

**NORTHEAST SOUTH DAKOTA
ECONOMIC CORPORATION
dba GROW South Dakota**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
WITH SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

NORTHEAST SOUTH DAKOTA ECONOMIC CORPORATION
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Northeast South Dakota Economic Corporation
dba GROW South Dakota
Sisseton, South Dakota

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of **Northeast South Dakota Economic Corporation dba GROW South Dakota (a nonprofit organization, hereafter referred to as "NESDEC")**, which comprise the statement of financial position as of September 30, 2022, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of NESDEC as of September 30, 2022, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

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 NESDEC 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 opinion.

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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 NESDEC's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. 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 judgement 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 judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risk. 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 NESDEC'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 judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about NESDEC'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.

Report on Summarized Comparative Information

We have previously audited NESDEC's 2021 financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated December 23, 2021. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

Supplementary Information

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, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, is presented for purposes of additional analysis 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.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 27, 2022, on our consideration of NESDEC'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 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 NESDEC'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 NESDEC's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Uhlenberg Ritzman + Co., LLC

Yankton, South Dakota
December 27, 2022

NORTHEAST SOUTH DAKOTA ECONOMIC CORPORATION
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
SEPTEMBER 30, 2022
WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

	2022			
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	2021
ASSETS				
CURRENT ASSETS:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,956,019	\$ 2,630,469	\$ 5,586,488	\$ 7,515,046
Certificates of deposit	200,000	-	200,000	300,000
Accrued interest receivable	37,815	31,146	68,961	63,114
Other receivables	389	-	389	-
Due from other governments	-	32,709	32,709	56,322
Other real estate owned	5,277	-	5,277	-
Prepaid asset	244	-	244	-
Current portion of notes receivable, net of allowance for loan losses of \$127,055 in 2022 and \$184,795 in 2021	781,651	1,553,218	2,334,869	3,476,276
Total current assets	<u>3,981,395</u>	<u>4,247,542</u>	<u>8,228,937</u>	<u>11,410,758</u>
LONG-TERM RECEIVABLES:				
Loan guarantees - certificates of deposit, less allowance for loan losses of \$-0- in 2022 and \$4,147 in 2021	-	-	-	39,882
Notes receivable, less allowance for loan losses of \$932,841 in 2022 and \$735,966 in 2021 and less current maturities	8,284,225	9,400,448	17,684,673	13,316,612
Total long-term receivables	<u>8,284,225</u>	<u>9,400,448</u>	<u>17,684,673</u>	<u>13,356,494</u>
OTHER ASSETS:				
Investments	2,204,103	-	2,204,103	2,204,103
Property and equipment, net	677,451	-	677,451	701,082
Total other assets	<u>2,881,554</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,881,554</u>	<u>2,905,185</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 15,147,174</u>	<u>\$ 13,647,990</u>	<u>\$ 28,795,164</u>	<u>\$ 27,672,437</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS				
CURRENT LIABILITIES:				
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ -	\$ 436,857	\$ 436,857	\$ 895,006
Accounts payable	583	998	1,581	1,778
Accrued interest	15,236	25,735	40,971	42,103
Due to affiliate	36,943	39,083	76,026	60,774
Unearned revenue	-	-	-	500,000
Other current liabilities	376	27,066	27,442	27,066
Total current liabilities	<u>53,138</u>	<u>529,739</u>	<u>582,877</u>	<u>1,526,727</u>
LONG-TERM DEBT				
Notes payable, less current maturities	<u>2,872,270</u>	<u>6,015,316</u>	<u>8,887,586</u>	<u>8,734,064</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>2,925,408</u>	<u>6,545,055</u>	<u>9,470,463</u>	<u>10,260,791</u>
NET ASSETS				
Net assets with donor restrictions	-	7,102,935	7,102,935	6,866,293
Net assets without donor restrictions	<u>12,221,766</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,221,766</u>	<u>10,545,353</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>12,221,766</u>	<u>7,102,935</u>	<u>19,324,701</u>	<u>17,411,646</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 15,147,174</u>	<u>\$ 13,647,990</u>	<u>\$ 28,795,164</u>	<u>\$ 27,672,437</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part
of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022
WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

	2022			2021
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	
REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT				
Interest income - notes receivable	\$ 319,252	\$ 456,880	\$ 776,132	\$ 685,864
Grant income	11,500	1,909,111	1,920,611	1,136,650
Interest income - checking and CD's	8,693	3,664	12,357	40,897
Rent income	24,000	-	24,000	77,927
Matching income	-	62,500	62,500	-
Miscellaneous income	11,043	1,291	12,334	43,725
Investment income	18,080	-	18,080	251,404
	<u>392,568</u>	<u>2,433,446</u>	<u>2,826,014</u>	<u>2,236,467</u>
Total revenue and other support				
EXPENSES				
PROGRAM SERVICES:				
Loan programs	604,003	-	604,003	661,309
Regional programs	-	-	-	113
Housing programs	11,230	-	11,230	39,790
	<u>615,233</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>615,233</u>	<u>701,212</u>
SUPPORTING SERVICES:				
General and administrative	297,726	-	297,726	231,130
	<u>297,726</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>297,726</u>	<u>231,130</u>
Total Expenses	<u>912,959</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>912,959</u>	<u>932,342</u>
Reclassification of Net Assets:				
Net assets released from restriction in satisfaction of purpose restrictions	<u>2,196,804</u>	<u>(2,196,804)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Change in Net Assets	1,676,413	236,642	1,913,055	1,304,125
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	<u>10,545,353</u>	<u>6,866,293</u>	<u>17,411,646</u>	<u>16,107,521</u>
Net Assets, End of Year	<u>\$ 12,221,766</u>	<u>\$ 7,102,935</u>	<u>\$ 19,324,701</u>	<u>\$ 17,411,646</u>

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STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022
WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

