

**BOROUGH OF CALIFON
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**REPORT OF AUDIT
DECEMBER 31, 2025**

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PART I

REPORT ON EXAMINATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2025

AUDITORS' REPORTS



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Mayor and
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Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets - regulatory basis of the various funds and account group of the Borough of Califon, County of Hunterdon, as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, the related statement of operations and changes in fund balance - regulatory basis for the years then ended, and the related statement of revenues - regulatory basis and statement of expenditures - regulatory basis of the various funds for the year ended December 31, 2025 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Borough's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the regulatory basis balance sheets and account group as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, the regulatory basis statements of operations for the years then ended and the regulatory basis statements of revenues and expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2025 in accordance with the basis of financial reporting prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey as described in Note 1.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles section of our report, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Borough as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, or changes in financial positions for the years then ended.

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Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey; 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 Borough, 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 opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Borough prepares its financial statements on the basis of the financial reporting provisions prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey; 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.

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 opinions. 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 generally accepted auditing standards, audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, 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.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, and ***Government Auditing Standards***, we:

- 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.

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- 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 Borough'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 Borough's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to 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.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Borough's basic financial statements-regulatory basis. The supplementary information listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, and is not a required part of the basic financial statements-regulatory basis.

The supplementary information exhibits are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements-regulatory basis. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements-regulatory basis 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-regulatory basis, or to the basic financial statements-regulatory basis themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplemental information listed in the table of contents is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the regulatory basis financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with ***Government Auditing Standards***, we have also issued our report dated April 15, 2026, on our consideration of the Borough's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, 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 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 Borough's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

A

		<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
	<u>REF.</u>	<u>12/31/25</u>	<u>12/31/24</u>
ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents:			
Cash - Treasurer	A-4	\$ 2,811,918	\$ 2,313,672
Due From State of New Jersey-Veterans and Sr. Citizens Deductions	A-17	<u>783</u>	<u>533</u>
Subtotal		<u>2,812,701</u>	<u>2,314,205</u>
Receivables And Other Assets With Full Reserves:			
Delinquent Property Taxes Receivable	A-6	115,875	154,340
Amount Due from Other Trust Fund	B	163,465	100,674
Amount Due from Animal Control Fund	B	<u>13,968</u>	<u>11,111</u>
Subtotal		<u>293,308</u>	<u>266,125</u>
Subtotal - Current Fund		<u>3,106,009</u>	<u>2,580,330</u>
Federal And State Grant Fund:			
State Grants Receivable	A-19	72,687	227,608
Amount Due From Current Fund	A	<u>506,727</u>	<u>311,165</u>
Subtotal		<u>579,414</u>	<u>538,773</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$ 3,685,423</u>	<u>\$ 3,119,103</u>

LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE

Liabilities:

Appropriation Reserves	A-3:8	\$ 154,425	\$ 150,309
Reserve for Encumbrances	A-9	192	2,000
Amount Due To Federal And State Grant Fund	A	506,727	311,165
Amount Due To Other Trust Fund	B	6,970	4,121
Amount Due To General Capital Fund	C	423,847	391,871
Taxes Collected In Advance	A-10	36,292	16,295
Tax Overpayments	A-11	4,539	27,535
Payroll Deductions Payable	A-12	1,382	1,211
Amount Due County For Added Taxes	A-13	1,944	7,584
Local School Taxes Payable	A-14	245,447	200,052
Regional High School Taxes Payable	A-15	366,241	434,165
Amount Due To Other Trust Fund - Municipal Open Space Tax	A-16	23,486	19,467
Reserve for Deposits	A-18	<u>486</u>	<u>466</u>
Subtotal		1,771,978	1,566,241
Reserve For Receivables And Other Assets	A	293,308	266,125
Fund Balance	A-1	<u>1,040,723</u>	<u>747,964</u>
Subtotal - Current Fund		<u>3,106,009</u>	<u>2,580,330</u>
Federal And State Grant Fund:			
Reserve For State Grants	A-20	579,414	531,221
Reserve For State Grants-Unappropriated	A-21	<u>-</u>	<u>7,552</u>
Subtotal		<u>579,414</u>	<u>538,773</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE		<u>\$ 3,685,423</u>	<u>\$ 3,119,103</u>

The accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

CURRENT FUND
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE

A-1

	<u>REF.</u>	<u>YEAR</u> <u>2025</u>	<u>YEAR</u> <u>2024</u>
REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED			
Fund Balance Utilized	A-2	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000
Miscellaneous Revenue Anticipated	A-2	342,734	579,477
Receipts From Delinquent Taxes	A-2	154,854	98,281
Receipts from Current Taxes	A-2	5,716,491	5,627,929
Non-Budget Revenues	A-2	17,382	18,650
Other Credits To Income:			
Tax Overpayments Canceled	A-11	25,232	
Unexpended Balance Of Appropriation Reserves	A-8	<u>129,642</u>	<u>44,211</u>
Total Income		<u>6,506,335</u>	<u>6,488,548</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Budget and Emergency Appropriations:			
Appropriations Within "CAP":			
Operations:			
Salaries and Wages	A-3	205,795	217,596
Other Expenses	A-3	492,774	458,834
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	A-3	30,406	30,525
Appropriations Excluded From "CAP":			
Operations:			
Other Expenses	A-3	476,701	492,372
Capital Improvements	A-3	30,000	249,330
Debt Service	A-3	175,332	205,992
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	A-3	-	-
County Taxes	A-13	736,383	671,843
Amount Due County For Added and Omitted Taxes	A-13	1,944	7,584
Local District School Taxes	A-14	2,684,821	2,594,030
Regional High School Taxes	A-15	1,163,820	1,299,468
Municipal Open Space	A-16	29,952	30,182
Interfund Advances	A-4	65,648	73,039
Refund of Prior Year Revenue	A-4	<u>-</u>	<u>141</u>
Total Expenditures		<u>6,093,576</u>	<u>6,330,936</u>
Excess in Revenue		412,759	157,612
Statutory Excess to Fund Balance		412,759	157,612
Fund Balance January 1	A	<u>747,964</u>	<u>710,352</u>
		1,160,723	867,964
Decreased by:			
Utilization as Anticipated Revenue	A-1	<u>120,000</u>	<u>120,000</u>
Fund Balance December 31	A	<u>\$ 1,040,723</u>	<u>\$ 747,964</u>

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CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES

A-2
Sheet 1

		<u>ANTICIPATED</u>			<u>EXCESS OR</u>
	<u>REF.</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>N.J.S. 40A:4-87</u>	<u>REALIZED</u>	<u>DEFICIT</u>
Fund Balance Anticipated	A-2	\$ 120,000		\$ 120,000	
Miscellaneous Revenues:					
Local Revenues:					
Licenses:					
Alcoholic Beverages	A-7	5,000		5,063	\$ 63
Interest and Costs On Taxes	A-5	14,000		33,162	19,162
Interest on Investments	A-7	40,000		80,331	40,331
Total Local Revenues		59,000		118,556	59,556
State Aid:					
Energy Receipts Tax	A-7	116,626		116,626	-
Total State Aid		116,626		116,626	-
Special Items Of Revenue Anticipated With Prior Written Consent of Local Government Services-					
Public and Private Revenues:					
Hunterdon County Infrastructure Grant	A-19	46,000		46,000	
American Rescue Plan - Firefighter	A-19	3,552		3,552	
Stormwater DEP Grant	A-19	-	\$ 50,000	50,000	
Clean Communities Grant	A-19	8,000		8,000	
Total Special Items Of Revenues		57,552	50,000	107,552	-
Total Miscellaneous Revenue	A-2	233,178	50,000	342,734	59,556
Receipts From Delinquent Taxes	A-2	37,500		154,854	117,354
Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget:					
Local Tax For Municipal Purposes	A-2	1,205,414		1,252,087	46,673
Total General Revenues		1,596,092	50,000	1,869,675	223,583
Other Non-Budget Revenues	A-2			17,382	17,382
		\$ 1,596,092	\$ 50,000	\$ 1,887,057	\$ 240,965

A-3

The accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES

A-2
Sheet 2

REF.

