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Financial Statements Audit Report

Washington Rural Counties Insurance Program

(Washington Counties Risk Group)

For the period December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2024

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Board of Directors
Washington Counties Risk Group
Ephrata, Washington

Report on Financial Statements

Please find attached our report on Washington Counties Risk Group's financial statements.

We are issuing this report in order to provide information on the Group's financial activities and condition.

Sincerely,

Pat McCarthy, State Auditor
Olympia, WA

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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*

Washington Counties Risk Group December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2024

Board of Directors
Washington Counties Risk Group
Ephrata, Washington

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 Washington Counties Risk Group, as of and for the year ended November 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Group's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 27, 2025.

REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

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

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 Group'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 above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or

significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses.

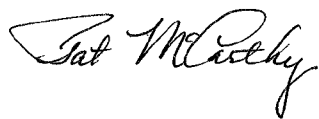
REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Group's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. 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 Group'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 Group's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited. It also serves to disseminate information to the public as a reporting tool to help citizens assess government operations.

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Pat McCarthy, State Auditor

Olympia, WA

May 27, 2025

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Washington Counties Risk Group December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2024

Board of Directors
Washington Counties Risk Group
Ephrata, Washington

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Washington Counties Risk Group, as of and for the year ended November 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Group's basic financial statements as listed in the financial section of our report.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Washington Counties Risk Group, as of November 30, 2024, and the changes in financial position and cash flows thereof 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 (GAAS) 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 the Group 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.

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, and for 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 the Group's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives 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 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 GAAS 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 judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

Performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* includes the following responsibilities:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit;
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, 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 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 the Group'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 judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Group's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time; and
- 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.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and required supplementary information listed in the financial section of our report be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about 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 do 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.

Other Information

The other information comprises the Group's List of Participating Members and DES Schedule of Expenses but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Management is responsible for the other information included with the financial statements. Our opinion on the basic financial statements does not cover this other information, and we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance thereon. In connection with the audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the 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.

OTHER REPORTING REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 27, 2025 on our consideration of the Group'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 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 the Group'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 the Group's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Pat McCarthy, State Auditor

Olympia, WA

May 27, 2025

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Washington Counties Risk Group December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2024

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WASHINGTON COUNTIES RISK GROUP
Management's Discussion and Analysis
December 1, 2023 – November 30, 2024

The management of the Washington Counties Risk Group (WCRG) offers readers of the program's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the WCRG for the fiscal year ending November 30, 2024. Readers of this analysis are encouraged to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the attached financial statements and related notes.

Overview of the Financial Statements

The Balance Sheet presents information on the WCRG's assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference between them reported as net position. Over time, increases and decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the program is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position shows both operating and nonoperating revenues and expenses that occurred during the year. The difference between revenues and expenses is reported as a change to net position. Items are reported as the event occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flow.

The Statement of Cash Flows provides information on how various activities of the program effect cash and cash equivalents during the fiscal year.

The Notes to the Financial Statements present additional information that is essential for a full understanding of the data provided in the accompanying financial statements.

Other information. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents required supplementary information concerning the program's development of claims over the last ten years.

WCRG - Condensed Financial Information

	2024	2023
Current Assets	<u>\$13,402,373</u>	<u>\$8,737,293</u>
Total Assets	\$13,402,373	\$8,737,293
Deferred Outflows	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total Deferred Outflows	\$0	\$0
Current Liabilities	\$2,032,406	\$1,368,317
Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>\$6,749,090</u>	<u>\$4,355,123</u>
Total Liabilities	\$8,781,496	\$5,723,440
Deferred Inflows	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total Deferred Inflows	\$0	\$0
Unrestricted Net Position	<u>\$4,620,877</u>	<u>\$3,013,851</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$13,402,373	\$8,737,291
Operating Revenues		
Member Contributions	\$15,321,870	\$9,854,225
Non-Operating Revenues		
Interest Income	\$405,843	\$209,233
Unrealized Gain/Loss	<u>\$98,794</u>	<u>(\$209,445)</u>
Total Revenues	\$15,826,506	\$9,854,013
Operating Expenses	<u>\$14,219,480</u>	<u>\$9,071,485</u>
Total Expenses	\$14,219,480	\$9,071,485
Change in Net Position	\$1,607,026	\$782,527
Beginning Net Position	\$3,013,852	\$2,231,325
Prior Period Adjustment		
Ending Net Position	\$4,620,877	\$3,013,852

