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VENTURA VILLAGE
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Board of Directors
Ventura Village

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by Ventura Village and the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board (NRP), solely to assist you with respect to ensuring adequate accounting procedures and other practices are being followed to account for and report on the use of NRP funding being provided to Ventura Village. These procedures were applied to Ventura Village's records as of November 23, 2009. This engagement to apply agreed-upon procedures was performed in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of Ventura Village and the NRP. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

1. Procedure

Determine if Ventura Village is current with required filings (Attorney General, Secretary of State, and Internal Revenue Service).

Findings

Filings for the above items were found to be current.

2. Procedure

Determine if Ventura Village has written policies and procedures for financial operations (receipting, disbursing, purchasing, personnel, conflict of interest policy, etc.).

Findings

Written policies and procedures are in place for the financial operations.

3. Procedure

Determine if the procedures Ventura Village has in place over cash accounts, payroll, receipts, and disbursements are adequate for its operation.

Findings

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ITEM NOT RESOLVED

07-1 Bank Reconciliations

At the times of our previous review and our current review, Ventura Village had one checking account, one savings account, and a certificate of deposit. Our previous review found that bank reconciliations were not being performed on any of these accounts. To maintain control over Ventura Village's cash position, we recommended procedures should be in place to ensure the cash account is receiving monthly monitoring.

Our current review found that reconciliations are being completed but are not signed or dated by the person completing them. We recommend that reconciliations of the above accounts be signed and dated to document who completed them and that they were completed timely.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ITEMS RESOLVED

Segregation of Duties (01-1)

Due to the limited number of office personnel within Ventura Village, segregation of the accounting functions necessary to ensure adequate internal control is not possible. This is not unusual in operations the size of Ventura Village; however, management should constantly be aware of this condition and realize that the concentration of duties and responsibilities in a limited number of individuals is not desirable from an accounting point of view.

Resolution

Our current review found that Ventura Village has included several Board members in the financial operation processes to compensate for the limited number of office personnel within Ventura Village.

Coding of Invoices (07-2)

Several invoices were not marked with the general ledger account codes. The coding of invoices provides underlying evidence for the basis used to post amounts to the general ledger.

Resolution

Our current review found no invoices without the appropriate general ledger account coding.

4. Procedure

Determine if Ventura Village has procedures in place to account for donations, fixed assets, and long-term obligations.

Findings

Donations are accounted for through Ventura Village's general ledger. Amounts viewed were not significant. Ventura Village had no fixed assets or long-term obligations.

5. Procedure

Determine if accounting records support the NRP amounts requested for reimbursement.

Findings

The accounting records appeared to support amounts requested for reimbursement. A process was in place to request reimbursement of NRP funding on a regular basis.

6. Procedure

Follow up on previous report findings, if applicable.

Findings

Findings from the previous report are followed up on as noted above.

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We were not engaged to and did not perform an audit of Ventura Village's financial statements, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on those financial statements. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of Ventura Village and the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than those specified parties.

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