

# TOWN OF SIMSBURY, CONNECTICUT

FEDERAL SINGLE AUDIT REPORT  
JUNE 30, 2019

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**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**

To the Members of the Board of Finance  
Town of Simsbury, Connecticut

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

We have audited the Town of Simsbury, Connecticut's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on the Town of Simsbury, Connecticut's major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2019. The Town of Simsbury, Connecticut's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

***Management's Responsibility***

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

***Auditors' Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for the Town of Simsbury, Connecticut's major federal program 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). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance 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 Town of Simsbury, Connecticut'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 the major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Town of Simsbury, Connecticut's compliance.

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

In our opinion, the Town of Simsbury, Connecticut, complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2019.

## **Report on Internal Control over Compliance**

Management of the Town of Simsbury, Connecticut, 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 Town of Simsbury, Connecticut's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for its 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 Town of Simsbury, Connecticut'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 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.

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 and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we did identify a certain deficiency in internal control over compliance, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2019-001, that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

The Town of Simsbury, Connecticut's response to the internal control over compliance finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The Town of Simsbury, Connecticut's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Simsbury, Connecticut, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Simsbury, Connecticut's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated December 12, 2019, 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 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.

*Blum, Shapiro & Company, P.C.*

West Hartford, Connecticut  
December 12, 2019

**TOWN OF SIMSBURY, CONNECTICUT  
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

<b>Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/ Program or Cluster Title</b>	<b>Federal CFDA Number</b>	<b>Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number</b>	<b>Passed Through to Subrecipients</b>	<b>Total Federal Expenditures</b>
<b>United States Department of Agriculture</b>				
<i>Passed Through the State of Connecticut Department of Education:</i>				
Child Nutrition Cluster:				
National School Lunch Program	10.555	12060-SDE64370-20560	\$ 322,543	
School Breakfast Program	10.553	12060-SDE64370-20508	44,090	
				<u>\$ 366,633</u>
<b>United States Department of Housing and Urban Development</b>				
<i>Passed Through the State of Connecticut Department of Housing:</i>				
Community Development Block Grants/State's Program and Non-Entitlement Grants in Hawaii	14.228	12060-DOH46930-20730		<u>363,265</u>
<b>United States Department of Transportation</b>				
<i>Passed Through the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation:</i>				
Highway Safety Cluster:				
National Priority Safety Programs	20.616	12062-DOT57513-22600		<u>9,541</u>
<b>United States Department of Homeland Security</b>				
<i>Passed Through the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection:</i>				
Emergency Management Performance Grants	97.042	12060-DPS32160-21881	\$ 11,988	11,988
Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)	97.036	12060-DPS32990-22520		<u>119,933</u>
Total United States Department of Homeland Security			<u>11,988</u>	<u>131,921</u>
<b>United States Department of Justice</b>				
<i>Passed Through the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management:</i>				
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program	16.738	12060-OPM20350-21921		6,000
<i>Passed Through the Greater Hartford Transit District:</i>				
Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program	16.607			<u>6,980</u>
Total United States Department of Justice				<u>12,980</u>
<b>United States Department of Education</b>				
<i>Passed Through the State of Connecticut Department of Education:</i>				
Special Education Cluster (IDEA):				
Special Education_Grants to States	84.027	12060-SDE64370-20977-2019	673,671	
Special Education_Grants to States	84.027	12060-SDE64370-20977-2018	370,278	
Special Education_Preschool Grants	84.173	12060-SDE64370-20983-2019	125	
Special Education_Preschool Grants	84.173	12060-SDE64370-20983-2018	<u>23,258</u>	
				1,067,332
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	12060-SDE64370-20679-2019	42,157	
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	12060-SDE64370-20679-2018	<u>94,744</u>	
				136,901
Career and Technical Education -- Basic Grants to States	84.048	12060-SDE64370-20742-2019	33,621	
Career and Technical Education -- Basic Grants to States	84.048	12060-SDE64370-20742-2018	<u>26,726</u>	
				60,347
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	12060-SDE64370-20858-2019	3,393	
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	12060-SDE64370-20858-2018	<u>28,254</u>	
				31,647
English Language Acquisition State Grants	84.365	12060-SDE64370-20868-2019	6,329	
English Language Acquisition State Grants	84.365	12060-SDE64370-20868-2019	11,508	
<i>Passed Through Capitol Region Education Council:</i>				
English Language Acquisition State Grants	84.365	12060-SDE64370-20868-2019	<u>8,707</u>	
				26,544

