City of Chicago Department of Planning and Development Special Service Area (SSA) Program

Audit Report Package Transmittal Checklist

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SSA Name and number: Howard Street SSA 19

SSA Provider Name: DevCorp North d/b/a Rogers Park Business Alliance

Submission Date: May 2, 2022

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**required if findings exist*

SPECIAL SERVICE AREA 19 MANAGED BY DEVCORP NORTH D/B/A ROGERS PARK BUSINESS ALLIANCE (a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

Special Service Area 19 Managed by DevCorp North D/B/A Rogers Park Business Alliance Financial Statements Table of Contents

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Commissioners of Special Service Area 19 Managed by DevCorp North d/b/a Rogers Park Business Alliance

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Special Service Area 19, (SSA19) (a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago) which comprise the SSA19 basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents as of and for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements. In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of SSA19 as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the changes in its fund balance/net position for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis of Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of SSA19 and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the 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 audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management 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. In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about SSA19's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. 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 generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements, including omissions, are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, 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 amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 SSA19's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about SSA19's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis 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 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.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The schedules of revenues and expenditures - budget and actual on page 10 and 11, are presented for comparison and analysis purposes only. The supplementary information is not a required part of the basic financial statements. We have not performed any auditing procedures on the budget amounts and therefore, express no opinion on them.

EILTS & ASSOCIATES, INC.

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Chicago, Illinois April 20, 2022

Special Service Area 19 Managed by DevCorp North D/B/A Rogers Park Business Alliance Statements of Net Position and Governmental Fund Balance Sheets December 31, 2021 and 2020

				2021						2020		
	Gov	vernmental				ment of Net	Gov	/ernmental				ement of Net
ASSETS		Fund	Ad	ljustments	F	Position		Fund	Ad	ljustments		Position
Cash and Cash Equivalents Property Tax Receivable, Net Allowance	\$	60,982	\$	-	\$	60,982	\$	162,503	\$	-	\$	162,503
of \$15,531 and \$13,852		288,404		-		288,404		253,230		-		253,230
Prepaid Expenses Due from SSA 43		52 277		-		52 277		200 104		-		200 104
Due from SSA 43		452		-		452		32		-		32
Due from City of Chicago		327		-		327		-		-		-
	<u>^</u>		<u>^</u>		*			440.000	<u>^</u>		•	440.000
Total Assets	\$	350,494	\$	-	\$	350,494	\$	416,069	\$	-	\$	416,069
LIABILITIES												
Accounts Payable		1,824		-		1,824		3,073		-		3,073
Accrued Expenses		2,525		-		2,525		2,024		-		2,024
Due to SSA24		535		-		535		160		-		160
Due to RPBA		8,900		-		8,900		7,028		-		7,028
Total Liabilities		13,784		-		13,784		12,285		-		12,285
DEFERRED INFLOWS												
Deferred Property Tax Revenue		288,404		(288,404)		-		253,230		(253,230)		
Total Deferred Inflows		288,404		(288,404)		-		253,230		(253,230)		-
FUND BALANCE / NET POSITION												
Unassigned		48,306		(48,306)		-		150,554		(150,554)		-
Total Fund Balance		48,306		(48,306)		-		150,554		(150,554)		-
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Fund Balance	\$	350,494					\$	416,069				
Net Position - Unrestricted			\$	(336,710)	\$	336,710			\$	(403,784)	\$	403,784
Amounts reported for government activities in the statement of net position are different because:												
Total fund balance - governmental fund	s				\$	48,306					\$	150,554
Property tax revenue is recognized in th "available." A portion of the property tax government funds.					en	288,404						253,230
Total net position - governmental activit	ies				\$	336,710					\$	403,784

Special Service Area 19 Managed by DevCorp North D/B/A Rogers Park Business Alliance Statements of Activities and Governmenta Fund, Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance For the Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