ANALYSIS OF REALIZED REVENUES

Allocation Of Current Tax Collections:		
Revenue from Collections	A-6	\$ 5,711,741
State of New Jersey, Senior Citizens and Veterans Deductions	A-6 A-1	<u>4,750</u> 5,716,491
Allocated To:		
School, County, and Municipal Open Space Taxes	A-6	<u>4,616,920</u>
Balance for Support Of Municipal Budget Appropriations		1,099,571
Add by: Appropriation "Reserve For Uncollected Taxes"	A-3	<u>152,516</u>
Amount For Support Of Municipal Budget Appropriations	A-2	<u>\$ 1,252,087</u>

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CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES

A-2
Sheet 3

<u>ANALYSIS OF NON-BUDGET REVENUES</u>	<u>REF.</u>		
Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated:			
Copies		\$ 514	
Food Licenses		3,375	
T.V. Cable Franchise Tax		3,961	
Perc Tests		200	
Planning Board		300	
Zoning Permits		560	
Fire Inspections		3,398	
Miscellaneous		4,220	
Rental Permits		175	
Road Openings		525	
Vital Statistics		<u>154</u>	
Treasurer	A-4		<u>\$ 17,382</u>
Collector	A-5		<u>-</u>
			<u>\$ 17,382</u>

The accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

A-3
Sheet 1

<u>OPERATIONS-Within "CAPS"</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>		<u>EXPENDED</u>		<u>CANCELLED</u>
	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET AFTER</u> <u>MODIFICATION</u>	<u>PAID OR</u> <u>CHARGED</u>	<u>RESERVED</u>	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS:					
General Administration:					
Salaries and Wages	\$ 37,000	\$ 37,000	\$ 33,869	\$ 3,131	
Other Expenses	26,800	26,800	22,461	4,339	
Human Resources (Personnel):					
Education Program for Employees	3,700	3,700	1,391	2,309	
Mayor and Council:					
Salaries and Wages	8,500	8,500	8,000	500	
Municipal Clerk:					
Salaries and Wages	60,770	60,770	60,769	1	
Financial Administration (Treasury):					
Salaries and Wages	20,950	20,950	18,089	2,861	
Other Expenses	500	500	-	500	
Audit Services:					
Other Expenses	25,700	25,700	25,642	58	
Computerized Data Processing:					
Other Expenses	16,755	16,755	14,471	2,284	
Revenue Administration (Tax Collection):					
Salaries and Wages	20,785	20,785	20,781	4	
Other Expenses	900	900	465	435	
Tax Assessment Administration:					
Salaries and Wages	16,930	16,930	15,976	954	
Other Expenses:					
Miscellaneous Other Expenses	1,000	1,000	150	850	
Legal Services (Legal Dept.):					
Other Expenses	25,000	25,000	17,106	7,894	
Engineering Services:					
Other Expenses	24,000	24,000	3,220	20,780	
Historical Sites Office:					
Other Expenses	700	700	-	700	

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CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

A-3
Sheet 2

<u>OPERATIONS-Within "CAPS"</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET AFTER MODIFICATION</u>	<u>EXPENDED PAID OR CHARGED</u>	<u>RESERVED</u>	<u>CANCELLED</u>
LAND USE ADMINISTRATION:					
Planning Board:					
Salaries and Wages	9,450	9,450	8,640	810	
Other Expenses	6,000	6,000	5,786	214	
Zoning Board of Adjustment(Zoning Officer):					
Salaries and Wages	10,680	10,680	10,470	210	
Other Expenses	150	150	-	150	
INSURANCE:					
Liability Insurance	23,000	23,421	23,421	-	
Worker Compensation Insurance	18,401	18,401	18,401	-	
Employee Group Insurance	44,280	45,249	45,249	-	
Unemployment Insurance	1,200	1,200	957	243	
PUBLIC SAFETY FUNCTIONS:					
Police Department:					
Salaries and Wages:					
Temporary and Seasonal	19,930	18,090	14,773	3,317	
Other Expenses	1,000	1,000	-	1,000	
Office of Emergency Management:					
Other Expenses	1,000	1,000	234	766	
Aid to Volunteer Fire Companies	29,400	29,400	29,400	-	
Contribution to First Aid Organizations	15,000	15,000	15,000		
Fire Department:					
Salaries and Wages	-	-	-		
Other Expenses:					
Fire Hydrant Services	17,237	17,346	17,346	-	

The accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

A-3
Sheet 3

<u>OPERATIONS-Within "CAPS"</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>		<u>EXPENDED</u>		
	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET AFTER MODIFICATION</u>	<u>PAID OR CHARGED</u>	<u>RESERVED</u>	<u>CANCELLED</u>
PUBLIC WORKS FUNCTIONS:					
Streets and Road Maintenance:					
Salaries and Wages	-	-	-		
Other Expenses	116,500	116,500	83,641	32,859	
Solid Waste Collection(Recycling Program):					
Other Expenses	20,000	20,000	7,603	12,397	
Buildings and Grounds:					
Other Expenses	30,000	30,000	8,757	21,243	
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FUNCTIONS:					
Public Health Services(Board Of Health):					
Salaries and Wages	2,305	2,305	1,922	383	
Other Expenses	2,000	2,000	675	1,325	
Environmental Health Services:					
Salaries and Wages	335	335	214	121	
Other Expenses	500	500	450	50	
Animal Control Services:					
Other Expenses	4,500	4,517	4,517		-
Contribution to Social Services Agencies:					
Miscellaneous Other Expenses			-		
PARK AND RECREATION FUNCTIONS:					
Recreation Services and Programs:					
Other Expenses	3,000	3,000	2,407	593	
Maintenance of Parks:					
Other Expenses			-		
EDUCATION FUNCTIONS (Includes Library):					
Municipal Library:					
Other Expenses	100	100	-	100	

The accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

A-3
Sheet 4

<u>OPERATIONS-Within "CAPS"</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET AFTER</u> <u>MODIFICATION</u>	<u>EXPENDED</u> <u>PAID OR</u> <u>CHARGED</u>	<u>RESERVED</u>	<u>CANCELLED</u>
OTHER COMMON OPERATING FUNCTIONS(Unclassified):					
Celebration of Public Events					
Other Expenses	2,000	2,000	505	1,495	
UTILITY EXPENSES AND BULK PURCHASES:					
Electricity	3,800	3,800	3,334	466	
Street Lighting	10,700	10,700	10,213	487	
Telephone (excluding equipment acquisition)	8,251	8,432	8,432	-	
Water	360	503	503	-	
Gas (natural or propane)	3,500	3,500	2,915	585	
Municipal Court:					
Other Expenses	4,000	4,000	3,370	630	
Total Operations - Within "CAPS "	698,569	698,569	571,525	127,044	-
Detail:					
Salaries and Wages	207,635	205,795	193,503	12,292	-
Other Expenses	490,934	492,774	378,022	114,752	-
DEFERRED CHARGES AND STATUTORY EXPENDITURES Within "CAPS":					
Statutory Expenditures :					
Social Security System (O.A.S.I.)	14,793	14,793	12,624	2,169	
Contribution to PERS	13,613	13,613	13,613	-	
DCRP Retirement Program	2,000	2,000	288	1,712	
Total Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures-within "CAPS"	30,406	30,406	26,525	3,881	-
Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes Within "CAPS"	728,975	728,975	598,050	130,925	-

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CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

