

City of Santa Clarita

Santa Clarita, California

Single Audit and Independent Auditor's Reports

For the Year Ended June 30, 2025



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**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***

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Honorable Mayor and the Members of City Council
of the City of Santa Clarita
Santa Clarita, California

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 (“*Government Auditing Standards*”), the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Santa Clarita, California (the “City”), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City’s basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 12, 2025.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the City’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 City’s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City’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 City’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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as item 2025-001 that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

The City's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards require auditor to perform limited procedures on the City's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. City's response was not subject to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "The PwC Group, LLP". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Santa Ana, California
December 12, 2025



**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**

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Honorable Mayor and the Members of City Council
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Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the City of Santa Clarita, California's (the "City") 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 City's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2025. The City's major federal programs are identified in the summary of the auditor's results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

In our opinion, the City 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, 2025.

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 City 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 City'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 City'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 City'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 City'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 City'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 City'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 City'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.

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.

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

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Report on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated December 12, 2025, 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 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 GAAS. In our opinion, the Schedule of Expenditure of Federal Awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.



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December 12, 2025

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Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	Agency or Pass-Through Number	Federal Expenditures	Expenditures to Subrecipients
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development				
<i>Community Development Block Grant Cluster Entitlement/ Special Purpose Grants</i>				
<i>Direct Programs:</i>				
Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants	14.218	B-22-MC-06-0576	\$ 707,936	\$ 707,936
Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants	14.218	B-23-MC-06-0576	1,275,153	1,275,153
Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants	14.218	B-24-MC-06-0576	721,224	444,482
COVID-19 - Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants - CARES Act	14.218	B-20-MW-06-0576	218,960	218,959
Total Community Development Block Grant/ Entitlement Grants	14.218		<u>2,923,273</u>	<u>2,646,530</u>
Total Community Development Block Grant Cluster Entitlement/ Special Purpose Grants			<u>2,923,273</u>	<u>2,646,530</u>
Total U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development			<u>2,923,273</u>	<u>2,646,530</u>
U.S. Department of Justice				
<i>Direct Program:</i>				
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program	16.738	15PBJA-24-GG-04646-JAGX	20,317	-
Total U.S. Department of Justice			<u>20,317</u>	<u>-</u>
U.S. Department of Transportation				
<i>Pass-through the State of California Department of Transportation:</i>				
Highway Planning and Construction (Federal-Aid Highway Program)	20.205	STPLR 130L(305)	528	-
Highway Planning and Construction (Federal-Aid Highway Program)	20.205	BHLS-5450(101)	53,567	-
Highway Planning and Construction (Federal-Aid Highway Program)	20.205	DEML22-5450(104)	1,118,990	-
Total Highway Planning and Construction (Federal-Aid Highway Program)	20.205		<u>1,173,085</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Federal Transit Cluster</i>				
<i>Direct Programs:</i>				
Federal Transit - Formula Grants (Urbanized Area Formula Program)	20.507	CA-90-Y276-02	157,838	-
Federal Transit - Formula Grants (Urbanized Area Formula Program)	20.507	CA-2017-138-00	77,292	-
Federal Transit - Formula Grants (Urbanized Area Formula Program)	20.507	CA-2019-125-00	790,124	-
COVID-19 - Federal Transit - Formula Grants (Urbanized Area Formula Program)	20.507	CA-2021-138-00	825,559	-
Federal Transit - Formula Grants (Urbanized Area Formula Program)	20.507	CA-2021-193-00	1,396,694	-
COVID-19 - Federal Transit - Formula Grants (Urbanized Area Formula Program)	20.507	CA-2022-125-00	10,903,902	-
Federal Transit - Formula Grants (Urbanized Area Formula Program)	20.507	CA-2022-167-00	508,582	-
Federal Transit - Formula Grants (Urbanized Area Formula Program)	20.507	CA-2023-074-00	26,983	-
Federal Transit - Formula Grants (Urbanized Area Formula Program)	20.507	CA-2023-132-00	882,943	-
Total Federal Transit - Formula Grants (Urbanized Area Formula Program)	20.507		<u>15,569,917</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Federal Transit Cluster			<u>15,569,917</u>	<u>-</u>
Total U.S. Department of Transportation			<u>16,743,002</u>	<u>-</u>
U.S. Department of the Treasury				
<i>Direct Program:</i>				
COVID-19 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	1505-0271	133,192	-
Total U.S. Department of the Treasury			<u>133,192</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			<u>\$ 19,819,784</u>	<u>\$ 2,646,530</u>

