

Financial Statements

Years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017

(With Independent Auditors' Report Thereon)

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Independent Auditors' Report

The Board of Commissioners of Special Service Area No. 47:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Special Service Area No. 47 (SSA #47) (a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago), which comprise the statements of net position and governmental funds balance sheet as of December 31, 2018 and 2017 and the related statements of activities and governmental funds, revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance, and statements of revenues and expenditures – budget and actual, 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 audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Special Service Area Program Guide, issued by the City of Chicago Department of Planning and Development. 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 SSA #47'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 SSA #47'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 opinions.

Unmodified Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities and major fund of Special Service Area No. 47 as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, and the respective changes in financial position and, where

applicable, cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements of SSA #47 are intended to present the financial position and the changes in financial position of only that portion of the governmental activities and major fund of SSA #47 that is attributable to the transactions of SSA #47. They do not purport to, and do not present fairly the financial position of the City of Chicago as of December 31, 2018 and 2017 and the changes in its activities for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Management has omitted the management discussion and analysis (MD&A) that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the statement of revenues and expenditures - budget and actual, on pages 7 through 10, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not part of the basic financial statements, is required by GASB who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquires, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient to evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Benford Brown & Associates, LLC

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Chicago, IL

September 30, 2019

Statement of Net Position and Governmental Funds Balance Sheet

December 31, 2018 and 2017

	2018						
Assets		vernmental			Statement of net position		
		funds	A	djustments			
Current assets:							
Cash	\$	78,359	\$	-	\$	78,359	
Property tax receivables, net allowance		324,502				324,502	
Total assets	\$	402,861	\$	-	\$	402,861	
Liabilities and Net Assets							
Current liabilities:							
Accounts payable	\$	50,553	\$	-	\$	50,553	
Due to affiliate-QCDC (note 5)		(5,647)				(5,647)	
Total liabilities		44,906				44,906	
Deferred inflows of resources:							
Deferred property tax revenue (note 4)		272,676		(272,676)		-	
Fund balance/net position:							
Unassigned		85,279		(85,279)		-	
Total fund balance		85,279		(85,279)		-	
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	\$	402,861					
Net position:							
Unassigned			\$	357,955	\$	357,955	
Amount reported for governmental activities in the statement of new	et posi	tion are differe	nt beca	use:			
Total fund balance - governmental funds					\$	85,279	
Property tax revenue is recognized in the period for which levi				le".			
A portion of the property tax is deferred as it is not available in	the go	overnment fund	1.			272,676	
Total net position - governmental activities					\$	357,955	

Statement of Net Position and Governmental Funds Balance Sheet

December 31, 2018 and 2017

	2017						
Assets		vernmental			Statement of		
		funds	A	djustments	ne	t position	
Current assets:							
Cash	\$	61,450	\$	-	\$	61,450	
Property tax receivables, net allowance		325,772				325,772	
Total assets	\$	387,222	\$		\$	387,222	
and Net Assets							
Current liabilities:							
Accounts payable	\$	46,944	\$	-	\$	46,944	
Due to affiliate-QCDC (note 5)	-	722		-		722	
Total liabilities		47,666				47,666	
Deferred inflows of resources:							
Deferred property tax revenue (note 4)		257,364		(257,364)		-	
Fund balance/net position:							
Unassigned		82,192		(82,192)		-	
Total fund balance		82,192		(82,192)		-	
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	\$	387,222					
Net position:							
Unassigned			\$	339,556	\$	339,556	
Amount reported for governmental activities in the statement of n	et posi	tion are differe	nt beca	use:			
Total fund balance - governmental funds					\$	82,192	
Property tax revenue is recognized in the period for which levi A portion of the property tax is deferred as it is not available in				le".		257,364	

Statement of Activities and Governmental Funds, Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