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Sheet 5

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET AFTER MODIFICATION</u>	<u>EXPENDED PAID OR CHARGED</u>	<u>RESERVED</u>	<u>CANCELLED</u>
OPERATIONS-EXCLUDED from "CAPS"					
Fire Department:					
Other Expenses (LOSAP)	23,500	23,500	-	23,500	
Total Other Operations-Excluded from "CAPS"	23,500	23,500	-	23,500	-
Interlocal Municipal Service Agreements:					
Police Department:					
Other Expenses	345,649	345,649	345,649		
Total Interlocal Municipal Service Agreements:	345,649	345,649	345,649	-	-
Public and Private Programs					
Offset by Revenues:					
Stormwater Grant		50,000	50,000	-	
Clean Communities	8,000	8,000	8,000	-	
American Rescue Plan (ARP) - Firefighter	3,552	3,552	3,552	-	
Hunterdon County Infrastructure Grant	46,000	46,000	46,000	-	
Total Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues-Excluded from "CAPS"	57,552	107,552	107,552	-	
Total Operations-Excluded from "CAPS"	426,701	476,701	453,201	23,500	-
Detail:					
Other Expenses	426,701	476,701	453,201	23,500	-

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CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

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Sheet 6

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET AFTER MODIFICATION</u>	<u>PAID OR CHARGED</u>	<u>RESERVED</u>	<u>CANCELLED</u>
Capital Improvements-Excluded from "CAPS"					
Capital Improvement Fund	30,000	30,000	30,000	-	
Total Capital Improvements-Excluded from "CAPS"	30,000	30,000	30,000	-	
Municipal Debt Service:					
Payment of Notes	139,400	139,400	57,950		\$ 81,450
Payment of Interest on Notes	44,400	44,400	44,346		54
NJEIT Loan-Repayment Principle and Interest	74,100	74,100	73,036		1,064
Total Municipal Debt Service	257,900	257,900	175,332		82,568
Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes Excluded from "CAPS"	714,601	764,601	658,533	23,500	82,568
Subtotal General Appropriations	1,443,576	1,493,576	1,256,583	154,425	82,568
Reserve For Uncollected Taxes	152,516	152,516	152,516		
TOTALS	\$ 1,596,092	\$ 1,646,092	\$ 1,409,099	154,425	\$ 82,568

REF.		A	A-1
Appropriation 40A:4-87	\$ 50,000		
Original Budget	<u>1,596,092</u>		
	<u>\$ 1,646,092</u>		

	<u>REF.</u>	
Reserve for State Grants	A-20	\$ 107,552
Capital Improvement Fund	C-7	30,000
Reserve for Encumbrances	A-9	1,119,031
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	A-2	<u>152,516</u>
		<u>\$ 1,409,099</u>

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TRUST FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

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		<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
ASSETS	<u>REF.</u>	<u>12/31/25</u>	<u>12/31/24</u>
Dog License Fund:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	B-2	\$ 14,974	\$ 12,954
Total Dog License Fund		<u>14,974</u>	<u>12,954</u>
Other Trust Funds:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	B-2	601,720	526,660
Amount Due From Current Fund	B-6	<u>30,455</u>	<u>23,588</u>
Total Other Trust Funds		<u>632,175</u>	<u>550,248</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$ 647,149</u>	<u>\$ 563,202</u>

LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE

Dog License Fund:			
Amount Due To Current Fund	B-5	\$ 13,967	\$ 11,111
Due State Of New Jersey	B-4	-	-
Reserve for Dog Fund Expenditures	B-3	<u>1,007</u>	<u>1,843</u>
Total Dog License Fund		<u>14,974</u>	<u>12,954</u>
Other Trust Fund:			
Amount Due to Current Fund	B-6	163,465	100,674
Reserve for Escrow Deposits	B-7	156,144	147,111
Reserve for COAH Deposits	B-8	62,999	62,731
Reserve for LOSAP Deposits	B-9	35,553	35,535
Reserve for Open Space Deposits	B-10	149,644	142,676
Reserve for Recreation Trust Deposits	B-11	6,970	4,121
Reserve for Tax Sale Premiums	B-12	<u>57,400</u>	<u>57,400</u>
Total Other Trust Fund		<u>632,175</u>	<u>550,248</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE		<u>\$ 647,149</u>	<u>\$ 563,202</u>

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GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