				2021						2020		
	Governme Fund	ntal	Ad	justments		atement of Activities	Gov	ernmental Fund	Adi	ustments		tement of
REVENUES Property Revenues and Interest	\$ 257,	132	\$	35,174	\$	292,606	\$	273,596	, \$	(15,968)	\$	257,628
TIF Rebates	ψ 201,	-	Ψ	-	Ψ	-	Ψ	63,659	Ψ	-	Ψ	63,659
Total Revenues	257,	432		35,174		292,606		337,255		(15,968)		321,287
EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES												
Customer Attraction	157,	686		-		157,686		110,205		-		110,205
Public Way Aesthetics	102,	844		-		102,844		86,270		-		86,270
Sustainability and Public Places	2,	189		-		2,189		2,438		-		2,438
Economic Business Development	1,	595		-		1,595		43,082		-		43,082
Public Health and Safety Programs	10,	392		-		10,892		5,705				5,705
Total Services Expense	275,	206		-		275,206		247,700		-		247,700
SSA Management	29,	284		-		29,284		26,617		-		26,617
Personnel	55,	190		-		55,190		47,509		-		47,509
Total Administration Expense	84,	474		-		84,474		74,126		-		74,126
Total Expenditures	359,	680				359,680		321,826				321,826
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(102,	248)		35,174		(67,074)		15,429		(15,968)		(539)
Change in Net Position	(102,	248)		35,174		(67,074)		15,429		(15,968)		(539)
Fund Balance/Net Position	150,	551		253,230		403,784		135,125		269,198		404,323
Beginning of the Year	100,	554		233,230		403,704		155,125		209,190		404,323
End of the Year	\$ 48,	306	\$	288,404	\$	336,710	\$	150,554	\$	253,230	\$	403,784
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:												
Net Change in Fund Balance - Governmental Fu	inds				\$	(102,248)					\$	15,429
Property Tax is recognized in the year it is levied	I rather than wi	nen it	is ava	ilable								
for Governmental Funds						35,174						(15,968)
Change in Net Position					\$	(67,074)					\$	(539)

NOTE 1 – Nature of Activities and Reporting Entity

<u>Nature of Reporting Entity</u> - Special Service Area 19 is a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago located in Chicago, Illinois. Its scope of services is to fund various activities to improve and enhance the Howard Street commercial district. The SSA is funded by property taxes levied on properties within the SSA boundaries, which are collected by the Cook County Treasurer, and then distributed by the City of Chicago to the SSA.

Special Service Area 19 is governed by a Commission whose members are appointed by the Mayor of Chicago. The City of Chicago contracted with DevCorp North D/B/A Rogers Park Business Alliance (RPBA) to perform administrative duties as the service provider for this SSA during the reporting period. RPBA is an Illinois not-for-profit corporation that is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

NOTE 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

a. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

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

b. Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation:

The government 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, 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 60 days subsequent to year-end. Expenditures are recorded when the liability is incurred.

NOTE 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – (continued)

b. Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation - (continued)

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles accepted in the United States of America 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 reported period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

c. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position

Cash and cash equivalents

The SSA's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisitions.

Receivables

All property tax receivables are shown net of allowances. As of December 31, 2021, and 2020, the allowance is estimated to be between 5% - 6% of the outstanding property taxes.

Fund Equity/Net Position

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, or unassigned. Nonspendable fund balance cannot be spent because of its form. Restricted fund balance has limitations imposed by the SSA board through approval of resolutions. Assigned fund balance is a limitation imposed by a designee of the SSA board. Unassigned fund balance is the net resources in excess of what can be properly classified in one of the above four 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.

NOTE 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – (continued)

Fund Equity/Net Position – (continued)

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.

d. Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through April 20, 2022, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 3 – Cash and Cash Equivalents

The SSA defines cash and cash equivalents as short-term liquid investments such as cash in banks, money markets, and other financial instruments that can be reduced to cash in thirty days or less. The SSA maintains its cash balance in financial institutions located in Chicago, IL. The balance is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$250,000. The SSA's cash balances did not exceed the insurance level at each financial institution as of December 31, 2021 and 2020.

