SULLIVAN COUNTY FUNDING CORPORATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of the Sullivan County Funding Corporation Monticello, NY 12701

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Sullivan County Funding Corporation, a component unit of the County of Sullivan, New York, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Corporation's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Sullivan County Funding Corporation as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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 Sullivan County Funding Corporation 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.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Sullivan County Funding Corporation's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the 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 opinions. 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 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 Sullivan County Funding Corporation'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 financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Sullivan County Funding Corporation'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.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 4 through 6 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is

required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about 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 do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 13, 2025, on our consideration of the Sullivan County Funding Corporation's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and 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 the 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 Sullivan County Funding Corporation's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Cooper arias, LLP

Mongaup Valley, New York March 13, 2025

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS Year Ending December 31, 2024

This section of the Sullivan County Funding Corporation's annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the Corporation's financial performance during the fiscal year ended on December 31, 2024. Please read it in conjunction with the Corporation's financial statements and accompanying notes.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This annual financial report consists of two parts: Management's Discussion and Analysis (this section) and the basic financial statements. The Corporation's statements follow the accrual basis of accounting and are presented in a manner similar to a private business.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE CORPORATION

The following table summarizes the changes in net position between December 31, 2024 and 2023.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Current Assets Non-Current Assets	\$ 984,949 <u>120,488</u>	\$ 291,839 90,240
Total Assets	1,105,437	382,079
Current Liabilities Long Term Liabilities		4,598
Total Liabilities	<u> </u>	4,598
Unrestricted	1,105,437	377,481
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 1,105,437</u>	<u>\$ 377,481</u>

The main reason for the increase in net position was the \$985,574 transfer from Sullivan County related to outstanding revolving loans (Note 5)

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS Year Ending December 31, 2024

The following table summarizes the changes in operating activity between fiscal years 2024 and 2023.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Administrative Fees Interest on Notes Receivable Other Income	\$ - 7,582 244	\$ 5,000 4,558
Total Operating Revenues	7,826	9,558
Advertising and Marketing Program Development Administration Fees Consulting Services Other Administrative Expenses Total Operating Expenses Operating Income (Loss)	$ \begin{array}{r} 200,000\\ 10,000\\ 8,550\\ \underline{7,960}\\ 226,510\\ (218,684) \end{array} $	$12,524 \\ 200,000 \\ 10,000 \\ 25,402 \\ 4,675 \\ \hline 252,601 \\ (243,043)$
Non-Operating Revenues/(Expenses)		
Interest Income Bad Debt Expense Transfer from County of Sullivan	175 (39,109) <u>985,574</u>	152
Change in Net Position	<u>\$ 727,956</u>	<u>\$ (242,891)</u>

OPERATIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

During 2024, the Board of Directors of the Sullivan County Funding Corporation (SCFC) met ten times. On February 12, the Board met to review SCFC's policies, mission statement, and performance measurements. On March 29, the Board conducted its annual self-evaluation and reviewed and accepted SCFC's FY 2023 audited financial statements and the financial information contained in the FY 2023 Public Authorities Reporting Information System (PARIS) Reports. On October 21 the Board approved SCFC's 2025 Budget and Financial Plan. In addition to meetings of the full Board of Directors, the Governance Committee met on December 16 to conduct its annual business.

During 2024 SCFC continued to administer bonds issued in prior years, to finance projects for the benefit of The Center for Discovery, Inc. (TCFD) and Sullivan County College Dormitory Corporation (SCCCDC).

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS Year Ending December 31, 2024

In March SCFC authorized an amendment to the existing Contract for Community and Economic Development Services with Sullivan Catskills Regional Food Hub, Inc. (SCRFH), to adjust the schedule of payments for services. In accordance with the amendment, SCFC made two payments to SCRFH during 2024, and will make the final payment during 2025. SCRFH, doing business as A Single Bite, continues its work to develop a farm-to-school program and an employer based community supported agriculture program, and to feed families and educate students about healthy food choices.

During 2024 the Corporation continued to administer five revolving loans through its Millennium Revolving Loan Fund Program.

Pursuant to the assignment of the County of Sullivan's (County) revolving loans and loan funds to SCFC, during 2024 SCFC administered ten former County loans. Two of the ten loans were satisfied during 2024. In addition to the ten loans that were active this year, three severely delinquent loans assigned by the County to SCFC were written off during 2024.