C

		<u>REF.</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/25</u>		<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/24</u>
ASSETS					
Accounts Receivable		C-3	\$ 309,019	\$	309,019
Amount Due Current Fund		C-4	423,847		391,871
Deferred Charges To Future Taxation:					
Funded		C-5	755,082		821,893
Unfunded		C-6	<u>942,438</u>		<u>1,000,388</u>
TOTAL ASSETS			<u>\$ 2,430,386</u>		<u>\$ 2,523,171</u>

LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE

Capital Improvement Fund		C-7	\$ 305,109	\$	275,109
Reserve for Encumbrance		C-11	\$ 2,610		
Bond Anticipation Notes		C-9	1,161,767		936,200
New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Loan		C-10	688,571		755,382
Improvement Authorizations - Funded		C-8	67,439		288,426
Improvement Authorizations - Unfunded		C-8	202,506		265,670
Capital Fund Balance		C-1	<u>2,384</u>		<u>2,384</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE			<u>\$ 2,430,386</u>		<u>\$ 2,523,171</u>

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GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF FUND BALANCE

C-1

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2024	C	<u>\$ 2,384</u>
Balance December 31, 2025	C	<u>\$ 2,384</u>

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PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

E

	<u>REF.</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/25</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/24</u>
ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	E-1	<u>\$ 12,914</u>	<u>\$ 12,908</u>
LIABILITIES AND RESERVES			
Reserve for Public Assistance		<u>\$ 12,914</u>	<u>\$ 12,908</u>

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GENERAL FIXED ASSETS
STATEMENT OF GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

DECEMBER 31, 2025

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	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/24</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/25</u>
General Fixed Assets:		
Land	\$ 209,300	\$ 209,300
Buildings	646,115	646,115
Machinery and Equipment	<u>33,072</u>	<u>33,072</u>
Total General Fixed Assets	<u>\$ 888,487</u>	<u>\$ 888,487</u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2025

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

GASB Statement No.14 established criteria to be used to determine which component units should be included in the financial statements of the oversight entity. The Division requires the financial statements of the Borough to be reported separately.

The financial statements of the Borough of Califon include every board, body, officer or commission supported and maintained wholly or in part by funds appropriated by the Borough, as The financial statements of the Borough do not include the operations of the Board of Education.

B. Description of Funds

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The GASB Codification establishes fund types and account groups to be used by governmental units when reporting financial position and results of operations in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

The accounting policies of the Borough of Califon conform to the accounting principles applicable to municipalities which have been prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Such principles and practices are designed primarily for determining compliance with legal provisions and budgetary restrictions and as a means of reporting on the stewardship of public officials with respect to public funds. Under this method of accounting, the Borough of Califon accounts for its financial transactions through the following separate funds, which differ from the fund structure required by GAAP.

Current Fund

Resources and expenditures for governmental operations of a general nature, including State grants for operations.

Trust Funds

Records the receipts, disbursement and custodianship of monies in accordance with the purpose for which each account was established.

General Capital Fund

The receipts and disbursement of funds for the acquisition of general infrastructure and other capital facilities, other than those acquired in the Current Fund. General bonds and notes payable are recorded in this fund offset by deferred charges to future taxation.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2025

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

B. Description of Funds (Continued)

Public Assistance Fund

Receipt and disbursements of funds that provide assistance to certain residents of the Borough pursuant to the provisions of Title 44 of New Jersey statutes.

General Fixed Assets Account Group

To account for all fixed assets of the Borough. The Borough's infrastructure is not reported in the group.

C. Basis of Accounting

The accounting principles and practices prescribed for municipalities by the State of New Jersey differ in certain respects from generally accepted accounting principles applicable to local government units. The more significant policies in New Jersey follow.

A modified accrual basis of accounting is followed with minor exceptions.

Revenues--are recorded as received in cash except for certain amounts which are due from other governmental units. Receipts from State grants are realized as revenue when anticipated in the Borough budget. Receivables for property taxes are recorded with offsetting reserves on the balance sheet of the Borough's Current Fund; accordingly, such amounts are not recorded as revenue until collected. Other amounts that are due the Borough which are susceptible of accrual are also recorded as receivables with offsetting reserves and recorded as revenue when received.

