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**Ball Releases Audit of Boone County Fiscal Court**

**FRANKFORT, Ky.** – State Auditor Allison Ball has released the audit of the financial statements of the Boone County Fiscal Court for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. State law requires annual audits of county fiscal courts.

Auditing standards require the auditor’s letter to communicate whether the financial statements present fairly the receipts, disbursements, and changes in fund balances of the Boone County Fiscal Court in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The fiscal court’s financial statement did not follow this format. However, the fiscal court’s financial statement is fairly presented in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting, which is an acceptable reporting methodology. This reporting methodology is followed for 116 of 120 fiscal court audits in Kentucky.

The audit contains the following finding:

**Boone County improperly identified two contractors as subrecipients:** When submitting required quarterly project and expenditure reports for the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds program, the county improperly identified two entities as being subrecipients instead of contractors. Those responsible for the federal awards did not have a clear understanding of the difference between a subrecipient and a contractor. The reporting guidance was not clear on the definition of a subrecipient versus a contractor and resulted in a misunderstanding.

We recommend the county review the requirements for determining whether a disbursement qualifies as a payment to a subrecipient or a contractor and ensure all of those that administer federal funding have an understanding of the terms.

*County Judge/Executive’s Response: Already corrected in Q4 CY23 ARPA Report.*

The audit report can be found on the [auditor’s website](#).

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