For the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017

	2018					
	Governmental		4.1			itement of
		funds	A(ljustments	a	ctivities
Revenue:						
Property tax revenue	\$	309,351	\$	15,312	\$	324,663
Late collections		8,616		-		8,616
Interest income		60				60
Total revenue and other support		318,027		15,312		333,339
Expenditures:						
Customer Attraction		102,484		-		102,484
Public Way Aesthetics		105,007		-		105,007
Sustainability and Public Places		3,181		-		3,181
Economic/Business Development		9,795		-		9,795
Safety Programs		575		-		575
SSA Management		26,251		-		26,251
Personnel		62,608		-		62,608
Loss Collection		5,039		-		5,039
Total expenditures		314,940				314,940
Excess of revenue over expenditures		3,087		(3,087)		
Increase/(decrease) in net position	<u>—</u>			18,399		18,399
Fund balance/net position as of January 1, 2018 and 2017		82,192		257,364		339,556
Fund balance/net position as of December 31, 2018 and 2017	\$	85,279	\$	272,676	\$	357,955
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of ac	tivities are c	lifferent becau	se:			
Increase in fund balance - governmental funds					\$	3,087
Property tax revenue is recognized in the year it is levied rather than	n when it is	available for g	overnm	ental funds		15,312
Net change in net position - governmental activities					\$	18,399

SPECIAL SERVICE AREA NO. 47

Statement of Activities and Governmental Funds, Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

For the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017

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_	Go	rernmental funds Adjustments		liustmonts		tement of
		Tulius	AC	ijustinents	a	cuvines
Revenue:						
Property tax revenue	\$	313,647	\$	3,501	\$	317,148
TIF rebate		5,648		-		5,648
Interest income		34				34
Total revenue and other support		319,329		3,501		322,830
Expenditures:						
Customer Attraction		75,666		-		75,666
Public Way Aesthetics		123,267		-		123,267
Sustainability and Public Places		-		-		-
Economic/Business Development		38,808		-		38,808
Safety Programs		950		-		950
SSA Management		21,583		-		21,583
Personnel		67,542		-		67,542
Loss Collection		143				143
Total expenditures		327,959		-		327,959
Excess of revenue over expenditures		(8,630)		8,630		
Decrease in net position				(5,129)		(5,129)
Fund balance/net position as of January 1, 2018 and 2017		90,822		253,863		344,685
Fund balance/net position as of December 31, 2018 and 2017	\$	82,192	\$	257,364	\$	339,556
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of	of activi	ties are differe	ent beca	use:	¢.	(11.005)
Decrease in fund balance - governmental funds					\$	(11,095)
Property tax revenue is recognized in the year it is levied rather governmental funds	than w	nen it is availa	ble for			3,501
Net change in net position - governmental activities					\$	(7,594)

Notes to the Financial Statements

Years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017

(1) Organization Description

Special Service Area No. 47 (SSA #47) was created by ordinance of the Chicago City Council and is funded annually by property taxes levied on properties within SSA #47's boundaries. The property taxes are collected by the Cook County Treasurer, and then distributed by the City of Chicago to SSA #47.

SSA #47 was established to provide various services including but not limited to: public way maintenance and beautification; district marketing and advertising; business retention/attraction, special events and promotional activities; auto and bike transit; security; façade improvements; and other commercial and economic development initiatives for the south lakefront communities of North Kenwood, Oakland, Douglas and Grand Boulevard.

SSA #47 is governed by a Commission whose members are appointed by the Mayor of Chicago. The City of Chicago contracted with Quad Cities Community Development Corporation (QCDC) to perform administrative duties as the service provider for SSA #47 for 2018. QCDC is an Illinois not-for-profit corporation that is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The financial statements of SSA #47 have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to governmental units, hereinafter referred to as U.S. GAAP. The accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles is the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

Government-wide financial statements (statement of net position and statement of activities) are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and accrued basis of accounting for all of SSA #47's activities. The Fund Financial Statements, which focus on SSA #47's governmental funds current financial resources measurement focus, are prepared on the modified accrual basis. SSA #47 accounts for its activities in one fund, its general fund.

Measurement Focus, Basic of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year in which they are levied.

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The governmental fund financial statements are prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting with only current assets and liabilities included on the balance sheet. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual, i.e. both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current period. Available means collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Property taxes are susceptible to accrual and recognized as a receivable in the year levied. Revenue recognition is deferred unless the taxes are received within sixty (60) days subsequent to year-end. Expenditures are recorded when the liability is incurred.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the 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 expenditures/expenses during the reporting period. According, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments

SSA #47's cash and cash equivalent are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. Presently, SSA #47 does not have any short-term investments.

Cash and cash equivalents are subject to custodial credit risk in the event of a bank failure, the SSA's deposit may not be returned. SSA #47 maintains its cash in bank deposit, at times, may exceed FDIC insured limits. The amount of cash that exceed FDIC insured limits is \$0 as of December 31, 2018 and 2017.

