

**GULF COAST COMMUNITY
SERVICES ASSOCIATION**
(A Texas Nonprofit Organization)

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL AND
COMPLIANCE AUDIT REPORTS**

Years Ended September 30, 2016 and 2015

GULF COAST COMMUNITY SERVICES ASSOCIATION
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SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 AND 2015

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors of
Gulf Coast Community Services Association

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Gulf Coast Community Services Association (the "Organization"), a Texas nonprofit organization, which comprise the statements of financial position as of September 30, 2016 and 2015, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Organization's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Organization as of September 30, 2016 and 2015, 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.

Other Matters

Other Information

Our audits were 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* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part 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 information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 11, 2017, on our consideration of the Organization'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 the Organization's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Houston, Texas
May 11, 2017

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STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 AND 2015

	2016	2015
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 980,406	\$ 1,222,328
Grants receivable	822,160	751,359
Other receivables	910,947	513,530
Inventory	66,554	59,465
Prepaid and other assets	101,246	109,202
Total current assets	2,881,313	2,655,884
NONCURRENT ASSETS		
Property and equipment, net	1,599,385	2,006,477
Total noncurrent assets	1,599,385	2,006,477
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 4,480,698	\$ 4,662,361
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 1,143,739	\$ 574,666
Salaries and related liabilities payable	849,617	782,287
Unearned revenue	-	121,000
Deferred rent payable– current portion	25,080	25,080
Deferred lease incentive - current portion	122,444	122,444
Total current liabilities	2,140,880	1,625,477
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES		
Deferred rent payable	81,509	106,589
Deferred lease incentive	397,941	520,385
Total noncurrent liabilities	479,450	626,974
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,620,330	2,252,451
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	1,608,305	1,981,244
Temporarily restricted	252,063	428,666
TOTAL NET ASSETS	1,860,368	2,409,910
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 4,480,698	\$ 4,662,361

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 AND 2015

	2016	2015
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted revenues		
Government grants	\$ 24,561,522	\$ 22,773,290
In-kind contributions	5,992,385	5,574,630
Other revenues	90,790	56,455
Total unrestricted revenues	30,644,697	28,404,375
Net assets released from restrictions	176,603	161,393
Total unrestricted revenues and other support	30,821,300	28,565,768
Expenses		
Program expenses	31,177,461	28,503,414
Management and general expenses	16,778	18,873
Total expenses	31,194,239	28,522,287
(DECREASE)/INCREASE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	(372,939)	43,481
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS		
Net assets released from restrictions	(176,603)	(161,393)
DECREASE IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	(176,603)	(161,393)
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	(549,542)	(117,912)
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,981,244	1,937,763
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	428,666	590,059
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 1,860,368	\$ 2,409,910

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STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

	Program Expenses	Administrative Expenses (Allocated)	Total Program Expenses	Management & General Expenses	Total Expenses
Salaries and wages	\$ 9,713,352	\$ 2,210,321	\$ 11,923,673	\$ -	\$ 11,923,673
Payroll taxes	793,082	171,424	964,506	-	964,506
Employee benefits costs	2,380,229	354,715	2,734,944	-	2,734,944
Contract wages	1,003,876	245,278	1,249,154	-	1,249,154
Building occupancy costs	1,115,887	95,492	1,211,379	498	1,211,877
Utilities	167,913	7,402	175,315	-	175,315
Telephone	382,412	35,564	417,976	127	418,103
Insurance	55,376	59,776	115,152	-	115,152
Travel	32,547	3,450	35,997	-	35,997
Equipment leasing and repairs	397,525	90,220	487,745	-	487,745
Office supplies	67,881	10,559	78,440	400	78,840
Expendable equipment	19,532	-	19,532	-	19,532
Vehicle operating and maintenance	38,054	510	38,564	-	38,564
Printing, reproduction and publicity	42,813	5,440	48,253	605	48,858
Seminars and workshops	27,351	13,941	41,292	-	41,292
Postage	3,822	1,183	5,005	-	5,005
In-kind contributions	5,992,385	-	5,992,385	-	5,992,385
Professional and legal fees	11,395	64,590	75,985	-	75,985
Classroom supplies	65,434	-	65,434	-	65,434
Food supplies	1,010,950	-	1,010,950	12,920	1,023,870
Health assessments and evaluations	189,445	2,947	192,392	100	192,492
Training and technical assistance	67,978	31,549	99,527	2,128	101,655
Parent activities	55,916	-	55,916	-	55,916
Client direct assistance	3,717,464	-	3,717,464	-	3,717,464
Other expenses	-	17,984	17,984	-	17,984
Depreciation	-	402,497	402,497	-	402,497
Total expenses	\$ 27,352,619	\$ 3,824,842	\$ 31,177,461	\$ 16,778	\$ 31,194,239