NOTE 4 – Property Taxes

The SSA's principal source of revenue is from real estate taxes levied on certain property located in its boundaries. Property taxes become an enforceable lien on 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 March. The second installment is due in August 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 the SSA's share to the City who then remits the monies to the SSA.

NOTE 5 – Due from City of Chicago

At December 31, 2021 and 2020, due to city of Chicago was \$327 and \$0, respectively, which consists of property taxes identified but not received until 2022.

NOTE 6 – Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses

Accounts payable balance at December 31, 2021 and 2020, is \$1,824 and \$3,073, respectively. Accrued expenses at December 31, 2021 and 2020, is \$2,525 and \$2,024, respectively. These balances consist of expenses and services received during the respective year related to vendor services.

NOTE 7 – Deferred Inflows of Revenue

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.

NOTE 8 – Fund Equity / Net Position

The SSA is required to present information regarding its financial position and activities according to the Agreement for Special Service Area 19 between the City of Chicago and DevCorp North D/B/A Rogers Park Business Alliance. As of December 31, 2021, and 2020, the SSA had total fund balances of \$48,306 and \$150,554, respectively. These funds will be utilized in this special service area during future years.

NOTE 9 – Related Party Transactions

The SSA is affiliated with DevCorp North D/B/A Rogers Park Business Alliance. RPBA acts as SSA19's sole service provider. SSA19 shares office space, equipment, and employees through the above affiliations. Special Service Area 19 does not have employees of its own. As of December 31, 2021, and 2020, \$8,900 and \$7,028, was payable for services by DevCorp North D/B/A Rogers Park Business Alliance, respectively. The balances resulted from the time lag 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.

NOTE 9 – Related Party Transactions – (continued)

As of December 31, 2021, and 2020, \$535 and \$160 was payable to SSA 24, respectively for goods or services provided by this SSA. In addition, as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, \$277 and \$104, was due from SSA43, and \$452 and \$32, was due from SSA 54, respectively, for goods or services provided by this SSA.

NOTE 10 – Risks and Uncertainties

The COVID-19, a worldwide pandemic, has continued to present significant effects on global markets, supply chains, businesses, and communities. Specific to the SSA, COVID-19 may continue to impact various parts of its 2022 operations and financial results, including potential cancellations of future events and programing, and potential delays in receiving their respective property tax levies.

Management believes the SSA is taking appropriate actions to mitigate the negative impact. However, the full impact of COVID-19 outbreak continues as of the date the SSA's financial statements were issued. Given the uncertainty related to this pandemic, the SSA is not able to estimate the effects of this outbreak on its operations, financial condition and liquidity for the year ended December 31, 2022. Supplementary Information

Special Service Area 19 Managed by DevCorp North D/B/A Rogers Park Business Alliance Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual December 31, 2021

	E	Budget	 Actual	Variance		
REVENUE						
Property Taxes and Interest	\$	294,786	\$ 257,432	\$	37,354	
Total Revenues		294,786	257,432		37,354	
EXPENDITURES						
Customer Attraction Public Way Aesthetics Sustainabilty and Public Places Economic Business Development Public Health and Safety Programs SSA Management Personnel		161,004 110,789 3,500 11,000 20,000 30,520 53,373	 157,686 102,844 2,189 1,595 10,892 29,284 55,190		3,318 7,945 1,311 9,405 9,108 1,236 (1,817)	
Total Expenditures		390,186	 359,680		30,506	
Excess (deficit) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$	(95,400)	\$ (102,248)	\$	6,848	
CARRYOVER		95,400	 <u>-</u>		95,400	
Net Revenues In Excess of Expenditures	\$	-	\$ (102,248)	\$	102,248	

See notes to the financial statements and independent auditor's report

Special Service Area 19 Managed by DevCorp North D/B/A Rogers Park Business Alliance Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual December 31, 2020