Receivables

All property tax receivables are shown net of allowances. The allowance was estimated to be 2.17% and 0%, respectively, of outstanding property taxes for fiscal years 2018 and 2017.

Prepaid Items

Certain payments to vendors reflect cost applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Fund Equity/Net Position

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as non-spendable, restricted, committed, assigned, or unassigned. Non-spendable fund balance cannot be spent because of its form. Restricted fund balance has limitations imposed by enabling legislation or an outside party. Committed fund balance is a limitation imposed by SSA #47's

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Years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017

board through approval of resolutions. Assigned fund balance is a limitation imposed by a designee of the SSA #47 board. Unassigned fund balance is the net resources in excess of what can be properly classified in one of the above four (4) categories.

When both restricted and unrestricted fund balances are available for use, it is the SSA's policy to use restricted fund balance first, then unrestricted fund balance. Furthermore, committed fund balance is reduced first, followed by assigned amounts, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of those unrestricted fund balance classifications can be used.

For the government-wide financial statements, net position is reported as invested in capital assets net of related debt, restricted or unrestricted. Invested in capital assets, net of related debt, if applicable, is comprised of the net capital asset balance less any related debt. Restricted net position is when restrictions are placed on net assets from 1) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or 2) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The remaining net position is classified as unrestricted.

(3) **Budgetary Information**

SSA #47 follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- By mid-March the SSA Manager submits to SSA #47's Board of Commissioners a proposed operating budget for the following year commencing January 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures/expenses and the means of financing them.
- By mid-July the final budget is submitted to the City of Chicago for review and approval.
- During December the budget is legally enacted through passage of an appropriation ordinance.
- The SSA #47 is authorized to make budget revisions however they cannot alter the total expenditures within assigned expense categories within the general fund and must be approved by SSA #47's Board of Commissioners. The budget was amended this year.
- Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year.
- A budget for the General Fund is adopted on a basis consistent with U.S. GAAP.
- The SSA #47 budgets revenue, expenditures/expenses and transfers based on anticipated funds to be received. Budgets reflect gains or losses, by fund, for each fiscal year.

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(4) Property Taxes

Property taxes become an enforceable lien on the real property on January 1 of the year it is levied. Taxes are payable in two installments in the subsequent year. The first installment is an estimate based on the prior year billed levy (55%) and is due in March. The second installment is due on August 1, or 30 days from the mailing of the tax bills if issued later than July 1. The second installment is based on the remaining amount of the levy on file with the County. Bills are issued and collected by Cook County who remits SSA #47's share to the City. The City then remits the monies collected from Cook County to SSA #47.

(5) Deferred Inflows of Resources

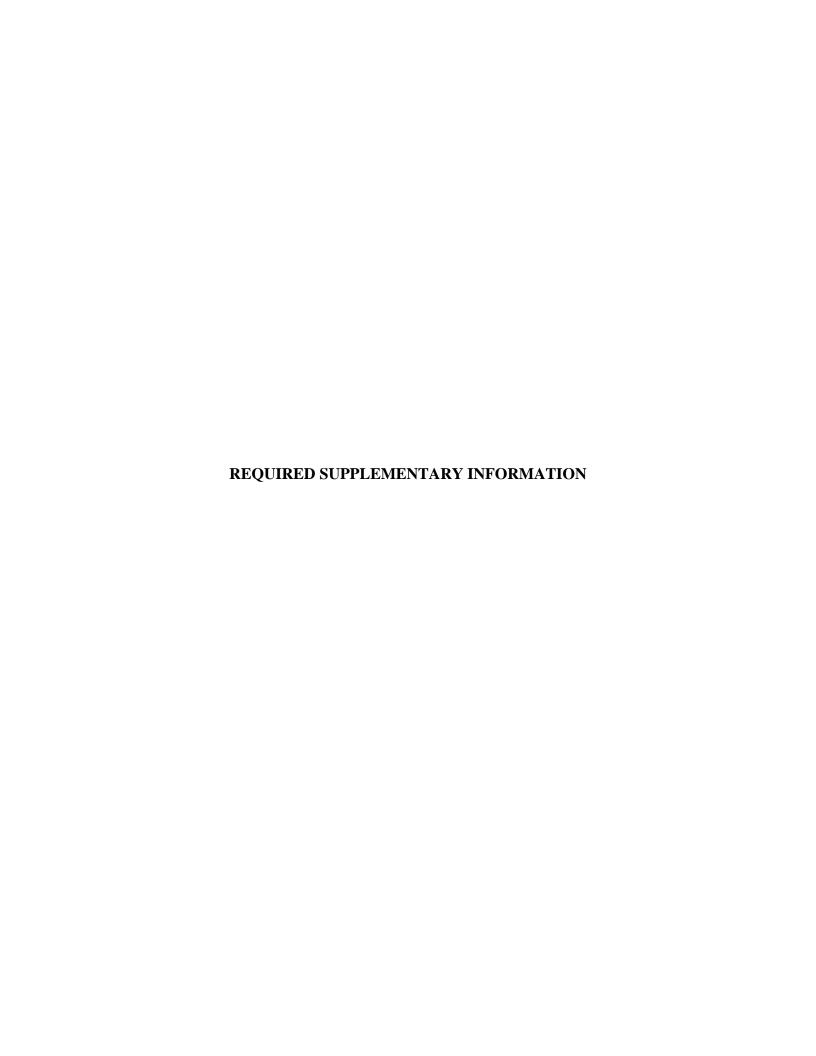
A deferred inflow of resources/property tax revenue represents an acquisition of fund balance that applies to a future period and therefore will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that future time.

