

Financial Statements June 30, 2019 and 2018

# Medical Facility Infrastructure Loan Fund



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#### **Independent Auditor's Report**

Governor of North Dakota and the Legislative Assembly State of North Dakota Bismarck, North Dakota

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Medical Facility Infrastructure Loan Fund (the Fund), an enterprise fund of the State of North Dakota, as of and for the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Fund's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### **Management's Responsibility 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.

#### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Fund's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 Fund's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Fund, as of June 30, 2019 and 2018, and the respective changes in its financial position and its cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements of the Fund are intended to present the financial position, the changes in financial position and cash flows of only that portion of the State of North Dakota that is attributable to the transactions of the Fund. They do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the State of North Dakota as of June 30, 2019 and 2018, and the changes in its financial position and cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

#### **Other Matters**

#### **Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 3 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 a report dated September 24, 2019 on our consideration of the Fund'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 solely 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 effectiveness of the Fund's 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 Fund's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Bismarck, North Dakota September 24, 2019

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS JUNE 30, 2019, 2018 AND 2017 (Dollars in Thousands)

The management discussion and analysis of the Medical Facility Infrastructure Loan Fund's (the Fund) financial performance provides an overview of the Fund's financial activities for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2019, 2018 and 2017. Please read it in conjunction with the financial statements of the Fund.

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS:

The Medical Facility Infrastructure Loan Fund was established by North Dakota Century Code Section 6-09-47 to provide loans to medical facilities to conduct construction that improves the health care infrastructure in the state or improves access to existing nonprofit health care providers in the state.

There were no loans made by the Fund during the year ended June 30, 2019, and there was \$1,922 advanced on loans originated in prior years. There were no loans made by the Fund during the year ended June 30, 2018. There were three loans totaling \$22,753 made by the Fund during the year ended June 30, 2017. As of June 30, 2019, the gross amount of outstanding loans is \$45,619 with an allowance for loan losses of \$1,026 for net loans of \$44,593.

There were no pending loan commitments as of June 30, 2019. The entire \$50,000 Fund has been committed.

Funds available for investment in loans as of June 30, 2019 were \$5,343.

#### REQUIRED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

The Fund is an enterprise fund and uses the accrual basis of accounting. The basic financial statements include the statement of net position, statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund net position, and statement of cash flows. The statement of net position provides readers the assets and liabilities of the Fund, with the differences between the two reported as net position. The statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund net position identifies the operating performance of the Fund for the fiscal year. The statement of cash flows identifies cash flows from operating activities and investing activities, and provides answers to such questions as where did the cash come from, what was cash used for, and what was the change in the cash balance during the reporting period.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS JUNE 30, 2019, 2018 AND 2017 (Dollars in Thousands)

# CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2019, 2018 AND 2017

	 2019	 2018	 2017
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Loans, net Interest receivable	\$ 5,343 44,593 25	\$ 5,418 44,292 25	\$ 10,920 38,699 20
Total assets	49,961	49,735	49,639
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS	\$ 49,961	\$ 49,735	\$ 49,639
LIABILITIES	\$ 57	\$ 57	\$ 48
NET POSITION - UNRESTRICTED	49,904	49,678	49,591
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS AND NET POSITION	\$ 49,961	\$ 49,735	\$ 49,639

#### Loans

There were no loans made during the fiscal year 2019 and there was \$1,922 advanced on loans originated in prior years, no loans made during the fiscal year 2018, and three loans totaling \$22,753 made during the fiscal year 2017. As of June 30, 2019, there are six loans outstanding totaling \$45,619 with an allowance for loan losses of \$1,026 for net loans of \$44,593.

#### Liabilities

The only liability of the Fund is an administrative fee payable to the Bank.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS JUNE 30, 2019, 2018 AND 2017 (Dollars in Thousands)

# CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2019, 2018 AND 2017

	 2019		2018	 2017
OPERATING REVENUES	\$ 458	\$	433	\$ 283
OPERATING EXPENSES	 240		351	 643
OPERATING INCOME/(LOSS)	218		82	(360)
NONOPERATING REVENUES	 8		5	 51
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	<b>226</b> 87		87	(309)
TOTAL NET POSITION, BEGINNING OF YEAR	 49,678		49,591	 49,900
TOTAL NET POSITION, END OF YEAR	\$ 49,904	\$	49,678	\$ 49,591

#### Revenue

Operating revenue is from interest accrued on loans outstanding. The interest rate established for the Fund has been set at one percent.