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Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

Note 1 – Reporting Entity

The financial reporting entity, as defined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”) Codification, consists of the primary government, which is the City of Santa Clarita, California (the “City”), organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the City’s financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

The City Council acts as the governing body and is able to impose its will on the following organization, establishing financial accountability:

- The Santa Clarita Public Financing Authority
- The Santa Clarita Public Television Authority

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

Funds received under the various grant programs have been recorded within the special revenue funds and enterprise fund of the City. The City utilizes the modified accrual basis of accounting for the special revenue funds and the accrual basis of accounting for the enterprise fund. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the “Schedule”) is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (“CFR”) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (the “Uniform Guidance”). Therefore, some amounts presented in the Schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in, the preparation of City’s basic financial statements.

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

The accompanying Schedule presents the activity of all federal financial assistance programs of the City. Federal financial assistance received directly from federal agencies, as well as federal financial assistance passed through the State of California Department of Transportation, are included in the Schedule. The Schedule was prepared from only the accounts of various grant programs and, therefore, does not present the financial position or results of operations of the City.

Indirect Cost Rate

The City did not elect to use the 10% de minimis cost rate.

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Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (Continued)
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Note 3 – Subrecipients

During the year ended June 30, 2025, the City has the following subrecipients:

Assistance Listing Number	Program Name / Subrecipient Name	Amount Provided to Subrecipients
14.218	Community Development Block Grants / Entitlement Grants:	
	Handyworker / Santa Clarita Valley Committee on Aging	\$ 446,732
	Project Special Children of the Valley / Carousel Ranch Inc.	10,644
	Ready to Work/Carousel Ranch Inc.	13,302
	Transportation for Disabled Adults/Avenues Supported Living Services	28,768
	CDBG-CV Scholarship Program/ Santa Clarita Valley Boys and Girls Club	26,500
	CDBG-CV Low-Mod Income Household Support/Family Promise of Santa Clarita Valley	31,861
	The Study Place/Fostering Youth Independence	23,470
	Rent and Utility Assistance Program/The Salvation Army	50,000
	Virtual Assistance Program/Single Mothers Outreach	19,422
	Child Care Scholarships/Santa Clarita Valley Family YMCA	38,939
	Low-Mod Income Household Support/Family Promise of Santa Clarita Valley	34,783
	Case Management / Fostering Youth Independence	40,835
	Community Access Services/ Santa Clarita Valley Committee on Aging	37,895
	Homeless Intake and Assessment / Bridge To Home	54,665
	Mental Health for Single Parents and their Children/Single Mothers Outreach, Inc.	29,802
	Design/Build Play Area At Valencia Glen Park	526,612
	Old Orchard Park Phase I Improvement Project	1,232,300
		<u>\$ 2,646,530</u>

City of Santa Clarita
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

Section I – Summary of Auditor’s Results

Financial Statements

Types of report the auditors issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with GAAP: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weakness(es) identified? No
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? 2025-001

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? No

Federal Awards

Internal control over major federal programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified? No
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? None Reported

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

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)? No

Identification of major federal programs:

Assistance Listing Numbers	Major Federal Program or Cluster	Federal Expenditures
20.507	Federal Transit Cluster	\$ 15,569,917
	Total Expenditures of All Major Federal Programs	\$ 15,569,917
	Total Expenditures of Federal Awards	\$ 19,819,784
	Percent of Total Expenditures of Federal Awards	78.56%

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: \$750,000

Auditee qualified as a low-risk auditee in accordance with 2 CFR 200.520? Yes

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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Continued)
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

Section II – Financial Statement Findings

A. Current Year Findings – Financial Statement

Finding 2025-001: Internal Control Over Financial Reporting – Prior Period Adjustments

Criteria:

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation as well as the accuracy of its financial statements including disclosures in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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. As part of satisfying that responsibility, management should ensure complete year-end closing and diligently produce reliable and accurate financial information.