Financial Statement Analysis

The Washington Counties Risk Group (WCRG) is a property and liability risk and insurance pooling program for counties. The WCRG was formed in 1998 with three founding member counties. Current membership in the program is ten counties. A board of directors that includes an appointed representative from each member county governs the program. The Board of Directors contracts with Clear Risk Solutions, a third-party administrator, to carry out the day-to-day administrative, claims adjusting, marketing, account education, and risk management services.

The WCRG Board budgeted for a (\$34,056) loss this year, as they planned to use some of their equity to offset the premium rate increase. General expenses and claims were in line with normal activity and budget; however, revenue was higher than budgeted. The addition of Skamania County as well as high interest rates increased premium revenue and interest income, which resulted in a WCRG net income of \$1,607,026. This increased the total net position to \$4,620,877. The pool's current assets consist of cash and equivalents, investments and receivables from its members and its reinsurance/excess carriers. The pool invests any excess cash with the Grant County Investment Pool. These investments allow short-term liquidity with favorable interest rates. Current liabilities are payables and reserves set aside for unpaid claims liabilities as determined by the pool's actuary. In addition, the WCRG purchases a stop loss policy as another layer of protection to its membership. The program funds its claims liabilities to the actuary ultimate loss pick and has assets to fund to the 80% confidence level. The WCRG does not have any restrictions or commitments that affect the availability of pool resources for future use.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Washington Counties Risk Group's finances for all those with an interest. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the WCRG's third-party administrator, Clear Risk Solutions, 159 Basin Street SW PMB 206, Ephrata, WA 98823.

Washington Counties Risk Group
Balance Sheet
As of November 30, 2024

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>2024</u>
<u>Current Assets:</u>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$13,359,830
Receivables:	
Member Contributions & Deductibles	\$33,119
Other Receivables	\$9,424
Pre Paid Expense	\$0
Total Current Assets	<u>\$13,402,373</u>
<u>Deferred Outflows</u>	<u>\$0</u>
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS	\$0
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS	<u><u>\$13,402,373</u></u>
 <u>LIABILITIES</u>	
<u>Current Liabilities:</u>	
Claims Reserves:	
IBNR	\$447,267
Open Claims (Case Reserves)	\$295,795
Accounts Payable	\$13,243
Reinsurance Settlement Advance	\$219,773
Unearned Member Premium	<u>\$1,056,328</u>
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>\$2,032,406</u>
<u>Noncurrent Liabilities:</u>	
Claim Reserves:	
IBNR	\$4,062,442
Open Claims (Case Reserves)	\$2,686,648
TOTAL NONCURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>\$6,749,090</u>
<u>Deferred Inflows</u>	<u>\$0</u>
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS	\$0
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS	<u>\$8,781,496</u>
 <u>NET POSITION</u>	
Unrestricted	\$4,620,877
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$4,620,877</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION, LIABILITIES & DEFERRED INFLOWS	<u><u>\$13,402,373</u></u>

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements

Washington Counties Risk Group
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes In Fund Net Position
For the Fiscal Year Ended November 30, 2024