	Program Services					
	Loan Program	Housing Programs	Program Services Total	General and Administrative	2022 Totals	2021 Totals
Salaries and taxes	\$ 200,637	\$ 1,993	\$ 202,630	\$ 207,549	\$ 410,179	\$ 343,317
Interest expense	105,683	20,575	126,258	-	126,258	135,641
Bad debt expense (recovery)	142,668	(17,649)	125,019	-	125,019	54,091
Retirement	63,861	-	63,861	24,213	88,074	84,323
Employee benefits	16,986	-	16,986	16,437	33,423	30,919
Depreciation	-	-	-	23,632	23,632	23,632
Targeted program expense	23,500	-	23,500	-	23,500	6,000
Professional fees	1,694	2,587	4,281	17,127	21,408	29,560
Office supplies	12,757	43	12,800	664	13,464	11,701
Travel and conferences	9,445	-	9,445	2,159	11,604	14,524
Filing fee expense	8,588	-	8,588	-	8,588	7,070
Marketing	6,677	-	6,677	-	6,677	8,787
Repairs and maintenance	3,090	2,536	5,626	911	6,537	41,346
Insurance	-	739	739	5,034	5,773	9,067
Miscellaneous	5,280	30	5,310	-	5,310	2,636
Education and training	3,137	-	3,137	-	3,137	4,955
Property tax	-	376	376	-	376	13,297
Sale of asset	-	-	-	-	-	111,476
Total expenses	<u>\$ 604,003</u>	<u>\$ 11,230</u>	<u>\$ 615,233</u>	<u>\$ 297,726</u>	<u>\$ 912,959</u>	<u>\$ 932,342</u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022
WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Cash Flows From Operating Activities		
Change in net assets	\$ 1,913,055	\$ 1,304,125
Adjustments to reconcile increase in net assets to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation	23,632	23,632
Bad Debt Expense (Recovery)	125,019	54,091
Unrealized (gain) loss on investment	-	(228,772)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities		
(Increase) decrease in:		
Interest receivable	(5,847)	16,817
Other receivables	(389)	1,810
Due from other governments	23,613	(28,407)
Prepaid expense	(244)	-
Increase (decrease) in:		
Interest payable	(1,132)	5,867
Unearned revenue	(500,000)	500,000
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	15,059	(18,948)
Other current liabilities	<u>376</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>1,593,142</u>	<u>1,630,215</u>
Cash Flows From Investing Activities		
Net (increase) decrease in certificates of deposits	100,000	2,100,631
Net decrease (increase) in notes receivable	(3,351,673)	(807,482)
Net decrease (increase) in other real estate owned	(5,277)	-
Purchase of investments	-	(99,575)
Net decrease in loan guarantee - certificates of deposit	<u>39,882</u>	<u>38,372</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	<u>(3,217,068)</u>	<u>1,231,946</u>
Cash Flows From Financing Activities		
Proceeds received on notes payable	589,461	875,000
Principal payments on notes payable	<u>(894,092)</u>	<u>(1,102,820)</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	<u>(304,631)</u>	<u>(227,820)</u>
Change in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	(1,928,557)	2,634,341
Cash, Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash		
Beginning	<u>7,515,045</u>	<u>4,880,704</u>
Ending	<u>\$ 5,586,488</u>	<u>\$ 7,515,045</u>
Supplemental Disclosures		
Cash payments for:		
Interest	<u>\$ 127,390</u>	<u>\$ 129,774</u>
Reconciliation of Cash to the Balance Sheet		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,956,019	\$ 3,835,799
Restricted cash	<u>2,630,469</u>	<u>3,679,247</u>
	<u>\$ 5,586,488</u>	<u>\$ 7,515,046</u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

1. **NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Principal Business Activity

The Northeast South Dakota Economic Corporation (NESDEC) was incorporated in 1978 as a not-for-profit corporation. In 2012, NESDEC underwent a branding campaign and is now doing business as GROW South Dakota in combination with the Northeast South Dakota Community Action Program (NESDCAP) and GROW South Dakota.

NESDEC operates under a Board of Directors selected from a twenty-two county geographical area. NESDEC's mission is to stimulate economic opportunities through loans, technical assistance and partnerships.

The primary purpose of NESDEC is to provide financing to small- and medium-sized businesses in its geographical area. NESDEC maintains a variety of revolving loan funds funded through various grant and loan programs. In addition, NESDEC also funds housing and other programs.

Financial Statement Presentation

NESDEC is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets: net assets with donor restrictions and net assets without donor restrictions.

Comparative Financial Information

The financial statements include certain prior-year summarized comparative information in total, but not by net asset class. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with NESDEC's financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2021, from which the summarized information was derived.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, NESDEC considers all highly liquid securities with an initial maturity date of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Certificates of deposits, regardless of maturity, are not considered to be cash and cash equivalents. Loan guarantee - certificates of deposit are not considered cash or cash equivalents.

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1. **NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES,**
continued

Receivables and Credit Policies

Notes receivable are stated at principal amounts plus accrued interest and are collateralized. Payments on notes receivable that are received after a 10-day grace period are assessed a delinquency fee between \$7.50 and 10% of the loan payment. Due to the uncertainty regarding collection, delinquency fees are recognized as income when received.

The interest rates charged to the borrowers correspond with the customary rates applicable to Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) and the low-income housing industry. NESDEC considers these rates to be reasonable and of market comparison for non-profit lenders and has not made any adjustment for imputed interest that would be applicable to higher interest rate conventional loans.

A note receivable is considered delinquent when the debtor has missed two or more payments. Loans placed on non-accrual status are determined by the board of directors. Interest resumes when principal on non-accrual status loans has been paid current. Management reviews the status of the past due notes and collection proceedings begin as management deems necessary.

Payments of notes receivable are allocated first to accrued and unpaid interest with the remainder to the outstanding principal balance. Interest income is recognized when due.

The carrying amount of notes receivables is reduced by a valuation allowance that reflects management's best estimate of the amounts that will not be collected. Management reviews all notes receivable and based on an assessment of current creditworthiness, estimates the portion, if any, of the balance that will not be collected. Additionally, management applies a risk rating calculation based upon various factors including collectability, collateral and ability to make payments to the aggregate remaining loan receivables to estimate a general allowance covering those amounts. This evaluation is inherently subjective as it requires estimates that are susceptible to significant revision as more information becomes available. It is at least reasonably possible this estimate will change within the next year.