	Budget		Actual		\	/ariance
REVENUE						
Property Taxes and Interest TIF Rebates	\$	299,776 63,659	\$	273,596 63,659	\$	26,180 -
Total Revenues		363,435		337,255		26,180
EXPENDITURES						
Customer Attraction Public Way Aesthetics Sustainabilty and Public Places Economic Business Development Safety Programs SSA Management Personnel Total Expenditures		184,950 117,379 3,500 64,000 6,000 27,250 55,646 458,725		110,205 86,270 2,438 43,082 5,705 26,617 47,509 321,826		74,745 31,109 1,062 20,918 295 633 8,137 136,899
Excess (deficit) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$	(95,290)	\$	15,429	\$	(110,719)
CARRYOVER		95,290				95,290
Net Revenues In Excess of Expenditures	\$	-	\$	15,429	\$	(15,429)

See notes to the financial statements and independent auditor's report

Special Service Area 19 (a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago) Managed by DevCorp North D/B/A Rogers Park Business Alliance Schedule Summary of Findings For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

As part of our audit and request by the Special Service Area Annual Audited Financial Guidelines prepared by the City of Chicago Department of Planning and Economic Development, we have read the requirements contained in the Service Provider Agreement.

CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS:

- We noted one expenditure category for which actual expenses exceed budgeted amounts.

MANAGEMENT RESPONSE:

- Rogers Park Business Alliance will pay closer attention to monthly financial statements from our accountant and adjust the budget as needed.

PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS:

- We noted that the Carryover of unspent funds from 2020 to 2021 are in excess of 25% of the 2020 budget.

MANAGEMENT RESPONSE:

- Rogers Park Business Alliance will pay closer attention to monthly financial statements from our accountant and adjust spending as needed. RPBA will develop a plan to expend the excess carryover in future years.

Special Service Area 19 Managed by DevCorp North d/b/a Rogers Park Business Alliance State of Illinois Professional CPA License December 31, 2021



Special Service Area 19 Managed by DevCorp North d/b/a Rogers Park Business Alliance 12/31/21

				Specia	I Service	e Area #	19			
SSA	Name:	Howard Street	Bl	JDGET						
	2021 BUDGET SUMMARY									
	Budget and Services Period: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021									
		2020 L	_evy							
(Funded Cate	EGORY gories Comprise f Services)	Collectable Levy	Estimated Loss Collection	Carryover Funds	TIF Rebate Fund #155	Estimated Late Collections and Interest	Total All Sources			
1.00 Custon Attraction	ner	\$73,300	\$13,852	\$60,000	\$0	\$13,852	\$161,004			
2.00 Public Aesthetics	Way	\$90,389	\$0	\$20,400	\$0	\$0	\$110,789			
3.00 Sustair Public Place	-	\$3,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,500			
4.00 Econor Business De		\$11,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,000			
5.00 Public Safety Prog		\$5,000	\$0	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$20,000			
6.00 SSA Ma	anagement	\$30,520	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$30,520			
7.00 Person	nel	\$53,373	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$53,373			
	Sub-total	\$267,082	\$13,852							
GRAND TOTALS	Levy Total	\$280,	934	\$95,400	\$0	\$13,852	\$390,186			

LEVY ANALYSIS	
Estimated 2020 EAV:	\$48,807,515
Authorized Tax Rate Cap:	0.833%
Maximum Potential Levy limited by Rate Cap:	\$406,567
Requested 2020 Levy Amount:	\$280,934
Estimated Tax Rate to Generate 2020 Levy:	0.5756%

LEVY CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR						
2019 Levy Total (in 2020 budget)	\$280,415					
2020 Levy Total (in 2021 budget)	\$280,934					
Percentage Change 0.199						
Community meeting required if levy amount increases greater than 5% from previous levy.						

CARRYOVER CALCULATION					
2021 Budget Total	\$390,186				
2021 Carryover	\$95,400				
Percentage 24.450%					
Must be less than 25%					