	<u>2024</u>
Operating Revenues:	
Member Contributions	<u>\$15,321,870</u>
Total Operating Revenues	<u><u>\$15,321,870</u></u>
Operating Expenses:	
<i>Incurred Loss/Loss Adjustment Expenses:</i>	
Paid on Current Losses	\$817,712
Change in Loss Reserves	\$3,558,207
<i>Unallocated Loss Adjustment Expenses:</i>	
Paid Unallocated Loss Adjustment Expenses	\$355,940
Excess/Reinsurance Premiums	\$7,039,333
General and Administrative Expenses	\$2,448,288
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$14,219,480</u>
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	\$1,102,390
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):	
Interest Income	\$405,843
Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on Investments	<u>\$98,794</u>
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):	<u>\$504,636</u>
Income Before Contributions, Transfers, Special and Extraordinary Items	\$1,607,026
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	<u>\$1,607,026</u>
Total Net Position, December 1	\$3,013,852
Total Net Position, November 30	<u><u>\$4,620,877</u></u>

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements

Washington Counties Risk Group
Statement of Cash Flows
For the Fiscal Year Ended November 30, 2024

	<u>2024</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Cash received from members	\$15,790,611
Cash payments to suppliers for good and services	(\$7,069,771)
Cash payments for claims	(\$1,553,117)
Cash payments to third party administrator	(\$2,804,228)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	<u>\$4,363,495</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:	
Interest Received	\$405,843
Unrealized Gain/Loss on Investments	<u>\$98,794</u>
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities	<u>\$504,636</u>
Increase (Dec) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$4,868,131
Cash and Equivalents, December 1	<u><u>\$8,491,698</u></u>
Prior Period Adjustment	
Cash and Equivalents, November 30	<u><u>\$13,359,829</u></u>

**Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash
Provided (Used) By Operating Activities**

	<u>2024</u>
OPERATING INCOME	<u>\$1,102,390</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Receivable	\$203,051
Increase (Decrease) in Prepd Expenses	\$0
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable	(\$30,438)
Increase (Decrease) in Unearned Member Assessments	\$265,690
Increase (Decrease) in Reinsurance Settlement Advance	\$219,773
Increase (Decrease) in Unpaid Claims Liability	<u>\$2,603,029</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>\$4,363,495</u>

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

WASHINGTON COUNTIES RISK GROUP

For the Period

December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2024

The following notes are an integral part of the financial statements accompanying the annual report.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of the Washington Counties Risk Group conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to proprietary funds of governmental units. The following is a summary of the more significant policies:

a. **Reporting Entity**

The Washington Counties Risk Group (WCRG) was formed under RCW Chapter 48.62 in conjunction with provisions as outlined in RCW Chapter 39.34. The WCRG was formed on September 1, 1998, for purposes of the joint purchase of insurance and/or joint self-insuring and/or joint hiring or contracting for risk management purposes, claims administration, and all other functions necessary to carry out provisions of the Interlocal Agreement. There were 10 member Counties as of November 30, 2024.

The pool provides the following forms of joint self-insurance and reinsurance coverage for its members: property, including automobile comprehensive and collision, equipment breakdown, earthquake, flood, crime protection, and liability, including general, automobile, professional and wrongful acts, which are included to fit members' various needs. Additional coverages available to members on an optional basis include uninsured/underinsured motorist, privacy/network liability and data breach.

Members contract to remain in the pool for a minimum of one year, and must give written notice prior to December 31, terminating participation the following December 1. The Interlocal Agreement is renewed automatically each year. Even after termination, a member is responsible for contributions to the pool for any unresolved, unreported, and in-process claims for the period they were a signatory to the Interlocal Agreement.

The pool is governed by an ten-member Board of Directors appointed by each member. It is felt the individual Counties are best able to select their own representatives to manage their insurance association. The pool has no employees, but has contracted with a third-party administrator, Clear Risk Solutions, to perform the daily administration of the pool, including account education, risk management and loss control, claims administration.

b. Basis of Accounting

The accounting records of the WCRG are maintained in accordance with methods prescribed by the State Auditor's Office under the authority of RCW Chapters 39.34 and 43.09. The WCRG also follows the accounting standards established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 10, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Risk Financing and Related Insurance Issues* as amended by the GASB Statement 30, *Risk Financing Omnibus* and the GASB 31, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Funds*.