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1. NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued

Allowance for Loan Losses

The allowance for loan losses is established as losses are estimated to have occurred through a provision for loan losses charged to earnings. Loan losses are charged against the allowance when management believes the un-collectability of a loan is confirmed. Subsequent recoveries, if any, are credited to the allowance. The Department of Agriculture requires a reserve for loan loss of 5% on the outstanding Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program (RMAP) loan balances. The Small Business Administration requires a reserve for loan loss of 15% of microloan loan balances.

A loan is considered to be impaired when, based on current information and events, it is probable that NESDEC will be unable to collect the scheduled payments of principal or interest when due according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement.

Loan Guarantees - Certificates of Deposit

NESDEC pledges certificates of deposit to lending institutions as security for loans to individuals and businesses who otherwise would not acquire the loans due to their financial condition. When the loans are fully paid back, the lending institution releases the certificates of deposit back to NESDEC. Interest earned on the certificates of deposit is not part of the security agreement and is paid to NESDEC.

Property and Equipment

Purchased property and equipment in excess of \$10,000 are recorded at cost. Donated property and equipment are valued at estimated fair value on the date donated and are reported as unrestricted contributions when placed in service unless the donor has restricted the use for the asset to a specific purpose or time period. Contributions of cash or other assets that must be used to acquire property and equipment are reported as increases in temporarily restricted net assets until the assets are acquired and placed in service as instructed by the donor, unless the donor has also required that the acquired asset be used for a specific purpose or time period. If the donor requires property and equipment to be used for a specific purpose, restrictions on net assets are released as the asset is depreciated. If the donor requires property and equipment to be used for a specific time period, restrictions on net assets are released evenly over the period required.

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1. NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES,
continued

Property and Equipment, continued

Costs in excess of \$10,000 for renewals and improvements that significantly add to the productive capacity or extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Costs for maintenance and repairs are charged to expense currently. When depreciable properties are retired or sold, the cost and related accumulated depreciation are eliminated from the accounts and the resultant gain or loss is reflected in income.

Depreciation is provided for over the estimated useful lives of the individual assets using the straight-line method. The estimated useful lives used in the computation of depreciation are as follows:

	<u>Years</u>
Buildings	7-40
Equipment	5-7
Vehicles	5

Investments

Investments with readily determinable fair values and all investments in debt securities are reported at their fair values in the statement of financial position. Unrealized gains and losses are included in the change in net assets. Investment income and gains restricted by a donor are reported as increases in unrestricted net assets if the restrictions are met (either by passage of time or by use) in the reporting period in which the income and gains are recognized.

Inputs to the fair value methodology include:

Level 1 Inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that can be accessed at the measurement date

Level 2 Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset either directly or indirectly. Level 2 Inputs include the following:

- Quoted prices for similar Assets or Liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for similar Assets or Liabilities in markets that are not active;
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means (market-corroborated inputs)

If the asset or liability has a specified (or contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability

Level 3 Inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

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1. NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES,
continued

Investments, continued

Investments in equity securities without readily determinable fair value are stated at cost, net of a valuation allowance. NESDEC periodically reviews these securities for possible impairment to determine the level of the valuation allowance.

Foreclosed Property and Other Real Estate Owned

Real estate and other properties acquired through or in lieu of loan foreclosure are initially recorded at the fair value less estimated selling cost at the date of foreclosure. Any write-downs based on the asset's fair value at the date of acquisition are charged to the allowance for loan losses. After foreclosure, valuations are periodically performed by management and property held for sale is carried at the lower of the new cost basis or fair value less cost to sell. Impairment losses on property to be held and used are measured as the amount by which the carrying amount of a property exceeds its fair value. Costs of significant property improvements are capitalized, whereas costs relating to holding property are expensed. The portion of interest costs relating to development of real estate is capitalized. Valuations are periodically performed by management, and any subsequent write-downs are recorded as a charge to operations, if necessary, to reduce the carrying value of a property to the lower of its cost or fair value less cost to sell.

Net Assets

Net assets, revenues, gains, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor or grantor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

- *Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions* – Net assets available for use in general operations and not subject to donor or certain grantor-imposed restrictions.
- *Net Assets With Donor Restrictions* – Net assets subject to donor or certain grantor-imposed restrictions. Some donor or grantor-imposed restrictions are temporary in nature, such as those that will be met by the passage of time or other events specified by the donor or grantor. Other donor or grantor-imposed restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor stipulates that resources be maintained in perpetuity. Gifts of long-lived assets and gifts of cash restricted for the acquisition of long-lived assets are recognized as revenue when the assets are placed in service. Donor or grantor-imposed restrictions are released when a restriction expires, that is, when the stipulated time has elapsed, when the stipulated purpose for which the resources was restricted has been fulfilled, or both.

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1. **NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES,**
continued

Revenue Recognition

Contributions are recognized when cash or other assets are received. NESDEC's grant awards received are for specific purposes and are conditioned upon certain performance requirements and/or the incurrence of allowable qualifying expenses. Amounts received are recognized as revenue when NESDEC has incurred expenditures in compliance with specific contract or grant provisions. Amounts received prior to incurring qualifying expenditures are reported as unearned revenue in the statement of financial position.

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 the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of program activities and supporting services have been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of activities. The statement of functional expenses presents the natural classification detail of expenses by function. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the program activities and supporting services benefited.

Fund Raising Activity

NESDEC does not maintain a formal fund raising or solicitation department. Currently, it does not conduct fund raising campaigns, door-to-door solicitations, telethons, mass mailings or special fund raising events. The program directors do, however, compile data and applications necessary to renew and obtain new grants. NESDEC does not track costs associated with this activity, but believes the time and cost for this activity represents a very small percentage of the program directors' time. Accordingly, fund raising expense is not segregated and presented in the financial statements.

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1. NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued

Salaries and Benefits

NESDEC does not incur payroll, but reimburses an affiliate for wages and benefits paid for common employees.

Advertising

NESDEC expenses the costs of advertising as incurred.

Income Taxes

NESDEC is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. In addition, NESDEC qualifies for the charitable contribution deduction under Section 170(b)(10)(A) and has been classified as an organization other than a private foundation under Section 509(a)(2).

2. LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY

NESDEC regularly monitors liquidity required to meet its operational needs and strives to maintain liquid financial assets sufficient to cover 90 days of general expenditures. As part of a liquidity management plan, cash in excess of daily requirements is invested in short-term investments, CDs, and money market funds.

For purposes of analyzing resources available to meet general expenditures over a 12-month period, NESDEC considers contributions restricted for programs which are ongoing, major, and central to its annual operations, as well as the conduct of services undertaken to support those activities to be general expenditures.

Note Receivables made without donor restrictions are not included in the analysis as principal on these loans are used to make new loans and are, therefore, not available to meet current operating needs.

In addition to financial assets available to meet general expenditures over the next 12 months, NESDEC anticipates collecting sufficient revenue to cover general expenditures not covered by donor-restricted resources.

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2. LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY, continued

Financial assets available for general expenditure, that is, without donor or other restrictions limiting their use, within one year of the balance sheet date, comprise the following:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,956,019
Certificates of deposit	200,000
Accrued interest receivable	37,815
Other receivables	389
	<u>\$ 3,194,223</u>

3. CUSTODIAL CREDIT RISK - DEPOSITS

NESDEC maintains cash balances at several financial institutions located in South Dakota. Accounts at each institution are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$250,000. In addition, certain financial institutions obtained additional bank deposit guaranty bonds to cover balances not insured by FDIC. As of September 30, 2022, NESDEC cash balances were fully insured and collateralized and not subject to custodial credit risk.

4. ASSET AND LIABILITY COMPONENTS OF DONOR RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

a. Cash

Cash components are comprised of balances that are restricted for certain types of loans and related loan losses as follows:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Rural Development	\$ 1,899,180	\$ 2,482,495
Other	731,289	1,196,752
	<u>\$ 2,630,469</u>	<u>\$ 3,679,247</u>

b. Certificates of deposits

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Rural Development	\$ -	\$ 100,000
Other	-	-
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 100,000</u>

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4. ASSET AND LIABILITY COMPONENTS OF DONOR RESTRICTED NET ASSETS,
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c. Accrued Interest Receivable

	2022	2021
Rural Development	\$ 25,812	\$ 26,316
Other	5,334	5,341
	<u>\$ 31,146</u>	<u>\$ 31,657</u>

d. Due From Other Governments

	2022	2021
Rural Development	\$ 5,270	\$ 3,931
Other	27,439	52,391
	<u>\$ 32,709</u>	<u>\$ 56,322</u>

e. Notes Receivable

	2022	2021
Rural Development	\$ 9,890,856	\$ 8,703,792
Other	1,704,624	1,775,051
Allowance for loan losses	(641,814)	(636,031)
	<u>\$ 10,953,666</u>	<u>\$ 9,842,812</u>

f. Current Liabilities (excluding current portion of long-term debt)

	2022	2021
Rural Development	\$ 87,749	\$ 81,007
Other	5,133	505,934
	<u>\$ 92,882</u>	<u>\$ 586,941</u>

g. Notes Payable

	2022	2021
Rural Development	\$ 4,852,142	\$ 4,544,044
Other	1,600,031	1,712,760
	<u>\$ 6,452,173</u>	<u>\$ 6,256,804</u>

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5. NOTES RECEIVABLE

NESDEC has 239 notes receivable totaling \$21,079,438. Interest rates range from 0% to 8.25%. Each note has its own repayment schedule and interest rate. The notes permit principal repayment at any time without penalty.

The purpose of the loan fund is to provide flexible and accessible loans, primarily gap financing, that will strengthen, create, or save businesses and job opportunities. A summary of notes receivable by portfolio category as of September 30, 2022 and 2021 follows:

	2022	2021
Commercial Loans	\$ 19,478,888	\$ 15,760,111
Housing Loans	1,600,550	1,953,538
Total Loans	21,079,438	17,713,649
Less allowance for loan losses	(1,059,896)	(920,761)
Total Notes Receivable, net of Allowances	<u>\$ 20,019,542</u>	<u>\$ 16,792,888</u>

Allowance for Loan Losses

The following table presents the activity in the allowance for loan losses, including loan guarantees, for the year ended September 30, 2022, by portfolio segment.

Allowance for Loan Losses:	Commercial	Housing	Total
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 827,230	\$ 97,677	\$ 924,907
Provision (benefit) for loan losses	176,628	(51,610)	125,018
Net recoveries (charge offs)	9,971	-	9,971
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 1,013,829</u>	<u>\$ 46,067</u>	<u>\$ 1,059,896</u>

NESDEC individually reviews each loan where all or a portion of the balance exceeds 90 days past due. Based on the assessment of the borrower's current creditworthiness, NESDEC adjusts the borrowers risk category which is used to calculate the portion, if any, of the balance that will not be collected. Additionally, on the aggregate remaining loan receivables, NESDEC estimates an allowance covering those amounts not specifically identified based on the risk category assigned at the borrower's last loan update.

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5. NOTES RECEIVABLE, continued

Allowance for Loan Losses, continued

The ending balance as of September 30, 2022 in the allowance for loan loss is attributed to loans evaluated individually and loans evaluated collectively as follows:

	Allowance for Loan Losses		
	Commercial	Housing	Total
Individually evaluated for impairment	\$ 70,262	\$ 1,691	\$ 71,953
Collectively evaluated for impairment	943,567	44,376	987,943
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 1,013,829</u>	<u>\$ 46,067</u>	<u>\$ 1,059,896</u>

The balance of loans as of September 30, 2022 evaluated individually and loans evaluated collectively are as follows:

	Notes Receivable Balances		
	Commercial	Housing	Total
Individually evaluated for impairment	\$ 329,177	\$ 33,812	\$ 362,989
Collectively evaluated for impairment	19,149,711	1,566,738	20,716,449
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 19,478,888</u>	<u>\$ 1,600,550</u>	<u>\$ 21,079,438</u>

Credit Quality Indicators

NESDEC categorizes loans into risk categories based on relevant information about the ability of borrowers to service their debt including current financial information, historical payment experience, collateral adequacy, credit documentation, public information, current economic trends, and other factors. NESDEC analyzes loans individually by classifying the loans as to credit risk. This analysis typically includes larger loans such as business loans. This analysis is performed on an ongoing basis as new information is obtained. NESDEC uses the following definitions for risk ratings:

Prime - Loans with a rating of prime are very low risk. The borrower is in a strong financial position and able to withstand adversity to the business. The business owner typically has a very high credit score, a track record of proven management ability, strong character and there is adequate collateral for the loan or loans. Repayment ability is proven by borrower's financial history and there is adequate cash flow to show a margin for adversity.