(6) Related Party Transactions

SSA #47's contracted service provider is Quad Communities Development Corporation (QCDC), which provides certain administrative services for SSA #47. As of December 31, 2018, \$5,647 was due from QCDC and as of December 31, 2017, \$722 was due to QCDC. The balance resulted from the time difference that 1) goods and services are being provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, 2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and 3) payments are being made.

(7) Subsequent Events

For the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018, SSA #47's management has evaluated subsequent events through September 30, 2019, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. No subsequent events have been identified that are required to be disclosed through that date.



Statement of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual

		2018		
_	Actual	Budget	Variance	
Revenues:				
Property tax revenue \$	309,351	\$ 326,100	\$ (16,749)	
Late collections	8,616	2,814	5,802	
Interest income	60	-	60	
Total revenues	318,027	328,914	(10,887)	
Expenditures:				
Customer attraction -				
Websites	1,823	2,000	177	
Special events	50,528	50,528	-	
Social media outreach	1,410	1,500	90	
Decorative banners	1,142	1,449	307	
Holiday decorations	8,000	9,117	1,117	
Print materials	13,722	13,722	-	
Display advertising	3,332	3,332	-	
Public relations	14,113	14,113	-	
Marketing	8,414	8,414		
Total customer attraction	102,484	104,175	1,691	
Public way aesthetics -				
Landscaping (plants, watering, etc.)	13,505	13,505	-	
Façade enhancement program - rebates	-	1,500	1,500	
Streetscape elements (included capital installation,		ŕ	,	
maintenance)	1,887	3,500	1,613	
Public art	-	-	-	
Sidewalk maintenance	87,322	100,049	12,727	
City permits	2,293	2,293		
Total public way aesthetics	105,007	120,847	15,840	
Sustainability and public places -				
Small Business Energy Efficiency Retroffs	-	3,000	3,000	
People spots	3,181	3,666	485	
Total sustainability and public places	3,181	6,666	3,485	
Economic/Business development -				
Site marketing (materials, services, etc.)	_	5,700	5,700	
Group purchasing program	_	1,500	1,500	
Supplemental transit (shuttle, trolley, etc.)	9,045	9,045	-	
Economic impact study	750	2,300	1,550	
Commission development	-	-,555	-	
SSA designation	-	-		
Total economic and business development	9,795	18,545	8,750	
rotai economic and business development	7,173	10,545	0,730	