Expenditures--are recorded on the "budgetary" basis of accounting. Generally expenditures are recorded when an amount is encumbered for goods or services through the issuance of a purchase order in conjunction with the Encumbrance Accounting System. Outstanding encumbrances at December 31, are reported as a cash liability in the financial statements and constitute part of the Township's statutory Appropriation Reserve balance. Appropriation reserves covering unexpended appropriation balances are automatically created at December 31st of each year and recorded as liabilities, except for amounts which may be cancelled by the governing body.

Appropriation reserves are available, until lapsed at the close of the succeeding year, to meet specific claims, commitments or contracts incurred during the preceding fiscal year. Lapsed appropriation reserves are recorded as income. Appropriations for principal payments on outstanding general capital and utility bonds and notes are provided on the cash basis; interest on general capital indebtedness is on the cash basis, whereas interest on utility indebtedness is on the accrual basis.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2025

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Basis of Accounting (Continued)

Property Tax Revenue--Real property taxes are assessed locally, based upon the assessed value of the property. The tax bill includes a levy for Municipal, County, Open Space and School purposes. The bills are mailed annually in June for that calendar year's levy. Taxes are payable in four quarterly installments on February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1.

The amounts of the first and second installments are determined as one quarter of the total tax levied against the property for the preceding year. The installment due the third and fourth quarters is determined by taking the current year levy less the amount previously charged for the first and second installments, with the remainder being divided equally.

If unpaid on these dates, the amount due becomes delinquent and subject to interest at 8% per annum, or 18% on any delinquency amount in excess of \$1,500. The school levy is turned over to the Board of Education as expenditures are incurred, and the balance, if any, must be transferred as of June 30, of each fiscal year. County taxes are paid to the County by the Township quarterly on February 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15. The Open Space Levy is paid quarterly to the Township's other trust funds on February 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15.

When unpaid taxes or any municipal lien, or part thereof, on real property remains in arrears after the eleventh day of the eleventh month in the year in which they are due, the collector in the municipality shall, subject to provisions of the New Jersey Statutes, enforce the lien by placing the property on a tax sale. Annual in rem tax foreclosure proceedings are instituted to enforce the tax collection or acquisition of title to the property by the Township.

In accordance with the accounting Principles prescribed by the State of New Jersey, current and delinquent taxes are realized as revenue when collected. Since delinquent taxes and liens are fully reserved, no provision has been made to estimate that portion of the taxes receivable and tax title liens that are uncollectible. GAAP required tax revenues to be recognized in the accounting period when they become susceptible to accrual, reduced by an allowance for doubtful accounts.

Deferred School Taxes--A portion of the school taxes collected at December 31 relating to the period January 1 to June 30 of the subsequent year have been included in fund balance. GAAP requires such revenue to be deferred and recognized in the accounting period when it becomes susceptible to accrual.

Foreclosed Property--Foreclosed property is recorded in the Current Fund at the assessed valuation when such property was acquired and is fully reserved.

Interfunds--Interfund receivables in the Current Fund are recorded with offsetting reserves which are created by charges to operations. Income is recognized in the year the receivables are liquidated. Interfund receivables in the other funds are not offset by reserves.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2025

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Basis of Accounting (Continued)

Inventories of Supplies--The cost of inventories of supplies for all funds are recorded as expenditures at the time individual items are purchased. The cost of inventories are not included on the various balance sheets.

General Fixed Assets--In accordance with Technical Accounting Directive No. 85-2, Accounting for Governmental Fixed Assets, as promulgated by the Division of Local Government Services, which differs in certain respects from generally accepted accounting principles, the municipality develops a fixed asset accounting and reporting system.

Fixed assets used in governmental operations (general fixed assets) are accounted for in the General Fixed Assets Account Group. Public domain ("infrastructure") general fixed assets consisting of certain improvements other than buildings, such as roads, bridges, curbs and gutters, streets and sidewalks and drainage systems are not capitalized.

All fixed assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available except for land which is valued at estimated market value.

No depreciation is to be provided for in the financial statements. Expenditures for construction in progress are recorded in the Capital Funds until such time as the construction is completed and put into operation.

