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2023-24 Annual Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34177 (o) (1), the City of Newman Successor Agency (Agency) submitted an annual Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 (ROPS 23-24) to the California Department of Finance (Finance) on January 31, 2023. Finance has completed its review of the ROPS 23-24.

Based on a sample of line items reviewed and application of the law, Finance approves all of the items listed on the ROPS 23-24 at this time. However, Finance notes the following:

- The administrative costs claimed are within the fiscal year administrative cap pursuant to HSC section 34171 (b) (3). However, Finance notes the Oversight Board (OB) has approved an amount that appears excessive, given the number and nature of the obligations listed on the ROPS. HSC section 34179 (i) requires the OB to exercise a fiduciary duty to the taxing entities. Therefore, Finance encourages the OB to apply adequate oversight when evaluating the administrative resources necessary to successfully wind-down the Agency.
- The Agency misspent a portion excess funds. Specifically, the Agency spent more than what was authorized for the Administrative Cost Allowance for the July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 (ROPS 20-21) period. Finance authorized \$73,099 pursuant to the cap; yet a total of \$75,342 was reported. This is \$2,243 in excess of the maximum amount allowed pursuant to HSC section 34171 (b) (3). Further, pursuant to HSC section 34177 (a) (3), only those payments listed on a ROPS may be made by the Agency from the funding source specified on the ROPS, up to the amount authorized by Finance. Finance reminds the Agency that funds in excess of the amounts authorized on the ROPS cannot be expended. Any excess funds must be retained and expended once the Agency receives approval for their use on a future ROPS.

Pursuant to HSC section 34186, successor agencies are required to report differences between actual payments and past estimated obligations (prior period adjustments) for the ROPS 20-21 period. The ROPS 20-21 prior period adjustment (PPA) will offset the ROPS 23-24 Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) distribution. The County Auditor-Controller's review of the PPA form submitted by the Agency resulted in no PPA.

The Agency's maximum approved RPTTF distribution for the reporting period is \$285,851, as summarized in the Approved RPTTF Distribution table (see Attachment).

RPTTF distributions occur biannually, one distribution for the July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 period (ROPS A period), and one distribution for the January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024 period (ROPS B period), based on Finance's approved amounts. Since this determination is for the entire ROPS 23-24 period, the Agency is authorized to receive up to the maximum approved RPTTF through the combined ROPS A and B period distributions.

This is our final determination regarding the obligations listed on the ROPS 23-24. This determination only applies to items when funding was requested for the 12-month period. If a determination by Finance in a previous ROPS is currently the subject of litigation, the item will continue to reflect the determination until the matter is resolved.

The ROPS 23-24 form submitted by the Agency and this determination letter will be posted on our website:

<http://dof.ca.gov/Programs/Redevelopment/ROPS/>

This determination is effective for the ROPS 23-24 period only and should not be conclusively relied upon for future ROPS periods. All items listed on a future ROPS are subject to Finance's review and may be adjusted even if not adjusted on this ROPS or a preceding ROPS. The only exception is for items that have received a Final and Conclusive determination from Finance pursuant to HSC section 34177.5 (i). Finance's review of Final and Conclusive items is limited to confirming the scheduled payments as required by the obligation.

The amount available from the RPTTF is the same as the amount of property tax increment available prior to the enactment of the redevelopment dissolution law. Therefore, as a practical matter, the ability to fund the items on the ROPS with property tax increment is limited to the amount of funding available to the Agency in the RPTTF.

Please direct inquiries to Todd Vermillion, Supervisor, or Brian Johnson, Staff, at (916) 322-2985.

Sincerely,

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Kashmir Gill, Auditor-Controller, Stanislaus County
Nathan Amarante, Countywide Oversight Board Representative

Attachment

Approved RPTTF Distribution July 2023 through June 2024			
	ROPS A	ROPS B	Total
RPTTF Requested	\$ 172,441	\$ 18,410	\$ 190,851
Administrative RPTTF Requested	47,500	47,500	95,000
Total RPTTF Requested	219,941	65,910	285,851
RPTTF Authorized	172,441	18,410	190,851
Administrative RPTTF Authorized	47,500	47,500	95,000
Total RPTTF Approved for Distribution	\$ 219,941	\$ 65,910	\$ 285,851