#### Expenses

Other expenses include an administration fee paid to the Bank in the amount of one-half percent of any outstanding loans and an independent audit of the financial records. For the years ended June 30, 2019, 2018, and 2017 administrative fees totaling \$229, \$216 and \$142 have been charged, respectively. The provision for loan loss was \$6, \$129 and \$496 for the years ended June 30, 2019, 2018 and 2017, respectively. Provision expense has fluctuated each year with loan volume.

#### Nonoperating Revenue

Nonoperating revenue represents interest earned on the cash balance and investments.

#### ECONOMIC FACTORS AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

As of June 30, 2019, there were no pending loan commitments. The entire \$50,000 Fund has been committed. A recipient of a loan under the Fund must complete the financed construction project within twenty-four months of approval of the loan. The loan may not exceed the lesser of fifteen million dollars or seventy-five percent of the actual cost of the project, must have an interest rate equal to one percent, and must provide a payment schedule of no longer than twenty-five years.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS JUNE 30, 2019, 2018 AND 2017 (Dollars in Thousands)

#### CONTACTING THE FUND'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, customers, and creditors with a general overview of the Fund's finances and to demonstrate the Fund's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Bank of North Dakota, P.O. Box 5509, Bismarck, North Dakota 58506-5509.

### STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION

**JUNE 30, 2019 AND 2018** 

(Dollars in Thousands)

	 2019	2018		
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,343	\$	5,418	
Loans, current portion	1,812		1,710	
Interest receivable	 25		25	
Total current assets	 7,180		7,153	
Noncurrent Assets				
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses				
of \$1,026 in 2019 and \$1,020 in 2018	 42,781		42,582	
Total assets and deferred outflows	\$ 49,961	\$	49,735	
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities				
Due to the Bank of North Dakota	\$ 57	\$	57	
NET POSITION				
Unrestricted	 49,904		49,678	
Total liabilities, deferred inflows and net position	\$ 49,961	\$	49,735	

# STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2019 AND 2018

(Dollars in Thousands)

	2019			2018		
OPERATING REVENUES						
Interest on loans	\$	458	\$	433		
OPERATING EXPENSES						
Administrative fees		228		216		
Other expenses		6		6		
Provision for loan loss		6		129		
OPERATING INCOME		218		82		
NONOPERATING REVENUES						
Investment income		8		5		
CHANGE IN NET POSITION		226		87		
TOTAL NET POSITION, BEGINNING OF YEAR		49,678		49,591		
TOTAL NET POSITION, END OF YEAR	\$	49,904	\$	49,678		

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

**YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2019 AND 2018** 

(Dollars in Thousands)

		2019	2018		
OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Payment of administrative fees to Bank of North Dakota Payment of other expenses	<b>\$</b>	(228) (6)	\$	(208) (5)	
NET CASH USED FOR OPERATING ACTIVITIES		(234)		(213)	
INVESTING ACTIVITIES					
Investment income received		8		5	
Loan interest received		458		428	
Proceeds from principal collections on loans		1,615		1,345	
Loans advanced		(1,922)		(7,067)	
NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED FOR) INVESTING ACTIVITIES		159		(5,289)	
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		(75)		(5,502)	
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		(13)		(3,302)	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR		5,418		10,920	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	\$	5,343	\$	5,418	
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO					
NET CASH USED FOR OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Operating income	\$	218	\$	82	
Adjustments to reconcile operating income					
to net cash used for operating activities				100	
Adjustment for provision for loan loss		6		129	
Increase in due to Bank of North Dakota Reclassification of items to other activities		-		9	
Interest income on loans		(458)		(433)	
		()		(123)	
NET CASH USED FOR OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$	(234)	\$	(213)	

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2019 AND 2018 (Dollars in Thousands)

#### NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Nature of Operations

Section 6-09-47 of the North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) established the Medical Facility Infrastructure Loan Fund (the Fund), effective May 3, 2013. The purpose of the Fund is to provide loans to medical facilities to conduct construction that improves the health care infrastructure in the State or improves access to existing nonprofit health care providers in the state. The Bank of North Dakota administers the Fund and all loans made by the Fund. The Fund was established by a fifty million dollar loan from the State of North Dakota's Strategic Investment and Improvements Fund (SIIF).

