



May 23, 2024

Citizens of Lexington-Fayette Urban County
The Honorable Mayor Linda Gorton,
Members of the Urban County Council
Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Citizens, Mayor, and Members of the Urban County Council:

We are pleased to confirm our understanding of the services we are to provide for Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government ("LFUCG") for the year ended June 30, 2024 with additional years of 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029.

AUDIT SCOPE AND OBJECTIVES

We will audit the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information, including the disclosures, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements, of LFUCG as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024. Accounting standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) provide for certain required supplementary information (RSI), such as management's discussion and analysis (MD&A), to supplement LFUCG basic financial statements. Such 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. As part of our engagement, we will apply certain limited procedures to LFUCG's RSI in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). These limited procedures will consist of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We will not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance. The following RSI is required by GAAP and will be subjected to certain limited procedures, but will not be audited:

1. Management's Discussion and Analysis
2. Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance – Budgetary Comparison General Fund



3. Full Urban Services District Fund
4. Schedule of Changes in the Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios
5. Schedules of the Government's Contributions
6. Schedule of Changes in the Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios
7. Schedule of Changes in the OPEB Liability and Related Ratios
8. Schedule of the Government's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
9. Schedule of the Government's Pension Contributions
10. Schedule of the Government's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability
11. Schedule of the Government's OPEB Contributions

We have also been engaged to report on supplementary information other than RSI that accompanies LFUCG's financial statements. We will subject the following supplementary information to the auditing procedures applied in our 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 GAAS, and we will provide an opinion on it in relation to the financial statements as a whole in a report combined with our auditor's report on the financial statements:

1. Combining Balance Sheet – Nonmajor Governmental Funds
2. Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance – Nonmajor Governmental Funds
3. Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
4. Schedule of Expenditures of State Awards
5. Combining Statement of Net Position – Nonmajor Enterprise Funds
6. Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position – Nonmajor Enterprise Funds
7. Combining Statement of Cash Flows – Nonmajor Enterprise Funds
8. Combining Statement of Net Position – Internal Service Funds
9. Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Position – Internal Service Funds



10. Combining Statement of Cash Flows – Internal Service Funds
11. Statement of Net Position – Investment Trust Funds
12. Statement of Changes in Net Position – Investment Trust Funds
13. Combining Statement of Net Position – Custodial Funds
14. Combining Statement of Changes in Net Position – Custodial Funds
15. Combining Statement of Net Position – Nonmajor Component Units
16. Combining Statement of Activities – Nonmajor Component Units
17. Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance – Budgetary Comparison (multiple funds)

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, we will read the following other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

1. Introductory Section
2. Statistical Section

We will also audit the basic financial statements of the Sheriff's Collection of Property Taxes. A separate report will be issued for this reporting unit, and the financial statements will also be included in the ACFR.

The objectives of our audit are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions about whether your financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with GAAP, and report on the fairness of the supplementary information referred to in the second paragraph when considered in relation to the financial statements as whole. 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 GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements, including omissions, can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment of a reasonable user made based on the financial statements. The objectives also include reporting on:

- Internal control over financial reporting and compliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and award agreements, noncompliance with which could have a material effect on the financial statements in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.



- Internal control over compliance related to major programs and an opinion (or disclaimer of opinion) on compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards that could have a direct and material effect on each major program in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance).

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SINGLE AUDIT

We will conduct our audit in accordance with GAAS; the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996; and the provisions of the Uniform Guidance, and will include tests of accounting records, a determination of major program(s) in accordance with Uniform Guidance, and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express such opinions. As part of an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