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STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

	Program Expenses	Administrative Expenses (Allocated)	Total Program Expenses	Management & General Expenses	Total Expenses
Salaries and wages	\$ 8,470,496	\$ 2,114,388	\$ 10,584,884	\$ -	\$ 10,584,884
Payroll taxes	695,398	158,709	854,107	-	854,107
Employee benefits costs	2,094,600	391,898	2,486,498	-	2,486,498
Contract wages	1,087,965	415,318	1,503,283	-	1,503,283
Building occupancy costs	1,205,595	100,025	1,305,620	214	1,305,834
Utilities	182,016	8,116	190,132	-	190,132
Telephone	411,103	51,936	463,039	-	463,039
Insurance	31,299	75,460	106,759	-	106,759
Travel	28,447	1,618	30,065	-	30,065
Equipment leasing and repairs	319,857	77,658	397,515	-	397,515
Office supplies	211,022	23,508	234,530	285	234,815
Expendable equipment	63,049	-	63,049	-	63,049
Vehicle operating and maintenance	30,187	1,281	31,468	-	31,468
Printing, reproduction and publicity	26,935	6,659	33,594	500	34,094
Seminars and workshops	71,645	27,696	99,341	917	100,258
Postage	3,885	1,435	5,320	-	5,320
In-kind contributions	5,541,730	-	5,541,730	-	5,541,730
Professional and legal fees	12,800	77,385	90,185	-	90,185
Classroom supplies	223,249	-	223,249	-	223,249
Food supplies	1,039,967	-	1,039,967	14,334	1,054,301
Health assessments and evaluations	278,617	9,568	288,185	-	288,185
Training and technical assistance	123,422	35,914	159,336	2,561	161,897
Parent activities	67,779	-	67,779	-	67,779
Client direct assistance	2,258,074	-	2,258,074	-	2,258,074
Other expenses	-	14,626	14,626	62	14,688
Depreciation	-	431,079	431,079	-	431,079
Total expenses	\$ 24,479,137	\$ 4,024,277	\$ 28,503,414	\$ 18,873	\$ 28,522,287

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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 AND 2015

	2016	2015
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Change in net assets	\$ (549,542)	\$ (117,912)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	402,497	431,079
Amortization of deferred lease incentive and rent payable	(147,524)	(147,524)
Loss of equipment	4,595	-
Noncash contribution	-	(32,900)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
(Increase)/Decrease in grants receivable	(70,801)	24,250
Increase in other receivables	(397,417)	(248,183)
Increase in food inventory	(7,089)	(6,236)
Decrease/(Increase) in prepaid and other assets	7,956	(37,350)
Increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses	569,073	74,922
Increase/(Decrease) in salaries and related liabilities payable	67,330	(10,116)
(Decrease)/Increase in unearned revenue	(121,000)	76,176
Total adjustments	307,620	124,118
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	(241,922)	6,206
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Purchase of property and equipment	-	(243,375)
Net cash used in investing activities	-	(243,375)
NET DECREASE IN CASH	(241,922)	(237,169)
CASH, BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,222,328	1,459,497
CASH, END OF YEAR	\$ 980,406	\$ 1,222,328

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1. NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization and Business

Gulf Coast Community Services Association (the “Organization”) is a Texas nonprofit organization established and incorporated on June 19, 1968 to identify, analyze and work to alleviate poverty and to eliminate its causative factors by partnering with eligible families to provide comprehensive quality programs and services. The Organization operates several programs and services to promote self-sufficiency targeted at low income families and individuals. These programs and services are primarily funded by Community Services Block Grant and other federal, state and local grants. The Organization also administers Head Start and Early Head Start Programs in the southeast sector of Harris County, Texas.

