ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 AND 2016

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma (the "Housing Authority"), a component unit of the Cherokee Nation, as of and for the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Housing Authority's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Housing Authority as of September 30, 2017 and 2016, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 3 through 7 be presented to supplement the 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. 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 Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

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In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 1, 2018, on our consideration of the Housing Authority'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 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 Housing Authority's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



September 30, 2017

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Unaudited)

Our discussion and analysis of the Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma's (the "Housing Authority's") financial performance provides an overview of the Housing Authority's financial activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017. Please read it in conjunction with the financial statements and the accompanying notes to those financial statements.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The *Statement of Net Position* provides information about the assets owned and the liabilities owed as of September 30, 2017, with the net difference reported as "net position." The *Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position* provides information about revenues received and expenditures made during FY-2017 and the resulting net increase or decrease in "net position". The *Statement of Cash Flows* provides a breakdown, by major category, of actual cash received and cash disbursed by the Housing Authority during FY-2017. The Notes to the Financial Statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statements.

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB"). Additionally, due to the Housing Authority's relationship with the Cherokee Nation (the "Nation"), the Housing Authority's financial results are included in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the Nation as a Component Unit.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Total assets at year-end were \$140,533,557, a \$12,111,344 increase from FY-2016. Of this amount, current assets totaled \$13,960,313 and consisted primarily of cash and investments. Non-current assets totaled \$126,573,244 and consisted primarily of inventory of homes of \$1,659,008, net capital assets (property, buildings and equipment) of \$105,145,217, mortgages receivable of \$13,514,685, investments restricted for debt service of \$532,802 and investments restricted under the Housing Authority's lease to own programs of \$3,536,515 (see Note 7 to the financial statements).

Total liabilities at year-end were \$56,199,397, an increase of \$17,074,078 from FY-2016. Of this amount, current liabilities totaled \$4,054,566. Long term liabilities at year-end consist of notes payable of \$48,608,316 consisting primarily of Title VI and Assumable Mortgage Program loans, and \$3,536,515 of Trust liabilities, consisting primarily of Homebuyers' Monthly Equity Payments (MEPA) held by the Housing Authority on behalf of the homebuyers.

The overall net position decreased by \$4,962,734 for the year.

Net position invested in capital assets decreased by a net of \$3,450,407 during FY-2017 due primarily by an increase in related debt.

Total revenues for the year totaled \$31,636,143 compared with \$29,476,317 for FY-2016. Operating revenue of \$7,009,626 was composed of dwelling income of \$6,063,879 and other income of \$1,085,236 for FY-2017. Non-operating revenue was composed of interest income of \$705,718, Federal grant revenue of \$23,814,127, and gain on conveyance of homes of \$106,672. For FY-2016, operating revenue of \$5,502,074 was composed of dwelling income of \$4,951,762 and other income of \$550,312. Non-operating revenue was composed of interest income of \$772,190, Federal grant revenue of \$22,786,778, gain on sale of equipment of \$37,795, and gain on conveyances of homes of \$377,480.

Operating expenses totaled \$34,782,168 for FY-2017 compared to \$31,539,829 for FY-2016. Non-operating interest expense of \$1,816,709 was incurred in FY-2017 compared to \$1,027,357 for FY-2016.

Overall for the year ending September 30, 2017, net position decreased \$4,962,734 with ending Net Position at year-end totaling \$84,334,160 of which \$56,512,116 was invested in capital assets, \$1,378,448 was restricted for investment in partnerships/joint ventures, \$532,802 was restricted for debt service, and the remaining balance restricted for program services.

CAPITAL ASSETS

As of September 30, 2017, the Housing Authority's investment in capital assets was \$105,145,217 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment consists of land, buildings, equipment, and software.

CAPITAL ASSETS (Cont'd)

Major capital asset additions during the current fiscal year include the following:

- Construction in process related to new home construction totaling \$10,376,651.
- The addition of vehicles and equipment totaling \$74,575.
- Purchase of computer hardware and software totaling \$11,214.

Additional information on the Housing Authority's capital assets can be found in Note 5.

LONG-TERM DEBT

The Housing Authority repaid \$1,505,293 in principal on the Title VI loan for the year ending September 30, 2017. The Title VI loan balance at September 30, 2017 totaled \$2,082,862. The Housing Authority borrowed \$20,130,408 during fiscal year 2017 in furtherance of its Assumable Mortgage Program goals. Additional information on all of the Housing Authority's debt can be found in Note 8.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S OUTLOOK

- 1. The Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation re-assumed the operations of housing programs from the Cherokee Nation on October 1, 2013. These programs were previously assumed and operated by the Cherokee Nation between May 1, 2008 and September 30, 2013.
- 2. On March 7, 2016, the Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation assumed the operations of the Housing Rehabilitation programs previously operated by the Cherokee Nation. These programs include traditional housing rehab, replacement homes, housing accessibility, housing emergency, ICDBG, and other programs related to rehabilitation of privately owned homes under both NAHASDA and tribal funding programs.
- 3. The Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation currently maintains a workforce of around 230 full-time employees.
- 4. The HACN has been working to improve the efficiency of all programs we operate. This includes to mindfully exam staffing needs, especially through cases of attrition. As employees retire or otherwise separate from employment, management carefully determines if the position should be filled, can be absorbed by another position, etc. This is all done to ensure that programs are operated in an effective and efficient manner.
- 5. Benefits packages for employees of the Housing Authority (including medical, dental, 401k plan) and Risk Management operations is administered by the Cherokee Nation pursuant to a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) through both entities.
- 6. A separate Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) exists between the Housing Authority and the Cherokee Nation for the Housing Authority to administer Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination (NAHASDA) and other grant funds as a sub-recipient of the Cherokee Nation.
- 7. The Cherokee Nation was one of twenty six tribes across the country invited and awarded the HUD-VASH demonstration project. This grant project will be used to assist up to 20 homeless veterans with tenant based rental assistance. The HACN is administering this housing grant for

