APPALACHIAN COMMUNITY CAPITAL CORPORATION

FINANCIAL REPORT

(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*)

December 31, 2023

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certified public accountants

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Appalachian Community Capital Corporation
Christiansburg, Virginia

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Appalachian Community Capital Corporation (the "Company"), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as of December 31, 2023, and the related consolidated statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2023, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Change in Accounting Principle

As discussed in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company has changed its method of accounting for credit losses effective January 1, 2023 due to the adoption of Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification No. 326, *Financial Instruments – Credit Losses* (ASC 326). The Company adopted the new credit loss standard using the modified retrospective method such that prior period amounts are not adjusted and continue to be reported in accordance with previously applicable generally accepted accounting principles.

Basis for Opinion

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. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Company and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the 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 audit opinions.

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements (Continued)

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the consolidated financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. 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 generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the consolidated financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, 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 amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements (Continued)

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the consolidated financial statements as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the consolidated 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 financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the consolidated financial statements or to the consolidated 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 consolidated financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 29, 2024, on our consideration of the Company's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Company's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Brown, Edwards & Company, L.L.P.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Christiansburg, Virginia
April 29, 2024

APPALACHIAN COMMUNITY CAPITAL CORPORATION

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
December 31, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 686,398	$ 2,325,410
Cash and cash equivalents – restricted	2,224,323	5,603,109
Cash funded loan loss reserve	300,000	300,000
Loans receivable, net of allowance for credit losses of $141,324 and $228,324 at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively	25,032,306	20,520,382
Grants receivable	801,649	336,852
Accrued interest receivable	56,832	39,502
Property and equipment, net	2,296	1,468
Prepaid expenses and other assets	44,446	25,213
Total assets	$ 29,148,250	$ 29,151,936
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Notes payable	$ 22,603,112	$ 21,930,037
Accrued interest payable	58,921	80,583
Accounts payable	68,574	127,471
Deferred revenue	1,398,327	2,188,101
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	36,031	26,719
Total liabilities	24,164,965	24,352,911
Net assets – without donor restrictions	1,996,285	1,812,025
Net assets – with donor restrictions	2,987,000	2,987,000
Total net assets	4,983,285	4,799,025
Total liabilities and net assets	$ 29,148,250	$ 29,151,936

APPALACHIAN COMMUNITY CAPITAL CORPORATION

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
Years Ended December 31, 2023

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
SUPPORT AND REVENUE			
Grant income	$ 1,260,818	$ 2,366,741	$ 3,627,559
Interest income – loans	629,728	-	629,728
Interest income – certificates of deposits	60,407	-	60,407
Other operating income	33,458	-	33,458
Net assets released from restrictions	2,366,741	(2,366,741)	-
Total support and revenue	4,351,152	-	4,351,152
EXPENSES			
Program Services			
Interest expense	540,579	-	540,579
Provision for loan losses	20,000	-	20,000
Salaries and employee benefits	362,182	-	362,182
Data processing	53,497	-	53,497
Office and administrative	38,352	-	38,352
Professional fees	1,970,478	-	1,970,478
Travel expense	29,203	-	29,203
Dues and subscriptions	35,473	-	35,473
Pass through grant expense	55,000	-	55,000
Other expense	11,688	-	11,688
Total program services expenses	3,116,452	-	3,116,452
Management and General			
Salaries and employee benefits	63,914	-	63,914
Data processing	9,441	-	9,441
Office and administrative	6,768	-	6,768
Professional fees	980,497	-	980,497
Travel expense	5,154	-	5,154
Dues and subscriptions	6,260	-	6,260
Other expense	85,406	-	85,406
Total management and general expenses	1,157,440	-	1,157,440
Total expenses	4,273,892	-	4,273,892
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS FROM NET INCOME	77,260	-	77,260
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS FROM THE ADOPTION OF ASC 326	107,000	-	107,000
NET ASSETS – BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,812,025	2,987,000	4,799,025
NET ASSETS – END OF YEAR	$ 1,996,285	$ 2,987,000	$ 4,983,285

The Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

APPALACHIAN COMMUNITY CAPITAL CORPORATION

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
Years Ended December 31, 2022

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
SUPPORT AND REVENUE			
Grant income	$ 513,405	$ 1,982,754	$ 2,496,159
Interest income – loans	483,243	-	483,243
Interest income – certificates of deposits	22,069	-	22,069
Other operating income	5,850	-	5,850
Net assets released from restrictions	1,982,754	(1,982,754)	-
Total support and revenue	3,007,321	-	3,007,321
EXPENSES			
Program Services			
Interest expense	497,102	-	497,102
Provision for loan losses	71,195	-	71,195
Salaries and employee benefits	234,833	-	234,833
Data processing	38,878	-	38,878
Office and administrative	25,809	-	25,809
Professional fees	522,751	-	522,751
Travel expense	3,820	-	3,820
Dues and subscriptions	30,071	-	30,071
Pass through grant expense	925,000	-	925,000
Other expense	313	-	313
Total program services expenses	2,349,772	-	2,349,772
Management and General			
Salaries and employee benefits	41,441	-	41,441
Data processing	6,861	-	6,861
Office and administrative	4,555	-	4,555
Professional fees	491,389	-	491,389
Travel expense	674	-	674
Dues and subscriptions	5,307	-	5,307
Other expense	53,477	-	53,477
Total management and general expenses	603,704	-	603,704
Total expenses	2,953,476	-	2,953,476
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	53,845	-	53,845
NET ASSETS – BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,758,180	2,987,000	4,745,180
NET ASSETS – END OF YEAR	$ 1,812,025	$ 2,987,000	$ 4,799,025