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Desirable - Loans with this rating present a lower risk to NESDEC than many other loans but they are not as strong as loans rated prime. Losses from loans in this category would be rare. These loans are generally strong in all areas but are more subject to adversity than prime loans. There may be one or more areas with some minor weakness or vulnerabilities.

Satisfactory - These are average loans for NESDEC's portfolio. They are strong enough to show repayment and collateral coverage but typically show one or more weaknesses. There may be narrow margins for repayment and collateral coverage. The credit scores for the principals may be average or slightly below average. Adversity can quickly affect this type of loan and result in a lower risk rating when updated.

Watch - These loans have one or more definite weaknesses, which may include factors such as a lack of sufficient collateral, weaker cash flows, management weaknesses, poor credit ratings of the principal owners/managers or other risks. Loans with this initial risk rating should not be made unless there are ways identified to reduce NESDEC's risk such as additional collateral, other supporting income or a strong guarantor.

Doubtful - New applications with this rating should not be approved. Existing loans with this rating have proven to be high risk by their performance. They are past due or cannot reasonably demonstrate the ability to repay the loan. Collateral is often inadequate, deteriorated or missing. Loans with this risk rating assigned are typically already having problems with repayment. A loan rated doubtful has a reasonable chance for at least partial repayment.

Projected Loss - A loan designated as projected loss means our best estimate shows NESDEC will experience a partial or total loss of its loan funds. These loans have similar risk characteristics as the Doubtful category. The primary difference is that loan officers are able to make a reasonable estimate of what the expected loss will be. Projected loss loans should be presented to the board for partial or complete charge off.

NESDEC categorizes housing loans into the satisfactory risk category because of the first mortgage collateral position on residential loans. Satisfactory rated loans require the minimum 5% reserve.

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Credit Risk Profile by Internally Assigned Grade

Based on the most recent analysis performed, the risk category of loans by class of loans as of September 30, 2022 is as follows:

	Commercial	Housing	Total
Prime	\$ 3,174,646	\$ -	\$ 3,174,646
Desirable	7,478,547	-	7,478,547
Satisfactory	6,755,594	1,600,550	8,356,144
Watch	1,970,339	-	1,970,339
Doubtful	99,762	-	99,762
Projected Loss	-	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 19,478,888</u>	<u>\$ 1,600,550</u>	<u>\$ 21,079,438</u>

Credit Risk Profile by Class Based on Payment Activity

Commercial and housing loans are managed on an individual basis. Loans that are delinquent 90 days or more or are not accruing interest are considered nonperforming. The following table presents the recorded investments in loans by class based on payment activity as of September 30, 2022:

	Performing	Nonperforming	Total
Commercial	\$ 19,350,423	\$ 128,465	\$ 19,478,888
Housing	1,600,550	-	1,600,550
Total	<u>\$ 20,950,973</u>	<u>\$ 128,465</u>	<u>\$ 21,079,438</u>

The following table summarizes the aging of the past due loans by loan class within the portfolio segments as of September 30, 2022:

	Current	Still Accruing		Nonaccrual Balance
		30-89 Days Past Due	Over 90 Days Past Due	
Commercial	\$ 18,842,013	\$ 508,410	\$ 45,026	\$ 83,439
Housing	1,600,550	-	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 20,442,563</u>	<u>\$ 508,410</u>	<u>\$ 45,026</u>	<u>\$ 83,439</u>

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Impaired loans are loans assigned to a risk category of “doubtful” or “projected loss”. The following table summarizes individually impaired loans by class of loans as of September 30, 2022:

	Recorded Investment	Unpaid Principal Balance	Related Allowance	Interest Income Recognized
With an allowance recorded:				
Commercial	\$ 329,177	\$ 329,177	\$ 70,262	\$ 3,526
Housing	33,812	33,812	1,691	-
Total	<u>\$ 362,989</u>	<u>\$ 362,989</u>	<u>\$ 71,953</u>	<u>\$ 3,526</u>

There are no impaired loans without an allowance recorded.

The following table presents NESDEC’s impaired and nonaccrual loans as of September 30, 2022 and 2021:

	2022	2021
Impaired loans with a valuation allowance	\$ 362,989	\$ 201,228
Total impaired loans	362,989	201,228
Valuation allowance related to impaired loans	71,953	105,584
Total nonaccrual loans	83,439	52,060
Total loans 90 days or more past due and still accruing	45,026	36,806
Total loans 30-89 days past due and still accruing	508,410	365,595
Average investment in impaired loans	130,240	42,234
Interest income recognized on impaired loans	3,526	60,170

Loan Modifications and Troubled Debt Restructuring

Modifications of terms for loans and their inclusion as troubled debt restructurings are based on individual facts and circumstances. Loan modifications that are included as troubled debt restructurings may involve reduction of the interest rate or renewing at an interest rate below current market rates, extension of the term of the loan and/or forgiveness of principal, regardless of the period of modification.

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The following table represents the effects of the troubled debt restructuring during the year ended September 30, 2022:

	Number of Contracts	Outstanding Recorded Investment Pre-Modification	Post-Modification
Troubled debt restructurings:			
Commercial	22	\$ 362,989	\$ 362,989
Housing	-	-	-
Troubled debt restructurings that subsequently defaulted:			
Commercial	13	275,714	275,714
Housing	-	-	-

During the year ended September 30, 2022, the concessions granted to certain borrowers included extending the payment due dates and lowering the contractual interest rate and did not include reducing accrued interest or reducing the debt's face or maturity amount.

At the time of the restructuring, the loan is evaluated for an asset-specific allowance for credit losses. NESDEC continues to specifically reevaluate the loan in subsequent periods, regardless of the borrower's performance under the modified terms. If the loan defaults after restructuring it is written off with board approval.