- Cherokee Nation and work directly with the US Department of Veterans Affairs with approval and supportive services of eligible applicants.
- 8. The Housing Authority has purchased a financial system and is taking steps to separate all Information Technology (IT) functions from the Cherokee Nation. This includes the staffing capacity to assume all IT related functions, including system security, of the Housing Authority's independent IT network. The HACN has also set up a disaster recovery site outside of its main offices in Tahlequah to ensure continued operations should a catastrophic event occur at Tahlequah.
- 9. The Housing Authority employs a full time Executive Director to carry out the day to day operations. The Board of Commissioners meet as needed, at a minimum of once per month to conduct the business of the Housing Authority.
- 10. The Executive Director, on behalf of the Housing Authority, employs a senior management team to assist with carrying out the operations. This team includes a Deputy Director, Director of Finance (Chief Financial Officer), Director of Information Technology (Chief Information Officer), Director of Facilities, Director of Maintenance, Director of Housing Management, and a Director of Housing Rehab.
- 11. The Housing Authority continues to oversee its 501(c)3, Cherokee Affordable Housing Inc., which has partnerships for the operations of four Low Income Housing Tax Credit Projects throughout the Cherokee Nation.
- 12. The Board of Commissioners and the Executive Director will continue to administer the business and operations of the Housing Authority. The MOA with the Cherokee Nation will allow for the Housing Authority to act as a sub-recipient of grant funds, specifically NAHASDA, and administer those funds on behalf of the Nation.
- 13. The Executive Director maintains constant and open communications with the Cherokee Nation Executive (Principal Chief) and Legislative (Tribal Council) branches of government. He also remains in constant communications with other Executive Directors of the tribal government in order to advance housing opportunities.
- 14. The Executive Director and the Cherokee Nation closely follow actions at the federal government level to insure funding. This is furthered by membership to the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) and the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) on the national level. It is also supported on a regional level with membership of the Southern Plains Indian Housing Association (SPIHA).
- 15. The Executive Director stays abreast of current issues that stand to affect federal funding through these memberships.
- 16. The Executive Director served as one of twenty-four tribal representatives on the twenty-six-member Formula Negotiated Rulemaking Committee. The Committee completed its work and published the Final Rules for inclusion as regulations related to the NAHASDA formula late 2016. At some point in the future, a new Negotiated Rulemaking Committee will be convened to negotiate all other regulations of NAHASDA outside the formula.
- 17. The Cherokee Nation has also notified the HACN of their intent to nominate a tribal official to serve on what is to be the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (TIAC). The purpose of the TIAC is to advise the Secretary of HUD on tribal issues within the department. Along with the tribal official nominee, the Executive Director of the HACN will be the designated alternate for the tribe as well as a technical advisor.

- 18. The Executive Director, with Cherokee Nation's support, continually follow issues related to NAHASDA Reauthorization which expired on October 1, 2013. An open line of communication exists with Congressional leadership and members in the both the House and Senate on this and other issues related to Indian Housing.
- 19. The Housing Authority continues developing the construction of new homes, using non-NAHASDA related sources. This program has resulted in additional assets for the Housing Authority related to housing stock. In addition, the existing program parameters, the HACN expects to continue the program this year. The HACN will also work to reevaluate the program and recommend changes or modifications, as necessary.
- 20. As the Housing Authority continues to pay down Title VI debt, it will look at the possibility of developing new housing options under the Title VI program.
- 21. The Housing Authority sought and was granted approval to demolish its oldest rental property, Project 45-01, at Pryor and rebuild with NAHASDA funds. This will result in the construction of two low rent apartment projects in Sequoyah County, an area where the Housing Authority currently does not own apartments. The final demolition of the project has occurred. The new projects are in the final stages of design by the architect and construction is expected to commence soon.
- 22. The Housing Authority is also exploring other opportunities to develop multi-family rental units. The existing waiting lists of our rental programs shows a continued need for this type of housing opportunities.

CONTACTING THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Housing Authority's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to the Executive Director, Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation, P.O. Box 1007, Tahlequah, OK 74465.

STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION September 30, 2017 and 2016

ASSETS	2017	2016	
Current Assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,524,512	\$ 6,384,763	
Investments	3,371,789	4,384,400	
Accounts receivable	481,840	403,813	
Accrued interest	501,987	448,843	
Mortgages receivable-Title VI	503,746	524,914	
Due from other governments - Cherokee Nation	2,958,026	2,740,618	
Prepaid expenses	22,111	18,610	
Other current assets	1,596,302	1,603,248	
Total current assets	13,960,313	16,509,209	
Noncurrent Assets:			
Restricted investments	4,069,317	4,360,887	
Inventory of homes for sale	1,659,008	1,222,483	
Notes receivable-partnerships/joint ventures	598,141	536,861	
Investment in partnerships/joint ventures	1,378,448	1,378,459	
Mortgages receivable-Title VI	13,514,685	14,932,535	
Capital assets, net	105,145,217	89,273,351	
Other noncurrent assets	208,428	208,428	
Total noncurrent assets	126,573,244	111,913,004	
Total assets	140,533,557	128,422,213	
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	373,937	562,914	
Accrued expenses	1,523,982	1,786,934	
Unearned revenue	49,000	50,200	
Notes payable	2,107,647	1,746,886	
Total current liabilities	4,054,566	4,146,934	
Noncurrent Liabilities:			
Trust liabilities	3,536,515	3,826,288	
Notes payable	48,608,316	31,152,097	
Total noncurrent liabilities	52,144,831	34,978,385	
Total liabilities	56,199,397	39,125,319	
NET POSITION			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	56,512,116	59,962,523	
Investment in partnerships/joint ventures	1,378,448	1,378,459	
Restricted for debt service	532,802	534,599	
Restricted for program services	25,910,794	27,421,313	
Total net position	\$84,334,160	\$ 89,296,894	

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION For the fiscal years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016

OPERATING REVENUES:	2017	2016	
Sale of homes - Title VI	\$ 889,126	\$ 435,644	
Less cost of sales - Title VI	1,028,615	435,644	
Gain (Loss) on sale of homes	(139,489)	-	
Dwelling income	6,063,879	4,951,762	
Other income	1,085,236	550,312	
Total operating revenues	7,009,626	5,502,074	
OPERATING EXPENSES:			
Cost of operations	9,235,479	7,867,497	
Housing assistance payments	5,660,012	6,796,468	
Salaries and wages	13,686,038	11,608,488	
Other expenses	160,344	131,898	
Depreciation	6,040,295	5,135,478	
Total operating expenses	34,782,168	31,539,829	
Operating income (loss)	(27,772,542)	(26,037,755)	
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):			
Gain on conveyance of homes	106,672	377,480	
Gain on sale of equipment/land	-	37,795	
Grant revenue	23,814,127	22,786,778	
Interest income	705,718	772,190	
Interest expense	(1,816,709)	(1,027,357)	
Total non-operating revenues	22,809,808	22,946,886	
Income (loss) before contributions	(4,962,734)	(3,090,869)	
Capital contributions - donated equipment and land	_	270,334	
Increase (decrease) in net position	(4,962,734)	(2,820,535)	
NET POSITION			
Net position - beginning of period	89,296,894	92,117,429	
Net position - end of period	\$ 84,334,160	\$ 89,296,894	

