# City of Aurora, Colorado

Single Audit Report

Year Ended December 31, 2018

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### December 31, 2018

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## **City of Aurora, Colorado** Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Year Ended December 31, 2018

Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/ Program or Cluster Title	Federal CFDA Number	Pass-through Entity Identifying Number	Federal Expenditures	Amount Paid to Subrecipient	
Department of Agriculture					
Passed through from the Colorado Department					
of Public Health and Environment:	10.550	11 51 4 12570			
Child and Adult Care Food Program	10.558 10.558	11 FLA 13568 11 FLA 13568	\$ 12,351 (21,200)	\$ -	
Child and Adult Care Food Program Child and Adult Care Food Program	10.558	11 FLA 13568	(21,206) 49,218	-	
Total 10.558	100000		40,363		
Child Nutrition Cluster					
Passed through from the Colorado Department of Education:					
Summer Food Service Program for Children	10.559	4559	71,442	-	
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			71,442		
Total Department of Agriculture			111,805		
Department of Commerce			11,000		
Direct payments:					
Economic Development Cluster					
Economic Adjustment Assistance	11.307	N/A	187,727		
Total Economic Development Cluster			187,727		
Total Department of Commerce			187,727		
Department of Housing and Urban Development					
Passed through from the Colorado Housing					
and Finance Authority:					
Housing Counseling Assistance Program	14.169	HC150841001	1,381	-	
Housing Counseling Assistance Program	14.169	HC170841003	19,315		
Total 14.169			20,696		
Direct payments:					
CDBG - Entitlement Grant Cluster					
Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants	14.218	N/A	2,888,342	14,026	
Community Development Block Grants- Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP 3)	14.218	N/A	281,688	-	
Total CDBG - Entitlement Grant Cluster			3,170,030	14,026	
Emergency Solutions Grant Program	14.231	N/A	211,749	186,435	
Total 14.231			211,749	186,435	
Home Investment Partnerships Program	14.239	N/A	2,000,658	46,182	
	17.237	11/2			
Total 14.239			2,000,658	46,182	
Total Department of Housing and Urban Development			5,403,133	246,643	

# **City of Aurora, Colorado** Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (continued) Year Ended December 31, 2018

Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/ Program or Cluster Title	Federal CFDA Number	Pass-through Entity Identifying Number	Federal Expenditures	Amount Paid to Subrecipient
Department of the Interior				
Passed through from the Colorado History Center: Historic Preservation Fund Grants-In-Aid	15.904	8002344401	1.093	_
Total 15.904			1,093	
Passed through from the Colorado Department of Natural Resources:				
Outdoor Recreation Acquisition, Development and Planning	15.916	91634 CTGG1 2017 00025	308,629	
Total 15.916			308,629	
Total Department of the Interior			309,722	
Department of Justice Passed through from the City of Colorado Springs, Colorado: Missing Children's Assistance (Colorado Internet Crimes Against Children) (FY 2017)	16.543	2015-MC-FX-K030	12,970	
Total 16.543			12,970	
Direct payments: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (FY2015)	16.738	N/A	19,298	-
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (FY2016)	16.738	N/A	1,961	-
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (FY2017)	16.738	N/A	27,707	-
Passed through from the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (Violence Prevention Program)	16.738	2016-MU-BX-0115	33,287	33,287
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program	10.738	2010-MO-BA-0115	55,287	35,287
(Violence Prevention Program) Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program	16.738	2016-DJ-17-3-27-4	74,356	74,356
(Emergency Funds MGTF)	16.738	2016-DJ-18-05-59-1	27,881	
Total 16.738			184,490	107,643
Direct payments:				
Criminal and Juvenile Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program	16.745	N/A	100,207	
Total 16.745			100,207	
Direct payments:				
Equitable Sharing Program (Seizures-Federal) Equitable Sharing Program (MGTF Seizures-Federal)	16.922 16.922	N/A N/A	552,016 21,626	-
Total 16.922			573,642	
Total Department of Justice			871,309	107,643

