

AUDIT SUMMARY

Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority
Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority
Connecticut Student Loan Foundation
CHEFA Community Development Corporation

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Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2020 and 2021

ABOUT THE AGENCIES

Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority (CHEFA)

CHEFA, a quasi-public agency, is a conduit issuer of tax-exempt bonds issued on behalf of non-profit healthcare institutions, higher education institutions, independent schools, childcare facilities, long-term care facilities, cultural institutions, and various other qualified non-profit entities.

The following three quasi-public agencies are subsidiaries of CHEFA:

Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority (CHESLA)

CHESLA issues tax-exempt bonds, supported by special capital reserve funds, to fund student loans for the higher education of students in or from the state who meet specific eligibility criteria.

Connecticut Student Loan Foundation (CSLF)

CSLF is a chartered nonprofit corporation established to improve educational opportunities by originating and acquiring student loans and providing related services. CSLF ceased serving as a guarantor in 2009 and stopped new loans in 2010. CSLF continues to hold and administer a portfolio of loans and bonds. At the direction of the CSLF board of directors, CSLF can transfer funds to CHESLA to provide financial aid to students.



CHEFA Community Development Corporation (CHEFA CDC)

CHEFA CDC was incorporated to provide financial assistance to higher education institutions, healthcare institutions, nursing homes, and qualified non-profit organizations in low-income communities in the state.

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Our audit did not identify instances of noncompliance with laws, regulations, or policies, internal control deficiencies, or a need for improvement in practices and procedures that warrant the attention of management.

<p>1 prior audit  RECOMMENDATION has been resolved</p>	<p>The Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority, and Connecticut Student Loan Foundation should submit statutorily required reports in a timely manner.</p>	
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ABOUT THE AUDIT

We have audited certain operations of CHEFA, CHESLA, CSLF, and CHEFA CDC in fulfillment of our duties under Sections 1-122, and 2-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Throughout the audit report, CHEFA, CHESLA, CSLF, and CHEFA CDC are referred to as the "authority" on a consolidated basis. The scope of our audit included, but was not necessarily limited to, the fiscal years ending June 30, 2020, and 2021. The objectives of our audit were to evaluate the:

1. Authority's significant internal controls over compliance and its compliance with policies and procedures internal to the authority or promulgated by other state agencies, as well as certain legal provisions, including as applicable, but not limited to whether the authority has complied with its regulations concerning affirmative action, personnel practices, the purchase of goods and services, the use of surplus funds and the distribution of loans, grants, and other financial assistance;
2. Authority's internal controls over certain financial and management functions; and
3. Effectiveness, economy, efficiency, and equity of certain management practices and operations, including certain financial transactions.

We conducted this performance audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives. We believe that the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives.