

LINN-BENTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ALBANY, OREGON

FEDERAL SINGLE AUDIT ACT AUDIT
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Year Ended June 30, 2024

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR
FEDERAL PROGRAM; REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE; AND
REPORT ON SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

November 15, 2024

Board of Education
Linn-Benton Community College
Albany, Oregon

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Linn-Benton Community College's 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 Linn-Benton Community College's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. Linn-Benton Community College's major federal programs are identified in the summary of audit results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, Linn-Benton Community College 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, 2024.

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; 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 Linn-Benton Community College 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 opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of Linn-Benton Community College'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 Linn-Benton Community College'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 Linn-Benton Community College'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 Linn-Benton Community College'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 Linn-Benton Community College'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 Linn-Benton Community College'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 Linn-Benton Community College'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.

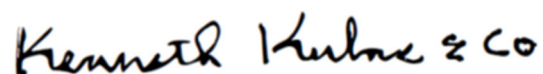
Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant 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.

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 Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance

We have audited the financial statements of Linn-Benton Community College as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated November 15, 2024 which contained an unmodified opinion on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Uniform Guidance and is not a required part of the 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 financial statements or to the 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 financial statements as a whole.



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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Expenditures
<u>U.S. Department of Education:</u>			
Direct: Student Financial Aid Programs:			
Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants	84.007		\$ 250,267
College Work Study	84.033		180,739
Federal Direct Loan Program	84.268		6,434,496
Pell Grant	84.063		<u>6,605,520</u>
Total Student Financial Aid Programs			<u>13,471,022</u>
Direct: Title III Strengthening Institutions Program Grant	84.031A		<u>292,403</u>
Direct: Open Social Services Pathways	84.116T		<u>921,724</u>
Direct: Education Stabilization Fund:			
COVID-19 - Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund-IHE's	84.425E		40,439
COVID-19 - Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund-IHE/Institution	84.425F		<u>320,481</u>
			360,920
Passed through Oregon Department of Education:			
COVID-19 - GEER Computer Science	84.425C		117,480
COVID-19 - ESSER III Career Connected Learning Navigator	84.425U		1,367,604
COVID-19 - ESSER III STEM	84.425U		<u>81,621</u>
Total Education Stabilization Fund			<u>1,927,625</u>
Passed through Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission:			
Adult Education - Grants to States	84.002	16-366J	<u>291,399</u>
Passed through Oregon Department of Education:			
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States -			
Tech Prep Education (Perkins Reserve)	84.048		112,167
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States -			
Small Schools Consortium (Perkins Basic)	84.048		<u>408,227</u>
Total Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States			<u>520,394</u>
Passed through Portland Community College:			
ICAP (Inclusive Career Advancement Program)	84.421C		<u>91,393</u>
Total U.S. Department of Education			<u>17,515,960</u>

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Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Expenditures
<u>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:</u>			
Passed through Oregon Department of Education:			
477 Cluster:			
Child Care Resource and Referral	93.596	10438	\$ 311,810
Passed through Oregon Department of Education:			
Promoting Safe and Stable Families	93.556		17,802
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			329,612
<u>Small Business Administration:</u>			
Passed through Lane Community College:			
Small Business Development Center	59.037	16-149	68,694
<u>National Science Foundation:</u>			
Direct: Accelerating Advanced Electric Vehicle Education	47.076		90,990
<u>National Aeronautics and Space Administration</u>			
Passed through Oregon State University:			
OSGC ROV Grant			9,966
OSGC Eclipse Grant			18,083
OSGC MATE Grant			8,691
Total National Aeronautics and Space Administration			36,740
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$ 18,041,996

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NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
Year Ended June 30, 2024

1. Purpose of the Schedule:

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the Schedule) is a supplementary schedule to Linn-Benton Community College's financial statements and is presented for purposes of additional analysis. Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the activities of the College, it is not intended to and does not present either the financial position or changes in net position of the College.

2. Significant Accounting Policies:

Reporting Entity: The reporting entity is fully described in Note 1 to the College's financial statements. The Schedule includes all federal financial assistance programs administered by the College for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Basis of Presentation: The information in the Schedule is presented in accordance with Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance).

Federal Financial Assistance: Pursuant to the Uniform Guidance, federal financial assistance is defined as assistance provided by a federal agency, either directly or indirectly, in the form of grants, contracts, cooperative agreements, loans, loan guarantees, property, interest subsidies, insurance or direct appropriations. Accordingly, nonmonetary federal assistance, including federal surplus property, is included in federal financial assistance and, therefore, is reported on the Schedule, if applicable. Federal financial assistance does not include direct federal cash assistance to individuals. Solicited contracts between the state and federal government for which the federal government procures tangible goods or services are not considered to be federal financial assistance.

Basis of Accounting: The expenditures in the Schedule are recognized as incurred based on the accrual basis of accounting and the cost accounting principles contained in the Uniform Guidance. Under those cost principles, certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. The College has elected not to use the ten percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

Matching Costs: The Schedule does not include matching expenditures.

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NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

Year Ended June 30, 2024

3. Subrecipients:

During the year ended June 30, 2024, the College provided federal awards to subrecipients as follows:

	<u>Assistance Listing Number</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
Education Stabilization Fund:		
COVID-19 - ESSER III Career Connected Learning Navigator	84.425U	\$ 1,082,919

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Year Ended June 30, 2024

A - SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS:

1. The independent auditor's report expresses an unmodified opinion on the financial statements of Linn-Benton Community College.
2. There were no significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting reported during the audit of the financial statements of Linn-Benton Community College.
3. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of Linn-Benton Community College were disclosed during the audit.
4. There were no significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance reported during the audit of the major federal award programs of Linn-Benton Community College.
5. The independent auditor's report on compliance for the major federal award programs of Linn-Benton Community College expresses an unmodified opinion.
6. No audit findings relative to the major federal award programs of Linn-Benton Community College are reported in this schedule.
7. The programs tested as major programs are as follows:

<u>Program Name</u>	<u>Assistance Listing Number</u>
Student Financial Aid Cluster:	
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants	84.007
Federal Work-Study Program	84.033
Federal Pell Grant Program	84.063
Federal Direct Student Loans	84.268
Education Stabilization Fund	84.425
Open Social Services Pathways	84.116T

8. The threshold for distinguishing Type A programs from Type B programs was \$750,000.
9. Linn-Benton Community College was determined to be a low-risk auditee.

B - FINDINGS, FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT:

None.

C - FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS, MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS
AUDIT:

None.