

COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 26, 2025

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mark L. Bellamy, Jr., County Administrator 

SUBJECT: FY2023 and FY2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports (ACFR)

Virginia Code requires that all local accounts and records be audited annually, as of June 30, by an independent certified public accountant, with the results presented to the governing body by December 31. As the Board may recall, Brown Edwards has performed the County's audit for the past two fiscal years.

As part of their engagement, Brown Edwards audits certain federal programs in accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS). These standards include specific audit requirements for major federal programs based on the amount of federal expenditures and the timing of prior audits. Barring additional risk factors, these federal programs are typically audited on a three-year rotational basis. One of these federal programs was the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CFDA 21.027 grants) which was tested in FY2022 and did not have any additional risk factors therefore Brown Edwards did not specifically test them in the FY2023 and FY2024 audits.

However, upon further review and in light of the increased federal scrutiny of COVID-19-related grants including the potential for clawback provisions due to noncompliance Brown Edwards determined that, out of an abundance of caution, the ARPA program (CFDA 21.027) should be treated as a major program and included in the Single Audit scope for the previous two years.

Accordingly, Brown Edwards performed additional testing of the 21.027 grant. The testing confirmed that the County complied with all applicable requirements, and no material misstatements or audit findings were identified.

Audit reporting standards require the firm to reissue the federal program audit reports to include the newly tested major federal program. While there were no changes to the previously issued clean, unmodified opinion, the reports were dual-dated to reflect the updated scope. Because the federal program audit report is issued in conjunction with the audit of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), the ACFR was also reissued for both FY2023 and FY2024. We have updated the County website with the revised ACFRs which can be found at <https://www.yorkcounty.gov/538/Finance>.

This additional testing reflects Brown Edwards' conservative approach to compliance and helps ensure the County remains fully aligned with federal audit requirements for complex funding streams such as ARPA.

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