X	No
	One or more significant def are not considered to be m		Yes	X	None Reported
	Noncompliance material to fi statements noted?	nancial	Yes	X	No
2.	Federal Awards				
	Internal control over major pr	rograms:			
	Material weakness(es) ide	entified?	Yes	X	No
	One or more significant d that are not considered to	eficiencies identified o be material weaknesses?	Yes	X	None Reported
	Type of auditor's report issue major programs:	d on compliance for	Unmodified	l	
	Any audit findings disclosed to be reported in accordance Guidance Section 516(a)?		Yes	X	No
	Identification of major progra	nms:			
	CFDA Number(s) 66.456	Name of Federal Program National Estuary Program			
	threshold used to distinguish l A and type B programs:	oetween	\$750,00	0	
Audite	e qualified as low-risk auditee	?	X Yes		No

COASTAL BEND BAYS & ESTUARIES PROGRAM, INC. SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022 3. State Awards

Internal control over major program	ns:					
Material weakness(es) identified	1?		Yes	X	No	
One or more significant deficient that are not considered to be m		?	_Yes	X	None Reported	d
Type of auditor's report issued on comajor programs:	ompliance for	Unm	nodifie	d		
Any audit findings disclosed that are to be reported in accordance with the Single Audit Circular?	•		_Yes	X	No	
Identification of major programs:						
Grant Contract Number(s) 20-132-005-C188	Name of State Pr Texas General La Triangle Tree Ro	and Of	ffice –	CEPI		ı
Dollar threshold used to distinguish betwee type A and type B programs:	rn	\$	5750,0	00		
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?		X	_Yes		No	
B. <u>Financial Statement Findings</u>						
NONE						
C. Federal and State Award Findings and G	Questioned Costs					
NONE						

COASTAL BEND BAYS & ESTUARIES PROGRAM, INC. SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

Management's	Explanation
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<u>Finding/Recommendation</u> <u>Current Status</u> <u>If Not Implemented</u>

N/A - No Prior Findings N/A N/A

COASTAL BEND BAYS & ESTUARIES PROGRAM, INC. CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

<u>Program</u> <u>Corrective Action Plan</u>

N/A No Corrective Action Required

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Year Ended August 31, 2022

Grantor Agency/Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Grant Contract Number	Expenditures
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service			
Direct Programs:			
Coastal Program Coastal Program	15.630 15.630	F18AC00828 F19AC00578	\$ 84,332 5,639
	Total Direct Programs	CFDA Number 15.630	89,971
Pass-Through Program to Louisiana Board of Regents,			
Universities Marine Consortium: Barataria-Terebonne National Estuary Program	15.630	BTNEP20-07	13,964
	Total CFI	OA Number 15.630	103,935
Direct Programs:	15 (21	F15 4 G0002 4	22.027
Partners for Fish and Wildlife Partners for Fish and Wildlife	15.631 15.631	F17AC00834 F20AC11408	32,927 4,650
	Total CFD	OA Number 15.631	37,577
Hurricane Harvey Shoreline Restoration	15.654	F19AC00054	76,506
Midcontinent Shorebird Management	15.655	F20AC00281	26,542
Red Knot Wintering Habitat	15.657	F20AP10903-00	20,250
Pass-Through Program to Texas Parks and Wildlife Departs	nent		
Wildlife Restoration and Basic Hunter Education	15.611	F21AF03228-01	121,318
Total U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service			386,128
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency			
Direct Programs: National Estuary Program	66.456	CE-98685818-0	624,191
Gulf of Mexico Program	66.475	MX-01D07220	78,013
Gulf of Mexico Program	66.475	MX-02D18822	22,874
	Total CFI	Total CFDA Number 66.475	
Pass-Through Programs To:			
Texas Commision on Environmental Quality:			
Water Quality Management Planning	66.454	582-22-30188	136,542
Nonpoint Source Implementation Grant	66.460	582-21-10090	13,317
Total U.S. Environmental Protection Agency			874,937
			(continued)

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Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Year Ended August 31, 2022

	(ederal CFDA	Grant Contract	
Grantor Agency/Program Title	<u>N</u>	umber	Number	Expenditures
U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic				
and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)				
Direct Program:				
Marine Debris Program	1	1.999	NA20NOS9990022	51,206
Marine Beoris Program	1	1.,,,,	11/1201105///0022	31,200
Pass-Through Program To:				
Texas GLO - Coastal Management				
Texas Coastal Management Program	1	1.419	22-045-010-D107	1,566
Texas Coastal Management Program	1	1.419	21-060-010-C670	34,240
Texas Coastal Management Program	1	1.419	21-060-008-C668	2,384
То	tal Passed Through Texas	GLO - C	Coastal Management	38,190
American Bird Conservancy				
Texas Coastal Management Program	1	1.419	22-045-001-D077	24,494
	T	otal CFD	A Number 11.419	62,684
Total U.S. Department of Commerce, NOA	ΛA			113,890
Total Federal Financial Assistance				\$1,374,955

Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies Used in Preparing the Schedule

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards includes the federal grant activity of Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, Inc. and is presented on the full accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for FederalAwards. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements.

Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program, Inc. has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

Note 2 - Subrecipients

There were no payments to subrecipients.

Schedule of Expenditures of State of Texas Awards

Year Ended August 31, 2022

Grantor Agency/Program Title	Grant Contract Number	Expenditures
Texas General Land Office		
Direct Programs - CEPRA:		
Triangle Tree Rookery Island Shoreline Protection	19-226-003-B784	\$ 2,763
Causeway Rookery Island Shoreline Protection	20-132-005-C188	1,449,220
Total Direct Programs Texas General Land Office - CEPRA		1,451,983
Direct Programs - GOMESA		
Restoring Colonial Waterbird Populations on Texas Coast	21-155-004-C876	545,914
Total Direct Programs Texas General Land Office		1,997,897
Pass-Through Program to Texas A&M University Corpus Christi		
Texas Coast Ecosystem Health Assessment	M2101943	3,887
Total Texas General Land Office		2,001,784
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality		
Direct Programs:		
Implement Coastal Bend Bays Plan	582-22-30190	413,890
Implement Coastal Bend Bays Plan	582-20-10191	99,371
Total Texas Commission on Environmental Quality		513,261
Total State of Texas Financial Assistance		\$2,515,045

Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies Used in Preparing the Schedule

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of state awards includes the state grant activity of Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, Inc. and is presented on the full accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of the State of Texas *Single Audit Circular*. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements.

Note 2 - Subrecipients

There were no payments to subrecipients.