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Presentation of Audit Results

**Fiscal Year Ended
June 30, 2024**



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January 31, 2025

To the Board of Directors
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We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of High Country Council of Governments, Inc. for the year ended June 30, 2024. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards* and the Uniform Guidance, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated February 19, 2024. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by High Country Council of Governments, Inc. are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. The Council adopted GASB statement 100 "Accounting Changes and Error Corrections," effective for fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. We noted no transactions entered into by High Country Council of Governments, Inc. during the year that were both significant and unusual, and of which, under professional standards, we are required to inform you, or transactions for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. There were no significant estimate(s) or assumptions noted during the audit.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statement users. There are no such disclosures identified.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

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Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. Some of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to each opinion unit's financial statements taken as a whole.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditors' report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated January 31, 2025.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the governmental unit's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Auditing Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the High Country Council of Governments, Inc.'s auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to the Schedule of Funding Progress –Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) – Local Government Employees' Retirement System, Schedule of Contributions – Local Government Employees' Retirement System, and the Schedule of Changes in the Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios, which is Required Supplementary Information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were engaged to report on the combining statements and the individual fund statements, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

Please ensure that management and the Board is aware of the new GASB pronouncements for the upcoming fiscal year. Be especially mindful of GASB No.101: *Compensated Absences*, as the implementation of this standard may take a significant amount of time and resources to gather the necessary information. If the proper resources are not allotted for the implementation of this standard, this could potentially cause a significant delay in the completion of the upcoming audit.

Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board and management of the High Country Council of Governments, Inc. and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

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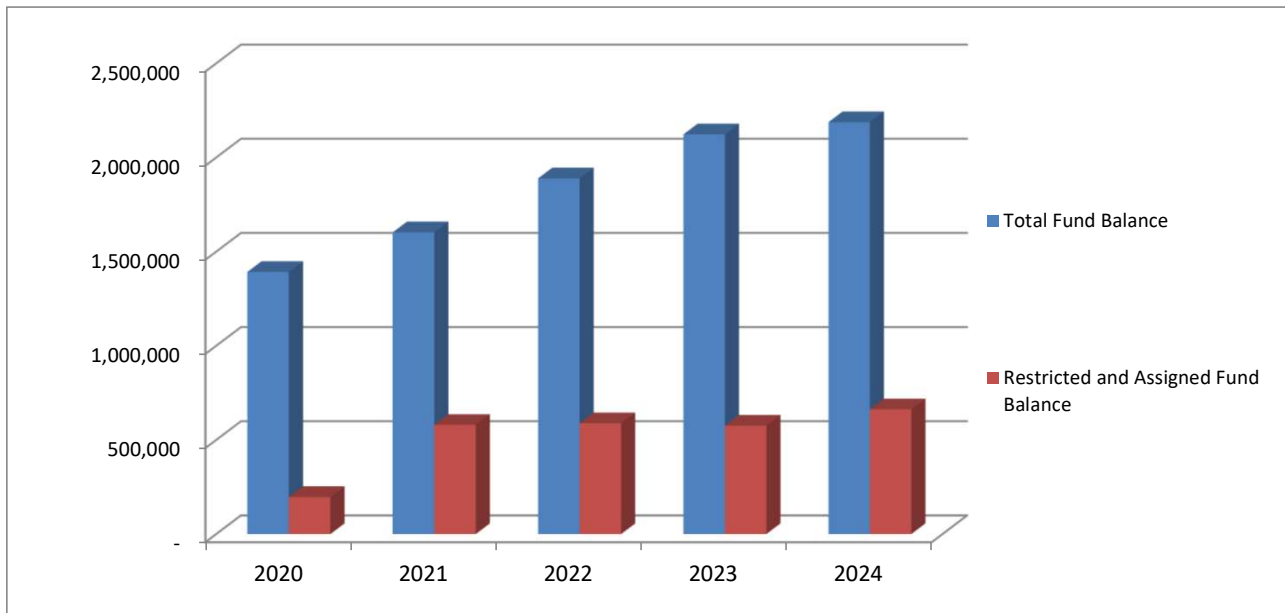
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FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR 5 YEARS