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Organization have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

Financial Statement Presentation

The Organization is required under GAAP to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets, as defined below:

Unrestricted net assets – These are resources that are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations and can be used for the general operations of the Organization. The Organization had unrestricted net assets of \$1,608,305 and \$1,981,244 as of September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Temporarily restricted net assets – These are resources that are subject to donor-imposed stipulations that may be met, either by actions of the Organization and/or the passage of time. The Organization had temporarily restricted net assets of \$252,063 and \$428,666 as of September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Permanently restricted net assets – These are resources that are subject to donor restrictions requiring that the principal be held in perpetuity and any income thereon be used by the Organization. The Organization did not have any permanently restricted net assets as of September 30, 2016 and 2015.

The Organization is also required under GAAP to present statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows.

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When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Organization's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Revenue Recognition

Generally, grants are recognized as revenues when earned. Grants that operate on a reimbursement basis are recognized on the accrual basis as revenues only to the extent of disbursements that are allowable for reimbursement. Revenues from contributions, donations and other sources are recognized as unrestricted or temporarily restricted revenues when received or unconditionally promised by a third party. Revenues from special events are recognized when the events are held. Interest income is recognized when earned based on the passage of time. Program income and other income are recognized when received. Conditional promises by third parties to give cash or other assets to the Organization are not recognized until the cash or other assets are received.

Contributions

Contributions received are recorded as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted support depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions. Contributions that are restricted by the donor are reported as increases in unrestricted net assets if the restrictions expire (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished) in the reporting period in which the revenue is recognized. All other donor-restricted contributions are reported as increases in temporarily restricted net assets, depending on the nature of the restrictions. When a restriction expires, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets upon satisfaction of the time or purpose restrictions and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Receivables

Receivables represent reimbursements that were pending from funding sources for program expenses incurred as of September 30, 2016 and 2015, both billed and unbilled, and expected to be received in the subsequent year. Management considers receivables at September 30, 2016 and 2015 to be fully collectible. Accordingly, no allowance for delinquent receivables was made in the accompanying financial statements.

Donated Services, Materials and Facilities

The Organization's Head Start centers are leased from lessors at below market rental rates. The Organization also collaborates with several independent school districts to provide the Organization with teachers and other resources at those centers at little or no cost to the

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Organization. Donated services, materials and facilities received by the Organization are recorded at their estimated fair values.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Organization considers all monies in banks and highly liquid investments with maturity of three months or less from date of purchase to be cash equivalents. The carrying value of cash approximates fair value because of the short maturities of those financial instruments. The Organization had no cash equivalents at September 30, 2016 and 2015. Additionally, separate bank accounts were maintained to comply with the requirements of certain grantors.

Unearned Revenues

Grants received in advance that relate to the period after year-end are reported as unearned revenues in the statements of financial position.

Food Inventories

Food inventory is stated at the lower of cost or market determined by the first-in, first-out method.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are recorded at cost or, if donated to the Organization, at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. Such donations are recorded as unrestricted support unless the donor has restricted the donated asset to a specific purpose. Assets donated to the Organization with explicit restrictions regarding their use, and contributions of cash that must be used to acquire or maintain property and equipment are recorded as restricted contributions. Presently, the Organization does not have any assets which have donor-imposed restrictions.