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Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/ Program or Cluster Title	Federal CFDA Number	Pass-through Entity Identifying Number	Federal Expenditures	Amount Paid to Subrecipient
Department of Transportation				
Highway Planning and Construction Cluster				
Passed through from the Colorado Department of Transportation:				
Highway Planning and Construction (Nine Mile Station Bicycle	20.205			
Pedestrian Improvements)	20.205	STU M055-032 (19041)	56,113	-
Highway Planning and Construction (Colfax Bike/Ped TIP)	20.205	M 055 034	136,405	-
Highway Planning and Construction (23rd Avenue	20.205	M055 042	92 124	
Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvements)	20.205	M055 042	83,134	-
Highway Planning and Construction (Tollgate Extension IGA	20.205	M055 040	2.046.902	
G21086 TIP Grant) Highway Planning and Construction (Tollgate Extension IGA	20.205	M055 040	3,046,893	-
G21199 TIP Grant)	20.205	M055 043	298,868	
Highway Planning and Construction (Hudson Road Bridge at	20.203	10055 045	298,808	-
Covote Run)	20.205	M055 039	578,194	
Highway Planning and Construction (Westerly Creek Tollgate	20.205	10055 059	576,194	-
Creek Bike/Pedestrian Path)	20.205	M055-045	(99,109)	
	20.205	W055-045	()),10))	-
Passed through from the Regional Air Quality Council:				
Highway Planning and Construction (Charge Ahead Colorado)	20.205	1086	4,509	-
Total Highway Planning and Construction Cluster			4,105,007	-
Highway Safety Cluster				
Passed through from the Colorado Department of Transportation: State and Community Highway Safety Cluster (2018 Aurora Speed				
Campaign)	20.600	411014607	60,370	
State and Community Highway Safety Cluster (2018 Aurora PD	20.000	411014007	00,370	-
Distracted Driver Campaign)	20.600	411014676	43,371	
State and Community Highway Safety Cluster (2018 Pedestrian	20.000	411014070	45,571	-
Education and Safety Campaign)	20.600	411014704	50,242	
State and Community Highway Safety (2018 Seatbelt Compliance	20.000	411014704	50,242	-
Campaign)	20.600	411014658	72,320	
State and Community Highway Safety (2019 Seatbelt Compliance	20.000	411014038	72,520	-
Campaign)	20.600	411017441	17,029	_
State and Community Highway Safety Cluster (2019 Aurora PD	20.000	41101/441	17,025	
Distracted Driver Campaign)	20.600	411017609	17,282	_
State and Community Highway Safety Cluster (2019 Pedestrian	20.000	411017009	17,202	
Education and Safety Campaign)	20.600	411017608	18,327	-
State and Community Highway Safety Cluster (2019 Aurora Speed	201000		10,027	
Campaign)	20.600	411017327	17,292	-
National Priority Safety Program (2018 DUI Enforcement)	20.616	471001182	160,807	-
National Priority Safety Program (2019 DUI Enforcement)	20.616	19NHTSA405D.1111	26,697	-
National Priority Safety Program (Traffic Records -Data			20,077	
Management)	20.616	30265591	12,825	-
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Total Highway Safety Cluster			496,562	
Total Department of Transportation			4,601,569	-
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# **City of Aurora, Colorado** Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (continued) Year Ended December 31, 2018

Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/ Program or Cluster Title	Federal CFDA Number	Pass-through Entity Identifying Number	Federal Expenditures	Amount Paid to Subrecipient
Department of Treasury Passed through from the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority: Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation (110, Nichlan Wicher Market Corporation)	21.U01	PL114-113X1350	4,066	
(d/b/a Neighbor Works America) Total 21.000			4,066	
Direct payments:				
Equitable Sharing Program (Seizures-Federal) Total 21.016	21.016	N/A	1,123 1,123	
Total Department of Treasury			5,189	
Small Business Administration				
Passed through from the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade:				
Small Business Development Centers (Host)	59.037	CTGGI 2018 1101	173,000	
Total 59.037			173,000	
<b>Total Small Business Administration</b>			173,000	
Office of National Drug Control Policy Direct payments:				
High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program (Intelligence) Passed through from Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area:	95.001	N/A	187,141	-
High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program (FY2017 MGTF)	95.001	G17RM0002A	61,489	-
High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program (FY2018 MGTF)	95.001	G18RM0002A	283,601	
Total 95.001			532,231	
<b>Total Office of National Drug Control Policy</b>			532,231	
Department of Homeland Security				
Passed through from the West Metro Fire Protection District: National Urban Search and Rescue Response System (Hurricanes Harvey	07.025		10.044	
and Irma) National Urban Search and Rescue Response System (Hurricanes Florence	97.025	76227 76300 76555	12,046	-
and Michael)	97.025	76678 76933	36,673	
Total 97.025			48,719	
Passed through from the Colorado Department of Public Safety Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management:				
Emergency Management Performance Grants (18 CO LEMS grant)	97.042	18EM-19-59	92,000	
Total 97.042			92,000	
Passed through from the Denver Urban Area Security Initiative Homeland Security Grant Program:				
Urban Areas Security Initiative - Training and Travel	97.067	15UASI116DEN	3,309	
Total 97.067			3,309	
Total Department of Homeland Security			144,028	
Total Federal Awards			<u>\$ 12,339,713</u>	\$ 354,286

## **City of Aurora, Colorado** Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Year Ended December 31, 2018

#### (1) Basis of Presentation

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal grant activity of the primary government of the City of Aurora, Colorado (the City). The City's reporting entity is defined in Note 1 in the City's basic financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2018.

The information in this 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 this Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the City, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position or cash flows of the City. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards includes federally funded projects received directly from federal agencies and the federal amount of pass-through awards received by the City through the State of Colorado or other non-federal entities

#### (2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The City's summary of significant accounting policies is presented in Note 1 to the City's basic financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2018. Governmental fund and proprietary funds account for the City's federal grant activity. Expenditures reported on the Schedule are recognized on either the accrual basis of accounting or the modified accrual basis of accounting, depending on the basis of accounting used by the respective fund for which the activity is reported. Such expenditures are recognized following, as applicable, the cost principles in OMB Circular A-87, *Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments*, or the cost principles contained in Uniform Guidance wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Therefore, some amounts presented in the Schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements or reports to federal agencies. Negative amounts shown on the Schedule represent adjustments or credits made in the normal course of business to amounts reported as expenditures in prior periods. The City has elected not to use the 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

#### (3) Federal CFDA Number

Certain grant programs have not been assigned Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) numbers by the federal government, or the numbers are not obtainable. These programs are identified in the Schedule by the federal agency number based upon the reporting requirements of the federal data collection form (for example, 21.U01).

#### (4) Pass-through Entity Identifying Number

For federal awards expended by the City as a subrecipient, the Schedule includes identification of the pass-through grantor and the identifying number assigned to the grant by the pass-through grantor where the pass-through grantor has supplied such number to the City.

## **City of Aurora, Colorado** Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (continued) Year Ended December 31, 2018

#### (5) Revolving Loan Funds – Not Subject to Compliance

The City has certain revolving loan funds, which were originally financed with federal financial assistance through the Community Development Block Grants Program, the HOME Investment Partnerships Program and the Brownfields Grant Program. The outstanding balances of these loan funds at December 31, 2018 were \$3,582,883 for the Community Development Block Grants Program, \$13,401,509 for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, and \$999,955 for the Brownfields Grant Program. Since there are no continuing compliance requirements other than required loan payments, the outstanding loan balances have not been included in the Schedule. New loans made during the year under these programs are included in the Schedule.

