

**TOWN OF STONEHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
GAO AND UNIFORM GUIDANCE REPORTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**



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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 (the Town), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 18, 2025.

Report on 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.

Honorable Select Board
Town of Stoneham, Massachusetts

Report on 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 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.

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Boston, Massachusetts
March 18, 2025



**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**

Honorable Select Board
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, 2024. 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, 2024.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (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.

Honorable Select Board
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, 2024, 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 March 18, 2025, 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

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Boston, Massachusetts
March 18, 2025

**TOWN OF STONEHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

| Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/ Program or Cluster Title | Federal Assistance Listing Number | Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number | Federal Expenditures | Passed Through to Subrecipients |
|--|--|---|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| U.S. Department of Agriculture | | | | |
| Passed Through the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education: | | | | |
| <i>Child Nutrition Cluster:</i> | | | | |
| School Breakfast Program - Cash Assistance | 10.553 | 09-284 | \$ 66,992 | \$ - |
| National School Lunch Program - Cash Assistance | 10.555 | 09-284 | 429,038 | - |
| National School Lunch Program - Noncash Assistance (Commodities) | 10.555 | 09-284 | 122,884 | - |
| Subtotal Assistance Listing # 10.555 | | | <u>551,922</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Subtotal Child Nutrition Cluster | | | <u>618,914</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total U.S. Department of Agriculture | | | 618,914 | - |
| U.S. Department of Treasury | | | | |
| Direct Funding: | | | | |
| COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds | 21.027 | N/A | <u>1,803,429</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total U.S. Department of Treasury | | | 1,803,429 | - |
| U.S. Department of Education | | | | |
| Passed Through the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education: | | | | |
| Title I Distribution (fiscal year 2023) | 84.010 | 305-698019-2023-0284 | 98,992 | - |
| Title I Distribution (fiscal year 2024) | 84.010 | 305-000549-2024-0284 | 267,043 | - |
| Subtotal Assistance Listing # 84.010 | | | <u>366,035</u> | <u>-</u> |
| <i>Special Education Cluster:</i> | | | | |
| Passed Through the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education: | | | | |
| SPED 94-142 Allocation (fiscal year 2022) | 84.027 | 240-544746-2022-0284 | 2,015 | - |
| SPED 94-142 Allocation (fiscal year 2024) | 84.027 | 240-000558-2024-0284 | 729,349 | - |
| COVID-19 American Rescue Plan IDEA (2022) | 84.027 | 252-558189-2022-0284 | 80 | - |
| COVID-19 American Rescue Plan IDEA (2023) | 84.027 | 252-558189-2023-0284 | 4,817 | - |
| SPED IEP Targeted Improvement Grant | 84.027 | 274-000662-2024-0284 | 14,390 | - |
| Subtotal Assistance Listing # 84.027 | | | <u>750,651</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Passed Through the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care: | | | | |
| SPED Early Childhood Allocation (fiscal year 2022) | 84.173 | 262-555962-2022-0284 | 4,653 | - |
| SPED Early Childhood Allocation (fiscal year 2024) | 84.173 | 262-000559-2024-0284 | 20,718 | - |
| Subtotal Assistance Listing # 84.173 | | | <u>25,371</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Subtotal Special Education Cluster | | | 776,022 | - |
| Title IIA - Improving Teacher Quality (fiscal year 2023) | 84.367 | 140-698020-2023-0284 | 14,795 | - |
| Title IIA - Improving Teacher Quality (fiscal year 2024) | 84.367 | 140-000546-2024-0284 | 44,157 | - |
| Subtotal Assistance Listing # 84.367 | | | <u>58,952</u> | <u>-</u> |
| COVID-19 ESSER-III COVID Relief | 84.425U | 119-585258-2022-0284 | 337,237 | - |
| COVID-19 Chronic Absenteeism | 84.425U | Unknown | 10,000 | - |
| Subtotal Assistance Listing # 84.425U | | | <u>347,237</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total U.S. Department of Education | | | 1,548,246 | - |

See accompanying Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

**TOWN OF STONEHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS (CONTINUED)
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

| Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/ Program or Cluster Title | Federal Assistance Listing Number | Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number | Federal Expenditures | Passed Through to Subrecipients |
|--|--|---|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| U.S. Department of Health and Human Services | | | | |
| Direct Funding: | | | | |
| Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program | 93.276 | N/A | \$ 178,879 | \$ - |
| Passed through the Massachusetts Department of Health and Human Services: | | | | |
| <i>Medicaid Cluster</i> | | | | |
| School-Based Medicaid Reimbursement Program | 93.778 | 110032873A | <u>188,108</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services | | | 366,987 | - |
| U.S. Department of Homeland Security | | | | |
| Passed through the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency: | | | | |
| Emergency Management Performance Grants | 97.042 | CT CDA FY21EMPG2000000 | <u>10,100</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security | | | <u>10,100</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total Expenditures of Federal Awards | | | <u>\$ 4,347,676</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
JUNE 30, 2024**

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, 2024. 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 accrual 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% 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 – Noncash 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
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

Section I – Summary of Auditors’ Results

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 |
| 84.425 | COVID-19 Education Stabilization Fund |

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, 2024**

Section II – Financial Statement Findings

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

Section III – Findings and Questioned Costs – Major Federal Programs

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



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