The WCRG uses the full-accrual basis of accounting where revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

Operating revenues are from member contributions and non-operating revenue is interest income. Operating expenses include payment of claims, general and administrative costs, and reinsurance costs.

c. Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the WCRG considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

d. Receivables

Receivables are from member counties or insurance carriers and are, therefore, deemed collectible. All uncollectable accounts receivable under \$500 can be written off without Board permission, but are reported to the fiscal officer monthly. All uncollectable accounts receivable over \$500 may only be written off with Board approval.

e. Investments - See Note 2.

f. Unpaid Claims Liabilities

The pool establishes claims liabilities based on estimates of the ultimate cost of claims, including future claim adjustment expenses that have been reported but not settled, and of claims that have been incurred but not reported. The length of time for which such costs must be estimated varies depending on the coverage involved. Estimated amounts of salvage and subrogation and reinsurance recoverable on unpaid claims are deducted from the liability for unpaid claims.

Because actual claim costs depend on such complex factors as inflation, changes in doctrines of legal liability, and damage awards, the process used in

computing claims liabilities does not necessarily result in an exact amount, particularly for coverages such as general liability.

Claims liabilities are recomputed periodically using a variety of actuarial and statistical techniques to produce current estimates that reflect recent settlements, claim frequency, and other economic and social factors. A provision for inflation in the calculation of estimated future claims costs is implicit in the calculation because reliance is placed both on actual historical data that reflect past inflation and on other factors that are considered to be appropriate modifiers of past experience. Adjustments to claims liabilities are charged or credited to expense in the periods in which they are made.

g. Reinsurance

The pool uses reinsurance agreements to reduce its exposure to large losses on all types of insured events. Reinsurance permits recovery of a portion of losses from reinsurers, although it does not discharge the primary liability of the pool as direct insurer of the risk reinsured. The WCRG does not report reinsured risks as liabilities unless it is probable that those risks will not be covered by reinsurers.

h. Member Assessments and Unearned Assessments (Premiums)

Member assessments are collected at the beginning of the fiscal year and recognized as revenue in the period for which insurance protection is provided. The program premium is calculated based on a percentage of the member's apportioned excess insurance cost. Unearned member premiums are premiums that are collected prior to the effective date of the policy.

i. Unpaid Claims

Claims are expensed as incurred. Claims reserves represent the accumulation of estimates for reported, unpaid claims, plus a provision for claims incurred but not reported (IBNR). These estimates are continually reviewed and updated, and any resulting adjustments are reflected in current earnings.

j. Reserve for Unallocated Loss Adjustment Expenses

Pursuant to the contract in place between WCRG and its third-party administrator, the third-party administrator will administer in all matters related to the processing, supervision and resolution of all program and program membership claims or losses incurred during the term of the agreement. Due to this agreement, it is not necessary for the WCRG to carry a reserve for such expenses.

k. Exemption from Federal and State Taxes

Pursuant to revenue ruling number 90-74, income of Municipal Risk Pools is excluded from gross income under IRC Section 115(1).

Chapter 48.62 RCW exempts the pool from insurance premium taxes and business and occupation taxes imposed pursuant to Chapter 82.04 RCW.

NOTE 2 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

a. Deposits

Cash on hand at November 30, 2024 was \$0. The actual bank balance was \$8,004,787 and the actual investment pool balance was \$5,532,588.

The WCRG deposits are entirely covered by federal depository insurance (FDIC) or by collateral held in a multiple financial institution collateral pool administered by the Washington Public Deposit Protection Commission (PDPC).

b. Investments

The WCRG is a participant in the Grant County Investment Pool, an external investment pool. The responsibility for managing the pool resides with the County Treasurer. The pool is established from the RCW 36.29, which authorizes the County Treasurer to invest the funds of participants. The Grant County investment policy is established by the County Finance Committee, consisting of the County Treasurer, County Auditor, Chair of the Board of Commissioners and the Chief Accountant. The county external investing pool does not have a credit rating and had an average maturity of 294 days.