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

For the fiscal years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016

		2017		2016
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:				
Cash received from (paid to) participants	\$	5,985,852	\$	4,850,904
Cash received from other sources		1,084,036		549,112
Cash paid to suppliers		(15,282,762)		(15,000,158)
Cash paid to employees for services		(13,738,325)		(11,004,009)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities		(21,951,199)		(20,604,151)
CASH FLOWS FROM NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:				
Grant revenue		23,427,449		22,832,972
Title VI loan principal payments		(1,505,293)		(1,719,173)
Title VI interest paid		(45,471)		(51,332)
Net cash provided (used) by non-capital financing activities		21,876,685		21,062,467
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:				
Proceeds from disposal of Mutual Help and IHBG homes		837,357		297,564
Proceeds from disposal of equipment and land		, _		37,795
Loan proceeds		20,130,408		15,643,515
Loan principal payments		(808,135)		(344,976)
Loan interest paid		(1,771,238)		(976,025)
Purchase of property		(23,175,430)		(19,357,286)
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities		(4,787,038)		(4,699,413)
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CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:				
Sale of investments		3,270,000		10,690,000
Purchase of investments		(1,965,819)		(5,384,150)
Investment income		27,552		107,952
Title VI mortgage interest received		542,538		524,903
Title VI principal received on mortgage		832,346		1,025,908
Disposal of Title VI inventory		221,645		-
Title VI escrow collected (paid)		73,039		98,467
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities		3,001,301		7,063,080
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(1,860,251)		2,821,983
Cash and cash equivalents-beginning of year		6,384,763		3,562,780
Cash and cash equivalents-end of year	\$	4,524,512	\$	6,384,763
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO				
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:				
Operating income (loss)	\$	(27,772,542)	\$	(26,037,755)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash	Ψ	(21,112,342)	Ψ	(20,037,733)
provided (used) by operating activities:				
Depreciation		6,040,295		5,135,478
Loss (gain) on Title VI sales		139,489		3,133,476
Change in assets and liabilities:		139,409		-
(Increase) Decrease In:				
Accounts receivable		(79.027)		(100.959)
		(78,027)		(100,858)
Due from other governments		169,270		(408,564)
Prepaid expenses Other assets		(3,501) 6,946		(4,063) 246,639
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Increase (Decrease) In:		(188,977)		(29,994)
Accounts payable				
Accrued expenses Unearned revenue		(262,952)		604,479
		(1,200)		(9,513)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	\$	(21,951,199)	\$	(20,604,151)

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS September 30, 2017 and 2016

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. REPORTING ENTITY

The Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma (the "Housing Authority") was created under the provisions of the laws of the State of Oklahoma and provides affordable housing and other services to low income Native Americans within the boundaries of the Cherokee Nation (the "Nation"). Effective October 1, 1997, the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) was implemented. NAHASDA recognizes the system of federal housing assistance to Native Americans by eliminating several separate programs of assistance and replacing them with a single block grant program. In addition to this, the purpose of NAHASDA is to provide federal assistance for Indian tribes in a manner that recognizes the right of Indian selfdetermination and tribal self-governance. This is implemented through the use of an annual Indian Housing Plan submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (DHUD) for approval. Pursuant to Tribal Council legislation, the Nation was designated the responsible party for the federally funded NAHASDA program in 2000. Subsequent to that action, various components of the Indian Housing plan are passed through the Nation to the Housing Authority under a Memorandum of Agreement for implementation and day-to-day management.

Based on the forgoing criteria and in compliance with the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, as amended by Statement 61, the Housing Authority is included in the Nation's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report as a "component unit".

Cherokee Affordable Housing, Inc. (CAH) - CAH is a non-profit 501(c)3 corporation organized under the laws of the State of Oklahoma created primarily to serve as the eligible 501(c)3 entity required to fill the position of general partner in the low-income housing tax credit partnerships and related projects that have been developed by the Housing Authority and a third party developer (see Note 6). CAH's financial activity is limited only to its role in the tax credit partnerships. The board of directors for CAH consists of the same board members of the Housing Authority. The president of CAH is the executive director of the Housing Authority. Based on the foregoing criteria and in compliance with the provisions of GASB No. 14, The Financial Reporting Entity, as amended by Statement 61, CAH is included as a "blended" component unit in the Housing Authority's financial statements.

B. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounting and reporting policies of the Housing Authority conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for units of local government as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D) September 30, 2017 and 2016

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

B. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING (CONT'D)

The Housing Authority accounts for its activities within a proprietary fund. The proprietary fund type is accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and deferred outflows of resources and all liabilities and deferred inflows of resources associated with the operation of this fund are included on the statement of net position. Proprietary fund operating statements present increases (e.g., revenues) and decreases (e.g., expenses) in total net position. The accrual basis of accounting is utilized by the proprietary fund. Under this basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when the liability is incurred. Pursuant to GASB Statement No. 33, as amended, the Housing Authority records revenue on its voluntary nonexchange transactions when all applicable eligibility requirements, including expenditure-driven transactions, are met. Resources transmitted before the eligibility requirements have been met are reported as a liability.

C. USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

D. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

For purposes of reporting the statement of cash flows, the Housing Authority has defined cash and cash equivalents as cash and investment items having an original maturity of three months or less.

E. INVESTMENTS

Investments are carried at fair value. By policy, the Housing Authority's funds are invested in DHUD approved types of investments which include (1) direct obligations of the United States; obligations issued by Government sponsored entities; securities that are guaranteed or insured by the United States; mutual (or other) funds registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and which invest only in obligations of the United States or securities that are guaranteed or insured by the United States; or (2) accounts that are insured by an agency or instrumentality of the United States or fully collateralized to insure protection of the funds, even in the event of bank failure.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D) September 30, 2017 and 2016

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

F. INVENTORY OF HOMES FOR SALE

As a result of the operation of the Title VI Loan program, the Housing Authority has built or acquired a number of homes in various locations in anticipation of the expected demand for the homes as well as homes for specific homebuyers in accordance with an agreement with them. The amount in inventory for the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 was \$1,659,008 and \$1,222,483, respectively. This inventory is carried at the lower of cost or market value.

G. CAPITAL ASSETS-HOME OWNERSHIP PROGRAMS

The Housing Authority has several lease-to-own homebuyer programs wherein the tenant\homebuyer may eventually purchase the house in accordance with contractual agreements. Until the time of transfer, these homes remain the property of the Housing Authority. The costs of those units are depreciated over the expected term of payoff at the time of the original agreement, generally 25 years. When the home is paid off in accordance with the agreements, and title is passed to the homebuyer, a gain or loss is recognized on the transfer of the house to the homebuyer. See Note 7 for further disclosure regarding the Housing Authority's lease-to-own programs.

H. CAPITAL ASSETS-OTHER

Other assets that the Housing Authority has for its rental programs, area offices and central administrative offices that are not held for systematic disposition are carried at cost. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, which range from 5 to 40 years. Maintenance and repairs are expensed as incurred. The Housing Authority capitalizes property and equipment whose costs are \$5,000 or more per unit.

I. OPERATING AND NONOPERATING REVENUE AND EXPENSE

Operating revenues are those revenues produced as a result of selling homes under the Title VI Program, providing housing units, or providing other services. Operating expenses include all costs of normal operations. Nonoperating revenues include grant revenue, gain on conveyance of homes/equipment, interest income and other nonrecurring revenue. Nonoperating expenses include interest expense and other nonrecurring expenses.