6. LOAN GUARANTEES – CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

NESDEC pledges certificates of deposit to lending institutions as security for loans to individuals and businesses who otherwise would not acquire the loans due to their financial condition. When the loans are fully paid back, the lending institution releases the certificates of deposit back to NESDEC. Interest earned on the certificates of deposit is not part of the security agreement and is paid to NESDEC.

CD pledge guarantees as of September 30, 2022 and 2021, is as follows:

	2022	2021
CD pledge guarantees	\$ -	\$ 44,029
Allowance for loan losses	-	(4,147)
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 39,882</u>

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6. LOAN GUARANTEES – CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT, continued

Changes in the allowance for loan losses are as follows:

	2022	2021
Balance, beginning of the year	\$ 4,147	\$ 9,894
Provision (benefit) for loan losses	(4,147)	(5,747)
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,147</u>

7. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment is as follows:

	2022	2021
Buildings	\$ 836,417	\$ 836,417
Land	142,506	142,506
Office equipment	22,771	22,771
	1,001,694	1,001,694
Less: accumulated depreciation	(324,243)	(300,612)
	<u>\$ 677,451</u>	<u>\$ 701,082</u>

8. INVESTMENTS

Securities With Readily Determinable Fair Value

Fair value of investments measured on a recurring basis at September 30, 2022, are as follows:

		Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using		
	Fair Value Balance at 9/30/2022	Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
CDC Bancshares, Inc.	<u>\$2,042,088</u>	\$ -	\$2,042,088	\$ -
	<u>\$2,042,088</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$2,042,088</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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8. INVESTMENTS, continued

Securities With Readily Determinable Fair Value, continued

NESDEC owns an interest in CDC Bancshares, Inc. at a total cost of \$1,402,670. The entity is a bank holding company organized under the laws of the state of Minnesota. The holding company owns Community Development Bank. As of September 30, 2022 and 2021, CDC Bancshares, Inc. is valued as follows:

	2022	2021
CDC Bancshares, Inc.	\$ 1,402,670	\$ 1,402,670
Cumulative unrealized gain (loss)	<u>639,418</u>	<u>639,418</u>
	<u><u>\$ 2,042,088</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,042,088</u></u>

An appraisal of fair value, with a measurement date of June 30, 2021, was used to establish the value at September 30, 2022.

Investment return for the years ended September 30, 2022 and 2021 is as follows:

	2022	2021
Dividends/Distributions	\$ 2,987	\$ -
Unrealized gain	<u>-</u>	<u>255,584</u>
	<u><u>\$ 2,987</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 255,584</u></u>

Securities Without Readily Determinable Fair Value

NESDEC has an investment in Great Opportunities, LLC, a South Dakota Limited Liability Company, formed in 2007. Great Opportunities selectively provides seed funding for start-up companies in need of equity capital. In 2021, the LLC was dissolved and the investment was exited. This investment is carried at cost, net of the valuation allowance, which is now zero.

NESDEC has an investment in Prairie Gold Fund I LP, a Limited Partnership, formed in 2003. Prairie Gold selectively provides seed funding for startup companies in need of equity capital. This investment is carried at cost, net of the valuation allowance.

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Securities Without Readily Determinable Fair Value , continued

NESDEC has an investment in Hancock Holdings LLC, a Limited Liability Company, formed in 2010. Hancock Holding LLC owns real estate leased to the Hancock branch of Community Development Bank. This investment is carried at cost, net of the valuation allowance.

At September 30, 2022 and 2021, securities without readily determinable fair value consisted of the following:

2022	Great Opportunities	Hancock Holdings	Prairie Gold	Total
Cost	\$ 75,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 104,718	\$ 329,718
Valuation allowance	(75,000)	-	(92,703)	(167,703)
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 150,000</u>	<u>\$ 12,015</u>	<u>\$ 162,015</u>
2021	Great Opportunities	Hancock Holdings	Prairie Gold	Total
Cost	\$ 75,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 104,718	\$ 329,718
Valuation allowance	(75,000)	-	(92,703)	(167,703)
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 150,000</u>	<u>\$ 12,015</u>	<u>\$ 162,015</u>

Investment return is summarized as follows:

2022	Great Opportunities	Hancock Holdings	Prairie Gold	Total
Dividends/Distributions	\$ 93	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 15,093
Allowance provision	-	-	-	-
	<u>\$ 93</u>	<u>\$ 15,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 15,093</u>
2021	Great Opportunities	Hancock Holdings	Prairie Gold	Total
Dividends/Distributions	\$ 22,633	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,633
Allowance provision	(26,813)	-	-	(26,813)
	<u>\$ (4,180)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (4,180)</u>

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9. NOTES PAYABLE

Notes payable as of September 30, 2022 and 2021 consisted of the following:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Community Development Financial Institutions, Financial Assistance, semi-annual interest only payments, 1.95% interest, principal due in three annual payments beginning on December 31, 2025, with final payment due April 16, 2028.	\$ 1,389,975	\$ 1,389,975
Northwest Area Foundation, annual interest only payments, 1% interest, final interest payment and principal due March 31, 2025	1,000,000	1,000,000
Wells Fargo Community Development Corporation - subordinated loan, quarterly interest payments only, 2.0% interest, principal due July 8, 2024, uncollateralized	750,000	750,000
Rural Development, collateralized by security interest in loans made with proceeds of this loan, annual installments of \$31,838 (interest payments only for the first three years), 1% interest, final payment due on May 1, 2049	554,845	464,964
Rural Development, collateralized by security interest in loans made with proceeds of this loan, annual installments of \$31,838, (interest payments only for first three years), 1% interest, final payment due on June 25, 2040	521,985	548,339
Rural Development, Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program (RMAP), collateralized by security interest in loans made with the proceeds of this loan, 2% interest, P&I payments begin July 31, 2022 with final payment due July 31, 2040	496,689	250,000