As of November 30, 2024, the WCRG had the following investments:

	Statement Balance	Fair Market Value (0.98%)
Grant County Investment Pool	\$5,532,588	\$5,421,937
Total Investments	\$5,532,588	\$5,421,937

GASB 72 & 79 was fully adopted in 2023, which resulted in changes to the presentation of the financial statements. In previous years, the financial statements did not present fair market value. As a result, the 2024 financial statements report less investments when compared to previous years. The WCRG has always received 100% of its funds requests upon withdrawal. Currently there are no limitation or restrictions on withdrawals.

NOTE 3 – RISK FINANCING LIMITS (SELF-INSURED RETENTION)

The following table reflects the risk financing standard limits on coverage policies issued and retained by WCRG for the 2023-24 policy year:

TYPE OF COVERAGE	MEMBER DEDUCTIBLES	SELF INSURED RETENTION	EXCESS LIMITS
Property Loss:			
Buildings and Contents	\$1,000 to \$50,000 (varies by member)	\$500,000	\$100,000,000 each occurrence and group aggregate
Flood	\$25,000 each member suffering loss per Occurrence except that covered Property located at the time of loss in any flood zone identified by FEMA as Zone "V", "A", or Special Flood Zone Hazard Area "SFHA" is subject to the following Flood Deductibles: \$500,000 per Occurrence applying to each building damaged, and \$500,000 per Occurrence applying to Personal Property within a building, and \$500,000 per Occurrence applying to all other covered Property.	\$500,000	\$35,000,000 per occurrence, annual aggregate and group annual aggregate
Earthquake	The Greater of 2% of the Total value of all Property at the Locations suffering loss or \$50,000 each covered member suffering loss per Occurrence. Total value of all Property means the total values on file with the Company or it's Representative at the time of loss. A Location means a single street address or if no street address, single legal description.	\$500,000	\$15,000,000 per occurrence and annual aggregate
Equipment Breakdown	\$2,500; Sewer Plants \$5,000	\$0	\$100,000,000 per occurrence and group aggregate
Employee Dishonesty	\$5,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000 per occurrence (no aggregate)
Auto Comp and Collision	\$1,000 Standard (some vehicles vary per schedule - \$1,000 - \$10,000)	\$500,000	\$100,000,000 each occurrence and group aggregate

Liability Loss:			
Auto Liability including Bodily Injury, Property Damage and Underinsured Motorist	\$1,000 to \$10,000 (varies by member)	\$500,000	\$15,000,000 each accident; no aggregate (\$250,000 each accident UIM)
General Liability including Bodily Injury, Property Damage and Personal Injury	\$1,000 to \$10,000 (varies by member)	\$500,000	\$15,000,000 each occurrence and annual aggregate; \$45,000,000 group annual aggregate
Sexual Abuse Liability	\$1,000 to \$10,000 (varies by member)	\$500,000	\$10,000,000 each sexual abuse and annual aggregate; \$30,000,000 group annual aggregate
Wrongful Acts / Misc. Professional Liability	\$1,000 to \$10,000 (varies by member)	\$500,000	\$15,000,000 each wrongful act and annual aggregate; \$45,000,000 group annual aggregate
Cyber Loss:			
Cyber Liability	\$10,000	\$40,000	\$5,000,000 per claim/loss and member annual aggregate \$10,000,000 group aggregate

NOTE 4 – REINSURANCE AND EXCESS INSURANCE CONTRACTS

The pool maintains reinsurance and excess insurance contracts with several carriers which provide various limits of coverage over the pools self-insured retention limits. The limits provided by these contracts are as follows:

Excess Insurance Contracts 2023-24				
Type of Coverage	2023-24 Pool Limit	Carrier	Carrier Rating	Occurrence of Claims Made
General Liability	\$15,000,000 each occurrence and annual aggregate; \$45,000,000 group annual aggregate	Munich Reinsurance America, Inc., American Hallmark Insurance Company of Texas/Starstone Specialty Insurance Company	A+ XV, A-VIII, A- XII	Occurrence
Automobile Liability	\$15,000,000 each accident; no aggregate (\$250,000 each accident UIM)	Munich Reinsurance America, Inc., American Hallmark Insurance Company of Texas/Starstone Specialty Insurance Company	A+ XV, A-VIII, A- XII	Occurrence
Sexual Abuse Liability	\$10,000,000 each sexual abuse and annual aggregate; \$30,000,000 group annual aggregate	Munich Reinsurance America, Inc., American Hallmark Insurance Company of Texas/Starstone Specialty Insurance Company	A+ XV, A-VIII, A- XII	Occurrence
Wrongful Acts / Misc. Professional Liability	\$15,000,000 each wrongful act and annual aggregate; \$45,000,000 group annual aggregate	Munich Reinsurance America, Inc., American Hallmark Insurance Company of Texas/Starstone Specialty Insurance Company	A+ XV, A-VIII, A- XII	Claims Made
Property	\$100,000,000 each occurrence and group aggregate	Munich Reinsurance America, Inc., RSUI Indemnity Company, Certain Underwriters at Lloyds, Independent Specialty Insurance Company, Interstate Fire & Casualty Company, Great American Fidelity Insurance Company	A+ XV, A+ XIV, A XV, A X, A+ XV, A+ XV	Occurrence
Equipment Breakdown	\$100,000,000 per occurrence and group aggregate	Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection & Insurance Company of Connecticut	A++ X	Occurrence
Employee Dishonesty	\$1,000,000 per occurrence (no aggregate)	Munich Reinsurance America, Inc.	A+ XV	Occurrence
Cyber Liability	\$5,000,000 per claim/loss and member annual aggregate \$10,000,000 group aggregate	Obsidian Specialty Insurance Company, Great American Fidelity Insurance Company	A- VII A+ XV	Occurrence

There have been no settlements that exceeded insurance coverage in the past three years.

Reinsurance transactions related to the pool were:

Reinsurance premiums ceded during the year were \$7,039,333. The estimated amounts that are recoverable from excess and reinsurers that reduced the liabilities on the balance sheet were \$580,590.

NOTE 5 – MEMBERS’ SUPPLEMENTAL ASSESSMENTS AND CREDITS

The Interlocal Agreement provides for supplemental assessments to members in the event the pool lacks resources to pay claims. The WCRG has never made a supplemental assessment.

NOTE 6 – RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The WRCIP’s third party administrator and insurance broker is Clear Risk Solutions. Clear Risk Solutions uses Apex and Peachtree Special Risk to place insurance coverage for the pool. Clear Risk Solutions, Apex and Peachtree Special Risk are owned by the same parent company, Brown and Brown, Inc

NOTE 7 – UNPAID CLAIMS LIABILITY

As discussed in Note 1, the pool establishes a liability for both reported and unreported insured events, which includes estimates of both future payments of losses and related claim adjustment expenses. The following table represents changes in those aggregate liabilities for the pool during the current and previous years:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Unpaid Claims and Claim Adjustment Expenses at the Beginning of the Year	\$4,889,121	\$3,810,738
INCURRED CLAIMS AND CLAIM ADJUSTMENT EXPENSES:		
Provision for Insured Events of Current Year	\$4,234,260	\$2,115,439
Increases (Decreases) in Provision for Insured Events of Prior Years	<u>\$157,207</u>	<u>(\$130,870)</u>
Total Incurred Claims and Claim Adjustment Expenses	<u>\$4,391,467</u>	<u>\$1,984,569</u>
PAYMENTS:		
Claims and Claim Adjustment Expenses		
Attributable to Insured Events of Current Year	\$817,712	\$351,574
Claims and Claim Adjustment Expenses		
Attributable to Insured Events of Prior Years	\$970,725	\$554,513
Total Payments	<u>\$1,788,437</u>	<u>\$906,187</u>
Total Unpaid Claims and Claim Adjustment Expenses at End of Year	<u>\$7,492,152</u>	<u>\$4,889,121</u>

NOTE 8 - FINANCIAL SOLVENCY/REQUIRED ASSETS (WAC) 200-100

Revised WAC 200-100 requires WCRG to maintain certain levels of primary and secondary assets to meet solvency standards. As defined in WAC 200-100-03001 total primary assets, cash and cash equivalents less non-claim liabilities, must be at least equal to the unpaid claims estimate at the expected level as determined by the actuary. Additionally, total primary and secondary assets must be at least equal to the unpaid claims estimate at the 80% confidence level as determined by the actuary. Secondary assets are defined as insurance receivables, real estate or other assets (less any non-claim liabilities) the value of which can be independently verified by the state risk manager.