J. INCOME TAXES

The Housing Authority is organized as an agency of the State of Oklahoma and, as such, is exempt from federal and state taxation. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes has been made in the financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D) September 30, 2017 and 2016

2. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

The custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that the Housing Authority will not be able to recover deposits that are in the possession of an outside party. Deposits are exposed to custodial credit risk if they are not insured or collateralized. At September 30, 2017 and 2016, all of the Housing Authority's deposits were insured or collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution in the Housing Authority's name.

Investments - Investments are subject to credit risk, interest rate risk and custody risk. Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty will not fulfill its obligations. Regarding the management of credit risk, it is the policy of the Housing Authority to follow the DHUD approved types of Investment as stated in Note 1, which limits the investments to obligations of the United States or its agencies and instrumentalities, government sponsored entities, mutual funds registered with the SEC and invested only in United States obligations or other accounts insured by an agency of the United States or that are fully collateralized to insure the protection of the funds.

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Investments held for longer periods are subject to increased risk of adverse interest rate changes. The Housing Authority's policy for NAHASDA funds is to generally follow the policy set forth by DHUD in 24 CFR 1000.58, which limits investments to a maximum of five years. Non-NAHASDA funds can be invested longer than five years in accordance with overall projected cash needs. At September 30, 2017 and 2016, none of the Housing Authority's investments were invested in securities having an original maturity of five years or longer.

For investments, custodial risk is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Housing Authority will not be able to recover the value of its investments in the possession of an outside third party. The Housing Authority policy provides that investments are held by third party custodians with whom the Housing Authority has custodial agreements in the Housing Authority's name or be held in the name of both parties by the Federal Reserve Bank.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D) September 30, 2017 and 2016

2. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONT'D)

Investments (Cont'd)-

The Authority's investments are measured and reported at fair value and are classified according to the following hierarchal input levels:

- 1. Level 1 Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets.
- 2. Level 2 Quoted prices for similar assets, or inputs that are observable or other forms of market corroborated inputs.
- 3. Level 3 Pricing based on best available information, including primarily unobservable inputs and assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset.

Summary of Investments - The Housing Authority's investments are stated at fair value. A summary of the investments held at September 30, 2017, their maturities and their current credit rating are as follows:

		Maturities in years			Credit Rating		Fair Value	
Investment Type		Fair Value	_	Less Than 1	 1-5	S&P	Moody's	Hierarchy
Money Market Funds Federal Home Loan	\$	48,844	\$	48,844	\$ -	(1)	(1)	NA
Mortgage Corporation	_	526,875	_		 526,875	AA+	AAA	Level 2
Total	\$_	575,719	\$_	48,844	\$ 526,875			

A summary of the investments held at September 30, 2016, their maturities and their current credit rating are as follows:

			Maturities in years		Credit Rating		Fair Value		
Investment Type		Fair Value	_	Less Than 1	_	1-5	S&P	Moody's	Hierarchy
Money Market Funds Federal Home Loan	\$	91,883	\$	91,883	\$	-	(1)	(1)	NA
Mortgage Corporation	_	528,195	_	-	_	528,195	AA+	AAA	Level 2
Total	\$_	620,078	\$	91,883	\$	528,195			

⁽¹⁾ While these money market funds do not have formal ratings, they are Governmental or Institutional type funds that are invested only in securities that have the highest short-term rating from at least two NRSRO's.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D) September 30, 2017 and 2016

2. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONT'D)

A reconciliation of the investments presented above to the investments as presented in the statements of net position follows:

		2017	2016
Investments as presented above	\$	575,719 \$	620,078
Plus: Certificates of deposit reported as investments and restricted investments of which approximately 70% and 40% mature in one year or less and the remaining 30% and 60% in 1 to 5 years for			
2017 and 2016, respectively	_	6,865,387	8,125,209
Total investments and restricted investments	\$	7,441,106 \$	8,745,287

The Investments are utilized for different purposes and as such, some are restricted as to their use and availability. This is summarized as follows:

	2017		2016
Unrestricted:			
General Operation	\$	3,371,789 \$	4,384,400
Restricted:			
MEPA Investments		3,536,515	3,826,288
Title VI Investments		532,802	534,599
Subtotal		4,069,317	4,360,887
Total Investments	\$	7,441,106_\$	8,745,287

The investments that are designated as MEPA are internally restricted as they represent the amount of monies that are in the New Mutual Help Homebuyers Monthly Equity Payment Account at September 30, 2017 and 2016. The agreement with the Homebuyers is that the funds will be invested and any earnings will be applied to their account at least annually. When the Homebuyer accumulates enough equity in their account from various sources, then the funds attributable to MEPA and other sources will be released to the Housing Authority in payment of the home (see Note 7).

The Title VI Investments are externally restricted as part of the original Title VI loan agreement as collateral for the repayment of the Title VI loans.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D) September 30, 2017 and 2016

3. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable at September 30, 2017 and 2016, consisted of the following:

	 2017	2016	
Accounts receivable for insurance and other Tenant loans receivable	\$ 420,566 \$ 61,274	283,702 120,111	
Total accounts receivable	 481,840	403,813	
Accounts receivable-net	\$ 481,840 \$	403,813	

4. MORTGAGES RECEIVABLE – TITLE VI

The Housing Authority has receivables at September 30, 2017 and 2016, totaling \$14,018,431 and \$15,457,449, respectively, from individuals who are participating in the Title VI loan program. Each of these loans is secured by a mortgage on the property provided by the Housing Authority. The loans have an interest rate of 4% and are payable over 30 years. No allowance has been recorded as of September 30, 2017 or 2016 as the Housing Authority believes the amounts to be collectable or the houses can be reacquired quickly by the Housing Authority and the value will equal or exceed the amount of the loan. Also see Note 8.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D) September 30, 2017 and 2016

5. CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of capital asset activity for fiscal year 2017 follows:

	Beginning			Ending
_	Balance	Additions	Deletions	Balance
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Construction in progress \$	4,703,512 \$	10,376,651 \$	(12,097,235) \$	2,982,928
Land	10,871,060	39,173	(287,759)	10,622,474
Total capital assets not	10,071,000	37,173	(201,137)	10,022,474
being depreciated:	15,574,572	10,415,824	(12,384,994)	13,605,402
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Other capital assets:			(= -0= =0.1)	
Buildings and improvements	142,770,268	24,771,052	(3,602,304)	163,939,016
Equipment	5,246,299	85,789		5,332,088
Total other capital assets,				
historical cost	148,016,567	24,856,841	(3,602,304)	169,271,104
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and improvements	(70,954,965)	(5,457,129)	2,626,794	(73,785,300)
Equipment	(3,362,823)	(583,166)	-	(3,945,989)
Total accumulated demonistics	(74 217 700)	(6.040.205)	2 626 704	(77 721 200)
Total accumulated depreciation _	(74,317,788)	(6,040,295)	2,626,794	(77,731,289)
Other capital assets, net	73,698,779	18,816,546	(975,510)	91,539,815
Total capital assets, net \$	89,273,351 \$	29,232,370 \$	(13,360,504) \$	105,145,217

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D) September 30, 2017 and 2016

