City of Chicago Department of Planning and Development Special Service Area (SSA) Program

Audit Report Package Transmittal Checklist

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SSA Name and number: Sheridan Road SSA 54

SSA Provider Name: DevCorp North d/b/a Rogers Park Business Alliance

Submission Date: May 3, 2021

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SPECIAL SERVICE AREA 54 MANAGED BY DEVCORP NORTH D/B/A ROGERS PARK BUSINESS ALLIANCE (a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019

Managed by DevCorp North D/B/A Rogers Park Business Alliance (a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago)

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Commissioners of Special Service Area 54 Managed by DevCorp North D/B/A Rogers Park Business Alliance

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Special Service Area 54, (a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the SSA 54 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 audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit 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 entity'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 entity'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 net position of Special Service Area 54 as of December 31, 2020, and its statement of activities and governmental fund, revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing 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. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The schedules of revenues and expenditures - budget and actual on page 10 and 11, are presented for comparison and analysis purposes only. The supplementary information is not a required part of the basic financial statements. We have not performed any auditing procedures on the budget amounts and therefore, express no opinion on them.

Prior Year Audit Opinion

The financial statements of the organization for the year ended December 31, 2019 were audited by another auditor who expressed an unmodified opinion on those financial statements in their report dated May 14, 2020.

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Chicago, Illinois April 27, 2021

Managed by DevCorp North D/B/A Rogers Park Business Alliance (a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago) Statements of Net Position and Governmental Fund Balance Sheets December 31, 2020 and 2019

	2020						2019							
		ernmental Fund	Ad	justments		tement of t Position	Gov	ernmental Fund	Adjustments			tement of t Position		
ASSETS														
Cash and Cash Equivalents Property Tax Receivable, Net Allowance	\$	4,734	\$	-	\$	4,734	\$	69,196	\$	-	\$	69,196		
of \$0 and \$3,592		99,445		-		99,445		87,791		-		87,791		
Prepaid Expenses		13,318				13,318		37				37		
Total Assets	\$	117,497	\$		\$	117,497	\$	157,024	\$		\$	157,024		
LIABILITIES														
Accounts Payable		1,503		-		1,503		2,064		-		2,064		
Accrued Expenses		10,550		-		10,550		726		-		726		
Due to SSA 19		32		-		32		132		-		132		
Due to SSA 24		22		-		22		2		-		2		
Due to RPBA		1,675		-		1,675		3,636		-		3,636		
Total Liabilities		13,782		-		13,782		6,560		-		6,560		
DEFERRED INFLOWS														
Deferred Property Tax Revenue		99,445		(99,445)				87,791		(87,791)				
Total Deferred Inflows		99,445		(99,445)		-		87,791		(87,791)		-		
FUND BALANCE / NET POSITION														
Unassigned		4,270		(4,270)				62,673		(62,673)				
Total Fund Balance		4,270		(4,270)				62,673		(62,673)				
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows														
and Fund Balance	\$	117,497					\$	157,024						
		<u> </u>												
Net Position - Unrestricted			\$	(103,715)	\$	103,715			\$	(150,464)	\$	150,464		
Amounts reported for government activities in	the sta	tement of ne	t posit	ion are differ	ent bed	cause:								
Total fund balance - governmental funds	3				\$	4,270					\$	62,673		
Property tax revenue is recognized in the "available." A portion of the property tax government funds.					hen	99,445						87,791		
Total net position - governmental activitie	es				\$	103,715					\$	150,464		

Managed by DevCorp North D/B/A Rogers Park Business Alliance Statements of Activities and Governmental Fund, Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

