



HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

Office of the County Auditor

December 27, 2022

Report Highlights

Audited financial statements have not been completed for one of the county's affiliated agencies.

Fire companies do not consistently complete their financial reporting timely.

REPORT ON FINANCIAL AUDITS OF AFFILIATED AGENCIES

Council Members and County Executive Glassman:

In accordance with Section 213(b) of the Harford County Charter, an audit of the County's financial statements as of June 30, 2022 has been completed and an unmodified opinion was reported to the County Council and County Executive on October 5, 2022. Financial Statement audits of the County's affiliated agencies (not included in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report) have been performed by various independent public accounting firms. I submit this report to you, in accordance with the reporting extension approved by the County Council on October 18, 2022.

A number of agencies received an appropriation from the County in fiscal year 2022 but are not component units of the County for financial reporting purposes. They include:

- Humane Society of Harford County
- ARC Northern Chesapeake Region
- 12 Volunteer Fire Companies
- Volunteer Fire and EMS Association
- Volunteer Fire and EMS Foundation

Appropriations to these agencies were approximately 2.4% of the FY2022 General Fund operating budget. They are all not-for-profit organizations that supplement their Harford County appropriations with funding from other sources.

In accordance with County Charter Section 213(b), I present the following explanatory comment related to the audits of the County's affiliated agencies:

In prior years, we have noted that the financial statements for the County's Volunteer Fire Companies, the Association and the Foundation are not always completed by the 120-day deadline specified in their County support agreements. In the current year, three were completed before the deadline, while 12 were completed later. One company, Joppa-Magnolia, did not provide financial statements to Harford County in time to be included in this report.

For the reports provided, I have reviewed the financial statements and independent auditor reports. Each organization received an unmodified audit opinion, and I did not identify any information that indicated a misuse of County funds. Additionally, each entity's costs exceeded their County appropriation.

Management has been provided an opportunity to respond to this report; however, no response was required. Accordingly, no response was provided. I am available to respond to any questions you have regarding this summary.

Sincerely,

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