The 2015 North Dakota Legislature passed Senate Bill 2012 that made the Fund a revolving fund and eliminated the repayment requirement to SIIF. All moneys transferred into the Fund, interest on moneys in the Fund, and collections of principal and interest on loans from the Fund are appropriated to the Bank for Fund administration on a continuing basis.

Loans made by the Fund may not exceed the lesser of fifteen million dollars or 75% of the actual cost of the project, must have an interest rate equal to 1%, and must have a repayment schedule of no longer than 25 years. A recipient of a loan under the Fund must complete the financed construction project within 24 months of approval of the loan.

#### Reporting Entity

In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 61, *The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus*, the Fund should include all component units over which the Fund exercises such aspects as (1) appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body and (2) has the ability to impose its will on that organization, or (3) the potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on, the Fund.

Based on that criteria, no organizations were determined to be part of the Fund. The Fund is included as part of the primary government in the State of North Dakota's reporting.

#### Fund Accounting

The Fund is an enterprise fund and uses the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred.

#### Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All enterprise funds are accounted for using the economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the statement of net position. Net position is segregated into net investment in capital assets, restricted, and unrestricted components. The statement of revenues, expenses and changes in fund net position presents increases (e.g., revenues) and decreases (e.g., expenses) in total net position. The statement of cash flows presents the cash flows for operating activities and investing activities.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2019 AND 2018

(Dollars in Thousands)

#### Use of Estimates

In preparing financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities as of the date of the statement of net position and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Material estimates that are particularly susceptible to significant change in the near-term relate to the determination of the allowance for loan losses.

Significant Group Concentrations of Credit Risk

All of the Fund's business is with customers within the State of North Dakota. Concentrations of credit risk are present in the construction and operation of medical facilities.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Fund considers all cash and time deposits with original maturities of three months or less to be cash and cash equivalents for the purpose of reporting cash flows.

#### Loans

Loans are stated at their outstanding unpaid principal balance. Interest income on loans is accrued at a specific rate of one percent on the unpaid principal balance.

The accrual of interest on 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 is reversed. Interest income is subsequently recognized only to the extent cash payments are received.

#### Allowance for Loan Losses

The Fund uses the allowance method in providing for loan losses. Accordingly, the allowance is increased or reduced by the current year's provision for loan losses charged to operations and reduced by net charge-offs.

The adequacy of the allowance for loan losses and the provisions for loan losses charged to operations are based on management's evaluation of a number of factors, including recent loan loss experience, continuous evaluation of the loan portfolio quality, current and anticipated economic conditions, and other pertinent factors. Loans are charged to the allowance when management believes the collection of the principal is doubtful.

#### Credit Related Financial Instruments

In the ordinary course of business, the Fund has entered into commitments to extend credit. Such financial instruments are recorded when they are funded.

#### Operating and Non-operating Revenues

Operating revenues consist of interest income on the loans. All other revenues are classified as non-operating.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2019 AND 2018 (Dollars in Thousands)

#### NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS

#### **Deposits**

The carrying value and bank balance of the Fund's cash deposits at June 30, 2019 and June 30, 2018 was \$5,343 and \$5,418, respectively. Of the bank amounts, none were covered by depository insurance and all are uncollateralized. These monies are deposited in the Bank of North Dakota and are guaranteed by the State of North Dakota (NDCC Section 6-09-10).

#### Custodial and Concentration of Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the Fund will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Fund does not have a formal policy that limits custodial credit risk for deposits. None of the Fund's deposits are covered by depository insurance. The Fund's deposits are uncollateralized and all of the deposits are held at the Bank of North Dakota and are guaranteed by the State of North Dakota (NDCC Section 6-09-10).

#### **NOTE 3 - LOANS**

A description of the Fund's loans is included under "Nature of Operations" in Note 1. A summary of the balances of loans are as follows:

	 2019		
Loans, current portion	\$ 1,812	\$	1,710
Loans, noncurrent portion	 43,807		43,602
Total loans	45,619		45,312
Allowance for loan losses	 1,026		1,020
Total loans, net	\$ 44,593	\$	44,292

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2019 AND 2018

(Dollars in Thousands)

Balance, June 30, 2017 Loan advances	\$ 39,590 7,067
Principal collections	 (1,345)
Balance, June 30, 2018	45,312
Loan advances	1,922
Principal collections	 (1,615)
Balance, June 30, 2019	\$ 45,619

Changes in allowance for loan losses are as follows:

		2019	2018		
Balance, beginning of year Provision for loan losses	<b>\$</b>	1,020	\$	891 129	
Balance, end of year	\$	1,026	\$	1,020	

There were no impaired loans as of June 30, 2019. There were no loans on nonaccrual status and no loans 90 days or more past due as of June 30, 2019.

#### NOTE 4 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Fund is supervised and administered by the Bank of North Dakota. All cash and time deposits are deposited with the Bank of North Dakota. The annual administrative fees charged by the Bank are equivalent to one-half percent of the outstanding loans. The Bank charged the Fund \$229 and \$216 for administrative fees during the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively, of which the Fund owed the Bank \$57 as of June 30, 2019 and \$57 as of June 30, 2018.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2019 AND 2018 (Dollars in Thousands)

#### **NOTE 5 - LOAN COMMITMENTS**

The Fund is a party to credit related financial instruments with off-statement-of-net-position risk in the normal course of business to meet the financing needs of its customers. These financial instruments include commitments to extend credit. Such commitments involve, to varying degrees, elements of credit risk in excess of the amount recognized in the statement of net position.

The Fund's exposure to loan loss is represented by the contractual amount of these commitments. The Fund follows the same credit policies in making commitments as it does for on-statement-of-net-position instruments. There were no pending loan commitments and no available credit on existing commitments as of June 30, 2019. The entire \$50,000 Fund has been committed.

Commitments to extend credit are agreements to lend to a customer as long as there is no violation of any condition established in the contract. Commitments generally have fixed expiration dates or other termination clauses.

#### NOTE 6 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Fund is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts and errors and omissions. The Fund is administered by the Bank of North Dakota and, therefore, is eligible to the same funds/pools established by the State for risk management issues. These include:

The 1995 Legislative Session established the Risk Management Fund (RMF), an internal service fund, to provide a self-insurance vehicle for funding the liability exposures of State Agencies resulting from the elimination of the State's sovereign immunity. The RMF manages the tort liability of the State, its agencies' employees, and the University System. All State agencies participating in the RMF and their fund contribution was determined using a projected cost allocation approach. The statutory liability of the State is limited to a total of \$250 per person and \$1,000 per occurrence.

The State Bonding Fund currently provides the Fund with blanket employee fidelity bond coverage in the amount of \$2,000. The State Bonding Fund does not currently charge any premium for this coverage.

There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the prior year and settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded insurance coverage.



# 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

Governor of North Dakota and the Legislative Assembly State of North Dakota Bismarck, North Dakota

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 Medical Facility Infrastructure Loan Fund (the Fund), an enterprise fund of the State of North Dakota, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Fund's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 24, 2019.

#### **Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Fund's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the 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 Fund's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund'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 entity'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 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 over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not yet been identified.

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Fund's 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 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 results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund'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.

Sally LLP Bismarck, North Dakota



### **Medical Facility Infrastructure Loan Fund** Auditor's Specific Comments Requested by the North Dakota Legislative Audit and **Fiscal Review Committee** Year Ended June 30, 2019

Governor of North Dakota and the Legislative Assembly State of North Dakota Bismarck, North Dakota

Unmodified

The Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee requires that certain items be addressed by

indepen	ndent	certified	public	accountants	performing	audits	of	state	agencies.	The	items	and	our
respons	ses are	as follow	rs:										
1.	What '	type of o	pinion v	was issued on	the financia	l statem	nen	ts?					

2. Was there compliance with statutes, laws, rules, and regulations under which the agency was created and is functioning?

Yes

3. Was internal control adequate and functioning effectively?

Yes

4. Were there any indications of lack of efficiency in financial operations and management of the agency?

No

5. Has action been taken on findings and recommendations included in prior year audit reports?

There were no prior year findings or recommendations.

6. Was a management letter issued? If so, provide a summary below, including any recommendations and the management response.

No

#### **Audit Committee Communications:**

1. Identify any significant changes in accounting policies, any management conflicts of interest, any contingent liabilities, or any significant unusual transactions.

None

2. Identify any significant accounting estimates and the process used by management to determine those estimates.

Management's estimate of the allowance for loan losses is based on management's evaluation of a number of factors, including recent loan loss experience, continuous evaluation of the loan portfolio quality, current and anticipated economic conditions, and other pertinent factors. We evaluated key factors and assumptions used to develop the allowance for loan losses in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

3. Identify any significant audit adjustments.

None

4. Identify any disagreements with management, whether or not resolved to the auditor's satisfaction, relating to financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter that could be significant to the financial statements.

None

5. Identify any significant difficulties encountered in performing the audit.

None

6. Identify any major issues discussed with management prior to retention.

None

7. Identify any management consultations with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters.

None

8. Identify any high-risk information technology systems critical to operations based on the auditor's overall assessment of the importance of the system to the agency and its mission or whether any exceptions identified in the six audit report questions addressed above are directly related to the operations of an information technology system.

Based on the audit procedures performed, the Fund's critical information technology system is the Fiserv system. There were no exceptions identified that were directly related to this application. This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Governor of North Dakota, Legislative Assembly, Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee, North Dakota Industrial Commission, Bank of North Dakota Advisory Board and management of the Fund and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Esde Saully LLP
Bismarck, North Dakota

September 24, 2019



Governor of North Dakota and the Legislative Assembly State of North Dakota Bismarck, North Dakota

We have audited the financial statements of the Medical Facility Infrastructure Loan Fund (the Fund) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and have issued our report thereon dated September 24, 2019. Professional standards require that we advise you of the following matters relating to our audit.

# Our Responsibility in Relation to the Financial Statement Audit under Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and *Government Auditing Standards*

As communicated in our letter dated June 26, 2019 our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to form and express an opinion about whether the financial statements that have been prepared by management with your oversight are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of its respective responsibilities.

Our responsibility, as prescribed by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit of financial statements includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, as part of our audit, we considered the internal control of the Fund solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

We are also responsible for communicating significant matters related to the audit that are, in our professional judgment, relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, we are not required to design procedures for the purpose of identifying other matters to communicate to you.

#### **Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit**

We conducted our audit consistent with the planned scope and timing we previously communicated to you.

#### Compliance with All Ethics Requirements Regarding Independence

The engagement team, others in our firm, as appropriate, and our firm, have complied with all relevant ethical requirements regarding independence.

#### **Qualitative Aspects of the Entity's Significant Accounting Practices**

#### Significant Accounting Policies

Management has the responsibility to select and use appropriate accounting policies. A summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the Fund is included in Note 1 to the financial statements. There have been no initial selection of accounting policies and no changes in significant accounting policies or their application during 2019. No matters have come to our attention that would require us, under professional standards, to inform you about (1) the methods used to account for significant unusual transactions and (2) the effect of significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

#### Significant Accounting Estimates

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's current judgments. Those judgments are normally based on 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 markedly from management's current judgments.

The most sensitive accounting estimates affecting the financial statements is:

Management's estimate of the allowance for loan losses is based on management's evaluation of a number of factors, including recent loan loss experience, continuous evaluation of the loan portfolio quality, current and anticipated economic conditions, and other pertinent factors. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the allowance for loan losses and determined that it is reasonable in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

#### Financial Statement Disclosures

Certain financial statement disclosures involve significant judgment and are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosure affecting the Fund's financial statements relates to Note 3 – Loans.

#### Significant Difficulties Encountered during the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management relating to the performance of the audit.

#### **Uncorrected and Corrected Misstatements**

For purposes of this communication, professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that we believe are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Further, professional standards require us to also communicate the effect of uncorrected misstatements related to prior periods on the relevant classes of transactions, account balances or disclosures, and the financial statements as a whole. There were no corrected or uncorrected misstatements identified as a result of our audit procedures.

#### **Disagreements with Management**

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, which could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. No such disagreements arose during the course of the audit.

#### **Representations Requested from Management**

We have requested certain written representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated September 24, 2019.

#### **Management's Consultations with Other Accountants**

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters. Management informed us that, and to our knowledge, there were no consultations with other accountants regarding auditing and accounting matters.

#### Other Significant Matters, Findings, or Issues

In the normal course of our professional association with the Fund, we generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, business conditions affecting the entity, and business plans and strategies that may affect the risks of material misstatement. None of the matters discussed resulted in a condition to our retention as the Fund's auditors.

#### **Modification of the Auditor's Report**

We have made the following modification to our auditor's report to add an Emphasis of Matter paragraph:

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements of the Fund are intended to present the financial position, the changes in financial position and cash flows of only that portion of the State of North Dakota that is attributable to the transactions of the Fund. They do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the State of North Dakota as of June 30, 2019 and 2018, and the changes in its financial position and cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Governor of North Dakota, Legislative Assembly, Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee, North Dakota Industrial Commission, Bank of North Dakota Advisory Board, and management of the Fund and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Bismarck, North Dakota

Gede Sailly LLP

September 24, 2019