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FEDERAL COMPLIANCE AUDIT REPORT

OF

CITY OF LA PORTE

LA PORTE COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022



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### SCHEDULE OF OFFICIALS

Office	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Clerk-Treasurer	Courtney Parthun	01-01-22 to 12-31-23
Mayor	Thomas P. Dermody	01-01-22 to 12-31-23
President of the Board of Public Works and Safety	Thomas P. Dermody	01-01-22 to 12-31-23
President Pro Tempore of the Common Council	Timothy Franke	01-01-22 to 12-31-23



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF LA PORTE, LA PORTE COUNTY, INDIANA

We have audited, 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, the financial statement of the City of La Porte (City), for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statement, which collectively comprise the City's financial statement and have issued our report thereon dated August 29, 2023, wherein we noted the City followed accounting practices the Indiana State Board of Accounts prescribes rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statement, we considered the City's 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 opinion on the financial statement, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the City's financial statement will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or 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 have not been identified.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS (Continued)

#### Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

#### **Purpose of This Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City'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 City's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Beth Kelley, CPA, CFE Deputy State Examiner

Beth Kelley

August 29, 2023



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TO: THE OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF LA PORTE, LA PORTE COUNTY, INDIANA

#### Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program

#### **Qualified Opinion**

We have audited the City of La Porte's (City) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2022. The City's major federal program is identified in the *Summary of Auditor's Results* section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

#### Qualified Opinion on COVID-19 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

In our opinion, except for the noncompliance described in the *Basis for Qualified Opinion* section of our report, the City complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on the COVID-19 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for the year ended December 31, 2022.

#### **Basis for Qualified Opinion**

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 (Government Auditing Standards); 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 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the City 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 City's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Matter Giving Rise to Qualified Opinion on COVID-19 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

As described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs, the City did not comply with requirements regarding 21.027 COVID-19 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, as described in item 2022-001 for Procurement and Suspension and Debarment. Compliance with such requirement is necessary, in our opinion, for the City to comply with the requirements applicable to that program.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR THE MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM; REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE; AND REPORT ON SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE (Continued)

#### 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 City's federal programs.

#### Auditor's 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 City's 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 City's 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 City's 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 City's 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 City's 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.

#### Other Matters

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the City's response to the noncompliance findings identified in our audit described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. The City's response to the noncompliance findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Corrective Action Plan. The City's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance, and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR THE MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM; REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE; AND REPORT ON SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE (Continued)

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the *Auditor's 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, and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we did identify certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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 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. We consider the deficiencies in internal control over compliance, as described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as item 2022-001, to be material weaknesses.

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.

Government Auditing Standards require the auditor to perform limited procedures on the City's response to the internal control over compliance findings identified in our audit described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. The City's response was not subjected to the other 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.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR THE MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM; REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE; AND REPORT ON SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE (Continued)

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

We have audited the financial statement of the City, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statement. We issued our report thereon dated August 29, 2023, which contained a dual opinion on the financial statement. An adverse opinion was issued regarding the presentation in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and an unmodified opinion was issued regarding the presentation in accordance with the regulatory basis of accounting. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statement as a whole. 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 financial statement. 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 statement. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statement and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement or to the financial statement itself, 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 financial statement as a whole.

> Beth Kelley, CPA, CFE Deputy State Examiner

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August 29, 2023

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS AND ACCOMPANYING NOTES
The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and accompanying notes presented were approved by management of the City. The schedule and notes are presented as intended by the City.

CITY OF LA PORTE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

Federal Grantor Agency Cluster Title/Program Title/Project Title	Pass-Through Entity or Direct Grant	Assistance Listings Number	Pass-Through Entity (or Other) Identifying Number	Passed Through to Subrecipient	Total Federal Awards Expended
Department of Housing and Urban Development CDBG - Entitlement Grants Cluster Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants Community Development Block Grant Community Development Block Grant Community Development Block Grant Community Development Block Grant	Direct Grant	14.218	B-18-MC-18-0021 B-19-MC-18-0021 B-20-MC-18-0021 B-21-MC-18-0021	\$ - 5,715 34,928	\$ 32,853 7,102 20,791 133,620
Subtotal - Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants  COVID-19 - Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants  Community Development Block Grant COVID  Total - CDBG - Entitlement Grants Cluster	Direct Grant	14.218	B-20-MW-18-0021	9,733 50,376	24,413 218,779
Total - Department of Housing and Urban Development    Department of Justice	Direct Grant	16.607	2020BUBX20020429	50,376	218,779 2,646 2,646
Department of Transportation Highway Planning and Construction Cluster Highway Planning and Construction Park Street Project (Federal) Chessie Trail	Indiana Department of Transportation	20.205	A249-20-L200038 A249-17-L170010		21,344 57,357
Total - Highway Planning and Construction Cluster  Federal Transit Cluster  Federal Transit Formula Grants  Transit  Transit  Transit	Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission	20.507	IN-2018-016 IN-2019-030 IN-2020-039		78,701 700 57,271 179,277
Subtotal - Federal Transit Formula Grants  COVID-19 - Federal Transit Formula Grants  Transit  Total - Federal Transit Cluster	Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission	20.507	IN-2020-014		237,248 10,000 247,248
Highway Safety Cluster State and Community Highway Safety C.H.I.R.P. Grant (Police) C.H.I.R.P. Grant (Police) Total - State and Community Highway Safety	Indiana Criminal Justice Institute	20.600	CHIRP-2022-00037 CHIRP-2021-00048		9,209 597 9,806