The Organization's policy is to capitalize all expenditures for property, furniture and fixtures, and office and computer equipment in excess of \$5,000 per unit. Property and equipment are depreciated using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives ranging from 5 to 30 years. Amortization of leasehold improvements is provided on the straight-line method over the remaining term of the lease or the useful life of the improvement, whichever is shorter. Maintenance and repair costs are charged to operations when incurred. Major improvements and renewals of property and equipment are capitalized.

Substantially, all property and equipment presented in the accompanying statements of financial position were purchased with federal funds.

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Compensated Absences

Annual vacation time and sick leave are granted to the Organization's employees. Under the Organization's policy, vacation time and sick leave are earned based on the employees' length of service. Any unused vacation time up to a maximum of 40 hours not taken because of business requirements, may be carried over to the following calendar year. Sick leave may be accumulated from one calendar year to another up to a maximum of 480 hours. While employees are paid for earned but unused vacation time upon termination of employment with the Organization, they are not paid for unused sick days. Therefore, no accrual for unused sick days is recorded in the accompanying financial statements.

Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of providing various programs and other activities of the Organization have been summarized on a functional basis in the statements of activities and in the statements of functional expenses. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited in accordance with the Organization's cost allocation plan. Management and general expenses include those expenses that are not directly identifiable with any other specific function but provide for the overall support and direction of the Organization.

Income Taxes

The Organization is a nonprofit organization that is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code") and did not conduct any unrelated business activities. Therefore, the Organization has made no provision for federal income tax in the accompanying financial statements. In addition, the Organization qualifies for the charitable contribution deduction under Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) and has been classified as an organization that is not a private foundation under Section 509(a)(1) of the Code.

The Organization applies the provisions of FASB ASC Topic 740, *Income Taxes*, which prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. FASB ASC Topic 740 also provides guidance on de-recognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure, and transition. Management of the Organization believes that it has appropriate support for any tax positions taken, and as such, does not have any uncertain tax positions that are material to the financial statements. The Organization's Federal income tax returns for the year 2013 through 2015 are subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Services, generally for three years after they were filed.

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Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates. Significant estimates included in the financial statements relate primarily to the useful lives applied in asset depreciation, estimates of the values of in-kind contributions and services, and functional allocations of expenses.

Reclassifications

Certain amounts in the prior year financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

New Accounting Pronouncements

In February 2016, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2016-02 – Leases (Topic 842), which supersedes existing guidance on leases and amends and supersedes a number of other paragraphs throughout the FASB ASC. This update will be effective for the Organization's 2021 annual financial statements. Management is currently evaluating the impact this update will have on the financial statements.

In August 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-14 – Not-for-Profit Entities (Topic 842): Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities, which will eliminate the distinction between resources with permanent restrictions and those with temporary restrictions from the face of financial statements as well as improve the information presented in the financial statements and notes about a not-for-profit entity's liquidity, financial performance, and cash flows. This update will be effective for the Organization's 2019 annual financial statements. Management is currently evaluating the impact this update will have on the financial statements.

2. PROGRAMS AND SUPPORTING SERVICES

The costs of providing the various programs and other activities of the Organization are shown in the accompanying statements of functional expenses. The following major programs and supporting services are included in the accompanying financial statements:

- Head Start Program/Early Head Start Program
- Community Services Block Grant

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Management and general activities consist of those functions that are necessary to coordinate the Organization's daily operations, programs and services.

3. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

The following is a summary of property and equipment at September 30, 2016 and 2015:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Buildings	\$ 1,721,582	\$ 1,721,582
Leasehold improvements	1,240,748	1,240,748
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	1,345,582	1,351,518
Vehicles	274,469	290,142
Software	264,820	264,820
	<u>4,847,201</u>	<u>4,868,810</u>
Less: Accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>(3,247,816)</u>	<u>(2,862,333)</u>
Property and equipment, net	<u>\$ 1,599,385</u>	<u>\$ 2,006,477</u>

Depreciation and amortization expense for the years ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 was \$402,497 and \$431,079, respectively.