For the Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

	2020					2019							
	Governmental Fund		ustments	Statement of Activities			ernmental Fund	Adjustments			tement of		
REVENUES Property Revenues and Interest	\$ 72,414	\$	11,654	\$	84,068	\$	95,793	\$	1,591	\$	97,384		
Total Revenues	72,414		11,654		84,068		95,793		1,591		97,384		
EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES													
Customer Attraction	23,688		-		23,688		14,813		-		14,813		
Public Way Aesthetics	48,048		-		48,048		32,194		-		32,194		
Economic Business Development	33,697				33,697		2,870				2,870		
Total Services Expense	105,433		-		105,433		49,877		-		49,877		
SSA Management	9,909		_		9,909		10,046		_		10,046		
Personnel	15,475		-		15,475		15,798		_		15,798		
		-									-,		
Total Administration Expense	25,384				25,384		25,844				25,844		
Total Expenditures	130,817				130,817		75,721				75,721		
Excess/(deficit) of													
Revenues Over Expenditures	(58,403)		11,654		(46,749)		20,072		1,591		21,663		
rtevendee ever Expenditures	(00,100)	-	11,001		(10,110)		20,012		1,001		21,000		
Change in Net Position	(58,403)		11,654		(46,749)		20,072		1,591		21,663		
Fund Balance/Net Position													
Beginning of the Year	62,673		87,791		150,464		42,601		86,200		128,801		
End of the Year	\$ 4,270	\$	99,445	\$	103,715	\$	62,673	\$	87,791	\$	150,464		
Amounts reported for governmental activities	in the statement	of activit	ties is differe	nt beca	iuse:								
Net Change in Fund Balance - Governmenta	l Funds			\$	(58,403)					\$	20,072		
Property Tax is recognized in the year it is lefter Governmental Funds	vied rather than wh	nen it is	available		11,654						1,591		
Change in Net Position				\$	(46,749)					\$	21,663		

NOTE 1 – Nature of Activities and Reporting Entity

<u>Nature of Reporting Entity</u> - Special Service Area 54 is a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago located in Chicago, Illinois. Its scope of services is to fund various activities to improve and enhance commercial district on Sheridan Road from Devon Avenue to Farwell Avenue. The SSA is funded by property taxes levied on properties within the SSA boundaries, which are collected by the Cook County Treasurer, and then distributed by the City of Chicago to the SSA.

Special Service Area 54 is governed by a Commission whose members are appointed by the Mayor of Chicago. The City of Chicago contracted with DevCorp North D/B/A Rogers Park Business Alliance (RPBA) to perform administrative duties as the service provider for this SSA during the reporting period. RPBA is an Illinois not-for-profit corporation that is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

NOTE 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

a. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The financial statements of the SSA have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in United States of America as applied to governmental units, hereinafter referred to as GAAP (generally accepted accounting principles). The accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles is GASB (the Governmental Accounting Standards Board). The SSA accounts for its activities in one fund, its general fund.

b. Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The government fund financial statements are prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting with only current assets and liabilities included on the balance sheet. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual, both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current period. Available means collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Property taxes are susceptible to accrual and recognized as a receivable in the year levied. Revenue recognition is deferred unless the taxes are received within 60 days subsequent to year-end. Expenditures are recorded when the liability is incurred.

NOTE 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – (continued)

b. Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation - (continued)

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles 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 revenues and expenditures/expenses during the reported period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

c. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position

Cash and cash equivalents

The SSA's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisitions.

Receivables

All property tax receivables are shown net of allowances. As of December 31, 2020, and 2019, the allowance is estimated to be 4-8% of the outstanding property taxes.

Fund Equity/Net Position

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, or unassigned. Nonspendable fund balance cannot be spent because of its form. Restricted fund balance has limitations imposed by the SSA board through approval of resolutions. Assigned fund balance is a limitation imposed by a designee of the SSA board. Unassigned fund balance is the net resources in excess of what can be properly classified in one of the above four categories. When both restricted and unrestricted fund balances are available for use, it is the SSA's policy to use restricted fund balance first, then unrestricted fund balance. Furthermore, committed fund balance is reduced first, followed by assigned amounts, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of those unrestricted fund balance classifications can be used.

(a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago) Managed by DevCorp North D/B/A Rogers Park Business Alliance Notes to Financial Statements

For the Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

NOTE 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – (continued)

Fund Equity/Net Position – (continued)

For the government-wide financial statements, net position is reported as invested in capital assets net of related debt, restricted or unrestricted. Invested in capital assets, net of related debt, if applicable, is comprised of the net capital asset balance less any related debt. Restricted net position is when restrictions are placed on net assets from 1) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws, or regulations of other governments or 2) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The remaining net position is classified as unrestricted.

d. Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through April 27, 2021, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 3 – Cash and Cash Equivalents

The SSA defines cash and cash equivalents as short-term liquid investments such as cash in banks, money markets, and other financial instruments that can be reduced to cash in thirty days or less. The SSA maintains its cash balance in financial institutions located in Chicago, IL. The balance is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$250,000. The SSA's cash balances did not exceed the insurance level at each financial institution as of December 31, 2020 and 2019.