We will evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management. We will also evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and determine whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation. We will plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the government or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the government. Because the determination of waste and abuse is subjective, *Government Auditing Standards* do not expect auditors to perform specific procedures to detect waste or abuse in financial audits nor do they expect auditors to provide reasonable assurance of detecting waste or abuse.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, combined with the inherent limitations of internal control, and because we will not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements or noncompliance may not be detected by us, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*. In addition, an audit is not designed to detect immaterial misstatements or violations of laws or governmental regulations that do not have a direct and material effect on the financial statements or on major programs. However, we will inform the appropriate level of management of any material errors, any fraudulent financial reporting, or misappropriation of assets that come to our attention. We will also inform the appropriate level of management of any violations of laws or governmental regulations that come to our attention, unless clearly inconsequential. We will include such matters in the reports required for a Single Audit. Our responsibility as auditors is limited to the period covered by our audit and does not extend to any later periods for which we are not engaged as auditors.



We will also conclude, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the government's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our procedures will include tests of documentary evidence supporting the transactions recorded in the accounts, tests of the physical existence of inventories, and direct confirmation of receivables and certain assets and liabilities by correspondence with selected individuals, funding sources, creditors, and financial institutions. We will also request written representations from your attorneys as part of the engagement.

We may, from time to time and depending on the circumstances, use third-party service providers in serving your account. We may share confidential information about you with these service providers but remain committed to maintaining the confidentiality and security of your information. Accordingly, we maintain internal policies, procedures, and safeguards to protect the confidentiality of your personal information. In addition, we will secure confidentiality agreements with all service providers to maintain the confidentiality of your information and we will take reasonable precautions to determine that they have appropriate procedures in place to prevent the unauthorized release of your confidential information to others. In the event that we are unable to secure an appropriate confidentiality agreement, you will be asked to provide your consent prior to the sharing of your confidential information with the third-party service provider. Furthermore, we will remain responsible for the work provided by any such third-party service providers.

AUDIT PROCEDURES – INTERNAL CONTROL

We will obtain an understanding of the government and its environment, including internal control relevant to the audit, sufficient to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and to design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks and obtain evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinions. 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, misrepresentation, or the override of internal control. Tests of controls may be performed to test the effectiveness of certain controls that we consider relevant to preventing and detecting errors and fraud that are material to the financial statements and to preventing and detecting misstatements resulting from illegal acts and other noncompliance matters that have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. Our tests, if performed, will be less in scope than would be necessary to render an opinion on internal control and, accordingly, no opinion will be expressed in our report on internal control issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*.

As required by the Uniform Guidance, we will perform tests of controls over compliance to evaluate the effectiveness of the design and operation of controls that we consider relevant to preventing or detecting material noncompliance with compliance requirements applicable to each major federal award program. However, our tests will be less in scope than would be necessary to render an opinion on those controls and, accordingly, no opinion will be expressed in our report on internal control issued pursuant to the Uniform Guidance.



An audit is not designed to provide assurance on internal control or to identify significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. Accordingly, we will express no such opinion. However, during the audit, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under AICPA professional standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance.

AUDIT PROCEDURES – COMPLIANCE

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we will perform tests of LFUCG’s compliance with provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and agreements, including grant agreements. However, the objective of those procedures will not be to provide an opinion on overall compliance, and we will not express such an opinion in our report on compliance issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*.

The Uniform Guidance requires that we also plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the auditee has complied with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards applicable to major programs. Our procedures will consist of tests of transactions and other applicable procedures described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* for the types of compliance requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each of LFUCG’s major programs. For federal programs that are included in the Compliance Supplement, our compliance and internal control procedures will relate to the compliance requirements that the Compliance Supplement identifies as being subject to audit. The purpose of these procedures will be to express an opinion on LFUCG’s compliance with requirements applicable to each of its major programs in our report on compliance issued pursuant to the Uniform Guidance.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MANAGEMENT FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SINGLE AUDIT

Our audit will be conducted on the basis that you acknowledge and understand your responsibility for (1) designing, implementing, establishing, and maintaining effective internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, including internal controls over federal awards, and for evaluating and monitoring ongoing activities to help ensure that appropriate goals and objectives are met; (2) following laws and regulations; (3) ensuring that there is reasonable assurance that government programs are administered in compliance with compliance requirements; and (4) ensuring that management and financial information is reliable and properly reported. Management is also responsible for implementing systems designed to achieve compliance with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements. You are also responsible for the selection and application of accounting principles; for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal awards, and all accompanying information in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; and for compliance with applicable laws and regulations (including federal statutes), rules, and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements (including award agreements). Your responsibilities also include identifying significant contractor relationships in which the contractor has responsibility for program compliance and for the accuracy and completeness of that information.