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APPALACHIAN COMMUNITY CAPITAL CORPORATION

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Change in net assets	$ 77,260	$ 53,845
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation expense	1,042	580
Provision for loan losses	20,000	71,195
Change in current assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) decrease in:		
Grants receivable	(464,797)	13,054
Cash funded loan loss reserves	-	150,000
Accrued interest receivable	(17,330)	(8,252)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(19,232)	(4,206)
Increase (decrease) in:		
Accrued interest payable	(21,662)	14,423
Accounts payable	(58,897)	105,046
Deferred revenue	(789,774)	(1,165,899)
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	9,312	(6,437)
Net cash used in operating activities	(1,264,078)	(776,651)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Net increase in loans	(4,424,924)	(4,624,475)
Purchase of premises and equipment	(1,871)	(1,957)
Net cash used in investing activities	(4,426,795)	(4,626,432)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Increase in notes payable, net	673,075	2,683,055
Net cash provided by financing activities	673,075	2,683,055
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(5,017,798)	(2,720,028)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Beginning	7,928,519	10,648,547
Ending	$ 2,910,721	$ 7,928,519
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 686,398	$ 2,325,410
Cash and cash equivalents – restricted	2,224,323	5,603,109
Cash and cash equivalents – end of year	$ 2,910,721	$ 7,928,519
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION		
Interest paid	$ 562,241	$ 643,845

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Note 1. Nature of Activities and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Nature of activities

Appalachian Community Capital Corporation ("ACC" or the "Company") is a non-profit, wholesale capital intermediary created to increase business lending in Appalachia by providing community loan funds with a new source of capital. Formed in 2013, ACC's mission is to increase business lending by providing member institutions, which serve underserved people and communities, with new sources of capital. The Company provides financing, as well as educational programs and technical assistance to its members and to small businesses throughout the thirteen-state Appalachian Region. ACC's work enables reliable and sufficient capital for all of its members, leading to a growing economy, increased entrepreneurship, higher quality jobs, and increased local wealth in the Appalachian region. Appalachian Community Capital Development Foundation is a non-profit Company that is under common control by ACC and is therefore consolidated for financial reporting purposes. The consolidation of this Company does not have a material impact on the financial statements of ACC.

Critical accounting policies

The accounting and reporting policies of the Company follow generally accepted accounting principles and general practices within the non-profit and financial services industries. The following is a summary of the more significant policies:

Management believes the policies with respect to the methodology for the determination of the allowance for credit losses and asset impairment judgments involve a high degree of complexity. Management must make difficult and subjective judgments which require assumptions or estimates about highly uncertain matters. Changes in these judgments, assumptions, or estimates could cause reported totals to differ materially from actual results. These critical policies and their application are periodically reviewed with the Board of Directors.

Adoption of new accounting standard

On January 1, 2023, the Company adopted Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2016-13, *Financial Instruments – Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments*, as amended. This ASU replaces the incurred loss methodology with an expected loss methodology that is referred to as the current expected credit loss (CECL) methodology. The measurement of expected credit losses under the CECL methodology is applicable to financial assets measured at amortized cost, including loan receivables. It also applies to off-balance sheet credit exposures not accounted for as insurance (loan commitments, standby letters of credit, financial guarantees, and other similar instruments), and net investments in leases recognized by a lessor in accordance with Topic 842 on leases.

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Note 1. Nature of Activities and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Adoption of new accounting standard (Continued)

The Company adopted ASC 326 using the modified retrospective method for all financial assets measured at amortized cost and off-balance sheet credit exposure. Results for reporting periods beginning after January 1, 2023 are presented under ASC 326 while prior period result amounts were reported with previously applicable GAAP. An adjustment of $107,000 was made to reduce the existing allowance.

As allowed by ASC 326, the Company elected to maintain pools of loans accounted for under ASC 310-20. In accordance with the standard, management did not reassess whether modifications to individual acquired financial assets accounted for in pools were troubled debt restructurings as of the date of adoption.