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9. NOTES PAYABLE, continued

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Rural Development, collateralized by security interest in loans made with proceeds of this loan, annual interest payment to October 10, 2011, annual installments of \$31,838 start October 10, 2012, 1% interest, final payment due October 10, 2039	\$ 495,368	\$ 521,986
SBA, collateralized by security interest in loans made with the proceeds of this loan, monthly installments of \$4,659, 0.125% interest, final payment due April 20, 2030	421,650	476,957
Rural Development, collateralized by security interest in loans made with proceeds of this loan, annual installments of \$31,838, (interest payments only for first three years), 1% interest, final payment due on March 14, 2037	441,329	468,482
Rural Development, collateralized by security interest in loans made with the proceeds of this loan, annual installments of \$31,838, (interest payments only for first three years), 1% interest, final payment due June 7, 2035	386,573	414,268
Community Development Financial Institutions, Financial Assistance, semi-annual interest only payments, 2.24% interest, principal due in six semi-annual payments beginning on June 30, 2029, with final payment due April 4, 2032.	332,293	332,293
Rural Development, collateralized by security interest in loans made with the proceeds of this loan, annual installments of \$31,838 (interest payments only for first three years), 1% interest, final payment due August 14, 2033	329,975	358,230

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9. NOTES PAYABLE, continued

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Rural Development, collateralized by security interest in loans made with proceeds of this loan, annual installments of \$31,838, (interest payments only for first three years), 1% interest, final payment due on October 1, 2042	\$ 320,046	\$ 333,690
Rural Development, collateralized by security interest in loans made with the proceeds of this loan, annual installments of \$42,450, (interest payments only for first three years), 1% interest, final payment due October 8, 2028	285,481	324,684
Rural Development, collateralized by security interest in loans made with the proceeds of this loan, annual installments of \$31,838, (interest payments only for first three years), 1% interest, final payment due February 15, 2031	272,602	301,425
Rural Development, Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program (RMAP), collateralized by security interest in loans made with the proceeds of this loan, monthly principal and interest payments of \$2,842, 2% interest, final payment due December 20, 2030	254,167	285,359
Wells Fargo Community Investment Holdings - Subordinated loan, quarterly interest payments only 2.0% interest, principal due July 27, 2027, uncollateralized	250,000	250,000
Rural Development, collateralized by security interest in loans made with the proceeds of this loan, annual installments of \$31,838, (interest payments only for first three years), 1% interest, final payment due on May 5, 2052	249,580	-

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9. NOTES PAYABLE, continued

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Rural Development, collateralized by security interest in loans made with proceeds of this loan, annual installments of \$31,838, (interest payments only for first three years), 1% interest, final payment due on February 10, 2030	\$ 243,503	\$ 272,614
SBA, collateralized by security interest in loans made with the proceeds of this loan, monthly installments begin in month 13 and are calculated based on current balance, 0.375%, final payment due October 14, 2025	178,382	235,804
Venture Communications Cooperative, annual interest only payments, 1% interest, due February 1st; principal due at maturity on February 1, 2026.	100,000	100,000
Dacotah Bank, annual interest only payments, 2% interest, due June 7th; principal due at maturity on June 7, 2028, uncollateralized	50,000	50,000
Bank of America, unsecured, quarterly interest only payments, 3% interest, annual principal payments begin in 2020 with final payment due September 20, 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>500,000</u>
Total	9,324,443	9,629,070
Less: Current portion	<u>(436,857)</u>	<u>(895,006)</u>
	<u>\$ 8,887,586</u>	<u>\$ 8,734,064</u>

Interest expense for the year ending September 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively, was \$126,258 and \$135,641.

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9. NOTES PAYABLE, continued

The estimated minimum principal payments due in the next five years are as follows:

2023	\$ 436,857
2024	440,678
2025	1,444,546
2026	1,824,797
2027	1,005,164
Thereafter	<u>4,172,401</u>
	<u><u>\$9,324,443</u></u>

10. COMMITMENTS, CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

NESDEC participates in a number of federal and private grant programs. These programs are subject to program compliance audits by the grantors or their representatives. Compliance with applicable grant requirements for grants whose grant periods have not expired will be established at some future date. In the opinion of management, the amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the granting agencies cannot be determined at this time, although they expect such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

NESDEC pledges certificates of deposit as security to guarantee loans of others (see Note 6). The amount of the certificates pledged approximate NESDEC's exposure to liability in the event of loan defaults. The carrying amount of NESDEC's liability obligations under the guarantees is zero. As of September 30, 2022, NESDEC is not holding any CD pledge guarantees

NESDEC, as part of its normal business operations, grants credit in the form of notes receivable to businesses located primarily in the northeastern South Dakota area. The maximum amount of loss due to credit risk is equal to the outstanding balance on the notes. Risk ratings are reviewed annually on all notes, which include assessment of collateral and financial condition of the business. Allowances for loan losses are calculated from the risk ratings. NESDEC's policy is to review collateral and financial statements of the businesses on an annual basis. Collateral is required on all loans, typically a first lien or shared first lien on assets. NESDEC seeks to obtain the most secure position possible, including collateral such as inventory, equipment, accounts receivable, mortgages, vehicle liens and personal guarantees.

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10. COMMITMENTS, CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK, continued

Other current liabilities is a Loan Loss Reserve that was transferred to NESDEC by USDA Rural Development when NESDEC acquired another intermediary's loans. The liability will remain for the term of the loans acquired. If no losses occur, funds will be returned to Rural Development. If a loss occurs, NESDEC will reduce the amount of the liability.

11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Northeast South Dakota Community Action Program (NESDCAP) is a nonprofit organization that promotes health, education and social and economic welfare to low-income, minority and disadvantage persons. NESDEC employees are also employed by NESDCAP. NESDEC reimburses NESDCAP for salaries, employee benefits and various administrative and program costs which amounted to approximately \$560,059 and \$485,559 for the years ended September 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

NESDCAP leases office and storage space from NESDEC on annual leases. Total lease payments under these leases during the year ended September 30, 2022 and 2021, were \$24,000 and \$24,000, respectively.