CAPITAL ASSETS

The Corporation had no capital assets as of December 31, 2024 or 2023.

DEBT

The Corporation had no debt as of December 31, 2024 or 2023.

CONTACTING THE CORPORATION'S MANAGEMENT

If you have any questions about this report or need additional information, contact Jennifer Flad, Executive Director, Sullivan County Funding Corporation, at 548 Broadway Monticello, NY 12701.

SULLIVAN COUNTY FUNDING CORPORATION STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31,

ASSETS Current Assets	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 851,262	\$ 241,836
Accounts Receivable	518	159
Prepaid Expenses	2,614	3,348
Notes Receivable- Current	130,555	46,496
Total Current Assets	984,949	291,839
Non-Current Assets:		
Notes Receivable	120,488	90,240
Total Non-Current Assets	120,488	90,240
TOTAL ASSETS	1,105,437	382,079
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Due To Related Party		4,598
Total Current Liabilities	<u> </u>	4,598
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>-</u>	4,598
NET POSITION		
Unrestricted		377,481
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$ 1,105,437</u>	\$ 377,481

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES AND AUDITORS' OPINION

SULLIVAN COUNTY FUNDING CORPORATION STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGE IN NET POSITION YEARS ENDED DECEMEBER 31,

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
OPERATING REVENUES		¢ 5 000
Administrative Fees	\$ -	\$ 5,000
Interest on Notes Receivable	7,582	4,558
Other Income	244	<u> </u>
Total Operating Revenues	7,826	9,558
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Advertising and Marketing	-	12,524
Program Development	200,000	200,000
Administrative Fees	10,000	10,000
Consulting Services	8,550	25,402
Insurance	7,915	4,645
Miscellaneous Expenses	45	30
Total Operating Expenses	226,510	252,601
NET OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	(218,684)	(243,043)
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)		
Interest Income	175	152
Bad Debt Expense	(39,109)	-
Transfer from County of Sullivan (Note 5)	985,574	
Net Non-Operating Revenuers (Expenses)	946,640	152
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	727,956	(242,891)
NET POSITION- Beginning of the Year	377,481	620,372
NET POSITION- End of the Year	<u>\$ 1,105,437</u>	\$ 377,481

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES AND AUDITORS' OPINION

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SULLIVAN COUNTY FUNDING CORPORATION STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,

		<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES Receipts from Providing Services and Loan Payments	\$	97,973	\$	62,337
Payments to Contractors	φ	(215,776)	φ	(241,405)
Payments to Related Parties		(14,598)		(10,000)
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NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		(132,401)		(189,068)
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Interest Income		175		152
Transfer from County of Sullivan		741,652		-
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NET CASH PROVIDED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES		741,827		152
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		609,426		(188,916)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS- Beginning of the Year		241,836		430,752
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CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS- End of the Year	\$	851,262	\$	241,836
Reconciliation of operating revenue (loss) to				
net cash provided (used) by operating activities:				
Operating Income (Loss)	\$	(218,684)	\$	(243,043)
Changes in Assets and Liabilities				
(Increase) Decrease in Operating Assets:				
Notes Receivable		90,506		52,411
Accounts Receivable		(359)		367
Prepaid Expenses		734		16,208
Increase (Decrease) in Operating Liabilities:				(10, coo)
Accounts Payable		-		(19,609)
Due To Related Liabilities		(4,598)		4,598
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$	(132,401)	\$	(189,068)

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES AND AUDITORS' OPINION

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Financial Reporting Entity

The Sullivan County Funding Corporation (the "Corporation") was established on November 24, 2010 under Section 1411 of the Not For Profit Corporation Law, which covers local development corporations. The purpose of the Corporation is to foster the creation, retention and expansion of jobs and economic opportunities within Sullivan County. The Corporation's main revenue sources are administrative fees paid by entities seeking assistance and interest income generated by loans issued to local businesses.

The Corporation was established to relieve and reduce unemployment, promote and provide for additional maximum employment, improve and maintain job opportunities, and lessen the burden of government and act in the public interest by undertaking and promoting economic development initiatives in Sullivan County, New York.