You are also responsible for making drafts of financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal awards, all financial records, and related information available to us and for the accuracy and completeness of that information (including information from outside of the general and subsidiary ledgers). You are also responsible for providing us with (1) access to all information of which you are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation, identification of all related parties and all related-party relationships and transactions, and other matters; (2) access to personnel, accounts, books, records, supporting documentation, and other information as needed to perform an audit under the Uniform Guidance; (3) additional information that we may request for the purpose of the audit; and (4) unrestricted access to persons within the government from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence. At the conclusion of our audit, we will require certain written representations from you about the financial statements; schedule of expenditures of federal awards; federal award programs; compliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements; and related matters.

Your responsibilities include adjusting the financial statements to correct material misstatements and confirming to us in the management representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements of each opinion unit taken as a whole.

You are responsible for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud, and for informing us about all known or suspected fraud affecting the government involving (1) management, (2) employees who have significant roles in internal control, and (3) others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements. Your responsibilities include informing us of your knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the government received in communications from employees, former employees, grantors, regulators, or others. In addition, you are responsible for identifying and ensuring that the government complies with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, agreements, and grants. You are also responsible for taking timely and appropriate steps to remedy fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements that we report. Additionally, as required by the Uniform Guidance, it is management's responsibility to evaluate and monitor noncompliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards; take prompt action when instances of noncompliance are identified including noncompliance identified in audit findings; promptly follow up and take corrective action on reported audit findings; and prepare a summary schedule of prior audit findings and a separate corrective action plan. The summary schedule of prior audit findings should be made available for our review.

You are responsible for identifying all federal awards received and understanding and complying with the compliance requirements and for the preparation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards (including notes and noncash assistance received, and COVID-19-related concepts, such as lost revenues, if applicable) in conformity with the Uniform Guidance. You agree to include our report on the schedule of expenditures of federal awards in any document that contains, and indicates that we have reported on, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards. You also agree to include the audited financial statements with any presentation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards that includes our report thereon OR make the audited financial



statements readily available to intended users of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards no later than the date the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is issued with our report thereon. Your responsibilities include acknowledging to us in the written representation letter that (1) you are responsible for presentation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards in accordance with the Uniform Guidance; (2) you believe the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, including its form and content, is stated fairly in accordance with the Uniform Guidance; (3) the methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period (or, if they have changed, the reasons for such changes); and (4) you have disclosed to us any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

You are also responsible for the preparation of the other supplementary information, which we have been engaged to report on, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. You agree to include our report on the supplementary information in any document that contains, and indicates that we have reported on, the supplementary information. You also agree to make the audited financial statements readily available to users of the supplementary information no later than the date the supplementary information is issued with our report thereon. Your responsibilities include acknowledging to us in the written representation letter that (1) you are responsible for presentation of the supplementary information in accordance with GAAP; (2) you believe the supplementary information, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with GAAP; (3) the methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period (or, if they have changed, the reasons for such changes); and (4) you have disclosed to us any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the supplementary information.

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining a process for tracking the status of audit findings and recommendations. Management is also responsible for identifying and providing report copies of previous financial audits, attestation engagements, performance audits, or other studies related to the objectives discussed in the Audit Scope and Objectives section of this letter. This responsibility includes relaying to us corrective actions taken to address significant findings and recommendations resulting from those audits, attestation engagements, performance audits, or studies. You are also responsible for providing management's views on our current findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as your planned corrective actions for the report, and for the timing and format for providing that information.