Grow South Dakota is a not-for-profit corporation formed to promote and foster economic, housing, and educational development in distressed communities and underserved markets in South Dakota and to purposefully serve low to moderate income individuals and communities. A minority of Grow South Dakota board members also serve on the NESDEC board. NESDEC reimburses Grow South Dakota for various administrative costs which amounted to approximately \$990 and \$990 for the years ended September 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

NESDEC has deposits with banks that employ some of the members of the Board of Directors. The lending expertise of these board members is utilized in assessing NESDEC's loan portfolio. NESDEC has deposits totaling \$788,716 at financial institutions employing NESDEC board members. NESDEC also has a direct loan receivable totaling \$7,198 with a board member.

NESDEC has a direct loan receivable totaling \$1,000,000 with Grow South Dakota, an affiliate. Interest earned on this loan during the years ended September 30, 2022 and 2021, was \$30,000 and \$30,000, respectively.

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11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS, continued

NESDEC has entered into transactions with certain directors, executive officers, and their affiliates. Such transactions were made in the ordinary course of business on substantially the same terms and conditions, including interest rates and collateral, as those prevailing at the same time for comparable transactions with other customers, and did not, in the opinion of management, involve more than normal credit risk or present other unfavorable features. The aggregated amount of such loans due to related parties as of September 30, 2022 was \$100,000.

12. RETIREMENT PLAN

NESDCAP, an affiliate of NESDEC, maintains a defined contribution Simplified Employee Pension Plan. Substantially, all employees meeting certain eligibility requirements are covered by this plan. NESDCAP may contribute up to 15% of total employee compensation to the plan; however, the Board has set the percentage at 10%. Total employer contributions to this plan were \$153,025 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022, of which NESDEC paid \$88,074.

13. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Events occurring after September 30, 2022, were evaluated by management on December 27, 2022, the date the financial statements were available to be issued, to ensure that any subsequent events that met the criteria for recognition and/or disclosure in these financial statements have been included. There are no significant subsequent events needing disclosure.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

NORTHEAST SOUTH DAKOTA ECONOMIC CORPORATION
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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor Program or Cluster Title	Federal CFDA Number	Disbursements/ Expenditures
U.S. Department of Treasury Direct Funding:		
Community Development Financial Institution Program - Rapid Response Program	21.024	\$ 1,826,265
Total U.S. Department of Health & Human Services		<u>1,826,265</u>
U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION Direct Funding:		
Microloan Program - Project Grant (SBAOCAML210236)	59.046	45,780
Microloan Program - Project Grant (SBAOCAML220367-01-00)	59.046	15,204
Microloan Program - Direct Loans - Note 3	59.046	<u>712,761</u>
Total U.S. Small Business Administration		<u>773,745</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - RURAL DEVELOPMENT Direct Funding:		
Intermediary Relending Program - Note 3	10.767	4,348,145
Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program - Project Grant	10.870	21,861
Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program - Direct Loans - Note 3	10.870	<u>785,359</u>
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture - Rural Development		<u>5,155,365</u>
Total Federal Funding		<u>\$ 7,755,375</u>

Note 1: Basis of Presentation

This accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the schedule) includes the federal award activity of the Northeast South Dakota Economic Corporation under programs of the federal government for the year ended September 30, 2022. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the 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). Because the schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Northeast South Dakota Economic Corporation, it is not intended to, and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of the organization.

Note 2: Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

The Northeast South Dakota Economic Corporation has not elected to use the 10% de minimis cost rate.

Note 3: Federal Loan Programs	Federal CFDA Number	Outstanding Balance
The outstanding balances of federal loans at September 30, 2022 were as follows:		
U.S. Department of Agriculture - Intermediary Relending Program	10.767	\$ 4,101,287
U.S. Department of Agriculture - Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program	10.870	750,856
U.S. Department of Treasury - Community Development Financial Institutions Program	21.020	1,722,268
U.S. Small Business Administration	59.046	<u>600,031</u>
		<u>\$ 7,174,442</u>

See Independent Auditor's Report



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

To the Board of Directors
Northeast South Dakota Economic Corporation
dba GROW South Dakota
Sisseton, South 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 Northeast South Dakota Economic Corporation dba GROW South Dakota (a nonprofit organization, hereafter referred to as "NESDEC"), which comprise the statement of financial position as of September 30, 2022, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 27, 2022.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered NESDEC'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 opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of NESDEC's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of NESDEC's internal control.

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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 was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control 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. 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 NESDEC's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of law, 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 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 report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Wohlenberg Ritzman + Co., LLC

Yankton, South Dakota
December 27, 2022



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM
AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM
GUIDANCE

To the Board of Directors
Northeast South Dakota Economic Corporation
dba GROW South Dakota
Sisseton, South Dakota

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Northeast South Dakota Economic Corporation dba GROW South Dakota's (a nonprofit organization, hereafter referred to as "NESDEC") compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on NESDEC's major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2022. NESDEC's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, NESDEC complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2022.

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; 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.

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We are required to be independent of NESDEC and to meet our ethical responsibilities, in accordance with 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 NESDEC'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 NESDEC'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 NESDEC'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 generally accepted auditing standards, *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 judgement made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about NESDEC's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgement 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 NESDEC'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 NESDEC's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit 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 NESDEC'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.

Wohlenberg Ritzman + Co., LLC

Yankton, South Dakota
December 27, 2022

NORTHEAST SOUTH DAKOTA ECONOMIC CORPORATION
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SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

There were no prior financial statement audit findings reported.

SECTION III – MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS AUDIT

There were no prior major federal award program findings reported.

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued: Unmodified

Internal Control over financial reporting:

Material weakness(es) identified?	_____ yes	_____ <u>X</u> _____	no
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	_____ yes	_____ <u>X</u> _____	none reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? _____ yes _____ X _____ no

Federal Awards

Internal Control over major programs:

Material weakness(es) identified?	_____ yes	_____ <u>X</u> _____	no
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	_____ yes	_____ <u>X</u> _____	none reported

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs: Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance 2 CFR 200.516(a)? _____ yes _____ X _____ no

Identification of major programs:

<u>Assistance Listing Number(s)</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
10.870	Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program
59.046	Microloan Program
21.024	Community Development Financial Institutions Rapid Response Program (CDFI RRP)

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B Programs: \$750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? _____ X _____ yes _____ no

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS - continued
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

There are no financial statement audit findings reported.

SECTION III – MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS AUDIT

There are no major federal award program findings reported.