5. CAPITAL ASSETS (CONT'D)

A summary of capital asset activity for fiscal year 2016 follows:

	Beginning			Ending
_	Balance	Additions	Deletions	Balance
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Construction in progress \$	4,900,299 \$	15,465,610 \$	(15,662,397) \$	4,703,512
Land	11,168,107	15,626	(312,673)	10,871,060
Total capital assets not				
being depreciated:	16,068,406	15,481,236	(15,975,070)	15,574,572
Other capital assets:				
Buildings and improvements	126,828,487	19,085,744	(3,143,963)	142,770,268
Equipment	4,523,262	723,037	<u> </u>	5,246,299
Total other capital assets,				
historical cost	131,351,749	19,808,781	(3,143,963)	148,016,567
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and improvements	(68,946,131)	(4,616,689)	2,607,855	(70,954,965)
Equipment	(2,844,034)	(518,789)	<u> </u>	(3,362,823)
_	_	_		_
Total accumulated depreciation	(71,790,165)	(5,135,478)	2,607,855	(74,317,788)
Other capital assets, net	59,561,584	14,673,303	(536,108)	73,698,779
Total capital assets, net \$	75,629,990 \$	30,154,539 \$	(16,511,178) \$	89,273,351

Fiscal year 2016 "equipment" additions includes \$270,334 of automobiles and heavy equipment received from the Cherokee Nation at the time the Housing Authority assumed administration of the Rehabilitation Program during 2016 from the Cherokee Nation.

6. INVESTMENT IN LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS/JOINT VENTURES

The Housing Authority has utilized tax credit incentives provided by the Federal government to reduce the cost it would normally incur to provide low income housing to the elderly and other low income families. This was accomplished by participating in four partnerships which have built low income housing projects that qualified for Low Income Housing Tax Credits ("LIHTC") made available by the Federal government. The projects comprise 155 housing units and are managed by outside parties under management agreements as provided by the partnership agreements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D) September 30, 2017 and 2016

6. INVESTMENT IN LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS/JOINT VENTURES (CONT'D)

These partnerships are accounted for as joint ventures utilizing the equity method of accounting. Separate audited financial statements of the partnerships/joint ventures are available upon request. The Housing Authority began entering into the limited partnerships in 2001 with a local nonprofit 501(C) 3 organization to build LIHTC rental properties, initially as a limited partner during the construction phase and then was converted to Special Limited Partner status at the end of construction period.

The partnerships were created to provide a vehicle for use in benefiting from Low Income Housing Tax Credits, available through the Oklahoma Housing Finance Authority, as a means to obtain significant funding of the various housing projects, through the sale of the tax credits to qualified investors who then became the limited partners upon their investment into the partnerships.

For each of the projects, the Housing Authority committed to invest a certain amount of funds, contingent upon the award of the low-income tax credits by the Oklahoma Housing Finance Authority.

The following summarizes the investments between the Housing Authority for each of the partnerships/joint ventures as of September 30, 2017:

Type of investment		Jay Senior Housing	Stilwell Sr. Housing	Northview Estates	Wisdom Keepers	Total
Note receivable	\$	750,000 \$	250,000 \$	1,088,600 \$	- \$	2,088,600
Initial operating loan		30,000	30,000	51,400	50,000	161,400
Management fee loan		54,340	-	-	-	54,340
Discount	_	(649,202)	(229,529)	(784,500)	(42,968)	(1,706,199)
Notes Receivable, net		185,138	50,471	355,500	7,032	598,141
Capital Investment	\$	342,492 \$	609,944 \$	- \$	426,012 \$	1,378,448

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D) September 30, 2017 and 2016

6. INVESTMENT IN LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS/JOINT VENTURES (CONT'D)

The following summarizes the investments between the Housing Authority for each of the partnerships/joint ventures as of September 30, 2016:

Type of investment		Jay Senior Housing	Stilwell Sr. Housing	Northview Estates	Wisdom Keepers	Total
Note receivable	- -	750,000 \$	250,000 \$	1,000,600, \$	- \$	2.000.600
Initial operating loan	\$	750,000 \$ 30,000	250,000 \$ 30,000	1,088,600 \$ 51,400	- \$ 50,000	2,088,600 161,400
Management fee loan		54,340	-	-	-	54,340
Discount	-	(663,941)	(235,217)	(824,561)	(43,760)	(1,767,479)
Notes Receivable, net	=	170,399	44,783	315,439	6,240	536,861
Capital Investment	\$	342,495 \$	609,948 \$	\$	426,016 \$	1,378,459

The notes receivable have a 31-year due date from issuance with no interest on the notes, with the exception of the note receivable from the Northview Estates partnership. The Northview note has an interest rate of 4.79%, which is the long-term annual AFR rate at the time of execution of the note. Payments on this note can be made based on the available prior years' cash flow as defined in the partnership agreement. Any unpaid accrued interest under this calculation will be due at the same time as the principal under the loan agreement, or 31 years from inception. The notes receivable and operating loans originally aggregated \$2,250,000 and have been discounted by \$2,157,000 to reflect an appropriate rate of return accorded similar investments, resulting in an initial balance of \$93,000. The discount is being accreted back to income over the 31-year term of the respective loans and the collectability is to be reevaluated annually.

The initial aggregate capital investment of \$1,390,000, net of the changes in the Housing Authority's equity accounts, is carried on the accompanying statement of net position as investment in partnerships/joint ventures and is adjusted on a go forward basis to reflect the changes to the Housing Authority's equity account in the partnerships/joint ventures. During FY-2017 and FY-2016, the Housing Authority's equity account decreased by \$11 and \$17, respectively, for its share of the partnerships/joint ventures net loss.

The Housing Authority, as a Special Limited Partner, has also entered into long-term lease agreements with three of the partnerships to provide land as a site for the Projects. Each lease is for \$1 per year for a term of 99 years. The Housing Authority's cost basis in this land and improvements was \$1,514,780 and has been expensed as the Housing Authority received no additional equity for its contribution to these projects.

