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Auditor of State Rob Sand today released an examination engagement report on Compliance for the U.S. Department of Treasury Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Program (CSLFRF) Requirements for an Alternative CSLFRF Compliance Examination Engagement on O'Brien County, Iowa, for the year ended June 30, 2023.

AUDIT FINDINGS:

The report disclosed no findings pertaining to the CSLFRF program for the year ended June 30, 2023.

A copy of the report is available for review on the Auditor of State's website at [Audit Reports – Auditor of State](#).

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O'BRIEN COUNTY

**AUDITOR OF STATE'S INDEPENDENT REPORT
ON COMPLIANCE FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY CORONAVIRUS STATE AND
LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS PROGRAM (CSLFRF) REQUIREMENTS FOR AN ALTERNATIVE
CSLFRF COMPLIANCE EXAMINATION ENGAGEMENT**

JUNE 30, 2023

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March 20, 2024

Officials of O'Brien County
Primghar, Iowa

Dear Board Members:

I am pleased to submit to you this examination engagement for O'Brien County, Iowa, for the year ended June 30, 2023. The examination engagement was performed pursuant to Chapter 11.6 of the Code of Iowa and in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the standards for attestation engagements contained in Government Auditing Standards and Requirements for an Alternative CSLFRF Compliance Examination Engagement as described in the 2023 OMB *Compliance Supplement*.

I appreciate the cooperation and courtesy extended by the officials and employees of O'Brien County throughout the examination engagement. If I or this office can be of any further assistance, please contact me or my staff at 515-281-5834.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rob Sand".

Rob Sand
Auditor of State

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O'Brien County

Officials

(Before January 2023)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Daniel Friedrichsen	Board of Supervisors	Jan 2023
Dennis Vanden Hull	Board of Supervisors	Jan 2023
Nancy McDowell	Board of Supervisors	Jan 2025
Tim Overmire	Board of Supervisors	Jan 2025
John Steensma	Board of Supervisors	Jan 2025
Barb Rohwer	County Auditor	Jan 2025
Missy Hattermann	County Treasurer	Jan 2023
Susan Smith	County Recorder	Jan 2023
Bruce Devereaux	County Sheriff	Jan 2025
Rachael Becker	County Attorney	Jan 2023
Seth Postma	County Assessor	Jan 2028

(After January 2023)

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Nancy McDowell	Board of Supervisors	Jan 2025
Tim Overmire	Board of Supervisors	Jan 2025
John Steensma	Board of Supervisors	Jan 2025
Daniel Friedrichsen	Board of Supervisors	Jan 2027
Dennis Vanden Hull	Board of Supervisors	Jan 2027
Barb Rohwer	County Auditor	Jan 2025
Missy Hatterman	County Treasurer	Jan 2027
Susan Smith	County Recorder	Jan 2027
Bruce Devereaux	County Sheriff	Jan 2025
Katie Morgan	County Attorney	Jan 2027
Seth Postma	County Assessor	Jan 2028



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Recovery Funds Program (CSLFRF) Requirements for an Alternative CSLFRF
Compliance Examination Engagement

To the Officials of O'Brien County:

We have examined O'Brien County's compliance with the compliance requirements "activities allowed or unallowed" and "allowable cost/cost principles" (the specified requirements) as described in Part IV "Requirements for an Alternative Compliance Examination Engagement for Recipients that Would Otherwise Be Required to Undergo a Single Audit or Program-Specific Audit as a Result of Receiving Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds" of the CSLFRF section of the 2023 OMB *Compliance Supplement* (referred to herein as "Requirements for an Alternative CSLFRF Compliance Examination Engagement") during the year ended June 30, 2023. Management of O'Brien County is responsible for O'Brien County's compliance with the specified requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on O'Brien County's compliance with the specified requirements based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and in the "Requirements for an Alternative CSLFRF Compliance Examination Engagement". Those standards and requirements require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether O'Brien County complied, in all material respects, with the specified requirements referenced above. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether O'Brien County complied with the specified requirements. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgement, including an assessment of the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We are required to be independent and meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to the engagement.

Our examination does not provide a legal determination on O'Brien County's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, O'Brien County complied, in all material respects, with the specified requirements referenced above during the year ended June 30, 2023.

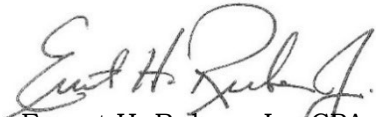
Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we are required to report all deficiencies which are considered to be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control, fraud, and noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts or grant agreements that have a material effect on O'Brien County's compliance with the specified requirements and any other instances that warrant the attention of those charged with governance. We are also required to obtain and report the views of responsible officials concerning the findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as any planned corrective actions. We performed our examination to express an opinion on O'Brien County's compliance with the specified requirements and not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the internal control over the specified requirements or on compliance and other matters; accordingly, we express no such opinions. The results of our tests disclosed no matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

Intended Purpose

The purpose of this examination report is solely to express an opinion on whether O'Brien County complied, in all material respects with the specified requirements referenced above during the year ended June 30, 2023. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

We would like to acknowledge the many courtesies and assistance extended to us by personnel of O'Brien County during the course of our examination engagement. Should you have any questions concerning any of the above matters, we shall be pleased to discuss them with you at your convenience.


Ernest H. Ruben, Jr., CPA
Chief Deputy Auditor of State

March 20, 2024

O'Brien County

Staff

This engagement was performed by:

Ernest H. Ruben, Jr., CPA, Chief Deputy
Janet K. Mortvedt, CPA, Manager
Taylor A. Hepp, Senior Auditor
Nolen R. Schultz, Staff Auditor