CITY OF LA PORTE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

Federal Grantor Agency Cluster Title/Program Title/Project Title	Pass-Through Entity or Direct Grant	Assistance Listings Number	Pass-Through Entity (or Other) Identifying Number	Passed Through to Subrecipient	Total Federal Awards Expended
National Priority Safety Programs Police ICJI S.A.V.E. Grant	Indiana Criminal Justice Institute	20.616	FY22 SAVE-2022-00018		6,204
Total - Highway Safety Cluster					16,010
Minimum Penalties for Repeat Offenders for Driving While Intoxicated C.H.I.R.P. Grant (Police)	Indiana Criminal Justice Institute	20.608	CHIRP-2022-00037		5,314
Total - Department of Transportation					347,273
Department of the Treasury COVID-19 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds ARP	Direct Grant	21.027	CY 2021		3,381,092
Total - Department of the Treasury					3,381,092
National Endowment for the Humanities  Promotion of the Humanities Federal/State Partnership  City of La Porte Historical Coloring Book	Indiana Humanities Council	45.129	21-4021		2,250
Total - National Endowment for the Humanities				<del>-</del>	2,250
<u>Department of Health and Human Services</u> Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant to the States Trails, Greenways & Blueways	Indiana State Department of Health	93.994	6 B04MC40130-01-02		10,000
Total - Department of Health and Human Services					10,000
Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Grant 2020 FEMA ASSISTANCE TO FF	Direct Grant	97.044	EMW-2020-FG-18339		23,309
Total - Department of Homeland Security				=	23,309
Total federal awards expended				\$ 50,376	\$ 3,985,349

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

#### CITY OF LA PORTE NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### A. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) includes the federal grant activity of the City under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2022. The information in the SEFA 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 SEFA presents only a select portion of the operations of the City, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position of the City.

#### B. Other Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the SEFA are reported on the cash basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following, as applicable, either the cost principles in OMB Circular A-87, Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments, or the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowed or are limited as to reimbursement. When federal grants are received on a reimbursement basis, the federal awards are considered expended when the reimbursement is received.

#### Note 2. Indirect Cost Rate

The City has elected not to use the 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

#### CITY OF LA PORTE SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

#### Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statement:

Type of auditor's report issued:

Adverse as to GAAP; Unmodified

as to Regulatory Basis

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weaknesses identified? no

Significant deficiencies identified? none reported

Noncompliance material to financial statement noted? no

Federal Awards:

Internal control over major program:

Material weaknesses identified?

Significant deficiencies identified? none reported

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported

in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)? yes

Identification of Major Program and type of auditor's report issued on compliance for it:

Assistance
Listings
Number

Name of Federal Program or Cluster

21.027

COVID-19 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

Qualified

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

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?

no

Section II - Financial Statement Findings

No matters are reportable.

#### Section III - Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

#### **FINDING 2022-001**

Subject: COVID-19 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds - Suspension and Debarment

Federal Agency: Department of the Treasury

Federal Program: COVID-19 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

Assistance Listings Number: 21.027

Federal Award Number or Year (or Other Identifying Number): CY 2021 Compliance Requirement: Procurement and Suspension and Debarment

Audit Findings: Material Weakness, Modified Opinion

#### CITY OF LA PORTE SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (Continued)

#### Repeat Finding

This is a repeat finding from the immediately prior audit report. The prior audit finding number was 2021-001.

#### Condition and Context

The City received a State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) allocation of \$11,476,496. During the audit period, SLFRF program funds were expended under negative economic impacts and revenue loss eligible use categories.