OTHER SERVICES

We will also assist in preparing the financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal awards, and related notes of LFUCG in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and the Uniform Guidance based on information provided by you. We will also audit the Operational Services for Annual Compilation of Sheriff's Collection of Property Taxes. These nonaudit services do not constitute an audit under *Government Auditing Standards* and such services will not be conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. We will perform the services in accordance with applicable professional standards. The other services are



limited to the financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal awards, and related notes services previously defined. We, in our sole professional judgment, reserve the right to refuse to perform any procedure or take any action that could be construed as assuming management responsibilities.

We are always available to meet with you and/or other administrators at various times throughout the year to discuss current business, operational, accounting, and auditing matters affecting LFUCG. Whenever you feel such meetings are desirable, please let us know. We are also prepared to provide services to assist you in any of these areas.

You may request that we perform additional services not addressed in this engagement letter. If this occurs, we will communicate with you regarding the scope of the additional services and the estimated fees. We also may issue a separate engagement letter covering the additional services. In the absence of any other written communication from us documenting such additional services, our services will continue to be governed by the terms of this engagement letter.

You agree to assume all management responsibilities for the financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal awards, and related notes, and any other nonaudit services we provide. You will be required to acknowledge in the management representation letter our assistance with preparation of the financial statements, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, and related notes and that you have reviewed and approved the financial statements, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, and related notes prior to their issuance and have accepted responsibility for them. Further, you agree to oversee the nonaudit services by designating an individual, preferably from senior management, with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of those services; and accept responsibility for them.

ENGAGEMENT ADMINISTRATION

At the conclusion of the engagement, we will complete the appropriate sections of the Data Collection Form that summarizes our audit findings. It is management's responsibility to electronically submit the reporting package (including financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal awards, summary schedule of prior audit findings, auditor's reports, and corrective action plan) along with the Data Collection Form to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse. We will coordinate with management the electronic submission and certification. If applicable, we will provide copies of our report for management to include with the reporting package it will submit to pass-through entities. The Data Collection Form and the reporting package must be submitted within the earlier of 30 calendar days after receipt of the auditor's reports or nine months after the end of the audit period.

We are also responsible for communicating with those charged with governance what our responsibilities are under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, an overview of the planned scope and timing of the audit, and significant findings from the audit. The term "those charged with governance" is defined as the person(s) with responsibility for overseeing the strategic direction of LFUCG and obligations related to the accountability of LFUCG, including overseeing the financial reporting process. For LFUCG, we agree that the Budget, Finance and Economic Development Committee meets that definition. Furthermore, we understand that authority for approving the release of the financial statements to the public has been delegated to management.



John Crosslin has been assigned the role of engagement principal and is responsible for supervising the engagement and signing the reports on LFUCG's financial statements or authorizing another individual to sign them.

OWNERSHIP OF WORKING PAPERS

The working papers prepared in conjunction with our audit are the property of our Firm, constitute confidential information, and will be retained by us in accordance with our Firm's policies and procedures.

However, pursuant to authority given by law or regulation, we may be requested to make certain workpapers available to LFUCG's oversight agency, or its designee, a federal agency providing direct or indirect funding, or the U.S. Government Accountability Office for purposes of a quality review of the audit, to resolve audit findings, or to carry out oversight responsibilities. We will notify you of any such request. If requested, access to such workpapers will be provided under the supervision of Crosslin, PLLC personnel. Furthermore, upon request, we may provide photocopies of selected workpapers to the aforementioned parties. These parties may intend or decide to distribute the photocopies of information contained therein to others, including other governmental agencies.

REPRODUCTION OF AUDIT REPORTS

If LFUCG plans any reproduction or publication of our reports, or any portion of them, copies of masters' or printers' proofs of the entire document should be submitted to us in sufficient time for our review and approval before printing. LFUCG also agrees to provide us with a copy of the final reproduced material for our approval before it is distributed.