In March 2022, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued ASU 2022-02, *Financial Instruments – Credit Losses (Topic 326): Troubled Debt Restructurings and Vintage Disclosures*. ASU 2022-02 eliminates the accounting guidance for troubled debt restructurings in ASC Subtopic 310-40, *Receivables – Troubled Debt Restructurings by Creditors*, while enhancing disclosure requirements for certain loan refinancings and restructurings by creditors when a borrower is experiencing financial difficulty. Additionally, ASU 2022-02 requires entities to disclose current-period gross write-offs by year of origination for financing receivables and net investments in leases within the scope of ASC Subtopic 326-20, *Financial Instruments – Credit Losses – Measured at Amortized Cost*. ASU 2022-02 was effective for the Company on January 1, 2023. The Company's adoption of this standard did not have a significant impact on the financial statements.

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The determination of whether or not grant conditions have been met has a significant impact on revenue and is, in some cases, an estimate.

Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Under this basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

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Note 1. Nature of Activities and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Financial statement presentation

Net assets, revenues, and expenses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets of the Company and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Without donor restrictions – All resources over which the governing board has discretionary control. The Board of Directors of the Company may elect to designate such resources for specific purposes. This designation may be removed at the Board of Directors' discretion.

With donor restrictions – Resources accumulated through donations or grants for specific operating or capital purposes. Such resources will be without restrictions when the requirements of the donor or grantee have been satisfied through expenditures for the specified purpose or program or through the passage of time. Also includes resources accumulated through donations or grants subject to donor-imposed stipulations that are to be maintained permanently by the Company. Generally, the donors of these assets permit the Company to use all or part of the income earned on related investments for general or specific purposes.

Cash and cash equivalents

For purposes of the statements of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents are considered to include those amounts included in "cash and cash equivalents" and "cash and cash equivalents – restricted" on the statements of financial position. Cash and cash equivalents are considered to be highly liquid investments with maturities of 90 days or less.

Restricted cash and cash equivalents

Restricted cash represents cash on hand used to fulfill the Company's obligations in grant and loan agreements. The largest restrictions on cash relate to lending, technical assistance, and loan loss reserves.

Loans receivable

Loans receivable that management has the intent and ability to hold for the foreseeable future, until maturity or pay-off are reported at their outstanding principal amount adjusted for any charge-offs. Loan origination fees, net of certain direct origination costs, are deferred and recognized, as an adjustment of the related loan yield using the effective interest method.

Interest is accrued and credited to income based on the principal amount outstanding. The accrual of interest on non-performing loans is discontinued when, in management's opinion, the borrower may be unable to meet payments as they become due. When interest accrual is discontinued, all unpaid accrued interest for the current year is reversed and any subsequent payments received are applied only to the loan's outstanding principal balance. When facts and circumstances indicate the borrower has regained the ability to meet the required payments, the loan is returned to accrual status. Past due status of loans is determined based on contractual terms.

Note 1. Nature of Activities and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Allowance for credit losses – loans

The allowance for credit losses is a valuation account that is deducted from the loans amortized cost basis to present the net amount expected to be collected on the loans. Loans are charged off against the allowance when management believes the un-collectability of a loan balance is confirmed. Expected recoveries do not exceed the aggregate of amounts previously charged off and expected to be charged off.

Management estimates the allowance balance using relevant available information, from internal and external sources, relating to past events, current conditions, and reasonable and supportable forecasts.

The allowance for credit losses is measured on a collective (pool) basis when similar risk characteristics exist. The Company utilizes the Weighted Average Remaining Maturity (WARM) approach to calculate the expected loss for each pool. The WARM is based on every individual loan in the pool. Each loan's remaining life is determined based on contracted loan payments, expected prepayments, and maturity dates. Lifetime losses for each pool are calculated by multiplying the loan pool balance by the lifetime balance multiplier, the annual loss rate and the calculated uncollected percentage. Qualitative adjustments are a combination of forward looking projections for each pool based on objective economic data and custom qualitative factors as determined by the Company, such as economic trends, and conditions and underwriting standards. The total loss rate is the lifetime loss.

Loans that do not share risk characteristics are evaluated on an individual basis. Loans evaluated individually are not included in the collective evaluation.

Expected credit losses are estimated over the contractual term of the loans, adjusted for expected prepayments when appropriate. The contractual term excludes expected extensions, renewals, and modifications unless either of the following applies: management has a reasonable expectation at the reporting date that a loan modification will be executed with an individual borrower or the extension or renewal options are included in the original or modified at the reporting date are not unconditionally cancellable by the Company.

In 2017, the Company had allocated $150,000 of a grant funding received from the Community Development Financial Institutions ("CDFI") Fund to create a cash funded loan loss reserve in order to offset losses in the Small/Emerging CDFI loan portfolio. This grant expired in 2022. The portion of the allowance for credit losses attributable to the Small/Emerging CDFI's will be a reduction against the overall allowance of loan losses as the funds can be used to offset small business loan losses and provisions per the grant document. In 2021, the Company allocated an additional $300,000 of grant funding received from the CDFI Fund to the cash funded loan loss reserve.

Note 1. Nature of Activities and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Grants receivable, revenue recognition, and deferred revenue

Grants receivable and related deferred revenue are recorded at the time of award from a grantor. Grants are classified in one of two categories, with donor restrictions and without donor restrictions. Classification is determined based on the designation by the grantor for the use of funds. Grant revenue is recognized when earned by the Company through performance as specified in each grant award.