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule

**TOWN OF SIMSBURY, CONNECTICUT  
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

<b>Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/ Program or Cluster Title</b>	<b>Federal CFDA Number</b>	<b>Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number</b>	<b>Passed Through to Subrecipients</b>	<b>Total Federal Expenditures</b>
<i>Passed Through the State of Connecticut Department of Education:</i>				
Title IV - Student Support	84.424	12060-SDE64370-22854-2019		\$ 1,848
Total United States Department of Education				1,324,619
<b>United States Department of Health and Human Services</b>				
<i>Passed Through the North Central Regional Mental Health Agency:</i>				
Block Grants for Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse	93.959	12060-MHA53282-21782		5,342
<b>Total Federal Awards</b>			\$ 11,988	\$ 2,214,301

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule

**TOWN OF SIMSBURY, CONNECTICUT  
NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

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**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of the Town of Simsbury, Connecticut, under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2019. The information in the 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).

Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Town of Simsbury, Connecticut, it is not intended to, and does not, present the financial position, changes in fund balance, changes in net position or cash flows of the Town of Simsbury, Connecticut.

**Basis of Accounting**

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported using 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.

**2. INDIRECT COST RECOVERY**

The Town of Simsbury, Connecticut, has elected not to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate provided under Section 200.414 of the Uniform Guidance.

**3. NONCASH AWARDS**

Donated commodities in the amount of \$73,593 are included in the Department of Agriculture's National School Lunch Program, CFDA #10.555. The amount represents the market value of commodities received.



**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***

To the Members of the Board of Finance  
Town of Simsbury, Connecticut

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 the Town of Simsbury, Connecticut, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Simsbury, Connecticut's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 12, 2019.

**Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Town of Simsbury, Connecticut's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Simsbury, Connecticut's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Simsbury, Connecticut's internal control.

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

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

## Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town of Simsbury, Connecticut'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 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 Town of Simsbury, Connecticut'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 Town of Simsbury, Connecticut's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Blum, Shapiro & Company, P.C.*

West Hartford, Connecticut  
December 12, 2019

**TOWN OF SIMSBURY, CONNECTICUT  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

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**I. SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS**

**Financial Statements**

Type of auditors' report issued: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- |   |                   |                            |
|---|-------------------|----------------------------|
| • Material weakness(es) identified?                   | <u>      </u> yes | <u>  X  </u> no            |
| • Significant deficiency(ies) identified?             | <u>      </u> yes | <u>  X  </u> none reported |
| Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? | <u>      </u> yes | <u>  X  </u> no            |

**Federal Awards**

Internal control over major programs:

- |   |                   |                             |
|---|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| • Material weakness(es) identified?       | <u>      </u> yes | <u>  X  </u> no             |
| • Significant deficiency(ies) identified? | <u>  X  </u> yes  | <u>      </u> none reported |

Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major programs: Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported  
in accordance with 2 CFR Section 200.516(a)?

  X   yes        no

Major programs:

<u>CFDA #</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
84.027/84.173	Special Education Cluster

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

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?   X   yes        no

**II. FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS**

No matters were reported.

**III. FEDERAL AWARDS FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**

**Finding No. 2019-001**

Procurement and Suspension and Debarment

**Program**

Board of Education (BOE) Federal Programs

**Criteria**

The BOE must comply with procurement standards set out at 2 CFR sections 200.318 through 200.326 within Uniform Guidance.

**Condition**

The BOE's procurement standards do not include the essential elements as outlined in 2 CFR sections 200.318 through 200.326.

**Questioned Costs**

None noted.

**Context**

Although the BOE did not have a policy in place in conformity with the federal Uniform Guidance criteria, the BOE did follow their procedures as it relates to the contracts under the procurements applicable to the BOE's major program.

**Effect**

With the absence of a compliant policy, the BOE is at risk for noncompliance as it relates to federal procurement.

**Cause**

The BOE was aware of the details surrounding the new procurement standards and did update its policy; however, the policy was missing certain criteria to be in full compliance with 2 CFR sections 200.318 and 200.326.

**Recommendation**

We recommend that the BOE review its formal procurement policies and make necessary changes to comply with the criteria as set out in 2 CFR sections 200.318 and 200.326.

**Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions**

Management agrees with the auditors' recommendations. Corrective action will be taken to ensure the policy is updated and the correct procurement procedures are followed.