#### (6) Revolving Loan Funds – Subject to Further Compliance

The City has certain revolving loan funds reported under CFDA 11.307, which were originally financed from the Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration through the City's Gifts and Grants Fund. The outstanding balances at December 31, 2018 were \$24,279 in loans outstanding and \$140,511 in funds available to lend. There were no administrative costs for 2018. The 2018 loan write offs were \$22,937. There are no City match requirements.

#### (7) Recognition of Prior Expenditures

The City received a 2016 pass-through grant from the Colorado Department of Natural Resources reported under CFDA 15.916 in 2018. The City incurred expenditures of \$158,342 in 2016 and \$150,287 in 2017, respectively.

#### (8) Noncash Awards – Training/Travel

The City received training and travel that was purchased with Urban Area Security Initiative funds by the City of Denver. The amount reported on the Schedule under CFDA 97.067 is the value of the services on the date it was received by the City and priced by the City of Denver.



#### 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*

Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council City of Aurora, Colorado Aurora, Colorado

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Aurora, Colorado (the City), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 11, 2019, which contained an emphasis-of-matters paragraph regarding changes in accounting principles and a reference to the report of other auditors. The financial statements of Havana Business Improvement District (BID), the City's discretely presented component unit, were not audited in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, and accordingly, this report does not include reporting on internal control over financial reporting or instances of reportable noncompliance associated with BID.

#### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the City'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 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 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.



Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council City of Aurora, Colorado

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, and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2018-001 and 2018-002, that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City'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*.

#### The City's Response to Findings

The City's response to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs and corrective action plan. The City's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements, and accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

#### Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

BKDILP

Denver, Colorado June 11, 2019



#### Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program; Report on Internal Control Over Compliance; and Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance

Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council City of Aurora, Colorado Aurora, Colorado

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

We have audited City of Aurora's (the City) 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 City's major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2018. 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.

#### 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 the City'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 City'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 City's compliance.



Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council City of Aurora, Colorado

#### **Opinion on the Major Federal Program**

In our opinion, the City 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 December 31, 2018.

#### **Report on Internal Control Over Compliance**

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

Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council City of Aurora, Colorado

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

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated June 11, 2019, which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements, an emphasis-ofmatters paragraph regarding changes in accounting principles and referenced the report of other auditors. 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.

BKD,LIP

Denver, Colorado June 11, 2019

## **City of Aurora, Colorado** Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs Year Ended December 31, 2018

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

#### Financial Statements

1.	Type of report the auditor issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP):					
	Unmodified	Qualified	Adverse	🗌 Di	isclaimer	
2.	Internal control over	financial reporting:				
	Material weakness(	es) identified?			🗌 Yes	🖾 No
	Significant deficien	cy(ies) identified?			🛛 Yes	None reported
3.	Noncompliance consi noted?	dered material to th	ne financial statem	ents	TYes	🖾 No
Fede	eral Awards					
4.	Internal control over	compliance for ma	jor federal awards	program	18:	
	Material weakness(	es) identified?			🗌 Yes	🖾 No
	Significant deficien	cy(ies) identified?			🗌 Yes	None reported
5.	Type of auditor's rep	port issued on comp	liance for major for	ederal aw	vard programs	:
	Unmodified	Qualified	Adverse		isclaimer	
6.	Any audit findings accordance with 2 G		equired to be repor	ted in	🗌 Yes	🖾 No
7.	Identification of maj	or federal programs	3:			
	CFDA Number		Name of Fede	eral Prog	ram or Cluste	r
	20.205		Highway Plannin	ng and Co	onstruction Clu	ster
8.	Dollar threshold used	d to distinguish betw	ween Type A and '	Гуре В р	orograms: \$75	0,000.