Property and equipment

Property and equipment consists of computer equipment and is carried at cost, less accumulated depreciation computed by the straight-line method over three years. When items of property and equipment are sold or retired, the related costs and accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts and any gain or loss is included in income. Maintenance and repairs are charged to expenses as incurred; major renewals and betterments are capitalized.

Functional allocation of expenses

The consolidated financial statements report certain categories of expenses that are attributable to one or more program or supporting functions of the Company. Those expenses include salaries and employee benefits, data processing, office and administrative, professional fees, travel, dues and subscriptions, Board of Directors', and other expenses. These costs are allocated either based on the actual nature of the expense or estimates of time and effort.

Income taxes

The Company is a non-profit organization that is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(4) of the *Internal Revenue Code*. Management is not aware of any uncertain tax positions and has not accrued any expense for the effect of an uncertain tax position as of December 31, 2023 and 2022. Tax years beginning in 2019 are open to examination by taxing authorities.

Revenue from contracts with customers

All of the Company's revenue from contracts with customers in the scope of ASC 606 is recognized within total revenue and support. The following table presents the Company's income by revenue stream for the years ended December 31, excluding interest and fees on loans and other interest income.

	2023	2022
Grant income	$ 3,627,559	$ 2,496,159
	$ 3,627,559	$ 2,496,159

Note 1. Nature of Activities and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Revenue from contracts with customers (Continued)

A description of the Company's revenue streams accounted for under ASC 606 follows:

Grant income – The Company receives grants from several types of entities for a range of purposes. In some instances, grant income is recognized as deliverables and performance criteria are met as the contract is considered an exchange transaction.

Recent accounting pronouncements

Accounting standards have been issued by the FASB that are not currently applicable to the Company or are not expected to have a material impact on the Company's financial statements.

Reclassifications

Certain items in the prior year have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation. These reclassifications had no impact on net assets, changes in net assets, or cash flows.

Note 2. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2023 and 2022 totaled $686,398 and $2,325,410, respectively. Restricted cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2023 and 2022 totaled $2,224,323 and $5,603,109, respectively. Of this balance, $2,340,466 exceeded the federally insured limit as of December 31, 2023.

Note 3. Loans Receivable

The major components of loans receivable as of December 31, are as follows:

	2023	2022
Loans to CDFI's	$ 24,468,347	$ 20,140,063
Small business loans*	705,283	608,643
Allowance for loan losses	(141,324)	(228,324)
	$ 25,032,306	$ 20,520,382

* Small business loans represent small business participation loans purchased from member organizations.

There were no loans pledged at December 31, 2023 or 2022.

Note 3. Loans Receivable (Continued)

The Company is party to financial instruments with off-balance-sheet risk in the normal course of business to meet the financing needs of its members. This financial instrument includes commitments to extend credit. This instrument involves, to varying degrees, elements of credit and interest rate risk in excess of the amount recognized on the statements of financial position. The contractual or notional amounts of this instrument reflect the extent of involvement the Company has in particular classes of financial instruments.

The Company's exposure to credit loss in the event of nonperformance by the other party to the financial instrument for commitments to extend credit is represented by the contractual or notional amount of this instrument. The Company uses the same credit policies in making commitments and conditional obligations as it does for on-balance sheet instruments.

Since some of the commitments are expected to expire without being drawn upon, the total commitment amounts do not necessarily represent future cash requirements. The Company evaluates each customer's creditworthiness on a case-by-case basis. The amount of collateral obtained if deemed necessary by the Company upon extension of credit is based on management's credit evaluation of the counterparty.

Note 4. Allowance for Credit Losses

The allocation of the allowance for credit losses by loan components at December 31, 2023, was as follows:

	Loans to CDFI's	Small Business Loans	Total
Allowance for credit losses:			
December 31, 2022	$ 228,324	$ -	$ 228,324
Impact of adoption of ASC 326	(107,000)		(107,000)
Provision for loan losses	20,000	-	20,000
December 31, 2023	$ 141,324	$ -	$ 141,324

The Company utilizes a cash funded loan loss reserve in the amount of $300,000 as of December 31, 2023 to offset reserves related to small business loans. This has resulted in a reserve balance of $-0- related to Small Business Loans as of December 31, 2023.

As of December 31, 2023, there were no nonaccrual, past due loans, collateral dependent loans, or troubled loan modifications.

Note 4. Allowance for Credit Losses (Continued)

Credit quality indicators

The Company categorizes loans into risk categories based on relevant information about the ability of borrowers to service their debt such as current financial information, historical payment experience, credit documentation, public information, and current economic trends, among other factors. The Company analyzes loans individually by classifying the loans as to credit risk.