Through September 30, 2005, the Housing Authority had received or recognized development fees of approximately \$990,000 as the co-developer of the four LITC projects. No additional development fees are to be recognized in the future for these projects.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D) September 30, 2017 and 2016

6. INVESTMENT IN LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS/JOINT VENTURES (CONT'D)

Condensed financial statements for each of these partnerships/joint ventures at December 31, 2016, and the fiscal year then ended follow:

		Jay Senior Housing	Stilwell Sr. Housing		Northview Estates		Wisdom Keepers	Total
	_		Balance Sheets					
Current assets	\$	96,928	\$ 151,521	\$	197,585	\$	200,954	\$ 646,988
Noncurrent assets		1,587,903	1,697,583		2,780,333		2,000,164	8,065,983
Current liabilities		112,559	6,927		440,573		59,987	620,046
Long-term liabilities		751,755	526,533		1,088,600		303,200	2,670,088
Net equity of the Authority		342,630	610,070		145		426,212	1,379,057
Net equity - others		477,887	705,574		1,448,600		1,411,719	4,043,780
	_				Profit and Los	S		
Operating revenue	\$	197,580	\$ 179,558	\$	192,079	\$	168,359	\$ 737,576
Operating expense		(186,144)	(174,035)		(178,735)		(166,466)	(705,380)
Depreciation expense		(70,819)	(81,757)		(124,465)		(91,459)	(368,500)
Nonoperating - other		284	294		(51,549)		371	(50,600)
Net income (loss)		(59,099)	(75,940)		(162,670)		(89,195)	(386,904)

Audited financial statements are available from the partnerships/joint ventures upon request.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D) September 30, 2017 and 2016

6. INVESTMENT IN LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS/JOINT VENTURES (CONT'D)

Condensed financial statements for each of these partnerships/joint ventures at December 31, 2015, and the fiscal year then ended follow:

		Jay Senior	Stilwell Sr.		Northview	Wisdom	
		Housing	Housing		Estates	Keepers	Total
				В	Balance Sheets		
Current assets	\$	85,343 \$	149,752	\$	217,788 \$	202,569 \$	655,452
Noncurrent assets		1,658,722	1,779,340		2,903,198	2,091,623	8,432,883
Current liabilities		112,402	40,500		420,971	63,466	637,339
Long-term liabilities		752,047	497,008		1,088,600	303,600	2,641,255
Net equity of the Author	rity	342,636	610,078		161	426,220	1,379,095
Net equity - others		536,980	781,506		1,611,254	1,500,906	4,430,646
				P	Profit and Loss		
Operating revenue	\$	170,803 \$	184,766	\$	193,597 \$	171,099 \$	720,265
Operating expense		(165,215)	(158,631))	(183,137)	(176,865)	(683,848)
Depreciation expense		(71,803)	(82,385))	(124,266)	(105,215)	(383,669)
Nonoperating - other		181	209		(51,761)	279	(51,092)
Net income (loss)		(66,034)	(56,041))	(165,567)	(110,702)	(398,344)

Audited financial statements are available from the partnerships/joint ventures upon request.

The Housing Authority's component unit, Cherokee Affordable Housing ("CAH") is the only general partner in these partnerships and has a partnership interest of .005%. The Housing Authority is a Special Limited Partner with a partnership interest of .005%. The remaining 99.99% interest in each partnership is held by a Limited Partner that is a syndicated Tax Credit Fund LLC. These Limited Partners provide the majority of the financing for each of the projects in exchange for the Income Tax Credits and other tax deductions that are provided from the qualification and operation of the partnerships.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D) September 30, 2017 and 2016

6. INVESTMENT IN LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS/JOINT VENTURES (CONT'D)

In addition to the cash investments and other costs incurred in connection with the Limited Partnerships, the Housing Authority has provided a "Tax Credit Recapture Guarantee" to the Limited Partner (third-party syndicator of the tax credits) for each of the Partnerships should the Internal Revenue Service disallow the use of any of the tax credits to third-party investors by the Limited Partner. The Housing Authority and developer have also provided an "Operating Deficit Guarantee" which would require the Housing Authority and developer to provide capital for operations should the need arise.

7. TRUST LIABILITIES AND RELATED ASSETS

The Housing Authority has several lease-to-own homebuyer programs wherein the tenant\homebuyer may eventually purchase the house in accordance with contractual agreements. These transactions are similar to a financing lease, however are not accounted for as such as the amount and collectability of the minimum lease payments is not predictable. Until the time of transfer, these homes remain the property of the Housing Authority. The costs of these units are depreciated over the expected term of payoff at the time of the original agreement, generally 25 years. When the home is paid off in accordance with the agreements and title is transferred to the homebuyer, a gain or loss is recognized by the Housing Authority. For the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, a gain of \$106,672 and \$377,480, respectively, was recorded in connection with such transfers.

The trust liabilities reflected in the accompanying financial statements primarily includes a liability for funds that have been received from the tenants or homebuyers in the various lease-toown programs operated by the Housing Authority. These funds are held in a trust type account to be applied to various uses, depending on the agreement with the tenant\homebuyer. The largest of the amounts included in this category are for accounts attributable to the New Mutual Help Housing Program wherein the tenant\homebuyers are credited with a portion of the funds that they have contributed as well as other amounts credited to them in accordance with DHUD requirements and program policies. Under the provisions of mutual-help occupancy agreements, tenant/homebuyers are required to make payments based on the family or household income. After deducting an administrative fee as set forth by DHUD, the remaining balance is credited to the participant's equity payment account ("MEPA"). The balance of the MEPA accounts, which are being held and invested by the Housing Authority on behalf of the New Mutual Help homebuyers, was \$3,056,759 and \$3,389,949 as of September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. These investments are presented as restricted investments in the accompanying Statement of Net Position. These MEPA Funds, along with other credits to these tenant/homebuyers totaled \$3,492,037 and \$3,776,546 at September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. Although these funds will generally be retained by the Housing Authority upon the transfer of home ownership to the tenant/homeowner, they are presented as a liability until then because the funds are effectively owned by the tenant /homeowner. Upon transfer of the home to the tenant/homeowner the funds will be considered revenue and applied to the carrying value of the related home and a gain or loss will be recorded by the Housing Authority.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D) September 30, 2017 and 2016

7. TRUST LIABILITIES AND RELATED ASSETS (CONT'D)

Additionally, at September 30, 2017 and 2016, other amounts included in this category include escrow deposits held by the Housing Authority associated with the Title VI program mortgages totaling \$11,353 and \$14,099, respectively, and low-income housing tenants' security deposits of \$33,125 and \$35,643, respectively.

8. NOTES PAYABLE

NAHASDA Title VI Loan Program

In July of 2002, the Cherokee Nation, the Housing Authority, Bank One, N.A. (now JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.) and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("DHUD") entered into a Title VI loan agreement, under the authorization of the Native American Housing and Self Determination Act ("NAHASDA") whereby the Nation was authorized to borrow up to \$50 million from Bank One for the purpose of enabling the Housing Authority to construct single family residences within the Nation's 14 county jurisdictional area. The Title VI program allows tribal governments to pledge future grants toward repayment of the loan, thereby securing financing currently. On December 30, 2002, the Nation and the Housing Authority entered into a Supplemental Memorandum of Agreement ("SMOA") for the purpose of setting forth the procedures and the parties' agreement related to the disbursement, use, repayment, and handling of the funds obtained under the Title VI loan. The Nation serves as the recipient of the loan proceeds and advances funds to the Housing Authority as requested under the agreed procedures.

The Housing Authority provides construction or acquisition of housing for eligible participants using Title VI loan proceeds from the Nation. The participants enter into promissory notes and mortgage agreements with the Housing Authority for repayment of the principal and interest related to the assistance provided (see Note 4). All promissory notes, collateral, mortgages, etc. obtained by the Housing Authority in conjunction with the use of Title VI loan proceeds are pledged by the Housing Authority to the Nation as collateral for the repayment of the Title VI loan proceeds advanced to the Housing Authority by the Nation.