9. Auditee qualified as a low-risk auditee?

## **City of Aurora, Colorado** Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (continued) Year Ended December 31, 2018

#### Section II – Financial Statement Findings

Reference	
Number	Finding
2018-001	Finding: Information Technology - Access and Operations

*Government Auditing Standards* allow for information that is considered sensitive in nature, such as detailed information related to information technology system security, to be issued through a separate "classified or limited use" report. This is due to the potential damage that could be caused by the misuse of that information. We consider the specific technical details of this finding to be sensitive in nature and not appropriate for public disclosure. Therefore, the details of the following finding have been provided to City of Aurora in a separate, confidential memorandum.

**Criteria or Specific Requirement:** Information technology general controls require that the information technology system is fully documented and managed appropriately to protect the City's financial and other data. Standard industry guidelines were utilized to assess the City's information technology systems as it relates to access management and redundancy, recovery and backup.

**Condition:** During the Information Technology Control Design review, we noted that the City does not have a complete set of IT policies and procedures, some IT program components are decentralized across multiple operating units, and the City does not have a formal plan to provide for ongoing computer operations.

**Effect:** The combination of these factors creates a risk that ongoing operations are not adequately protected or supported. Due to the nature of the sensitive information handled by the City's programs, and the importance of the City's ongoing operations, vulnerability as well as the risk that operations may be suspended for periods of time without proper support, the magnitude of the issue warrants attention for correction.

**Cause:** The cause appears to be a result from the lack of proper official policies, centralized planning and decision making on project and software/hardware procurement, and the components of an organizational infrastructure to support the IT needs throughout the vast network of the City's operations.

**Recommendation:** The City should develop, publish, and operationalize a complete set of IT policies and procedures to strengthen its internal control over logical and physical access. Communication of these policies and procedures is needed to all applicable employees to ensure processes are followed during periods of turnover. The City should also ensure that appropriate management oversight is in place to enforce consistent application of the account management policy to mitigate specific information security problems noted in the confidential finding. Further, the City should develop a formal plan for ensuring ongoing computer operations to mitigate specific problems noted in the confidential finding.

Views of Responsible Officials: The City agrees with the finding. See separate report for planned corrective actions.

## **City of Aurora, Colorado** Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (continued) Year Ended December 31, 2018

Reference Number	Finding
2018-002	Finding: Accounting for donated roads
	<b>Criteria or Specific Requirement:</b> Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) codification section 1400 requires donated capital assets to be reported at their acquisition value at the time of acquisition plus ancillary charges, if any. Acquisition value may be calculated from manufacturers' catalogs or price quotes in periodicals, recent sales of comparable assets, or other reliable information.
	<b>Condition:</b> Roads donated to the City in 2017 were recorded at the incorrect value. Additionally, the City identified donated roads received prior to 2018 missing from the City's capital asset records.
	<b>Effect:</b> The value of the donated roads recorded in 2017 were overstated by \$63 million. Additionally, \$23 million in roads donated prior to 2018 were not recorded as part of the City's capital asset records. The net effect of both errors resulted in a \$40 million overstatement of infrastructure reported in the governmental activities. The City corrected the underlying records in 2018 and an entry was proposed but not recorded for the effect of this correction on current year and prior year financials.
	<b>Cause:</b> The incorrect mileage of donated roads was used in the 2017 calculation. Furthermore, the City lacked policies and procedures to ensure all roads received by the City were recorded in the City's capital asset system.
	<b>Recommendation:</b> We recommend that the City add checks and balances to it processes for recording donated roads to help ensure all inputs determining the acquisition value are properly updated. In addition, we recommend that the City develop policies and procedures to reconcile donated roads reported in the capital asset system to roads reported and tracked by the State of Colorado.
	Views of Responsible Officials: The City agrees with the finding. See separate report for planned corrective actions.

## **City of Aurora, Colorado** Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (continued) Year Ended December 31, 2018

Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

Reference Number

Finding

No matters are reportable.

## **City of Aurora, Colorado** Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings Year Ended December 31, 2018

Reference Number

**Summary of Finding** 

Status

No matters are reportable