4. DEFERRED RENT PAYABLE AND LEASE INCENTIVE

In November 2010, the Organization entered into a 10-year lease arrangement for its new corporate office. As part of the incentive towards the signing of the lease contract, the landlord offered the Organization a 6-month free rent (rent holiday). Total minimum lease payment under the lease agreement is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Accrued rent expense as of September 30, 2016 and 2015 was \$106,589 and \$131,669, respectively.

Under the terms of the lease agreement, as an additional incentive towards the signing of the lease contract, the landlord agreed to perform certain leasehold improvements amounting to \$1,224,438 on the building. This incentive is recognized as a reduction of rental expenses on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease agreement. The unamortized incentive as of September 30, 2016 and 2015 was \$520,385 and \$642,829, respectively.

5. CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISKS

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the Organization will not be able to recover its deposits. Although the

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Organization does not have a formal deposit policy, it maintains deposits at federally insured banks and strives to minimize its exposure to custodial credit risks by maintaining deposits at institutions with demonstrated financial strength. Bank balances are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$250,000 per bank. The total cash maintained by the Association in their bank as of September 30, 2016 which was subject to custodial credit risk was \$1,018,734. Management believes that this credit risk exposure was mitigated by the financial strength of the banking institution in which the deposits were held. In addition, Management monitors cash balances on a daily basis as a part of the Organization's cash management practices.

Credit risk associated with grants receivable is considered minimal due to the credit worthiness of the awarding federal and state agencies.

6. LINE OF CREDIT

The Organization maintains a line of credit with a local financial institution in the amount of \$100,000. The purpose of the line of credit is to support daily operations of the Organization. No draw-down has been made on the line of credit during the years ended September 30, 2016 and 2015.

7. TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

The Organization administers a utility assistance program for low-income consumers with funds provided in fiscal year 2012 by CenterPoint Energy Electric, LLC. Available funds under this program are \$252,063 and \$428,666 as of September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively, and are reported as temporarily restricted net assets in the statements of financial position.

8. RETIREMENT PLAN

The Organization sponsored the Gulf Coast Community Services Association 401(k) Plan (the "Plan"). Each year, participants may contribute up to 100% of pretax annual compensation, as defined in the Plan. The Organization makes a matching contribution of 100% of the first 1% an eligible participant contributes to the Plan after completing one year of eligible service. Additional profit sharing amounts of up to 3% of annual compensation of qualified employees may be contributed at the option of the Organization's Board of Directors. Employees are eligible to participate in the Plan after completion of 1,000 hours of service within one year of service. Participants are vested immediately in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Organization's contribution portion of their accounts is based on years of vesting service in accordance with the schedule provided in the Plan document.

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The Organization's contributions to the Plan for the years ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 amounted to \$327,801 and \$317,354, respectively.

9. COMMITMENTS

The Organization leases its facilities under operating leases expiring in various years through fiscal year 2021. Future minimum lease payments on non-cancellable lease commitments are as follows:

<u>Year ending September 30,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2017	\$ 781,133
2018	657,964
2019	646,423
2020	588,996
Thereafter	56,800
Total	<u>\$ 2,731,316</u>

Rent expense for the years ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 was \$965,851 and \$960,998, respectively.

10. CONTINGENCIES

From time to time, the Organization may be a defendant in legal proceedings related to its operations. In the best judgment of the Organization's management, and after consultation with its legal counsel, the outcome of any present legal proceedings will not have a material adverse effect on the accompanying financial statements.

The Organization receives grants from federal and other funding sources that are subject to review and audit by the awarding agencies. Such reviews and audits could result in the discovery of unallowable activities and unallowable costs. Consequently, any of the funding sources may, at its discretion, request reimbursement for expenses or return of funds, or both, as a result of non-compliance by the Organization with the terms of the grants/contracts. In the opinion of the management, such disallowances, if any, would not be significant in relation to the financial statements of the Organization.

11. CONCENTRATION

For the years ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, the Head Start/Early Head Start program accounted for approximately 63% and 75% and the Community Services Block Grant program accounted for approximately 26% and 21% of the revenues and support of the Organization, respectively. In addition, the Organization received, directly or indirectly,

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89% and 96% of its operating revenues for the years ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively, from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

12. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through May 11, 2017; the date the financial statements were available to be issued. No change to the financial statements is deemed necessary as a result of this evaluation.

