

**TOWN OF STONEHAM, MASSACHUSETTS  
GAO AND UNIFORM GUIDANCE REPORTS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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**

Honorable Select Board  
Town of Stoneham, Massachusetts

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Stoneham, Massachusetts, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 24, 2024.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Town of Stoneham, Massachusetts' 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 Town of Stoneham, Massachusetts' internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Stoneham, Massachusetts' internal control.

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

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

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**Compliance and Other Matters**

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

**Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the result 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.



**CliftonLarsonAllen LLP**

Boston, Massachusetts  
April 24, 2024



**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR  
FEDERAL PROGRAM, REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE, AND  
REPORT ON THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

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Town of Stoneham, Massachusetts

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

***Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

We have audited the Town of Stoneham, Massachusetts' compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Town of Stoneham, Massachusetts' major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023. The Town of Stoneham, Massachusetts' major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the Town of Stoneham, Massachusetts complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023.

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

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the Town of Stoneham, Massachusetts and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Town of Stoneham, Massachusetts' compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

***Responsibilities of Management for Compliance***

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the Town of Stoneham, Massachusetts' federal programs.

### ***Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance***

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

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

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the Town of Stoneham, Massachusetts' compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- obtain an understanding of the Town of Stoneham, Massachusetts' internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Stoneham, Massachusetts' internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit

### **Report on Internal Control Over Compliance**

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

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Town of Stoneham, Massachusetts

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

**Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance**

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Stoneham, Massachusetts as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Stoneham, Massachusetts' basic financial statements. We have issued our report thereon, dated April 24, 2024, which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Uniform Guidance and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.



**CliftonLarsonAllen LLP**

Boston, Massachusetts  
April 24, 2024

**TOWN OF STONEHAM, MASSACHUSETTS  
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

<u>Federal Grantor/ Pass-Through Grantor/ Program</u>	Assistance Listing Number	Pass-through Identifying Number	Federal Expenditures	Passed Through to Subrecipients
<b>U.S. Department of Agriculture</b>				
<u>Passed through the Massachusetts Department of Elementary &amp; Secondary Education:</u>				
<i>Child Nutrition Cluster</i>				
School Breakfast Program - Cash Assistance	10.553	09-284	\$ 70,680	\$ -
National School Lunch Program - Cash Assistance	10.555	09-284	457,368	-
National School Lunch Program - Non-Cash Assistance (Commodities)	10.555	09-284	69,729	-
Subtotal Assistance Listing # 10.555			527,097	-
Subtotal Child Nutrition Cluster			597,777	-
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			597,777	-
<b>U.S. Department of Transportation</b>				
<u>Passed through the Massachusetts National Highway Traffic Safety Administration:</u>				
<i>Highway Safety Cluster</i>				
Massachusetts and Community Highway Safety	20.600	Not Available	3,206	-
<b>U.S. Department of Treasury</b>				
<u>Direct Funding:</u>				
COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	Not Available	1,772,658	-
Total U.S. Department of Treasury			1,772,658	-
<b>U.S. Department of Education</b>				
<u>Passed through the Massachusetts Department of Elementary &amp; Secondary Education:</u>				
Title I Distribution (fiscal year 2022)	84.010	305-558164-2022-0284	13,748	-
Title I Distribution (fiscal year 2023)	84.010	305-698019-2023-0284	236,976	-
Subtotal Assistance Listing # 84.010			250,724	-
<i>Special Education Cluster</i>				
<u>Passed through the Massachusetts Department of Elementary &amp; Secondary Education:</u>				
SPED 94-142 Allocation (fiscal year 2022)	84.027	240-544746-2022-0284	10,894	-
SPED 94-142 Allocation (fiscal year 2023)	84.027	240-714748-2023-0284	666,382	-
COVID-19 American Rescue Plan IDEA (2022)	84.027	252-558189-2022-0284	4,687	-
COVID-19 American Rescue Plan IDEA (2023)	84.027	252-558189-2023-0284	7,947	-
Subtotal Assistance Listing # 84.027			689,910	-
<u>Passed through the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care</u>				
SPED Early Childhood Allocation (fiscal year 2022)	84.173	262-555962-2022-0284	17,506	-
Subtotal Special Education Cluster			707,416	-
Title IIA - Improving Teacher Quality (fiscal year 2021)	84.367	140-403400-2021-0284	12,199	-
Title IIA - Improving Teacher Quality (fiscal year 2022)	84.367	140-558167-2022-0284	29,927	-
Title IIA - Improving Teacher Quality (fiscal year 2023)	84.367	140-698020-2023-0284	26,850	-
Subtotal Assistance Listing # 84.367			68,976	-
COVID-19 ESSER-II COVID Relief	84.425D	115-497976-2021-0284	44,207	-
COVID-19 ESSER-III COVID Relief	84.425U	119-585258-2022-0284	317,454	-
Subtotal Assistance Listing # 84.425D			361,661	-
Total U.S. Department of Education			1,388,777	-

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See accompanying Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

**TOWN OF STONEHAM, MASSACHUSETTS  
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

<u>Federal Grantor/ Pass-Through Grantor/ Program</u>	<u>Assistance Listing Number</u>	<u>Pass-through Identifying Number</u>	<u>Federal Expenditures</u>	<u>Passed Through to Subrecipients</u>
<b>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</b>				
<u>Direct Funding:</u>				
Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program	93.276	N/A	93,749	-
<u>Passed through the Massachusetts Department of Health and Human Services:</u>				
<i>Medicaid Cluster</i>				
School-Based Medicaid Reimbursement Program	93.778	110032873A	161,838	-
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			255,587	-
<b>U.S. Department of Homeland Security</b>				
<u>Passed through the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency:</u>				
Emergency Management Performance Grants	97.042	CT CDA FY21EMPG2000000	5,100	-
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security			5,100	-
Total			<u>\$ 4,023,105</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

See accompanying Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

**TOWN OF STONEHAM, MASSACHUSETTS  
NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

**NOTE 1 BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of the Town of Stoneham, Massachusetts under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2023. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of 2 CFR Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance)*. Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Town of Stoneham, Massachusetts, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the Town of Stoneham, Massachusetts.

**NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the modified cash basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance.

The Town of Stoneham, Massachusetts did not elect to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate identified in §200.414 of the Uniform Guidance.

**NOTE 3 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

The amount reported for the National School Lunch Program – Non-Cash Assistance (Commodities) represents non-monetary assistance and is reported in the Schedule at the fair market value of the commodities received. The amounts reported for the National School Lunch Program – Cash Assistance and School Breakfast Program – Cash Assistance represent cash receipts from federal reimbursements.

**NOTE 4 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

The amount reported for the School-Based Medicaid Reimbursement Program represents federal reimbursements for Administrative Activity Claims.

**NOTE 5 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

The amounts reported for the Emergency Management Performance Grants represent cash receipts from federal reimbursements.

**TOWN OF STONEHAM, MASSACHUSETTS  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONTINUED)  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

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**Section I – Summary of Auditors’ Results**

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**Financial Statements**

1. Type of auditors’ report issued: Unmodified
2. Internal control over financial reporting:
- Material weakness(es) identified? \_\_\_\_\_ yes        x   no
  - Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weakness(es)? \_\_\_\_\_ yes        x   none reported
3. Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? \_\_\_\_\_ yes        x   no

**Federal Awards**

1. Internal control over major federal programs:
- Material weakness(es) identified? \_\_\_\_\_ yes        x   no
  - Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weakness(es)? \_\_\_\_\_ yes        x   none reported
2. Type of auditors’ report issued on compliance for major federal programs: Unmodified
3. Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Subpart F, Section 516(a) of the Uniform Guidance? \_\_\_\_\_ yes        x   no

**Identification of Major Federal Programs**

21.027

COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

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

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee pursuant to Uniform Guidance? \_\_\_\_\_ yes        x   no

**TOWN OF STONEHAM, MASSACHUSETTS  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONTINUED)  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

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***Section II – Financial Statement Findings***

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Our audit did not disclose any matters required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

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***Section III – Findings and Questioned Costs – Major Federal Programs***

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Our audit did not disclose any matters required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a).



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