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Total Fund Balance - Governmental Funds	2,187,912	2,122,917	1,889,108	1,602,480	1,392,247
Restricted Fund Balance - GF	102,662	22,457	71,514	360,862	112,360
Assigned Fund Balance - GF	560,052	553,514	517,457	219,359	84,579
Unassigned Fund Balance GF	1,525,198	1,546,946	1,300,137	1,022,259	1,195,308
Total Expenditures (including transfers)	7,396,890	6,719,237	6,027,586	5,572,839	5,392,193
Total Fund Balance as % of Governmental Fund	29.58%	31.59%	31.34%	28.76%	25.82%
Unassigned Fund Balance as % of Governmental Fund					
Expenditures	20.62%	23.02%	21.57%	18.34%	22.17%
Revenues over (under) expenditures before other financing					
General Fund	40,817	122,752	63,530	75,453	15,841
Special Revenue Funds	6,538	111,057	223,098	134,750	(28,569)
Year End Cash vs. Fund Balance					
Cash - General	1,594,742	1,594,933	1,415,827	1,104,148	1,285,256
Cash - Special Revenue Funds	220,888	613,453	241,177	14,260	-
Fund Balance - General	1,627,860	1,569,403	1,446,651	1,383,121	1,307,668
Fund Balance - Special Revenue Funds	560,052	553,514	442,457	219,359	84,579
Breakdown of General Fund Revenues					
Local Activities	313,244	543,302	229,293	191,265	128,155
Miscellaneous	44,710	26,050	20,142	29,542	38,122
Interest	73,054	55,117	2,212	210	9,950
Total	431,008	624,469	251,647	221,017	176,227
Breakdown of General Fund Expenditures					
General Government	390,191	514,506	203,554	145,564	160,386
Total Revenue					
General Fund	431,008	624,469	251,647	221,017	176,227
Federal Funds	5,541,487	5,051,528	5,140,707	4,908,201	4,524,417
State Funds	397,841	250,996	202,712	235,462	221,179
Local Funds	1,073,909	766,376	624,842	418,392	457,642
Total Revenues	7,444,245	6,693,369	6,219,908	5,783,072	5,379,465
Total Expenditures (before transfers)					
General Fund	390,191	514,506	203,554	145,564	160,386
Transportation	184,726	166,843	159,563	159,563	159,563
Economic and Community Development	1,494,765	1,011,279	811,805	627,982	624,792
Human Services	3,483,718	3,141,395	3,135,311	3,200,781	2,776,091
Workforce Development	1,843,490	1,885,214	1,717,353	1,438,949	1,671,361
Total Expenditures	7,396,890	6,719,237	6,027,586	5,572,839	5,392,193

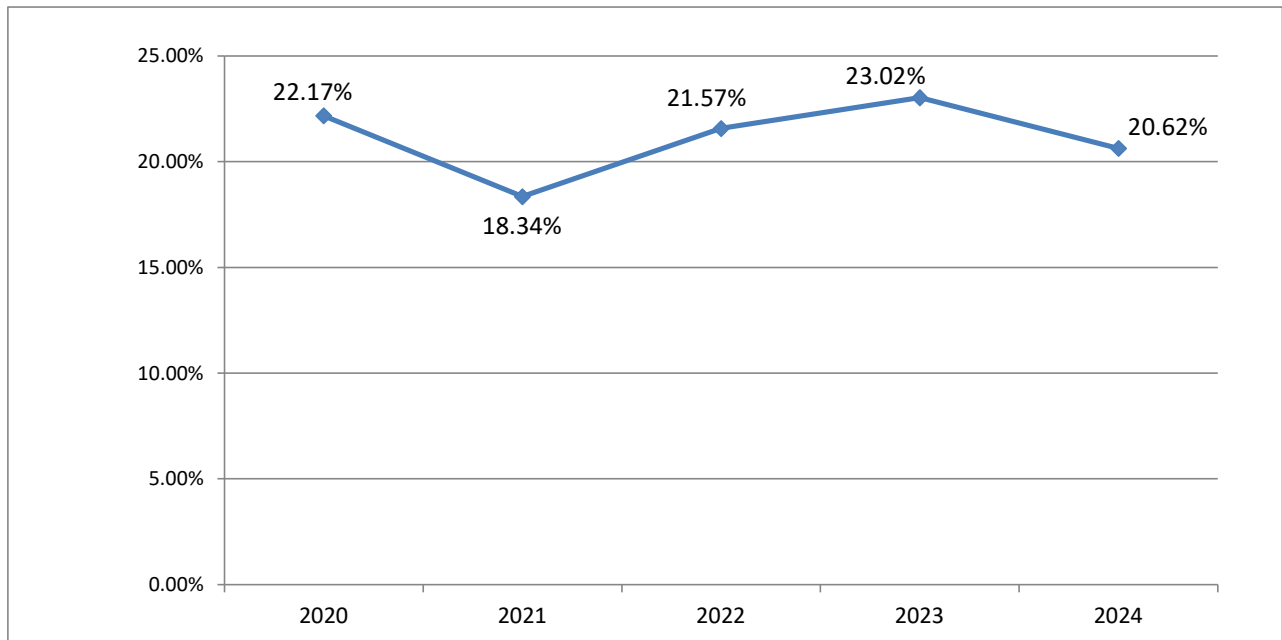
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Analysis of Fund Balance - General Fund