In essence, accounting policies and procedures would aid the City in providing training for accounting personnel, communicating and providing a source of reference to approved policies, and maintaining consistency of recording financial transactions.

Condition:

During the year ended June 30, 2025, the City reported prior period adjustments to the governmental activities beginning net position due to corrections to the developer credit in the amount of \$14,166,245 and California Energy Commission 2024 loan in the amount of \$2,700,000.

Cause:

The City did not have formal policies and procedures for communicating, reconciling, and reviewing the B&T credit issued and used. In addition, there was ineffective review of account coding when the debt proceed was initially received in the prior year as other revenue instead of other financing sources.

Context and Effect:

Prior period adjustments were reported in the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2025.

Recommendation:

We recommend that the City improve its review processes over developer credit and proceed from loan to ensure they are thoroughly reviewed and accurately recorded.

Views of Responsible Officials:

The City concurs the finding.

Bridge and Thoroughfare (B&T) Credits

During Fiscal Year 24/25, Finance staff identified bridge and thoroughfare credits recorded on the City's financial statements did not reconcile with the Traffic Division's records. When identified, staff immediately conducted an internal review of all bridge and thoroughfare credits. As a part of the review and analysis, staff identified bridge and thoroughfare credits were overstated by a net amount of \$14,166,242. The City immediately took several actions to implement additional procedures and controls to ensure accuracy is maintained going forward.

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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Continued)
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Section II – Financial Statement Findings (Continued)

A. Current Year Findings – Financial Statement (Continued)

Finding 2025-001: Internal Control Over Financial Reporting – Prior Period Adjustments (Continued)

Views of Responsible Officials: (Continued)

Bridge and Thoroughfare (B&T) Credits (Continued)

These include: 1) A new master B&T tracking matrix was developed and will be maintained by Traffic on an ongoing basis; 2) Public Works will generate an annual fiscal year end record to certify credit balances are accurate; 3) A new electronic Laserfiche form was developed to establish a formal workflow that includes date/time stamps and email reminders to prevent an abandoned form, whereby Finance acknowledges the issuance/usage/transfer of credits prior to Public Works signing a letter to the developer certifying the action, followed by Finance assigning a journal entry number confirming the credit was recorded in the City's financial system, completing the workflow; and 4) Finance has added a line item to its year-end audit task list, requiring a positive, signed confirmation from Public Works staff, (Transportation Planning Analyst, Assistant City Engineer, and Director of Public Works) certifying B&T credit balances are accurate for each fiscal year.

California Energy Commission Loan

Additional internal training has been provided to Finance staff. Staff have also attended California Society of Municipal Finance Officers' (CSMFO) trainings including the Annual Weekend Training Seminar. Staff will be attending various upcoming webinars focused on governmental accounting and municipal financing, as well as training sessions at the annual CSMFO conference. A line item has been added to Finance's year-end audit task list, requiring staff review and evaluate unique transactions, including debt issuance, to ensure the transactions are properly recorded. A note is also included for staff to confirm all unique transactions are accurately booked with the City's auditors during annual audit, prior to report issuance.

B. Prior Year Findings – Financial Statement

No prior year findings were reported.

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Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

A. Current Year Findings and Questioned Costs – Major Federal Award Program Audit

No current year findings were reported.

B. Prior Year Findings and Questioned Costs – Major Federal Award Program Audit

No prior year findings were reported.

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