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual

	2018			
	 Actual	Budget		Variance
Safety programs -				
Safety improvements program-rebate	-	2,000		2,000
Security patrol services	575	3,000		2,425
Total safety programs	575	5,000		4,425
SSA management -				
Annual report	1,096	1,096		-
Audit	2,500	2,500		_
Bookkeeping	2,904	3,000		96
Office rent	10,500	10,500		_
Office utilities	2,500	2,500		-
Office supplies	2,628	2,628		-
Equipment lease and maintenance	2,073	2,073		-
Office printing	350	350		-
Postage and delivery	200	200		-
Meeting expense	500	500		-
Dues and subscriptions	-	100		100
Bank charges	-	100		100
Storage fees	-	100		100
Property/Liability insurance	1,000	1,000		-
Professional development	-	300		300
Total SSA management	26,251	26,947		696
Personnel -				
Executive director	7,920	8,000		80
Program manager	54,688	54,724		36
Total personnel	 62,608	62,724		116
Loss collection	5,039			(5,039
Total expenditures	314,940	344,904		29,964
Excess of revenue over expenditures	\$ 3,087 \$	(15,990)	\$	19,077
Carryover	_	15,990		15,990
Net revenues in excess of expenditures	\$ 3,087 \$	-	\$	35,067

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual

		2017	
	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenues:			
Property tax revenue \$	313,647 \$	307,007	\$ 6,640
TIF rebate	5,648	307,007	5,648
Late collections	-	_	5,040
Interest income	34	-	34
Total revenues	319,329	307,007	12,322
Evnanditurasi			
Expenditures: Customer attraction -			
Websites	248	2 000	1,752
		2,000	
Special events Social media outreach	38,100 1,855	9,570	(28,530)
	1,633	1,500	(355)
Decorative banners	- 5.057	1,500	1,500
Holiday decorations	5,057	6,393	1,336
Print materials	8,426	9,500	1,074
Display advertising	10,310	10,681	371
Public relations	6,660	5,000	(1,660)
Marketing	5,010	5,000	(10)
Total customer attraction	75,666	51,144	(24,522)
Public way aesthetics -			
Landscaping (plants, watering, etc.)	27,320	28,000	680
Façade enhancement program - rebates	-	1,500	1,500
Streetscape elements (included capital installation,		1,000	1,000
maintenance)	89,849	1,500	(88,349)
Public art	-	2,000	2,000
Sidewalk maintenance	_	91,000	91,000
Small Business Energy Efficiency Retroffs	_	10,800	10,800
People shots	_	10,800	10,800
City permits	6,098	1,000	(5,098)
Total public way aesthetics	123,267	146,600	23,333
Sustainability and public places -		4 = 0 =	4 = 0 =
Bike transit enhancements	-	1,787	1,787
Other CDOT Pilot Project People Places	-		
Total sustainability and public places	-	1,787	1,787
Economic/Business development -			
Site marketing (materials, services, etc.)	6,371	4,000	(2,371)
Group purchasing program	-,-	-	-
Supplemental transit (shuttle, trolley, etc.)	5,600	-	(5,600
Economic impact study	-,	500	500
Commission development	_	-	-
		40.00	440.000
SSA designation	26,837	13,805	(13,032)

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual

		2017	
	Actual	Budget	Variance
Safety programs -			
Safety improvements program-rebate	-	1,000	1,000
Security patrol services	950	<u> </u>	(950
Total safety programs	950	1,000	50
SSA management -			
Annual report	-	250	250
Audit	3,000	3,000	-
Bookkeeping	2,904	2,500	(404
Office rent	10,260	10,500	240
Office utilities	2,920	2,500	(420
Office supplies	-	2,628	2,628
Equipment lease and maintenance	-	2,073	2,073
Office printing	-	350	350
Postage and delivery	-	200	200
Meeting expense	53	500	447
Dues and subscriptions	-	585	585
Bank charges	25	450	425
Storage fees	2,421	-	(2,421
Property/Liability insurance	-	1,000	1,000
Professional development	 -	1,000	1,000
Total SSA management	21,583	27,536	5,953
Personnel -			
Executive director	8,922	7,929	(993
Program manager	 58,620	55,943	(2,677
Total personnel	 67,542	63,872	(3,670
Loss collection	143	6,869	6,726
Total expenditures	327,959	317,113	(10,846
Excess of revenue over expenditures	\$ (8,630) \$	(10,106)	\$ 1,476
Carryover	 11,095	35,243	24,148
Net revenues in excess of expenditures	\$ 2,465 \$	25,137	\$ 25,624



Service Provider Agreement Compliance

Summary Schedule of Findings and Responses

Year ended December 31, 2018

We have read and understand the necessary audit requirements contained in the Service Provider Agreement. Accordingly, based on our audit we noted no exceptions during the year ending December 31, 2018.