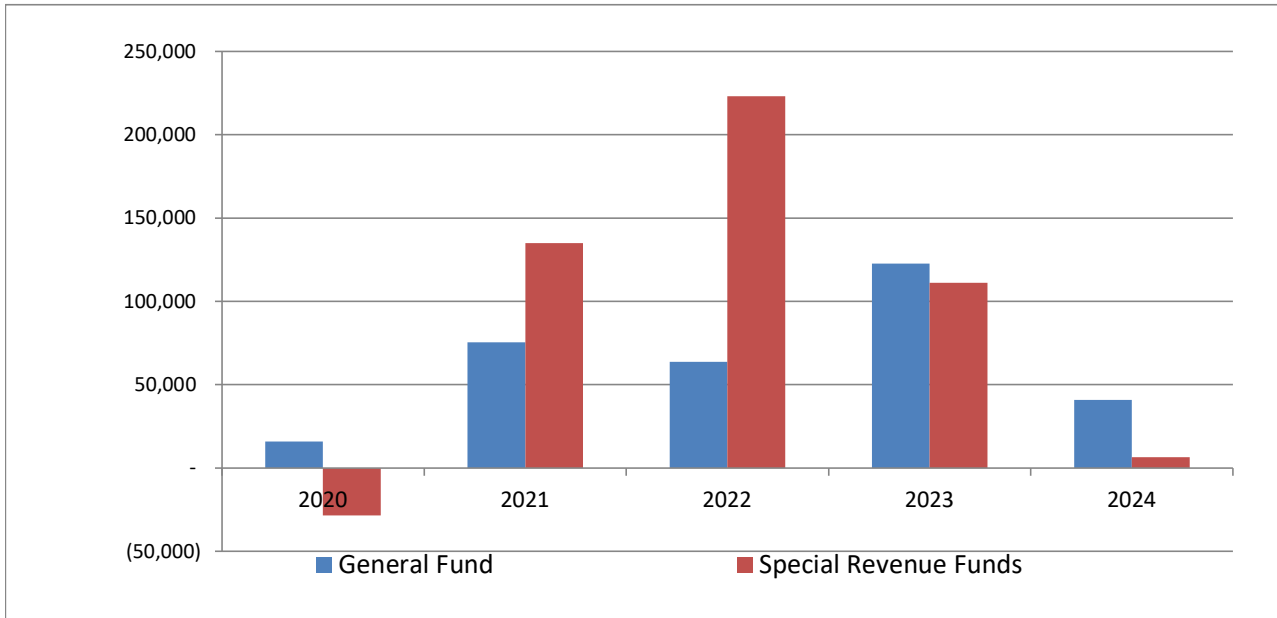


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Analysis of Unassigned Fund Balance as a % of General Fund Expenditures