The Corporation is a component unit of the County of Sullivan, New York. The County Manager appoints the board members of the Corporation. The financial activities of the Corporation are combined with the financial activities of the County of Sullivan and other component units, which constitutes the entire reporting entity for the County of Sullivan.

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Corporation have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the government's accounting policies are described below.

The Corporation follows the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when incurred. Fixed assets and long-term liabilities related to these activities are recorded within the financial statements.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from these estimates.

Operating Revenues and Expenses

In the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in fund net position, operating revenues and expenses include all activity that is part of the Corporation's normal operating activities. Interest

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

earned on cash balances, depreciation and unusual or infrequent items are included as non-operating activities.

Cash and Equivalents

For the statement of cash flows, the Corporation considers all highly liquid investments as cash.

New Accounting Standards

The Corporation has adopted all current Statements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) that are applicable. At December 31, 2024 the Corporation implemented the following new standards:

GASB 99 – *Omnibus 2022*, effective for the year ending December 31, 2023 except for the portion related to financial guarantees and the classification and reporting of derivative instruments within the scope of GASB Statement No. 53, which is effective for the year ending December 31, 2024.

GASB 100 – Accounting Changes and Error Corrections – an amendment of GASB 62.

GASB 101 – Compensated Absences

Future Accounting Standards

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has issued the following standards that will become effective in future fiscal years:

GASB 102 - Certain Risk Disclosures, effective for the year ending December 31, 2025.

GASB 103 – Financial Reporting Model Improvements, effective for the year ending December 31, 2026

GASB 104 – Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets, effective for the year ending December 31, 2026

The Corporation will evaluate the impact each of these pronouncements may have on its financial statements and will implement them as applicable and when material.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Equity Classifications

In the financial statements there are three classes of net position:

<u>Net investment in capital assets</u> – consists of net capital assets (cost less accumulated depreciation) reduced by outstanding balances of related debt obligations from the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.

<u>Restricted</u> – reports net position when constraints placed on the assets are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, laws or regulations of other governments or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

<u>Unrestricted</u> – reports all other net position that does not meet the definition of the above two classifications and is deemed to be available for general use by the Agency.

Order of Use of Net Position:

When an expense is incurred for which both restricted and unrestricted resources are available, the Board will assess the current financial condition of the Corporation and then determine which classification of net position will be applied.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources, which represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Corporation reported no deferred outflows or inflows of resources as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

NOTE 2 – CONDUIT DEBT - REVENUE BONDS

Certain revenue bonds arranged by the Corporation are not obligations of the Corporation. The Corporation does not record the assets or liabilities resulting from completed bond issues in its accounts since its primary function is to arrange the financing between the borrowing companies and the bond holders, and funds arising therefrom are controlled by trustees or banks acting as fiscal agents. For providing this service, the Corporation receives bond administration fees that are negotiated on a project by project basis.

No commitments beyond the collateral, payments from the not-for-profit entities, and maintenance of the tax exempt status of the debt obligations were extended by the Corporation. The Corporation does not act as a guarantor in the event collateralized properties and revenues as specified in the applicable financing agreements are insufficient to meet the debt service requirements.

Project Name	Issue <u>Date</u>	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	January 1, <u>2024</u>	Issued	Redeemed	December 31, <u>2024</u>
The Center For Discovery, Inc.	2022	2037	Various S	\$ 26,209,500	\$ -	\$ 2,630,000	\$ 23,579,500
The Center For Discovery, Inc.	2017	2042	Various	22,122,500	-	840,000	21,282,500
Sullivan County Community College Dormitory Corporation	2014	2039	4.30%	5,858,978	-	-	5,858,978
Sullivan County Community College Dormitory Corporation	2014	2024	5.34%	134,382		<u> </u>	134,382
				<u>\$ 54,325,360</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 3,470,000</u>	<u>\$ 50,855,360</u>

Conduit debt activity for the year ended December 31, 2024 was as follows:

NOTE 3 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The Corporation has its own written investment policy. Corporation monies may be deposited in FDIC-insured commercial banks in the form of demand deposits or certificates of deposit. Permissible investments include obligations of the U.S. Treasury and U.S. Agencies, and obligations of New York State. Repurchase agreements must be purchased from banks located within New York State and the underlying securities must be obligations of the United States of America or guaranteed by agencies of the United States of America.