		11/30/2024	11/30/2023
Primary Asset Test			
Primary Assets		\$12,070,485	\$7,657,379
Estimated Claims Liabilities at Expected Level		\$7,492,152	\$4,889,121
	Results	Pass	Pass
Secondary Asset Test			
Primary & Secondary Assets		\$12,113,028	\$7,902,973
Estimated Claims at 80% Confidence Level		\$7,869,649	\$5,613,155
	Results	Pass	Pass

NOTE 9 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In February 2020, the Governor of the state of Washington declared a state of emergency in response to the spread of a deadly new virus. In the weeks following the declaration, precautionary measures to slow the spread of the virus have been ordered. These measures include closing schools, colleges and universities, cancelling public events, prohibiting public and private gatherings, and requiring people to stay home unless they are leaving for an essential function. WCRG has had no claims linked to COVID-19 presented as of the completion of this report. However, any claims that may be presented in the future would be addressed through the Incurred But Not Reported portion of the Pool's financial report. The WCRG has a stop-loss policy in place to protect the pool from future losses that may occur in the pool's insurance layer if the Aggregate Stop Loss is breached during any fiscal year. The length of time these measures will be in place, and the full extent of the financial impact on the Program is unknown at this time.

Washington Counties Risk Group

TEN YEAR CLAIMS DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION

Fiscal and Policy Year Ended November 30, 2024

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1. Net earned required contribution and investment revenues										
Earned	4,178,474	4,477,782	4,728,127	4,984,524	5,336,463	6,418,020	7,577,584	9,016,359	10,063,457	15,826,506
Ceded	2,371,745	2,629,866	2,892,492	2,916,214	3,211,763	4,128,339	3,869,279	4,880,954	4,975,767	7,039,333
Net earned	1,806,729	1,847,915	1,835,635	2,068,310	2,124,701	2,289,681	3,708,305	4,135,405	5,087,690	8,787,173
2. Unallocated expenses	1,265,122	1,357,097	1,491,685	1,453,326	1,524,379	1,647,946	1,992,771	2,072,070	2,080,391	2,804,228
3. Estimated incurred claims and expense, end of policy year										
Incurred	605,000	760,024	623,783	2,909,270	3,917,575	761,163	1,451,310	4,103,519	2,115,439	4,234,260
Ceded	50,000	115,815	38,783	2,216,094	3,218,587	0	0	1,444,652	0	0
Net incurred	555,000	644,209	585,000	693,176	698,988	761,163	1,451,310	2,658,867	2,115,439	4,234,260
4. Net Paid (cumulative) as of:										
End of Policy Year	111,511	243,412	205,470	292,174	248,828	257,801	147,916	289,284	351,574	817,712
One year later	195,800	320,401	246,556	483,498	425,336	320,333	296,361	534,917	532,775	
Two years later	204,029	364,250	288,035	555,188	489,274	347,105	589,201	1,055,651		
Three years later	218,987	444,294	338,771	678,276	516,325	351,305	853,325			
Four years later	308,063	559,582	358,020	677,776	524,502	356,788				
Five years later	283,834	591,271	358,020	678,926	525,156					
Six years later	283,813	593,167	358,020	677,776						
Seven years later	288,956	600,799	358,020							
Eight years later	283,938	600,499								
Nine years later	283,917									
5. Reestimated ceded claims and expenses	40,479	1,087,508	104,814	2,779,716	6,185,907	66,185	9,333,865	2,284,391	7500	0
6. Reestimated net incurred claims and expense:										
End of Policy Year	555,000	644,209	585,000	693,176	698,988	761,163	1,451,310	2,658,867	2,115,439	4,234,260
One year later	395,000	642,000	415,000	678,926	699,266	733,812	1,511,162	2,499,361	2,201,550	
Two years later	283,782	582,000	485,000	678,926	685,983	477,692	1,618,703	2,406,637		
Three years later	348,778	611,174	411,134	678,276	593,039	402,365	1,810,055			
Four years later	358,778	610,106	373,279	677,776	603,149	364,042				
Five years later	291,872	605,923	368,008	678,926	592,970					
Six years later	284,376	602,162	359,609	677,776						
Seven years later	289,028	600,814	358,251							
Eight years later	283,938	600,499								
Nine years later	283,917									
7. Increase (decrease) in estimated incurred claims and expense from end of policy year	(271,083)	(43,710)	(226,749)	(15,400)	(106,018)	(397,121)	358,745	(252,230)	86,111	0