As part of its participation in the Title VI loan, the Housing Authority was required to deposit securities in escrow ("Pledge Account") with Bank One in an amount equal to five percent of the total loan authorization, or \$2,500,000. These securities are pledged as collateral for the Title VI loan to cover the portion of the loan balance not guaranteed by HUD's 95% "Certificate of Guarantee" provided to Bank One (now JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.) as part of the Title VI loan. The interest and dividends generated on these securities remains the property of the Housing Authority. The pledge remains in effect for 10 years beginning July 30, 2002. Then every two years thereafter, a request for release of a portion of the securities can be made. The securities pledged have a fair value of \$532,802 and \$534,599 at September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, and have been reported as restricted investments in the Statement of Net Position.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D) September 30, 2017 and 2016

8. NOTES PAYABLE (CONT'D)

NAHASDA Title VI Loan Program (Cont'd)

Additionally, as part of its participation in the Title VI loan program, the Housing Authority has committed to reimburse the Nation for any costs incurred by the Nation related to the Housing Authority not complying with the terms of the SMOA or the requirements of the Title VI program. The Housing Authority, through its signing of the SMOA, agrees to abide by all conditions specified in the Title VI loan agreement.

As collateral for the Title VI loan, the Nation has pledged all current and future grants for which the borrower becomes eligible under NAHASDA as well as program income directly generated from the use of the loan proceeds, program income derived from the sale or lease of real property acquired, rehabilitated or constructed with loan proceeds, and the securities deposited to the Pledge Account. Any program income generated from the above is required to be deposited into a "Loan Repayment Account" to serve as an additional source for payment of principal and interest related to the Title VI loan.

During FY-2017 and FY-2016, the Housing Authority did not receive any loan advances for the Title VI program. The cumulative amount of funds drawn on the available loan funds is \$33,231,000 at September 30, 2017 and 2016. The loan was divided into two separate "pools" which carry different interest rates over the life of the loan. Pool A was paid off as of September 30, 2013. Pool B, whose balance at September 30, 2017 and 2016 was \$2,082,862 and \$3,588,155, respectively, and carries a variable interest rate, reset monthly, derived from the 30-day LIBOR + 70 basis points, which at September 30, 2017 and 2016 was 1.94% and 1.27% respectively. Pool B principal payments of \$100,150 began March of 2005 and are scheduled through June 1, 2022, plus interest. During FY-2017 and FY-2016, the Housing Authority made total principal repayments on Pool B of \$1,505,293 and \$1,719,173, respectively.

Claremore QuadPlex Note

During FY-2006, the Housing Authority borrowed \$151,500 for its costs related to the Claremore QuadPlex project. The loan is repaid in monthly payments, beginning February 1, 2006, of \$1,341 including principal and interest. The loan carries an interest rate of 6.75%. The final payment will be made on February 1, 2021. At September 30, 2017 and 2016 the loan balance was \$49,663 and \$63,394, respectively.

Assumable Mortgage Program ("AMP")

During FY-2007, the Housing Authority began its Assumable Mortgage Program. The Housing Authority has six hundred and forty-seven loans outstanding used for the purchase of homes provided to program participants. Interest rates on the loans vary from 4% to 7.125% and are payable in monthly installments over thirty years. At September 30, 2017 and 2016 the total loan balance was \$48,583,438 and \$29,247,434, respectively.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D) September 30, 2017 and 2016

8. NOTES PAYABLE (CONT'D)

A summary of activity in the notes payable follows:

	Beginning Balance		Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	_	Amounts Due within One Year
Title VI Notes QuadPlex Note AMP Notes	\$ 3,588,155 63,394 29,247,434	\$	20,130,408	\$ 1,505,293 13,731 794,404	\$ 2,082,862 49,663 48,583,438	\$	1,201,797 12,466 893,384
Totals	\$ 32,898,983	\$_	20,130,408	\$ 2,313,428	\$ 50,715,963	\$_	2,107,647

Future principal and interest payments related to the notes payable at September 30, 2017, are as follows:

Year Ending September 30		Principal	•	Interest	•	Total
2018	\$	2,107,647	\$	2,122,867	\$	4,230,514
2019		1,827,510		2,066,794		3,894,304
2020		988,884		2,016,216		3,005,100
2021		1,023,747		1,972,119		2,995,866
2022		1,062,191		1,926,822		2,989,013
2023-2027		6,061,489		8,878,347		14,939,836
2028-2032		7,542,056		7,403,010		14,945,066
2033-2037		9,383,832		5,559,272		14,943,104
2038-2042		11,199,711		3,323,500		14,523,211
2043-2047	_	9,518,896		829,002		10,347,898
Totals	\$	50,715,963	\$	36,097,949	\$	86,813,912

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D) September 30, 2017 and 2016

9. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Housing Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees and natural disasters. Effective October 1, 2012, the Housing Authority and the Nation entered into a memorandum of understanding that provides the Housing Authority the ability to participate in the Cherokee Nation Risk Management Services ("CNRM") as a means of obtaining insurance coverage covering each of these risks of loss. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the Housing Authority. Total premiums paid to CNRM during fiscal years 2017 and 2016 were \$249,767 and \$186,030, respectively. Prior to October 1, 2012, the Housing Authority directly obtained commercial insurance coverage to address this risk of loss. Settlements have not exceeded insurance coverage in the past three years.

The Housing Authority participates in AMERIND Risk Management Corporation, ("AMERIND"), an insurance pooling arrangement wherein the risk of loss to the property and equipment of the Housing Authority is shared by a large number of Indian Housing Authorities in the United States. The Housing Authority has a deposit of \$208,428 with AMERIND to cover contingencies, which represents an interest in the operations of AMERIND and is included in other noncurrent assets in the accompanying financial statements. In addition, the Housing Authority pays an annual premium to cover losses and expenses.

AMERIND also has a program which provides insurance to low income Cherokee homeowners in the Nation's jurisdictional area. The Housing Authority facilitates this insurance program by administering required paperwork and making upfront payments to AMERIND. The Housing Authority collects these payments from home owners on a monthly basis throughout the year. The Housing Authority receives no fees or revenues for its assistance in this process and does incur losses to the extent that it pays in advance for insurance and is not reimbursed by the homeowner. During the fiscal years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, the Housing Authority incurred losses of approximately \$23,434 and \$13,557 respectively, for insurance premiums paid but not recovered from the insured property owners.

10. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

Effective October 1, 2012, the Housing Authority and the Nation entered into a memorandum of understanding which allows for the employees of the Housing Authority to participate in the health insurance and 401(k) retirement plans administered by the Nation.