Loans graded Good or Satisfactory are excluded from the scope of the annual review and considered “Pass Credits” until: (a) they become past due; (b) management becomes aware of a deterioration in the credit worthiness of the borrower; or (c) the customer contacts the Company for a modification. In these circumstances, the loan is specifically evaluated for potential classification as Watch, Substandard, Doubtful, or Loss. The Company uses the following definitions for risk ratings:

Good – Loans in this category are of good quality. The borrower has a history of successful performance, but may be susceptible to economic changes. Asset quality and liquidity are considered good. Overall leverage is normal for the industry in which the borrower operates and is stable. Cash flow levels may fluctuate but are sufficient to meet obligations. Margins and ratios are generally in line with or exceed industry norms. Earnings may have been inconsistent in the past, but have now stabilized and are equivalent to or better than the industry average. Other sources of financing, particularly from a number of other financial institutions, should be obtainable.

Satisfactory – Loans in this category are of satisfactory quality and risk is well within the Company’s range of acceptability. They may differ from loans rated “Good” because the borrower may be entering an expansion mode, acquiring another company, introducing new products or investing large amounts of capital in upgrading equipment or the facility. The borrower’s business may be cyclical, or its customer base may have concentrations. Asset quality is acceptable. Liquidity levels fluctuate and usage of short-term credit may be needed on a regular basis to finance growth or fluctuations in revenues and current assets. Leverage may be slightly to moderately higher than the industry, but is stable. Cash flow may fluctuate, but is evident in sales and earnings. The long-term outlook should be favorable. Management and owners have unquestioned character, although depth of management may be an issue.

Watch – Loans in this grade are considered to have a higher than normal credit risk and servicing needs. Asset quality is marginally acceptable. Leverage may fluctuate and is above normal for the industry. Cash flow is marginally adequate, but is not clearly sufficient to ensure continued performance of contractual obligations without improving trends. A loss year or earnings decline may occur, but the borrower has sufficient strength and financial flexibility to offset these events. A reasonable expectation exists that operating performance will improve in the near future. Some management weaknesses may exist. These borrowers are currently performing as agreed, but may be adversely affected by deteriorating industry conditions, competition, operating deficiencies, pending litigation of a significant nature, or declining asset quality, and therefore should be monitored closely. Access to alternative financing sources may not be possible or limited to asset-based lenders and other institutions specializing in high risk financing. Management has determined these loans require enhanced monitoring.

Note 4. Allowance for Credit Losses (Continued)

Credit quality indicators (Continued)

Substandard – Substandard assets are inadequately protected by the net worth and paying capacity of the borrower or the collateral pledged. Sound worth and paying capacity of a guarantor should be considered only if judged to be strong and dependable. Customers in this category have well defined weaknesses and the possibility exists that the Company will sustain some loss if the deficiencies are not corrected. Characteristics of a substandard loan include one or more of the following characteristics: a significant deterioration in earnings, cash flow or balance sheet composition, a deficient equity position, insufficient cash flow to meet maturity obligations, recent evidence of slow payments, a lack of adequate collateral, or a dependence on illiquid collateral for repayment.

Doubtful – Doubtful ratings are applied to loans that exhibit weaknesses that make collection or liquidation in full improbable. This rating is used when the expected loss cannot be calculated, but estimates indicate that the loss will be significant in relation to the outstanding loan balance. The possibility of loss is extremely high, but because of certain important and reasonably specific pending factors which may work to the advantage and strengthening of the loan, its classification as a loss is deferred until its more exact status may be determined. Pending factors include proposed merger, acquisition, or liquidation procedures, capital injection, perfecting liens on additional collateral, and refinancing plans.

Loss – This rating is applied when the borrower's outstanding debt is considered uncollectible or of such little value that continuance as a Company asset is not warranted. This rating does not suggest that there is absolutely no recovery or salvage value, but that it is not practical or desirable to defer charging off the loan.

	2023		
	Loans to CDFI's	**Small Business Loans**	**Total**
Loans by risk rating:			
Pass	$ 24,468,347	$ 705,282	$ 25,173,629
Watch	-	-	-
	$ 24,468,347	$ 705,282	$ 25,173,629

(Continued)

Note 4a. Allowance for Loan Losses (prior to adoption of ASC 326)

The allocation of the allowance for loan losses by loan components at December 31, 2022, was as follows:

	2022		
	Loans to CDFI's	**Small Business Loans**	**Total**
Allowance for loan losses:			
December 31, 2021	$ 157,129	$ -	$ 157,129
Recovery of loan losses	71,195	-	71,195
December 31, 2022	$ 228,324	$ -	$ 228,324
Ending balance:			
Individually evaluated for impairment	$ -	$ -	$ -
Collectively evaluated for impairment	$ 228,324	$ -	$ 228,324
Loans receivable			
Ending balance:			$
Individually evaluated for impairment	$ -	$ -	$ -
Collectively evaluated for impairment	$ 20,140,063	$ 608,643	$ 20,748,706

The Company utilizes a cash funded loan loss reserve in the amount of $300,000 as of December 31, 2022 to offset reserves related to small business loans. This has resulted in a reserve balance of $-0- related to Small Business Loans as of December 31, 2022.