NOTE 4 – Property Taxes

The SSA's principal source of revenue is from real estate taxes levied on certain property located in its boundaries. Property taxes become an enforceable lien on real property on January 1 of the year it is levied. Taxes are payable in two installments in the subsequent year. The first installment is an estimate based on the prior year billed levy (55%) and is due March. The second installment is due in August or 30 days from the mailing of the tax bills, if issued later than July 1. The second installment is based on the remaining amount of the levy on file with the County. Bills are issued and collected by Cook County who remits the SSA's share to the City who then remits the monies to the SSA.

NOTE 5 – Prepaid expenses

Prepaid expenses represent expenses paid during the fiscal year that will be used in the next fiscal year. As of December 31, 2020, and 2019, the amount reported as prepaid was \$13,318 and \$37, respectively. At December 31, 2020, \$13,300 of the \$13,318 prepaid balance represents a partial reimbursement for January 2021 shared cost to the Service Provider.

NOTE 6 – Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses

Accounts payable balance at December 31, 2020 and 2019, is \$1,503 and \$2,064, respectively. Accrued expenses at December 31, 2020 and 2019, is \$10,550 and \$726, respectively. These balances consist of expenses and services received during the respective year related to vendor services.

NOTE 7 – Deferred Inflows of Revenue

A deferred inflow of resources/property tax revenue represents an acquisition of fund balance that applies to a future period and therefore will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that future time.

NOTE 8 – Fund Equity / Net Position

The SSA is required to present information regarding its financial position and activities according to the Agreement for Special Service Area 54 between the City of Chicago and DevCorp North D/B/A Rogers Park Business Alliance. As of December 31, 2020, and 2019, the SSA had total fund equity balances of \$4,270 and \$62,673, respectively. These funds will be utilized in this special service area during future years.

NOTE 9 - Related Party Transactions

The SSA is affiliated with DevCorp North D/B/A Rogers Park Business Alliance. RPBA acts as SSA 54's service provider. Special Service Area 54 shares office space, equipment, and employees through the above affiliations. Special Service Area 54 does not have employees of its own. As of December 31, 2020, and 2019, \$1,675 and \$3,636, was payable for services by DevCorp North D/B/A Rogers Park Business Alliance, respectively.

NOTE 9 – Related Party Transactions – (continued)

The balances resulted from the time lag that 1) goods and services are being provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, 2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system and 3) payments are being made. As of December 31, 2020, SSA 54 prepaid RPBA \$13,300 for January 2021 shared costs.

As of December 31, 2020, and 2019, \$32 and \$132, was payable to SSA 19, and payable to SSA 24 \$22 and \$2, respectively, for goods or services provided by this SSA

NOTE 10 – Risks and Uncertainties

In January 2020, the World Health Organization declared the spread of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) a worldwide pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic is having significant effects on global markets, supply chains, businesses, and communities. Specific to the SSA, COVID-19 may impact various parts of its 2021 operations and financial results, including potential reduction in collection of property tax levies.

Management believes the SSA is taking appropriate actions to mitigate the negative impact. However, the full impact of COVID-19 outbreak continues to evolve as of the date the SSA's financial statements were issued. Given the uncertainty related to the pandemic, the SSA is not able to estimate the effects of the COVID-19 outbreak on its operations, financial condition and liquidity for the year ended December 31, 2021.



Special Service Area 54 Managed by DevCorp North D/B/A Rogers Park Business Alliance Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual December 31, 2020

	E	Budget	 Actual	Variance		
REVENUE						
Property Taxes and Interest	\$	103,142	\$ 72,414	\$	30,728	
Total Revenues		103,142	72,414		30,728	
EXPENDITURES						
Customer Attraction Public Way Aesthetics Sustainabilty and Public Places Economic Business Development SSA Management Personnel		23,700 47,029 200 33,100 9,975 16,945	23,688 48,048 - 33,697 9,909 15,475		12 (1,019) 200 (597) 66 1,470	
Total Expenditures		130,949	 130,817		132	
Excess/(deficit) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$	(27,807)	\$ (58,403)	\$	30,596	
CARRYOVER		27,807	 		27,807	
Net Revenues In Excess/ (Deficit) of Expenditures	\$	<u>-</u>	\$ (58,403)	\$	58,403	