SINGLE AUDIT SECTION



**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***

To the Board of Directors of
Gulf Coast Community Services Association

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 Gulf Coast Community Services Association (the “Organization”), a nonprofit organization, which comprise the statements of financial position as of September 30, 2016 and 2015, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 11, 2017.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Organization’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 the Organization’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 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 Organization'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 Organization'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 Organization's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Houston, Texas
May 11, 2017



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR
EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

To the Board of Directors of
Gulf Coast Community Services Association

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Gulf Coast Community Services Association’s (the “Organization”) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Organization’s major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2016. The Organization’s major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor’s results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management’s Responsibility

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

Auditor’s Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the Organization’s major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; 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 Organization’s compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

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

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the Organization complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2016.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Management of the Organization 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 Organization's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization'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 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. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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



Houston, Texas
May 11, 2017

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**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/ Program Title	CFDA Number	Agency or Pass-Through Number	Federal Expenditures
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			
Direct Agency Funded Programs:			
Head Start / Early Head Start Programs	93.600	06CH-7125	\$ 17,328,268
Total Direct Agency Funded Programs			<u>17,328,268</u>
Pass-Through Program:			
Pass-Through Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs			
		61150002184	
		61160002385	
Community Services Block Grant	93.569	61160002474	6,018,224
Total Pass-Through Program			<u>6,018,224</u>
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			<u>23,346,492</u>
U.S. Department of Agriculture			
Pass-Through Program:			
Pass-Through Texas Department of Agriculture Child and Adult Care Food Program	10.558	02448	859,908
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			<u>859,908</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			<u>\$ 24,206,400</u>

See notes to the schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

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**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the "Schedule") includes federal grant activities of the Gulf Coast Community Services Association (the "Organization") under programs of the federal government for the year ended September 30, 2016. 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 Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Organization, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of the Organization.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in OMB Circular A-122, *Cost Principles for Non-Profit Organizations*, or the Uniform Guidance, as applicable, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

3. Indirect Cost Rate

The Organization did not elect to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

4. Commitments and Contingencies

Federal grants received by the Organization are subject to review and audit by grantor agencies. The Organization's management believes that the results of such audits will not have a material effect on the Schedule.

5. Reconciliation to Financial Statements:

The following reconciles federal award expenditures as included in the Schedule to the expenditures reported in the financial statements of the Organization for the year ended September 31, 2016:

	<u>Amount</u>
Total expenditures per the statement of activities	\$ 31,194,239
Less: Non-federal expenditures	(592,957)
Donated materials, services, and facilities	(5,992,385)
Depreciation	(402,497)
Total expenditures per the schedule of expenditures of federal awards	<u>\$ 24,206,400</u>

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

PART 1 – SUMMARY OF AUDITOR’S RESULTS

Financial Statement Section

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|---|------------|
| 1. Type of auditor’s report issued: | Unmodified |
| 2. Internal control over financial reporting: | |
| a) Material weaknesses identified? | No |
| b) Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? | No |
| c) Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? | No |

Federal Awards Section

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|---|------------|
| 1. Internal control over major programs: | |
| a) Material weaknesses identified? | No |
| b) Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? | No |
| 2. Type of auditor’s report issued on compliance for major programs: | Unmodified |
| 3. Any audit findings disclosed, which are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR Section 200.516(a)? | No |

4. Identification of major programs:

<u>Federal CFDA Number</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program</u>
93.569	Community Services Block Grant

- | | |
|---|-----------|
| 5. Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs: | \$750,000 |
| 6. Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee under 2 CFR Section 200.520? | Yes |

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

PART II: FINDINGS – FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

None reported.

**PART III: FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS – MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD
PROGRAMS**

None reported.

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**SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS AND CURRENT STATUS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

There were no audit findings included in the September 30, 2015 Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.