

Federal Awards Reports in Accordance with the Uniform Guidance

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# Western Oregon University



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Independent Auditor's 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

To the Board of Trustees Western Oregon University Monmouth, Oregon

We have audited, 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, the financial statements of the Western Oregon University (the University) and its discretely presented component unit, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 15, 2022. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of Western Oregon University Development Foundation (the Foundation), as described in our report on the University's financial statements. The audit of the financial statements of the Foundation were not performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, and accordingly this report does not include reporting on internal control over financial reporting or instances of reportable noncompliance that are reported on separately by those auditors of Western Oregon University Development Foundation.

## **Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the University's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances 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 University's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the University's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* 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 a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.

# **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the University's financial statements are free from 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 financial statements. 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*.

## **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Side Sailly LLP Boise, Idaho

November 15, 2022



Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program; Report on Internal Control Over Compliance; and Report on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance

The Board of Trustees Western Oregon University Monmouth, Oregon

#### Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

#### Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Western Oregon University's (the University) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the University's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2022. The University's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the University 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 June 30, 2022.

#### Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); 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 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the University 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 University's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

#### Responsibilities of Management 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 University's federal programs.

## Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the University'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 GAAS, *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 University's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *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 University'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 University'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 University's internal
  control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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

# **Report on Internal Control over Compliance**

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's 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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control

over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we did identify certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

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. We consider the deficiency in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2022-001 to be a significant deficiency.

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.

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the University's response to the internal control over compliance findings identified in our compliance audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The University's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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 University and its discretely presented component unit as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the University's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated November 15, 2022 which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the 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 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 whole.

Side Sailly LLP
Boise, Idaho

November 15, 2022

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal Financial Assistance Listing/Federal CFDA Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Federal Expenditures
Grantor/Program of Cluster Title	CFDA Nullibel	Number	Experiultures
Department of Education			
<u>Direct Programs</u>			
Student Financial Assistance Cluster:			
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants	84.007	Not Applicable	\$ 216,434
Federal Work-Study Program	84.033	Not Applicable	255,405
Federal Perkins Loans	84.038	Not Applicable	2,331,666
Federal Pell Grant Program	84.063	Not Applicable	6,845,262
Federal Direct Student Loans	84.268	Not Applicable	16,534,819
Teacher Education Assistance for College &			
Higher Education Grants	84.379	Not Applicable	107,203
Total Student Financial Assistance Cluster			26,290,789
* COVID-19: CARES Act - Higher Education Emergency Relief			
Fund - Student	84.425E	Not Applicable	6,202,369
* COVID-19: HEERF Strengthening Institutions Program	84.425M		543,177
TRIO Cluster:			
TRIO Student Support Services	84.042	Not Applicable	669,057
TRIO Upward Bound	84.047	Not Applicable	287,920
Total TRIO Cluster:			956,977
Rehabilitation Long-Term Training	84.129	Not Applicable	407,747
Training Interpreters for Individuals who are Deaf and			
Individuals who are Deaf-Blind	84.160	Not Applicable	451,092
Special Education - Personnel Development to Improve			•
Services and Results for Children with Disabilities	84.325	Not Applicable	208,544
Special Education Technical Assistance and Dissemination			
to Improve Services and Results for Children with			
Disabilities	84.326	Not Applicable	129,413
Total Department of Education Direct Programs			35,190,108
·	84.326	Not Applicable	