The health insurance plan provides medical, dental, vision as well as other coverage to employees on the first day of employment and eligible dependents as defined by the plan. Premium co-pays are based on a sliding wage scale. Health insurance premiums paid to the Nation by the Housing Authority for fiscal years 2017 and 2016 totaled \$2,941,963 and \$2,123,618 respectively.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D) September 30, 2017 and 2016

10. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS (CONT'D)

The employee 401(k) profit sharing plan allows eligible employees to defer from 1% to 50% of gross pay, subject to annual Internal Revenue Service limits. The Housing Authority matches the first 5% dollar for dollar and the next 4% fifty cents on the dollar up to 7%. During fiscal year 2017, total contributions by participants and total match contributions by the Housing Authority totaled \$494,463 and \$368,013, respectively. Additionally, during fiscal year 2016, total contributions by participants and total match contributions by the Housing Authority totaled \$380,836 and \$288,017, respectively.

11. RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS

For the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, the Housing Authority and the Nation have the following related-party transactions due to their relationship with NAHASDA funding (see Note 1A). The Housing Authority has recorded \$23,152,233 and \$22,762,030 in grant revenue in 2017 and 2016, respectively, which is the result of pass through funding from the Nation in relation to the Nation's NAHASDA funding. The Nation also passed through other federal grant funds to the Housing Authority in the amount of \$661,894 and \$24,748 in 2017 and 2016, respectively. Also, the Housing Authority has recorded as "Other Income", \$764,499 of nonfederal funds received from the Nation for use in providing housing services. Also see Note 9 and Note 10.

12. COMMITMENTS, ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY, AND CONTINGENCIES

As discussed in Note 6, the Housing Authority has provided a "Tax Credit Recapture Guarantee" to the Limited Partners of the various Limited Partnerships (third-party syndicator of the tax credits) should the Internal Revenue Service disallow the use of any of the tax credits being marketed to third-party investors by the Partnership. The aggregate tax credits provided through these partnerships was approximately \$13,600,000. The Housing Authority has also provided an "Operating Deficit Guarantee" which would require the Housing Authority to provide capital for operations should the need arise. To date, the Housing Authority has not been required to provide any "Deficit Guarantee" funding, and management of the Housing Authority does not believe funding for Deficit Guarantee or Tax Credit Recapture will be required in the future.

A large part of the Housing Authority's revenues were from federal awards, which were passed through the Cherokee Nation under Memoranda of Agreement. These are subject to availability of funds, authorization by the Cherokee Nation and the Housing Authority's compliance with those agreements and federal rules and regulations.

The Housing Authority administers various federal programs. These programs are subject to audit and adjustments by the awarding agencies and other organizations. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable program. The amount, if any, of expenses disallowed cannot be determined at this time. The Housing Authority expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial. The management of the Housing Authority is unaware of any lawsuits or other contingencies that may cause unforeseen additional costs.

SINGLE AUDIT REPORTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULES

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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

To the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma

We have audited, in accordance with the 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 the Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma (the "Housing Authority"), a component unit of the Cherokee Nation, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Housing Authority's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 1, 2018.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Housing Authority's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the 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 Housing Authority's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Housing Authority'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 entity'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 in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Housing Authority'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 determination of financial statement amounts. 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 Housing Authority'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 Housing Authority's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Aledge + Associates, P.C.

March 1, 2018



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE; AND REPORT ON THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

To the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma's (the "Housing Authority"), a component unit of the Cherokee Nation, compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2017. The Housing Authority's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the Housing Authority's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Housing Authority's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Housing Authority's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the Housing Authority complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2017.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Management of the Housing Authority is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above.

In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the Housing Authority's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Housing Authority's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance

Arledge + Associates, P.C.

We have audited the financial statements of the Housing Authority, a component unit of the Cherokee Nation, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Housing Authority's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated March 1, 2018, which contained an unmodified opinion on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Uniform Guidance and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the 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 basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

March 1, 2018

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

FUND SOURCE U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development:	GRANT NAME	GRANT NUMBER	FEDERAL CFDA NUMBER	GRANT AWARD	CURRENT YEAR GRANT EXPENDITURES	GRANT BALANCE 9/30/2017
(Pass-through from the Cherokee Nation)	Indian Housing Block Grants Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers (HUD- Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing) Indian Community Development Block Grants Sub-Total	55IT4005780 15HV400578 B15SR400578	14.867 14.871 14.862	\$ 27,794,537 \$\\ 194,405 \\ 1,067,000 \\ 29,055,942	23,152,233 S 16,229 610,973 23,779,435	4,642,304 178,176 456,027 5,276,507
U.S. Department of the Interior - Bureau of Indian Affairs:	Total Department of Housing and Urban Develop	oment		29,055,942	23,779,435	5,276,507
(Pass-through from the Cherokee Nation)	Tribal Self Governance Compact Sub-Total	GT-OSGT905-17	15.022	137,357 137,357	34,692 34,692	102,665 102,665
	Total Department of the Interior			137,357	34,692	102,665
	Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$ 29,193,299 \$	23,814,127 \$	5,379,172

NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

NOTE A: BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards ("SEFA") is a summary of the Housing Authority's federal award programs for the year ended September 30, 2017. The information in this SEFA is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance).

NOTE B: SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the SEFA are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following, as applicable, either the cost principles in Office of Management and Budget Circular A-87, Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments or the cost principles contained in Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance), wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. The Housing Authority has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

NOTE C: NON CASH AWARDS

The Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma receives additional federal assistance in the form of a loan guarantee as a sub-recipient of Title VI loan proceeds passed through from the Cherokee Nation. The loan guarantee is provided through the Title VI Federal Guarantees for Financing Tribal Housing Activities program - CFDA # 14.869.

The ending loan balance at 9-30-2017 was \$2,082,862.

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS Year Ended September 30, 2017

SECTION I – SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued:		<u>Unmodifie</u>	d	_	
Internal control over financial r	eporting:				
Material weakness(es)	identified?		_yes _	X	_ no
Significant deficiency(i	es) identified?		_ yes _	X	_none reported
Noncompliance material to fina	ncial statements noted?		_ yes	X	_ no
Federal Awards					
Internal Control over major fed	eral programs:				
Material weakness(es)	identified?		_yes _	X	_ no
Significant deficiency(i		_yes _	X	_ none reported	
Type of auditor's report issued of for major federal progra		Unmodifi	ed	_	
Any audit findings disclosed the to be reported in accord 2 CFR 200.516(a)?			_yes _	X	_no
Identification of major federal p	programs:				
CFDA Number(s)	Name of Federal Program or Cl	<u>uster</u>			
14.867	Indian Housing Block Grants				
Dollar threshold used to disting between Type A and Ty		\$	750,000		_
Auditee qualified as low-risk au	X	_yes _		_ no	

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONT'D) Year Ended September 30, 2017

SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

Compliance Findings

There are no findings requiring reporting under this section.

Internal Control Findings

There are no findings requiring reporting under this section.

SECTION III - FEDERAL AWARDS FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Compliance Findings

There are no findings requiring reporting under this section.

Internal Control Findings

There are no findings requiring reporting under this section.

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS Year Ended September 30, 2017

Compliance Findings

None to be reported for September 30, 2016 period.

Internal Control Findings

None to be reported for September 30, 2016 period.