OFFERING DOCUMENT

Should LFUCG wish to include or incorporate by reference these financial statements and our audit report(s) thereon into an offering of exempt securities, prior to our consenting to include or incorporate by reference our report(s) on such financial statements, we would consider our consent to the inclusion of our report and the terms thereof at that time. We will be required to perform procedures as required by the standards of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, including, but not limited to, reading other information incorporated by reference in the offering document and performing subsequent event procedures. Our reading of the other information included or incorporated by reference in the offering document will consider whether such information, or the manner of its presentation, is materially inconsistent with information, or the manner of its presentation, appearing in the financial statements. However, we will not perform procedures to corroborate such other information (including forward-looking statements). The specific terms of our future services will respect to future offering documents will be determined at the time the services are to be performed.



Should LFUCG wish to include or incorporate by reference these financial statements and our audit report(s) thereon into an offering of exempt securities without obtaining our consent to include or incorporate by reference our report(s) on such financial statements, and we are not otherwise associated with the offering document, then LFUCG agrees to include the following language in the offering document:

“Crosslin, PLLC, our independent auditor, has not been engaged to perform and has not performed, since the date of its report included herein, any procedures on the financial statements addressed in that report. Crosslin, PLLC also has not performed any procedures relating to this official statement.”

MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIONS

As required by auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we will request certain written representations from management at the close of our audit to confirm oral representations given to us and to indicate and document the continuing appropriateness of such representations and reduce the possibility of misunderstanding concerning matters that are the subject of the representations. Because of the importance of management’s representations to an effective audit, LFUCG will release Crosslin, PLLC and its personnel from any liability and costs relating to our services under this agreement attributable to any misrepresentations by management.

AVAILABILITY OF RECORDS AND PERSONNEL

LFUCG agrees that all records, documentation, and information we request in connection with our audit will be made available to us (including those pertaining to related parties), that all material information will be disclosed to us, and that we will have full cooperation of, and unrestricted access to, LFUCG’s personnel during the course of the engagement.

LFUCG also agrees to ensure that any third party valuation reports that LFUCG provides to us to support amounts or disclosures in the financial statements 1) indicate the purpose for which they were intended, which is consistent with LFUCG’s actual use of such reports; and 2) do not contain any restrictive language that would preclude us from using such reports as audit evidence.

ASSISTANCE BY YOUR PERSONNEL AND INTERNET ACCESS

We also ask that LFUCG personnel prepare various schedules and analyses for our staff. However, except as otherwise noted by us, no personal information other than names related to LFUCG’s employees and/or customers should be provided to us. In addition, we ask that LFUCG provide high-speed Internet access to our engagement team, if practicable, while working on its premises. This assistance will serve to facilitate the progress of our work.

PEER REVIEW REPORTS

Government Auditing Standards require that we provide you with a copy of our most recent quality control review report. Our peer review report was provided with our original proposal for these services and is available publically at the AICPA’s website.



TRAINING EVENTS

Our firm devotes special resources to our governmental and not-for-profit customers in an effort to keep them up to date on current events within the governmental arena. In addition to our practical audit experience with these types of organizations, we have experience in assisting our customers in the implementation of new accounting and reporting requirements, trends, and practices. Additionally, Crosslin annually hosts a two-day seminar in governmental and not-for-profit accounting and auditing. LFUCG's accounting and internal audit teams will receive invitations to attend all of our educational conferences (free of charge) for which attendees receive CPE credit.

INDEPENDENCE

Professional and certain regulatory standards require us to be independent, in both fact and appearance, with respect to LFUCG in the performance of our services. Any discussions that you have with professional personnel of our Firm regarding employment could pose a threat to our independence. Therefore, we request that you inform us prior to any such discussions so that we can implement appropriate safeguards to maintain our independence.

In order for us to remain independent, professional standards require us to maintain certain respective roles and relationships with you with respect to the preparation of the Plan financial statements. Prior to performing such service in conjunction with our audit of the Plan, management must acknowledge its acceptance of certain responsibilities.