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal Financial Assistance Listing/Federal CFDA Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Federal Expenditures
Pass-Through Programs Oregon Department of Health Services Rehabilitation Services			·
Vocational Rehabilitation Grants to States	84.126	ODHS 172000	112,348
Higher Education Coordinating Commission  * COVID-19: Governors Emergency Education Relief Fund  * COVID-19: Governors Emergency Education Relief Fund  * COVID-19: Governors Emergency Education Relief Fund  * COVID-19: Governors Emergency Education Relief Fund	84.425C 84.425C 84.425C 84.425C	HECC GRANT 20-074G HECC 20-075G HECC 21-059G HECC 21-044D	38,653 30,104 179,925 176,351
Subtotal ALN 84.425C		_	425,033
Oregon Department of Education Supporting Effecxtive Instruction State Grants	84.367	ODE 16393	16,418
Passed -through: CEEDAR Center Special Education - Personnel Development to Im Results for Children with Disabilities Oregon State University	prove Services and 84.325	ODE SUBGRANT 43119	10,065
Special Education - Personnel Development to Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities	84.325	OSU SUBAWARD ED197A-A	52,477
Total Department of Education Programs Pass Through		_	616,341
Total Department of Education		_	35,806,449
Department of Health and Human Services  Pass-Through Programs  Oregon Department of Education  CCDF Cluster			
Child Care and Development Block Grant Child Care and Development Block Grant COVID-19-Child Care and Development Block Grant Child Care and Development Block Grant	93.575 93.575 93.575 93.575	ODE 13898 ODE AGREEMENT 14522 ODE GRANT 19345 ODE CONTRACT 16122	1,748,440 279,084 214,198 1,301,267
Subtotal ALN 93.575 (CCDF Cluster)		_	3,542,989
Oregon Health Authority Western Oregon University Foundation Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases (ELC)  Total Department of Health and Human Services	93.323	168310	42,183 3,585,172
Total Department of ficulti and Human Jervices		_	3,303,172

<sup>\*</sup>WOU had a total of \$7,170,579 expenditures for Federal Financial Assistance Listing Number 84.425.

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal Financial Assistance Listing/Federal CFDA Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Federal Expenditures
Department of Justice			
<u>Direct Programs</u>			
Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Grants	16.710	Not Applicable	54,348
Total Department of Justice Direct Programs			54,348
Pass-Through Programs			
Oregon Department of Justice			
Crime Victim Assistance	16.575	Not Applicable	20,163
University of North Dakota			•
Tribal Law and Policy Institute			
Tribal Court Assistance Program	16.608	UND0024465-S1	91,803
The Council of State Governments Ltd (CSG)			0 = / 0 0 0
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program	16.738	21-SA-161-2939	9,975
Total Department of Justice Pass-Through Programs			121,941
Total Department of Justice			176,289
National Science Foundation			
Pass-Through Programs			
University of Alabama			
Education and Human Resources	47.076	A21-0014-S001	41,549
John Carroll University		7121 0014 3001	71,575
Education and Human Resources	47.076	JCU-ASCENDSUB-004	9,853
Research and Development Cluster:	17.070	JCO-ASCLINDSOB-004	3,833
Pacific Luthern University			
Education and Human Resources	47.076	2020-4843-TRI-SG	5,447
Total ALN 47.076	47.070	2020-4845-1KI-3G	56,849
Oregon State University			30,649
Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences	47.075	S2241B-A	120
Total - Research and Development Cluster:			5,567
Total National Science Foundation			56,970
Department of Commerce/National Oceanic and Atmospheric Admi	nistration		55,5.0
Pass-Through Programs			
Oregon State University		E/K 12-11-PD/	
Sea Grant Support	11.417	NA 180AR4170072	0.064
sea Grant Support	11.41/	NA 160AK41/00/2	9,964
Total Department of Commerce/National Oceanic and Atmospheric	Administration		9,964

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal Financial Assistance Listing/Federal CFDA Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Federal Expenditures
National Aeronautics and Space Administration			
Pass-Through Programs			
Oregon State University	42.000		10.105
Office of Stem Engagement	43.008	NASA NS324G-G	19,165
Total National Aeronautics and Space Administration			19,165
National Endowment for the Humanities  Pass-Through Programs  American Library Association			
Promotion of the Humanities Public Programs	45.164	2022-5675-SPO-ED	5,450
Total National Endowment for the Humanities			5,450
Institute of Museum and Library Services			
Pass-Through Programs Association of Science-Technology Centers National Leadership Grants	45.312	LG-250528- OLS-2-113 SUB	13,541
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State Library of Oregon	45.240	5 HAMERSLY	
Grants to States	45.310	MEETING OWL PRO	4,046
Total Institute of Museum and Library Services			17,587
Small Business Administration			
<u>Direct Programs</u>			
Shuttered Venue Operators Program	59.075	Not Applicable	39,349
Total Small Business Administration			39,349
United States Department of Agriculture  Pass-Through Programs  Oregon Department of Education  Child and Adult Care Food Program	10.558	Not Applicable	15,049
Total United States Department of Agriculture			15,049
Department of Homeland Security			15,045
Pass-Through Programs Oregon Health Authority Western Oregon Univiersity Foundation Disaster Grants-Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)	97.036	OHA AGREEMENT 171330	117,697
Total of Department of Homeland Security			117,697
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$ 39,849,141

#### Note 1 - Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the schedule) includes the federal grant activity of Western Oregon University (the University) under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2022. The information is presented in accordance with the 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). Because the schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the University, it is not intended and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the University.

# Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported in the schedule are recognized on the accrual basis of accounting. When applicable, 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. No federal financial assistance has been provided to a subrecipient.

#### Note 3 - Indirect Cost Rate

The University has not elected to use the 10% de minimis cost rate.

# Note 4 - Federal Student Loan Programs

The federal student loan programs listed subsequently are administered directly by the University and balances and transactions relating to these programs are included in the University's basic financial statements. Loans made during the year are included in the federal expenditures presented in the schedule. The balance of loans outstanding at June 30, 2022, consists of:

<u>Federal Financial Assistance</u>		<b>Outstanding Balance at</b>
<u>Listing</u>	<u>Program Name</u>	June 30, 2022
84.038	Federal Perkins Loan Program	\$1,509,125

# Section I – Summary of Auditor's Results

# **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Type of auditor's report issued Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weaknesses identified No

Significant deficiencies identified not considered

to be material weaknesses None Reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?

# **FEDERAL AWARDS**

Internal control over major program:

Material weaknesses identified No

Significant deficiencies identified not considered

to be material weaknesses Yes

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

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in

accordance with Uniform Guidance 2 CFR 200.516: Yes

# **Identification of major programs:**

Name of Federal Program	Assistance <u>Listing Number</u>
Student Financial Aid Cluster	
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant	84.007
Federal Work-Study Program	84.033
Federal Pell Grant Program	84.063
Federal Perkins Loan Program	84.038
Federal Direct Student Loans	84.268
Teacher Education Assistance for College & Higher Education Grants	84.379
COVID-19: Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund	84.425C
COVID-19: CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund - Student	84.425E
COVID-19: CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund - Institutional	84.425F
COVID-19: HEERF Strengthening Institutions Program (SIP)	84.425M
CCDF Cluster	
Child Care and Development Block Grant	93.575
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A	
and type B programs:	\$1,195,474
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	No

# Section II – Financial Statement Findings

There we no findings relating to the financial statement audit.

# Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

#### 2022-001

Direct Programs – Department of Education

Federal Financial Assistance Listing: 84.425E, 84.425F

COVID – 19: Higher Education Emergency Relief Student Aid Portion, COVID – 19: Higher Education Emergency Relief Institutional Portion

Reporting

Significant Deficiency in Internal Controls over Compliance

# Criteria:

The CARES Act 18004(e), CRRSAA 314(e), 2 CFR section 200.328 and 2 CFR section 200.329 requires an institution receiving funds under HEERF I, HEERF II, and HEERF III to submit a report to the secretary, at such time in such a manner as the secretary may require.

# Condition:

During our testing over the reporting for the HEERF student and institutional Funds, there were four reports out 10 reports that were required to be filed during the fiscal year that were not filed within the required timeframe.

#### Cause:

The University did not have an adequate control system in place to ensure that the reports required to be filed for HEERF student and institutional funds were filed timely.

#### Effect:

The reports required to be filed for the HEERF Student and Institutional funds were not filed timely.

# **Questioned Costs:**

None

## Context/Sampling:

All reports required to be filed during the year for the HEERF student and institutional funds were tested (a total of 10 reports were filed during the fiscal year).

## Repeat Finding from Prior Year(s):

Yes.

# Recommendation:

Management should have a process in place to ensure that all reports are filed within the required timeframe.

Views of Responsible Officials:

Management agrees with the finding.