Collateral is required for demand deposits and certificates of deposit on all deposits not covered by federal deposit insurance. Obligations that may be pledged as collateral include obligations of the United States of America and its agencies and obligations of New York State and its municipalities and school districts.

NOTE 3 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

The Corporations aggregate cash balances include balances not covered by depository insurance at year-end, collateralized as follows:

Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution, or its trust department, but not in the Corporation's name.

<u>\$ 597,695</u>

NOTE 4 – NOTES RECEIVABLE

Notes receivable consist of amounts due from various business entities within Sullivan County. The purpose of these notes is to help local businesses expand and develop. A schedule of notes receivable at December 31, 2024 and 2023 is as follows:

					BALANCE	
Borrower	Original <u>Loan</u>	Issue <u>Date</u>	Maturity <u>Date</u>	Interest <u>Rate</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Van Smokey Holding, LLC	75,000	2019	2028	4.00%	\$ 37,448	\$ 44,950
BWW Brewers, Inc.	75,000	2019	2026	4.00%	16,071	24,107
Western Catskills Truck Co.	62,350	2019	2027	4.00%	22,695	29,509
49 Main St. LLC	40,000	2017	2027	3.00%	10,000	14,000
The Janice Center	75,000	2017	2025	4.00%	8,969	24,170
Bloom Coffee LLC	30,000	2021	2026	2.25%	10,377	-
Agrarian Feast LLC	50,000	2021	2026	2.25%	17,295	-
Callicoon Hospitality LLC	44,218	2021	2031	2.25%	29,503	-
Catskill Cycle works LLC	20,000	2021	2026	2.25%	5,555	-
Greenbush Acres	20,000	2021	2026	2.25%	5,555	-
Spinning Places LLC	15,000	2021	2026	2.25%	4,057	-
Valley Girls Grazing LLC	50,000	2023	2028	6.50%	33,518	-
Callicoon Business Assoc.	50,000	2021	2025	0.00%	50,000	
Total Notes Receivable					251,043	136,736
Less: Current Portion					(130,555)	(46,496)
Long Term Portion					<u>\$ 120,488</u>	<u>\$ 90,240</u>

NOTE 5 – RELATED PARTIES

County of Sullivan Industrial Development Agency

The County of Sullivan Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), a component unit of the County of Sullivan, provides administrative services to the Corporation. For the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Corporation paid \$10,000 and \$10,000, respectively, to the Agency for bookkeeping and administrative costs. There was no outstanding balance owed to the Agency related to administrative services as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

Additionally, the Agency pays insurance premiums during the year of which the Corporation reimburses them for its portion of the coverage. There was an outstanding balance of \$0 and \$4,598 owed to the Agency related to insurance premiums as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

County of Sullivan

The Corporation is a component unit of the County of Sullivan, New York (the "County"). During the year ended December 31, 2024, the County transferred various revolving loans and the related cash to the Corporation for the purpose of administering the loans going forward. The total amount transferred of \$985,574 was comprised of \$741,653 in related cash and \$243,921 in outstanding loans receivable. There were no outstanding balances between the two entities as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

NOTE 6 – EVENTS OCCURRING AFTER REPORTING DATE

The Sullivan County Funding Corporation has evaluated events and transactions that occurred between December 31, 2024 and March 13, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued, for possible disclosure and recognition in the financial statements.

NOTE 7-BAD DEBT EXPENSE

During the year ended December 31, 2024, the Corporation wrote off three delinquent loans, totaling \$39,109, that had been transferred from the County of Sullivan (See Note 5).



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 Board of the Sullivan County Funding Corporation Monticello, New York 12701

We have audited, 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, the financial statements of the Sullivan County Funding Corporation, a component unit of the County of Sullivan, New York, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Sullivan County Funding Corporation's financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 13, 2025.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Sullivan County Funding Corporation'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 Sullivan County Funding Corporation's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Sullivan County Funding Corporation'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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or 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 over financial reporting 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 material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Sullivan County Funding Corporation, New York'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 determination of financial statement amounts. 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*.

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 result 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.

Cooper arias, LLP

Mongaup Valley, New York March 13, 2025