Cochise County Community College District



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Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

Independent auditors' report on internal control over financial reporting and on compliance and other matters based on an audit of basic financial statements performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*



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Independent auditors' 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

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The Governing Board of Cochise County Community College District

Report on compliance for each major federal program

Opinion on each major federal program

We have audited Cochise County Community College District's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the *U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB)*Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2024. The District's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Basis for opinion on each major federal program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the U.S. Comptroller General, 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). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the auditors' responsibilities for the audit of compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with 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 opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Management's responsibilities for compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the District's federal programs.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our audit. 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 U.S. generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the District's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, 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 District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to
 above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the District's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order
 to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances 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 the District's internal control over compliance.
 Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the audit's planned scope and timing and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on 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 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 auditors' responsibilities for the audit of compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses,

as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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.

Report on schedule of expenditures of federal awards required by the Uniform Guidance

We have audited the financial statements of the District's business-type activities and discretely presented component unit as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated December 30, 2024, that contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our report also included a reference to our reliance on other auditors. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming our opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's 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 the District's 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 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 basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards. 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

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Auditor General

March 20, 2025



SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Summary of auditors' results

Financial statements

Type of auditors' report issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles

Unmodified

Is a going concern emphasis-of-matter paragraph included in the auditors' report?

No

Internal control over financial reporting

Material weaknesses identified?

Yes

Significant deficiencies identified?

Yes

Noncompliance material to the financial statements noted?

No

Federal awards

Internal control over major programs

Material weaknesses identified?

No

Significant deficiencies identified?

None reported

Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major programs

Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR §200.516(a)?

No

Identification of major programs

Assistance Listings number

Name of federal program or cluster Student Financial Assistance Cluster

84.007, 84.033, 84.063, 84.268

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs

\$750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?

No

Financial statement findings

Financial statement findings were reported in the separately issued report on internal control over financial reporting and on compliance and other matters based on an audit of basic financial statements performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

Federal award findings and questioned costs

None reported.

DISTRICT SECTION

COCHISE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS Fiscal Period 7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024

Federal Association Association Title	Assistance Listings	Award Identification	Name of Grantor Pass-Through	Assigned By Grantor Pass-Through	Federal	Federal Program	Cluster	Cluster
Federal Awarding Agency/Program Title DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	Number	(Optional)	Entity	Entity	Expenditures	Total	Name	Total
RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT	10.351				\$21,438	\$21,438	N/A	\$0
TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE					\$21,438			
					Ų21,430			
NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES								
GRANTS TO STATES	45.310				\$22,585	\$22,585	N/A	\$0
TOTAL NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES					\$22,585			
SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION								
			MARICOPA COUNTY COMMUNITY	SBAOEDSB230060-01-00,				
SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS	59.037		COLLEGE DISTRICT	SBAOEDSB240114	\$135,767	\$135,767	N/A	\$0
TOTAL SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION					\$135,767			
					Ų133,707			
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION								
				24FPRLEC-412181-01A,				
				24FIETCO-412181-01A,				
				24FVILEC-412181-01A,				
			ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF	24FIELCC-412181-01A, 24FIECTC-412181-01A,				
ADULT EDUCATION - BASIC GRANTS TO STATES	84.002		EDUCATION	24FEAEWF-412181-01	\$568,615	\$568,615	N/A	\$0
FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANTS	84.007				\$125,017	\$125,017	STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	\$9,329,795
FEDERAL WORK-STUDY PROGRAM	84.033				\$112,450		STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	\$9,329,795
TRIO_STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES	84.042				\$242,603	\$242,603	TRIO CLUSTER	\$242,603
CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION BASIC GRANTS TO STATES	84.048		ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION	23FCTDBG-312181-20A, 24FCTDBG-412181-20A	\$308,897	\$308,897	N/A	\$0
SINEEN MAN TECHNICAL EDGG THOM BY SIC GIVING TO STATES	04.040		ESSEMION	247 07 0000 412101 2071	,500,03 <i>7</i>	<i>\$300,037</i>	,	,,,,
FEDERAL PELL GRANT PROGRAM	84.063				\$7,424,087	\$7,424,087	STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	\$9,329,795
			YAVAPAI COUNTY COMMUNITY					
FUND FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION	84.116	84.116T	COLLEGE DISTRICT	P116T210013	\$12,495	\$12,495	N/A	\$0
					4			
FEDERAL DIRECT STUDENT LOANS	84.268		ARIZONA PATHWAYS TO		\$1,668,241	\$1,668,241	STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	\$9,329,795
EDUCATION STABILIZATION FUND	84.425	COVID-19, 84.425D	PROSPERITY	NONE PROVIDED	\$4,193	\$819,411	N/A	\$0
EDUCATION STABILIZATION FUND	84.425	COVID-19, 84.425F			\$349,148	\$819,411	N/A	\$0
EDUCATION STABILIZATION FUND TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION	84.425	COVID-19, 84.425L			\$466,070	\$819,411	N/A	\$0
TOTAL SELFAMILIES OF ESSENTION					\$11,281,816			
NATIONAL HISTORICAL DUDINGATIONS AND DECORDS CONTROL								
NATIONAL HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS AND RECORDS GRANTS			ARIZONA STATE HISTORICAL					
NATIONAL HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS AND RECORDS GRANTS	89.003		RECORDS ADVISORY BOARD	SUBGRANT-P9596200	\$1,400	\$1,400	N/A	\$0
TOTAL NATIONAL HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS AND RECORDS GRANTS					\$1,400			
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES								
ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT STATE, TRIBAL, LOCAL AND TERRITORIAL								
(STLT) HEALTH DEPARTMENT RESPONSE TO PUBLIC HEALTH OR	02.204		EL RIO SANTA CRUZ	C277 CEE420	607.605	607.605	11/4	60
HEALTHCARE CRISES TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	93.391		NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH CENTER	G377-655130	\$97,695 \$97,695	\$97,695	N/A	\$0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS					\$11,560,701			

