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Subject: Follow-up re: BAC member question

Hello,

I got a brief answer to Mr. Tamagni's question from Scott Lee, our Acting Internal Auditor. Please share this information back with all BAC members as a follow-up from the meeting last week. It was in regard to any plans to do audits of ARPA grants, and perhaps other grants from the Muni. I've shared this with Felix Rivera, who is chair of the Audit Committee, as well.

Please note that the Audit department has limited resources, so as I understand it, audits are prioritized and scheduled according to what is feasible in a given year, with our staffing. I'm new to this function, so I'm still learning how it works. My co-chair Zaletel also requested some information from the administration about our current compliance activities, ensuring that we are fully utilizing our federal grant funds by the deadline (meaning, obligating it for use by the 2025 deadline), and also robustly reporting and ensuring we are complying with all of the rules for use of those funds.

- Does Internal Audit cover MOA-issued grants? **Yes, we can audit the grant compliance and we have audited before.** If so, are there any planned audits of grants? **Not at this time. But, we will soon send an email to Assembly Members, Administration Leaderships and Department/Division Directors to solicit audit suggestions for the next year's annual audit plan.**
- Are there other regular reviews or audits of grant-funded orgs? If so, who is responsible for that, if not Internal Audit? **We do perform the grant compliance audits for the grants we receive. For example, we just announced an audit of the WIC (Women, Infant, and Children) Nutrition program. I believe the WIC Program is 100% grant funded. This audit was requested by the Administration and was included in the 2023 Annual Audit Plan, which was endorsed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Assembly.**
- Are there any planned or additional audit requirements for ARPA-funded grants, beyond the compliance and reporting activities already happening? **Not that I am aware of. However, we can include such audits in next year's annual audit plan based on the audit suggestions we receive. The audit suggestion should be precise and specific due to the limited resources we have in our office. . For example, an Audit of ARPA (X) an Audit of \$XXX.XX ARPA Grant given to XX organization to provide XXXX. (O)**



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Dena'inaq elnen'aq' gheshtnu ch'q'u yeshdu (Dena'ina). *I live and work on the land of the Dena'ina (English).* Translation by Sondra Shaginoff-Stuart and Joel Isaak

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