Special Service Area 54 Managed by DevCorp North D/B/A Rogers Park Business Alliance Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual December 31, 2019

	Budget Actual			Actual	Variance		
REVENUE							
Property Taxes and Interest	\$	89,792	\$	95,793	\$	(6,001)	
Total Revenues		89,792		95,793		(6,001)	
EXPENDITURES							
Customer Attraction Public Way Aesthetics Sustainabilty and Public Places Economic Business Development SSA Management Personnel		26,950 51,395 2,000 4,100 9,975 16,715		14,814 32,194 - 2,870 10,045 15,798		12,136 19,201 2,000 1,230 (70) 917	
Total Expenditures		111,135		75,721		35,414	
Excess/(deficit) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$	(21,343)	\$	20,072	\$	(41,415)	
CARRYOVER		21,343		<u>-</u>		21,343	
Net Revenues In Excess of Expenditures	\$	-	\$	20,072	\$	(20,072)	

(a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago) Managed by DevCorp North D/B/A Rogers Park Business Alliance Schedule Summary of Findings For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

As part of our audit and request by the Special Service Area Annual Audited Financial Guidelines prepared by the City of Chicago Department of Planning and Economic Development, we have read the requirements contained in the Service Provider Agreement.

CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS:

 We noted certain expenditures for which actual expenses exceed budgeted amounts.

MANAGEMENT RESPONSE:

 Rogers Park Business Alliance will pay closer attention to monthly financial statements from our accountant and adjust the budget as needed.

PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS:

- We noted the SSA participated in loan activity as amounts "Due To" other Special Service Areas managed by the same Service Provider were identified.
- We noted certain expenditures for which actual expenses exceed budgeted amounts.
- We noted that there was no invoice issued by the service provider to the SSA for shared costs which is required by the City of Chicago.

MANAGEMENT RESPONSE:

- Our corrective action plan is to more closely monitor amounts due to and from Special Service Areas.
- We also will make sure to collect invoices from the service provider before the payment is made and to pay attention to the program guide, page 19, "paying for shared costs" section.
- Rogers Park Business Alliance will pay closer attention to monthly financial statements from our accountant and adjust the budget as needed.

Special Service Area 54 (a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago) Managed by DevCorp North D/B/A Rogers Park Business Alliance Auditor Professional License For the Year Ended December 31, 2020



Special Service Area 54 (a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago) Managed by DevCorp North D/B/A Rogers Park Business Alliance Budget

For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

Exhibit A Budget

	Special Service Area # <mark>54</mark>
SSA Name:	Sheridan Road

2020 BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget and Services Period: January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020

		2019 Levy				~	
CATEGORY		Collectable Levy	Estimated Loss Collection	Carryover Funds	TIF Rebate Fund #	Estimated Late Collections and Interest	Total All Sources
1.00 Customer Attraction		\$12,737	\$1,693	\$5,807	\$0	\$3,463	\$23,700
2.00 Public Way Aesthetics		\$29,299	\$5,000	\$7,000	\$0	\$5,730	\$47,029
3.00 Sustainability and Public Places		\$200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200
4.00 Economic/ Business Development		\$10,600	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$0	\$2,500	\$33,100
5.00 Safety Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
6.00 SSA Management		\$9,975	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,975
7.00 Personnel		\$16,945	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$16,945
	Sub-total	\$79,756	\$11,693				
GRAND TOTALS	Levy Total	\$91,449		\$27,807	\$0	\$11,693	\$130,949

LEVY ANALYSIS			
Estimated 2019 EAV:	\$24,075,213		
Authorized Tax Rate Cap:	0.415%		
Maximum Potential Levy limited by Rate Cap:	\$99,912		
Requested 2019 Levy Amount:	\$91,449		
Estimated Tax Rate to Generate 2018 Levy:	0.3798%		

LEVY CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR			
2018 Levy Total (in 2019 budget) \$8			
2019 Levy Total (in 2020 budget)	\$91,449		
Percentage Change	1.85%		
Community meeting required if levy amount increases greater than 5% from previous levy.			

CARRYOVER CALCULATION			
2019 Budget Total	\$111,135		
2020 Carryover	\$27,807		
Percentage	25.021%		
Must be less than 25%			