



# CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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CHRISTY BRADY  
City Controller

January 7, 2026

Honorable Cherelle L. Parker, Mayor  
City of Philadelphia  
City Hall, Room 215  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Dear Mayor Parker,

We recently completed the Single Audit of federal funds expended by the city for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The audit identified multiple findings related to compliance with federal requirements. Among those findings, we identified material weaknesses in internal control over compliance related to the Emergency Solutions Grants Program administered by the Office of Homeless Services (OHS).

Specifically, we found that OHS did not consistently make timely payments to subrecipients and charged certain expenditures totaling \$228,594 to the federal grant beyond the allowable period of performance. As a result, the city may be required to reimburse the federal agency.

These audit findings are consistent with broader concerns raised by Council Majority Leader Katherine Gilmore Richardson in 2024, regarding OHS's financial management, including significant overspending of millions of dollars beyond its operating budget over multiple years, the carrying forward of obligations into subsequent fiscal years, and insufficient financial controls to prevent deficits.

In February 2024, your administration retained an independent accounting firm, in coordination with the city's Office of Inspector General, to conduct a forensic investigation of OHS's finances. My office is not aware of any findings that were released from that investigation. Considering our audit findings described above, and the administration's prior commitment to review OHS spending, please provide us with the current status of this joint investigation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christy Brady".

CHRISTY BRADY, CPA  
City Controller

Cc: Honorable Kenyatta Johnson, City Council President  
Rob Dubow, Director of Finance  
Cheryl Hill, Executive Director, OHS