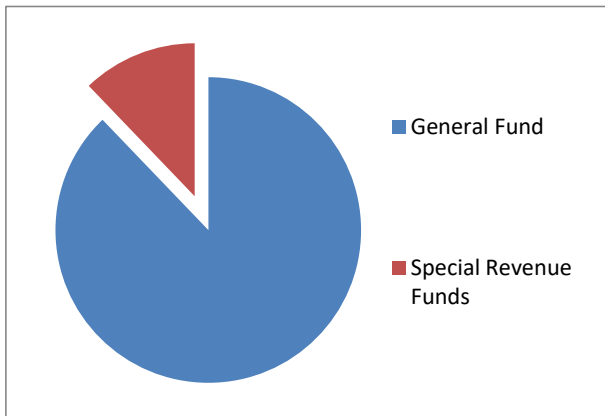


HIGH COUNTRY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS **Analysis of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures before Transfers**

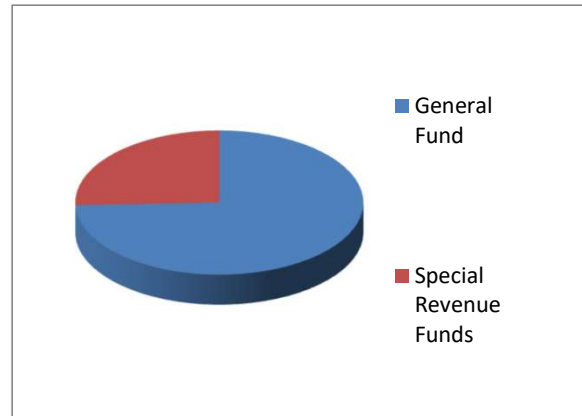


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CASH BALANCES



FUND BALANCES



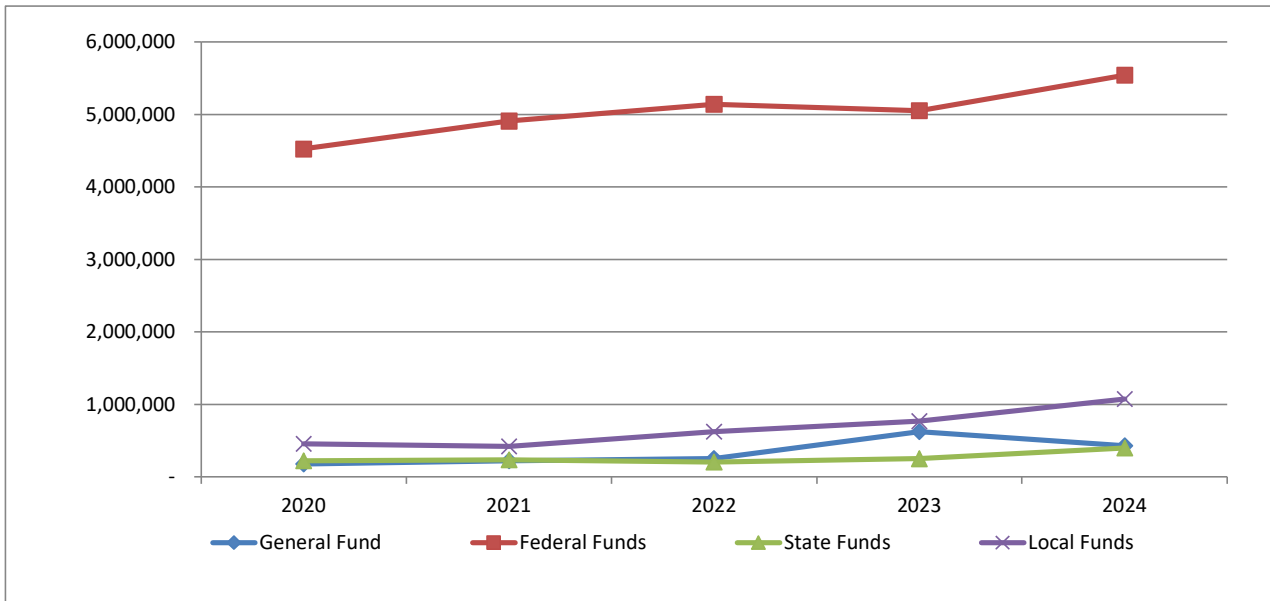
2024

General Fund
Special Revenue Funds
Total

<u>Cash Balances</u>	
\$	1,594,742
	220,888
\$	1,815,630

<u>Fund Balances</u>	
\$	1,627,860
	560,052
\$	2,187,912

HIGH COUNTRY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS Analysis of Total Revenues



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