Prior to entering into subawards and covered transactions with SLFRF award funds, recipients are required to verify that such contractors and subrecipients are not suspended, debarred, or otherwise excluded. "Covered transactions" include, but are not limited to, contracts for goods and services awarded under a non-procurement transaction (i.e., grant agreement) that are expected to equal or exceed \$25,000. The verification is to be done by checking the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS), collecting a certification from that person, or adding a clause or condition to the covered transaction with that person.

Upon inquiry of the City in order to review the procedures in place for verifying that an entity with which it plans to enter into a covered transaction is not suspended, debarred, or otherwise excluded, the City divulged that prior to its previous audit the City was unaware of the suspension and debarment requirements related to the SLFRF awards. However, as of August 2022, the City updated its policies and procedures to include a clause in the contract, if applicable, or to collect a certification or check EPLS. A population of 15 covered transactions for goods or services that equaled or exceeded \$25,000 paid from SLFRF funds during the audit period was identified. A sample of three transactions, totaling \$1,881,333, was selected for testing. For each of the three transactions, the City did not verify the vendors' suspension and debarment status prior to payment. Due to the number and magnitude of exceptions identified, per auditor judgment, we concluded it would not be appropriate to expand the sample size or perform any additional audit procedures.

#### Criteria

#### 2 CFR 200.303 states in part:

#### "The non-Federal entity must:

(a) Establish and maintain effective internal control over the Federal award that provides reasonable assurance that the non-Federal entity is managing the Federal award in compliance with Federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the Federal award. These internal controls should be in compliance with guidance in 'Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government' issued by the Comptroller General of the United States or the 'Internal Control Integrated Framework', issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). . . . "

#### 31 CFR 19.300 states:

"When you enter into a covered transaction with another person at the next lower tier, you must verify that the person with whom you intend to do business is not excluded or disqualified. You do this by:

#### CITY OF LA PORTE SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (Continued)

- (a) Checking the EPLS; or
- (b) Collecting a certification from that person if allowed by this rule; or
- (c) Adding a clause or condition to the covered transaction with that person."

#### Cause

A proper system of internal control was not designed by management of the City. Embedded within a properly designed and implemented internal control system should be internal controls consisting of policies and procedures. Policies reflect the City's management statements of what should be done to effect internal controls, and procedures should consist of actions that would implement these policies.

#### Effect

Without the proper implementation of an effectively designed system of internal controls, the internal control system cannot be capable of effectively preventing, or detecting and correcting, material noncompliance. As a result, vendors to whom payments equal to or in excess of \$25,000 were not verified to be not suspended, debarred, or otherwise excluded.

Noncompliance with the provisions of federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the federal award could result in the loss of future federal funding to the City.

#### **Questioned Costs**

There were no questioned costs identified.

#### Recommendation

We recommended that management of the City establish a proper system of internal controls and develop policies and procedures to ensure contractors and subrecipients, as appropriate are not suspended, debarred, or otherwise excluded prior to entering into any contracts or subawards.

#### Views of Responsible Officials

For the views of responsible officials, refer to the Corrective Action Plan that is part of this report.

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	AUDITEE-PREPARED DOCUMENTS	
The subsequent docume sented as intended by the City.	ents were provided by management of the City.	The documents are pre-

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#### SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

#### **FINDING 2021-001**

Fiscal year in which the finding initially occurred: 2021

Status of Audit Finding: City of La Porte, after 2021 audit, continues working on Suspension and Debarment Finding by adding a clause or condition to the covered transaction. There were contracts signed that required amendments due to the timing of when the contracts were signed in relation to the city's audit. We will continue to amend contracts to include a Suspension and Debarment Clause moving forward.

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#### **FINDING 2021-002**

Fiscal year in which the finding initially occurred: 2021

Status of Audit Finding: Completed as of 12/31/2022 to follow the Federal Guidelines for small purchases between \$10,000 and \$50,000 in accordance with 2 CFR 200.320 (2).

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#### CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

#### **FINDING 2022-001**

Contact Person Responsible for Corrective Action: Courtney Parthun, Clerk-Treasurer Contact Phone Number: 219-362-9512

Views of Responsible Official: Due to an overlap in the timeframe between the 2021 audit which was filed on 8/26/2022 and SLFRF expenditures in 2022, the City continues to collect certifications and update contracts including the suspension and debarment clause language.

Description of Corrective Action Plan:

The City of La Porte will require a clause in every contract which states the following:

By signing this contract, the company/contractor complies with Federal procurement requirements and has not been suspended or disbarred from doing business.

Anticipated Completion Date: on-going

OTHER REI	PORTS
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