Please Note: Italicized award lines indicate pass-through funding

The accompanying Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards are an integral part of the schedule.

COCHISE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS Fiscal Period 7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024

Significant Accounting Policies Used in Preparing the SEFA

Expenditures reported on the schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the financial statements.

10% De Minimis Cost Rate

The District did not elect to use the 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate as covered in 2 CFR §200.414 but rather used a negotiated rate per an agreement with the Department of Health and Human Services.

Basis of presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards includes the federal grant activity of Cochise County Community College District for the year ended June 30, 2024. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*.

Federal Assistance Listings numbers

The program titles and Federal Assistance Listing numbers were obtained from the federal or pass-through grantor or the 2024 *Federal Assistance Listings*.

DISTRICT RESPONSE



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February 7, 2025

Lindsey Perry Auditor General 2910 N 44th St, Suite 410 Phoenix, AZ 85018

Dear Ms. Perry:

We have prepared the accompanying summary schedule of prior audit findings as required by 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*. Specifically, we are reporting the status of audit findings included in the prior audit's schedule of findings and questioned costs. This schedule also includes the status of audit findings included in the prior audit's summary schedule of prior audit findings and questioned costs. The schedule also includes the status of audit findings reported in the prior audit's summary schedule of prior audit findings that were not corrected.

Sincerely,

Wendy Davis, Ph.D.

Executive Vice President for Administration

Summary schedule of prior year findings status

Financial statement findings

2023-01

The District failed to provide key financial information to auditors timely and the initial financial statements contained misstatements and misclassification resulting in a delay of the issuance and increased the risk that those relying on the financial information could be misinformed.

This finding initially occurred in fiscal Year 2022.

Status: Fully Corrected

2023-02

The District's control procedures over access to IT systems and data were not sufficient, which increases the risk that the District may not adequately protect those systems and data

This finding initially occurred in fiscal Year 2017.

Current status: Partially corrected

Cochise College implemented improvements to its annual security awareness training during Fiscal Year 2024 aimed at ensuring all college employees with access to IT systems completed annual security awareness training. The controls implemented in FY2024 were refined throughout the fall of 2025 to account for several gaps identified as the college executed its mandatory security awareness training for FY2025. The discrepancies identified by the FY2024 audit team have been addressed and process improvements incorporated to ensure similar discrepancies do not re-occur.

Cochise College has identified an approach to addressing the user account review and least access assignment criteria in the audit. The college will complete the reporting and periodic reviews necessary to demonstrate a process for ensuring users have appropriate access and access is reviewed for high risk information on a predictable cadence.

Federal award findings

2023-101

Assistance Listing number and program name: N/A This finding initially occurred in fiscal Year 2022

Status: Fully Corrected