As of December 31, 2022, there were no nonaccrual or past due loans.

There were no impaired loans as of December 31, 2022. In addition, there were no loans identified as impaired during the year ended December 31, 2022. As a result, there was no average recorded investment in impaired loans or interest income recognized on impaired loans for the year ended December 31, 2022.

	2022		
	Loans to CDFI's	**Small Business Loans**	**Total**
Loans by risk rating:			
Pass	$ 20,140,063	$ 608,643	$ 20,748,706
Watch	-	-	-
	$ 20,140,063	$ 608,643	$ 20,748,706

<u>Troubled debt restructurings</u>

There were no loans modified in a troubled debt restructuring in 2022.

Note 5. Grants Receivable

ACC was due to receive grant awards from outside funding agencies as of December 31, as follows:

	2023	2022
Appalachian Regional Commission- 2018 Operating Grant	$ -	$ 24,114
Appalachian Regional Commission – COVID-19 Response*	61,418	61,418
USDA RCDI TA Grant	68,712	114,040
Appalachian Regional Commission – 2022 Operating Grant	215,559	977,425
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	266,667	266,667
CDFI FA Grant	260,000	-
Appalachian Regional Commission – 2023 Operating Grant	1,499,850	-
South State Grant	25,000	-
	2,397,206	1,443,664
Unearned grants receivable	(1,595,557)	(1,106,812)
Total grants receivable, net	$ 801,649	$ 336,852

* ARC-COVID-19 Response Grant funds were passed through to subrecipients.

Note 6. Property and Equipment

Detail related to property and equipment as of December 31, is as follows:

	2023	2022
Computer equipment	$ 4,919	$ 3,049
Less: accumulated depreciation	(2,623)	(1,581)
	$ 2,296	$ 1,468

Depreciation for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 was $1,042 and $580, respectively.

Note 7. Concentration Risks

ACC has a potential risk associated with the concentration of support received from governmental agencies. Any change in future funding could have an adverse impact on ACC. The Company also has little diversification in its loan portfolio with the significant portion of loans outstanding to CDFIs as discussed in Note 3.

Note 8. Borrowings

Borrowings at December 31, consist of the following:

Description	Rate	Maturity	2023	2022
Bank of America[1]	LIBOR+2.00%	05/01/2023	$ -	$ 750,000
Calvert Foundation[1]	4.50%	05/06/2023	-	750,000
Deutsche Bank[1]	LIBOR+0.50%	05/06/2023	-	750,000
Ford Foundation[1]	1.00%	05/06/2023	-	750,000
Opportunity Finance Network[2]	3.00%	05/01/2027	400,000	400,000
BBVA Compass Bank[2]	2.50%	08/06/2025	400,000	400,000
PNC Bank[2]	1.00%	06/30/2024	500,000	500,000
Northern Trust[3]	2.00%	12/09/2029	1,000,000	1,000,000
Northern Trust[3]	2.00%	12/09/2029	1,000,000	1,000,000
RCIF[2]	2.00%	03/15/2024	200,000	200,000
CNote[2]	1.50%	10/24/2026	750,000	750,000
Olamina Fund[4]	3.50%	09/30/2026	2,000,000	2,000,000
Opportunity Finance Network Google Endeavor[5]	3.00%	05/31/2030	5,000,000	5,000,000
Ford Foundation[6]	2.00%	12/06/2032	5,000,000	3,000,000
Truist Bank[2]	2.00%	12/09/2026	2,725,638	1,483,055
U.S. Bancorp Community Development Corporation[7]	2.35%	11/11/2024	1,500,000	1,500,000
SK2 Fund[8]	2.00%	12/01/2032	600,000	600,000
Arthur B. Shultz Foundation[8]	2.00%	12/01/2032	100,000	100,000
Kalliopeia[9]	2.00%	11/01/2027	1,000,000	1,000,000
AMCREF Community Fund[4]	3.00%	11/22/2028	500,000	-
			22,675,638	21,933,055
Less debt issuance costs			72,526	3,018
			$ 22,603,112	$ 21,930,037

1. Disbursements on each loan are not to exceed $3 million. Each loan is unsecured with interest payments due on a quarterly basis. Each loan requires principal payments of $1 million due in May 2021 and May 2022, the sixth and seventh anniversary of the loan closing date, with the remaining principal due at maturity.

2. Each loan is unsecured with interest payments due on a quarterly basis, with the remaining principal due at maturity.

3. The loan is unsecured with interest payments due on a semi-annual basis, with the remaining principal due at maturity.

4. The loan is unsecured with interest payable monthly in arrears, with the remaining principal due at maturity.

5. The loan is unsecured with interest payable quarterly in arrears, with the remaining principal due at maturity.

Note 8. Borrowings (Continued)

6. The loan is unsecured with interest payable annually. Principal payments of $750,000 are due on the seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth anniversaries the loan closing date.
7. The loan is unsecured with interest payable quarterly in arrears, with the remaining principal due three years from the initial disbursement date. However, at the end of each of the three years during the initial term, the loan's maturity date will automatically be extended for three years.
8. The loan is unsecured with interest payable annually in arrears, with the remaining principal due at maturity.
9. The loan is unsecured with interest payable quarterly in arrears. Principal payments of $500,000 are due on November 1, 2026 and 2027.

