# **STATE OF MINNESOTA** Office of the State Auditor



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# MANAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE REPORT PREPARED AS A RESULT OF THE AUDIT OF

# CARVER COUNTY CHASKA, MINNESOTA

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

# **Description of the Office of the State Auditor**

The mission of the Office of the State Auditor is to oversee local government finances for Minnesota taxpayers by helping to ensure financial integrity and accountability in local governmental financial activities.

Through financial, compliance, and special audits, the State Auditor oversees and ensures that local government funds are used for the purposes intended by law and that local governments hold themselves to the highest standards of financial accountability.

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# Year Ended December 31, 2011



# **Management and Compliance Report**

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# SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

# I. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

#### **Financial Statements**

Type of auditor's report issued: Unqualified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weaknesses identified? **No**
- Significant deficiencies identified? No

Noncompliance material to the financial statements noted? No

#### Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:

- Material weaknesses identified? No
- Significant deficiencies identified? No

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs: Unqualified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Section 510(a) of OMB Circular A-133? **No** 

The major programs are:

Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	CFDA #11.557
Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program -	
ARRA	CFDA #14.257
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Cluster	
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	CFDA #93.558
Emergency Contingency Fund for TANF State Programs -	
ARRA	CFDA #93.714
Medical Assistance Program	CFDA #93.778

The threshold for distinguishing between Types A and B programs was \$300,000.

Carver County qualified as low-risk auditee? Yes

# II. FINDINGS RELATED TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDITED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

None.

# III. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS

None.

### IV. OTHER FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

#### MINNESOTA LEGAL COMPLIANCE

#### ITEM ARISING THIS YEAR

#### 11-1 <u>Permissibility of Certain Investments</u>

**Criteria:** Counties in Minnesota are restricted in their investment options to those which are statutorily allowed. Minn. Stat. § 118A.04 provides a list of the permissible investments. The list includes rated obligations of state and local governments with taxing powers.

**Condition:** At December 31, 2011, the County was holding debt securities of two out-of-state universities. These securities are not qualified investments. The County was also holding debt securities from a number of state or local government entities that may not have taxing powers and, therefore, may not be permissible investments.

**Context:** Some of the state or local government entities mentioned may have taxing powers, but the County was unable to provide such evidence to us.

Effect: Noncompliance with Minn. Stat. § 118A.04.

**Cause:** Client relied on brokers to determine if investments were permissible under Minnesota statutes.

**Recommendation:** We recommend the County divest, when practical, of any investments which are not permissible under Minn. Stat. § 118A.04. We also recommend that the County obtain and maintain evidence of the permissibility of any future investments.

#### Client's Response:

The County will continue to rely on its investment brokers' certification for compliance and will note the compliance discussion on the confirmation document for any new purchases. However, the County's Finance Director believes the State Auditor's recommendation that County staff should independently verify that CDAs and HRAs have their own taxing authority contradicts the current industry standard and practice.



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# 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

Board of County Commissioners Carver County

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Carver County as of and for the year ended December 31, 2011, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated July 27, 2012. Our report includes a reference to other auditors. We conducted our audit in accordance with 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. Other auditors audited the financial statements of the Carver County Community Development Agency, as described in our report on Carver County's financial statements. This report does not include the results of the other auditor's testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported on separately by those auditors.

#### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Management of Carver County is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting. In planning and performing our audit, we considered Carver County's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures 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 County's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over financial reporting.

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A deficiency in internal control over financial reporting 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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the County's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting 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 financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

### Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Carver County's financial statements are free of 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*.

#### Minnesota Legal Compliance

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the provisions of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Political Subdivisions*, promulgated by the State Auditor pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 6.65. Accordingly, the audit included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

The *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Political Subdivisions* contains seven categories of compliance to be tested: contracting and bidding, deposits and investments, conflicts of interest, public indebtedness, claims and disbursements, miscellaneous provisions, and tax increment financing. Our study included all of the listed categories, except tax increment financing because Carver County does not use tax increment financing.