WASHINGTON COUNTIES RISK GROUP
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2024

This required supplementary information is an integral part of the accompanying financial statements.

1. Ten-Year Claims Development Information

This table illustrates how the program's earned revenues (net of reinsurance) and investment income compare to related costs of loss (net of loss assumed by reinsurers) and other expenses assumed by the pool as of the end of each of the last ten years. The rows of the table are defined as follows:

1. This section shows the total of each fiscal year's gross earned contribution revenue and investment revenue, contribution revenue ceded to reinsurers, and net earned contribution revenue and reported investment revenue.
2. This line shows each fiscal year's other operating costs of the pool including overhead and claims expenses not allocable to individual claims.
3. This section shows the pool's gross incurred claims and allocated claim adjustment expenses, claims assumed by reinsurers, and net incurred claims and allocated adjustment expenses (both paid and accrued) as originally reported at the end of the first year in which the event that triggered coverage under the contract occurred (called policy year).
4. This section shows the cumulative net amounts paid as of the end of successive years for each policy year.
5. This line shows the latest re-estimated amount of claims assumed by reinsurers as of the end of the current year for each policy year.
6. This section shows how each policy year's net incurred claims increased or decreased as of the end of successive years. The 2024 re-estimations are based on actuary liability and property ultimate losses of the net layer, net of the stop loss. Re-estimations in prior years used a variety of methods including actuary liability estimates and management property estimates and aggregate stop losses. (These annual re-estimation results from new information received on known claims, re-evaluation of existing information on known claims, as well as emergence of new claims not previously known.)
7. This line compares the latest re-estimated incurred claims amount to the amount originally established (line 3) and shows whether this latest estimate of claims cost is greater or less than originally thought. As data for individual policy years mature, the correlation between original estimates and re-estimated amounts is commonly used to evaluate the accuracy of incurred claims currently recognized in less mature policy years. The columns of the table show data for successive policy years.

LIST OF PARTICIPATING MEMBERS
WASHINGTON COUNTIES RISK GROUP
11/30/2024

Asotin County
Columbia County
Garfield County
Grant County
Ferry County
Lincoln County
Stevens County
Skamania County
Wahkiakum County
Whitman County

T2 DES SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES

Washington Counties Risk Group

For the Fiscal Year Ended November 30, 2024

	<u>2024</u>
Contracted Services:	
Third Party Administrator Fees	134,681
Actuary	33,700
Audit Expenses	28,558
Other Consultant Fees (Lobbyist)	4,560
Risk Management	102,520
Group Legal & Accounting	0
General Administrative Expenses:	
Miscellaneous & Supplies	4,902
Retreat/Board Meetings	10,186
Prelitigation Program	88,300
Account Education	1,915
Scholarship Program	8,814
Other:	
Medicare Reporting	1,335
Marketing	9,186
Director's E&O	28,826
Underwriting Fees	1,072,037
Local Agents Commission	<u>918,768</u>
Total General and Administrative Expenses	<u><u>2,448,288</u></u>

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