We will not perform management functions or make management decisions on behalf of LFUCG. However, we will provide advice and recommendations to assist management of LFUCG in performing its functions and fulfilling its responsibilities.

The Plan agrees to perform the following functions in connection with our performance of the non-attest services:

- a. Make all management decisions and perform all management functions with respect to the financial statements provided by us.
- b. Assign those charged with governance to oversee the preparation of the financial statements and evaluate the adequacy and results of the services.
- c. Accept responsibility for the results of the financial statements.
- d. Establish and maintain internal controls over the preparation of the financial statements.

The services are limited to those outlined above. We, in our professional judgment, reserve the right to refuse to perform any procedure or take any action that could be construed as making management decisions or performing management functions. LFUCG's management must make all decisions with regard to our recommendations. By signing this Agreement, you acknowledge your acceptance of these responsibilities.



FEES

Our charges to LFUCG for the services described above are shown below.

Fiscal Year	Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government	Operational Services for Annual Compilation of Sheriff's Collection of Property Taxes	Total
2024	\$178,000	\$ 9,250	\$187,250
2025	\$181,000	\$ 9,500	\$190,500
2026	\$184,000	\$ 9,750	\$193,050
2027	\$187,000	\$10,000	\$197,000
2028	\$190,000	\$10,250	\$200,250
2029	\$193,000	\$10,500	\$203,500

The fees are based on anticipated cooperation from LFUCG personnel and the assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the audit. If significant additional time is necessary, we will discuss it with you and arrive at a new fee estimate before we incur the additional costs. If payments are not received promptly, we reserve the right to stop work on the engagement.

As part of its agreement with LFUCG, we will provide access to a cloud-based accounting solution provided by LeaseCrunch, LLC (“LeaseCrunch Services”) at an agreed upon rate previously discussed with management. As between LFUCG and us, we disclaim all liability related in any way to LFUCG’s use of the LeaseCrunch Services. We also disclaim any warranties related to the LeaseCrunch Services. LFUCG is solely responsible for the acts and omissions of any third party, including employees or contractors, who LFUCG has designated as a user of the LeaseCrunch Services (each an “End User”). Each End User is required to accept the LeaseCrunch Acceptable Use Policy upon initial login to the LeaseCrunch Services. To the extent permitted by law and without waiving the defense of sovereign immunity, LFUCG agrees to indemnify and hold Crosslin PLLC and its affiliates harmless from any and all liability and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, related to third-party claims arising out of LFUCG’s or its End User’s use of LeaseCrunch Services in violation of LeaseCrunch’s Acceptable Use Policy.

Our charges for other services will be agreed to separately.

REPORTING

We will issue written reports upon completion of our reports. Our reports will be addressed to the Citizens, Mayor, and Members of LFUCG. Circumstances may arise in which our report may differ from its expected form and content based on the results of our audit. Depending on the nature of these circumstances, it may be necessary for us to modify our opinions, add a separate section, or add an emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraph to our auditor’s report, or if necessary, withdraw from this engagement. If our opinions are other than unmodified, we will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the audit



or are unable to form or have not formed opinions, we may decline to express opinions or issue reports, or we may withdraw from this engagement.

The *Government Auditing Standards* report on internal control over financial reporting and on compliance and other matters will state that (1) the purpose of the report is solely to describe the scope of 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, and (2) the report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. The Uniform Guidance report on internal control over compliance will state that the purpose of the report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Both reports will state that the report is not suitable for any other purpose.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to LFUCG and believe this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagement. If you have any questions, please let us know. If you agree with the terms of our engagement as described in this letter, please sign the attached copy and return it to us.

Very truly yours,

CROSSLIN, PLLC

John H. Crosslin
Co-Managing Principal

RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of LFUCG

Signature: Linda Gorton

Title: Mayor

Date: 7/22/2024