Performance against debt covenants is measured on a quarterly basis. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, ACC was in compliance with all covenants related to its long-term borrowings.

As of December 31, 2023, the Company had unfunded term loans available totaling $6,800,000.

Note 9. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

Fair value hierarchy

There are three levels of inputs in the fair value hierarchy that may be used to measure fair value. Financial instruments are considered *Level 1* when valuation can be based on quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. *Level 2* financial instruments are valued using quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or models using inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data of substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities. Financial instruments are considered *Level 3* when their values are determined using pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies or similar techniques and at least one significant model assumption or input is unobservable and when determination of the fair value requires significant management judgment or estimation.

Recurring fair value

The Company had no financial assets recorded at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2023 or 2022.

Non-recurring fair value

The Company had no financial assets recorded at fair value on a non-recurring basis as of December 31, 2023 or 2022.

Note 10. Significant Contracts

During 2014, the Company entered into an agreement with another CDFI, Virginia Community Capital ("VCC"), now Locus, to provide data processing services. Under the terms of the contract, ACC pays a monthly fee of $3,792, as well as additional fees for out-of-scope services as needed. For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, ACC paid $45,500 each year under this agreement. Locus is a member organization of ACC and a member of Locus' management team serves on the Board of Directors of the Company.

Note 11. Related Parties

The Company currently has thirty-three loans outstanding that have been made to CDFI's, each of which is a member organization of ACC. Certain CDFI's have a member of management who also serves on the Board of Directors of the Company. Each of these loans are on substantially the same terms as those prevailing for comparable transactions with persons not related to the Company and do not involve more than normal risk of collection or present other unfavorable terms.

Note 12. Net Assets with Donor Restrictions

Net assets with donor restrictions are restricted for the following purposes or periods.

	2023	2022
Subject to expenditure for specified purpose:		
Community development lending	$ 2,987,000	$ 2,987,000
	$ 2,987,000	$ 2,987,000

Note 13. Liquidity and Availability of Financial Assets

The Company's financial assets available within one year of the balance sheet date for general expenditure are as follows:

	2023	2022
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 2,910,721	$ 7,928,519
Loans and interest receivable, current portion	334,318	3,280,481
Grants receivable	801,649	336,852
	$ 4,046,688	$ 11,545,852

As part of ACC's liquidity management, it has a policy to structure its financial assets to be available as its general expenditures, liabilities, and other obligations become due. ACC invests excess cash in short-term investments, including money market accounts, and has the ability to redeem certain investments as necessary to meet its obligations.

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Note 14. Subsequent Events

Subsequent events are events or transactions that occur after the balance sheet date but before financial statements are issued. Recognized subsequent events are events or transactions that provide additional evidence about conditions that existed at the date of the balance sheet, including the estimates inherent in the process of preparing financial statements. Nonrecognized subsequent events are events that provide evidence about conditions that did not exist at the date of the balance sheet but arose after that date.

On April 4, 2024, the Company received a $500 million award from the Environmental Protection Agency for the Clean Communities Investment Accelerator competition. The award will be used to catalyze green energy investments in low-income rural communities across the nation, leverage private capital to finance clean energy projects, create quality jobs in rural communities, reduce energy generation from carbon-based sources, and reduce carbon emissions.

The Company evaluated subsequent events through the date its financial statements were issued, and no subsequent events requiring accrual or disclosure other than the above were noted through April 29, 2024.

APPALACHIAN COMMUNITY CAPITAL CORPORATION

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS
December 31, 2023

MEMBERS OF APPALACHIAN COMMUNITY CAPITAL INCLUDE:

Access to Capital for Entrepreneurs (Georgia)
Alternatives Federal Credit Union (New York)
Appalachian Development Corporation (South Carolina)
Appalachian Growth Capital (Ohio)
Bridgeway Capital (Pennsylvania)
Bronze Valley (Alabama)
Business Seed Capital/Total Action for Progress (Virginia)
Carolina Community Impact (North Carolina)
Carolina Small Business Development Fund (North Carolina)
CommunityWorks (South Carolina)
Finance Fund Capital Corporation (Ohio)
Foodshed Capital (Virginia)
Hampton Roads Ventures, LLC (Virginia)
Institute Capital (ICAP) (North Carolina)
InvestPGH (Pennsylvania)
Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation (Kentucky)
LiftFund (Texas – Serving Selected Appalachian States)
Mountain Association for Community Economic Development (Kentucky)
Mountain BizWorks (North Carolina)
Neighborhood Community Development Fund (Pennsylvania)
North Alabama Revolving Loan Fund (Alabama)
Park Community Credit Union (Kentucky)
Partner Community Capital (West Virginia)
Pathway Lending (Tennessee)
People, Inc. (Virginia)
Piedmont Business Capital (North Carolina)
Renaissance Community Loan Fund (Mississippi)
Sabre Financial (Alabama)
South Carolina Community Loan Fund (South Carolina)
Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project, Inc. (Virginia)
Southeast Kentucky Economic Development Corporation (Kentucky)
Three Rivers Planning & Development District (Mississippi)
Locus (Virginia)
Woodlands Community Lenders (West Virginia)
CEI Inc.
Coalfield Development Corporation
Grow America
National Trust for Historic Preservation/MSA
West Virginia Community Development Hub

APPALACHIAN COMMUNITY CAPITAL CORPORATION

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Federal Grantor/Pass - Through Grantor/ Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Amounts Passed Thru to Sub-Recipients	Total Federal Expenditures
U.S. Department of the Treasury				
Direct Assistance				
Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI):				
2018 FA	21.020	N/A	$ -	$ 510,000
Equitable Recovery Program	21.033	N/A	-	300,000
Rapid Response Program	21.024	N/A	-	707,940
Total U.S. Department of Treasury				1,517,940
Appalachian Regional Commission				
Direct Assistance				
Appalachian Regional Central Appalachian CDC	23.002	PW-20445-IM-21	-	1,080,597
Appalachian Regional Commission Opportunity Appalachia	23.002	PW-21481-IM-23	-	19,641
COVID-19 Appalachian Regional Commission COVID Relief	23.002	CO-19944		19,200
Total Appalachian Regional Commission				1,119,438
U.S. Department of Agriculture				
Direct Assistance				
Rural Community Development Initiative	10.446		-	96,540
Total U.S. Small Business Administration				96,540
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards				$ 2,733,918

See accompanying notes to schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

NOTE 1 - BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the Schedule) includes the federal grant activity of Appalachian Community Capital Corporation and its subsidiaries (the Company) under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2023. The information presented in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirement 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 Company, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets or cash flows of the Company.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are report 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.

NOTE 3 - INDIRECT COST RATE

The Company has elected to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

NOTE 4 - AWARDS EXPENDED IN THE FORM OF LOANS

Federal awards from the U.S. Department of Treasury were used to originate $810,000 in loans for 2023.

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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 Directors
Appalachian Community Capital Corporation
Christiansburg, Virginia

We have audited, in accordance with the 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 consolidated financial statements of Appalachian Community Capital Corporation (the "Company"), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as of December 31, 2023, and the related consolidated statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 29, 2024.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Company'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 opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company'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 Company'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 over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. 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 exists that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Company's consolidated 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 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 Company'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 Company's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Brown, Edwards & Company, L.L.P.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Christiansburg, Virginia
April 29, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

To the Board of Directors
Appalachian Community Capital Corporation
Christiansburg, Virginia

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Appalachian Community Capital Corporation's (the "Company") 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 Company's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2023. The Company'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 Company 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, 2023.

Basis of Opinion for Each Major Federal Program

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 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 Company 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 Company'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 Company's federal programs.

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program (Continued)

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 Company'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 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 Company's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with 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 Company'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 Company'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 Company'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

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.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance (Continued)

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. 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.

Brown, Edwards & Company, L. L. P.

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Christiansburg, Virginia
April 29, 2024

APPALACHIAN COMMUNITY CAPITAL CORPORATION

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
Year Ended December 31, 2023

A. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

1. The auditor's report expresses an **unmodified opinion** on the consolidated financial statements of Appalachian Community Capital Corporation (the "Company").
2. **No significant deficiencies and no material weaknesses** relating to the audit of the consolidated financial statements are reported in the 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*.
3. **No instances of noncompliance** material to the consolidated financial statements of the Company were disclosed during the audit.
4. **No significant deficiencies and no material weaknesses** relating to the audit of the major federal award programs are reported in the Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Program and on Internal Control over Compliance required by the Uniform Guidance.
5. The auditor's report on compliance for the major federal award programs of the Company expresses an unmodified opinion.
6. The audit disclosed no findings related to major programs.
7. The major federal award programs tested include:

   Appalachian Regional Commission:

Appalachian Area Development – Central Appalachian CDC	23.002

8. The **threshold** for distinguishing Type A and B programs was **$750,000**.
9. The Company was determined **not** to be a **low-risk auditee**.

B. FINDINGS – FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

None.

C. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS – MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAM AUDIT

None.

APPALACHIAN COMMUNITY CAPITAL CORPORATION

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
Year Ended December 31, 2023

A. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS – MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAM AUDIT

2022-001: Community Development Financial Institutions Fund – Assistance Listing No. 21.020 and Community Development Financial Institutions Fund – Rapid Response Program Assistance Listing No. 21.024, *Late Filing of Prior Year Data Collection Form.*

Criteria and Condition: The data collection form and reporting package is required to be submitted to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse within 30 days after receipt of the auditor's report or 9 months after the end of the fiscal year, whichever comes first.

Current status: No longer applicable. The 2022 form was filed timely.