The results of our tests indicate that for the items tested, Carver County complied with the material terms and conditions of applicable legal provisions, except as described in the Schedule of Findings Questioned Costs as item 11-1.

Carver County's written response to the legal compliance finding identified in our audit has been included in the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. We did not audit the County's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of County Commissioners, management, others within Carver County, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than those specified parties.

/s/Rebecca Otto

/s/Greg Hierlinger

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# REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS THAT COULD HAVE A DIRECT AND MATERIAL EFFECT ON EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133

Board of County Commissioners Carver County

#### Compliance

We have audited Carver County's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2011. Carver County's major federal programs are identified in the Summary of Auditor's Results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of the County's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the County's compliance based on our audit.

Carver County's basic financial statements include the operations of the Carver County Community Development Agency (CDA) component unit, which expended \$3,851,602 in federal awards during the year ended December 31, 2011, which are not included in the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards. Our audit, described below, did not include the operations of the Carver County CDA because it was audited by other auditors.

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 OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements

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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 Carver County'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. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on the County's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, Carver County complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2011.

#### Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of Carver County is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the County's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program to determine the auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, 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 County'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 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.

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 deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

# Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Carver County as of and for the year ended December 31, 2011, and have issued our report thereon dated July 27, 2012. We did not audit the financial statements of the Carver County CDA

discretely presented component unit. Those financial statements were audited by other auditors. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming opinions on the County's financial statements that collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by OMB Circular A-133 and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The SEFA 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 and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the SEFA is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of County Commissioners, management and others within the County, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than those specified parties.

/s/Rebecca Otto

/s/Greg Hierlinger

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July 27, 2012

#### SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

Federal Grantor Pass-Through Agency Grant Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	E	xpenditures
U.S. Department of Agriculture			
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Human Services			
State Administrative Matching Grants for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	10.561	\$	285,789
U.S. Department of Commerce			
Direct			
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) - ARRA	11.557	\$	2,940,384
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development			
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Human Services			
Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program - ARRA	14.257	\$	173,744
U.S. Department of Justice			
Direct			
Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program	16.607	\$	18,207
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Public Safety			
Justice Assistance Grant Program Cluster			
Recovery Act - Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program/			
Grants to States and Territories - ARRA	16.803		76,371
Recovery Act - Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program/			
Grants to Units of Local Government - ARRA	16.804		5,150
Total U.S. Department of Justice		\$	99,728
U.S. Department of Labor			
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development			
Senior Community Service Employment Program	17.235	\$	84,177
Passed Through Hennepin County			
Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Cluster			
WIA Adult Program	17.258		43,704
WIA Youth Activities	17.259		33,671
WIA National Emergency Grants - ARRA	17.277		10,141
WIA Dislocated Worker Formula Grants	17.278		91,316
Total U.S. Department of Labor		\$	263,009

The notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards are an integral part of this schedule.

#### SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011 (Continued)

Federal Grantor Pass-Through Agency Grant Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	E a	penditures
Grant Hogram Hue	Number	123	penultures
U.S. Department of Transportation Passed Through Minnesota Department of Transportation Highway Planning and Construction Cluster			
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	\$	1,059,468
Highway Planning and Construction - ARRA	20.205		96,000
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Public Safety Highway Safety Cluster			
State and Community Highway Safety	20.600		11,691
Occupant Protection Incentive Grants	20.602		5,412
Minimum Penalties for Repeat Offenders for Driving While Intoxicated	20.608		16,367
Total U.S. Department of Transportation		\$	1,188,938
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency			
Passed Through Minnesota Pollution Control Agency			
Nonpoint Source Implementation Grants	66.460	\$	255,571
U.S. Department of Energy Direct			
Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG) - ARRA	81.128	\$	72,636
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Passed Through the National Association of County and City Health Officials			
Medical Reserve Corps Small Grant Program	93.008	\$	3,098
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Health			
Public Health Emergency Preparedness	93.069		88,298
Universal Newborn Hearing Screening	93.251		1,800
Immunization Cluster			
Immunization Grants	93.268		13,561
Immunization - ARRA	93.712		1,355
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Cluster			
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	93.558		45,678
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant	93.994		49,353

#### SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011 (Continued)

Federal Grantor Pass-Through Agency Grant Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Ех	penditures
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (Continued)			
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Human Services			
Promoting Safe and Stable Families	93.556		3,500
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Cluster	25.550		5,500
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	93.558		309,711
Emergency Contingency Fund for TANF State Programs - ARRA	93.714		21,048
Child Support Enforcement	93.563		1,274,766
Child Care and Development Cluster	75.505		1,274,700
Child Care and Development Block Grant	93.575		17,797
Child Care Mandatory and Matching Funds of the Child Care and Development Fund	93.596		17,195
Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services Program	93.645		35,864
Foster Care - Title IV-E Cluster	25.015		55,001
Foster Care - Title IV-E	93.658		127,343
Foster Care - Title IV-E - ARRA	93.658		1,040
Social Services Block Grant	93.667		309,497
Chafee Foster Care Independence Program	93.674		5,800
Children's Health Insurance Program	93.767		171
Medical Assistance Program	93.778		1,543,938
Block Grants for Community Mental Health Services	93.958		9,988
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services		\$	3,880,801
U.S. Department of Homeland Security			
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Natural Resources			
Boating Safety Financial Assistance	97.012	\$	7,581
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Public Safety			
Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)	97.036		9,094
Hazard Mitigation Grant	97.039		32,596
Emergency Management Performance Grants	97.042		47,587
Passed Through Washington County			
Homeland Security Grant Program	97.067		92,225
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security		\$	189,083
Total Federal Awards		\$	9,349,683

# NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

#### 1. <u>Reporting Entity</u>

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards presents the activities of federal award programs expended by Carver County. Carver County's financial statements include the operations of the Carver County Community Development Agency (the CDA) component unit, which expended \$3,851,602 in federal awards during the year ended December 31, 2011, which are not included in the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards. The CDA has its own single audit. The County's reporting entity is defined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

#### 2. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards includes the federal grant activity of Carver County under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2011. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Because the schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Carver County, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of Carver County.

#### 3. <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u>

Expenditures reported on the schedule are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in OMB Circular A-87, *Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments*, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Pass-through grant numbers were not assigned by the pass-through agencies.

### 4. <u>Clusters</u>

Clusters of programs are groupings of closely related programs that share common compliance requirements. Total expenditures by cluster are:

Justice Assistance Grant Program Cluster Workforce Investment Act Cluster Highway Planning and Construction Cluster Highway Safety Cluster Immunization Cluster Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Cluster Child Care and Development Cluster Foster Care - Title IV-E Cluster	\$	81,521 178,832 1,155,468 17,103 14,916 376,437 34,992 128,383
5. <u>Reconciliation to Schedule of Intergovernmental Revenue</u>		
Federal grant revenue per Schedule of Intergovernmental Revenue Grants received more than 60 days after year-end, deferred in 2011	\$	9,275,412
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) - ARRA		30,080
Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program		3,244
Occupant Protection Incentive Grants		5,412
Minimum Penalties for Repeat Offenders for Driving While Intoxicated		6,919
Nonpoint Source Implementation Grant		14,842
Emergency Management Performance Grants Deferred in 2010, recognized as revenue in 2011		47,587
WIA Dislocated Workers Formula Grants		(24,626)
Immunization - ARRA		(265)
Child Care Mandatory and Matching Funds of the Child Care Developmen Fund	t	(8,922)
Expenditures Per Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards	\$	9,349,683

# 6. Subrecipients

Of the expenditures presented in the schedule, Carver County provided federal awards to subrecipients as follows:

CFDA Number	Program Name	Amount Provided to Subrecipients	
14.257	Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program - ARRA	\$ 173,744	

## 7. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) requires recipients to clearly distinguish ARRA funds from non-ARRA funding. In the schedule, ARRA funds are denoted by the addition of ARRA to the program name.