Expenditures for construction in progress are recorded in the Capital Funds until such time as the construction is completed and put into operation.

Fixed assets acquired through grants in aid or contributed capital have not been accounted for separately.

Budget and Budgetary Procedures--The foundation of the New Jersey local finance system is the annual cash basis budget required under the Local Budget Law (N.J.S.A.40A:4-1, et seq.). Every local unit must adopt a budget in the form required by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey (the "Division"). Certain items of revenue and appropriation are regulated by law and the proposed budget must be certified by the Director of the Division ("Director") prior to final adoption. The normal budget calendar begins early in the fiscal year with introduction, public advertisement and after state approval, budget adoption. The cash basis for revenues and budgetary basis for expenditures is the budget basis of accounting.

The Borough is not required to adopt budgets for the following funds:

**General Capital Fund
Public Assistance Fund
Trust fund**

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2025

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Basis of Accounting (Continued)

The governing body shall introduce and approve the annual budget not later than February 10, of the fiscal year. The budget shall be adopted not later than March 20, and prior to adoption, must be certified by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. The Director of the Division of Local Government Services, with the approval of the Local Finance Board, may extend the introduction and approval and adoption dates of the municipal budget. The budget is prepared by fund, function, activity and line item (salary or other expense) and includes information on the previous year. The legal level of control for appropriations is exercised at the individual line item level for all operating budgets adopted. Emergency appropriations, those made after the adoption of the budget and determination of the tax rate, may be authorized by the governing body of the municipality.

During the last two months of the fiscal year, the governing body may, by a 2/3 vote, amend the budget through line item transfers. Management has no authority to amend the budget without the approval of the Government Body. Expenditures may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations at the line item level.

Expenditures--Are recorded on the "budgetary" basis of accounting. Generally, expenditures are recorded when an amount is encumbered for goods or services through the issuance of a purchase order in conjunction with an encumbrance accounting system. Outstanding encumbrances at December 31, are reported as a cash liability in the financial statements. Unexpended or uncommitted appropriations at December 31, are reported as expenditures through the establishment of appropriations reserves unless cancelled by the governing body. GAAP requires expenditures to be recognized in the accounting period in which the fund liability is incurred, if measurable, except for unmatured interest on general long-term debt, which should be recognized when due.

Tax Appeals and Other Contingent Losses--Losses which arise from tax appeals and other contingent losses are recognized at the time an unfavorable decision is rendered by an administrative or judicial body.

Deferred Charges to Future Taxation Funded and Unfunded--Upon the authorization of capital projects, the Borough establishes deferred charges for the costs of the capital projects to be raised by future taxation. Funded deferred charges relate to permanent debt issued, whereas unfunded deferred charges relate to temporary or non-funding of the authorized cost of capital projects. According to N.J.S.A.40A:2-4, the Borough may levy taxes on all taxable property within the local unit to repay the debt. Annually, the Borough raises the debt requirements for that particular year in the current budget. As the funds are raised by taxation, the deferred charges are reduced.

Comparative Data - Comparative data for the prior year has been presented in the accompanying balance sheets and statements of operations in order to provide an understanding of changes in the municipality's financial position and operations. However, comparative data have not been presented in all statements because their inclusion would make certain statements unduly complex and difficult to understand.

Use of Estimates--The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions. This will affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reported period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2025

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Basis of Accounting (Continued)

Departures from Generally Accepted Accounting Principles--The accounting principles and practices followed by the Borough differ generally accepted accounting principles applicable to local government units. The more significant differences are as follows:

- Taxes and other receivables are fully reserved.
- Interfund receivables in the Current Fund are fully reserved.
- Unexpended and uncommitted appropriations are reflected as expenditures.
- Overexpended appropriations and emergency appropriations are deferred to the succeeding years' operations.
- Undetermined contributions to state-administered pension plans applicable to the six months ended December 31 are not accrued.
- Estimated losses arising from tax appeals and other contingencies are not recorded when it is probable that a loss has been incurred and the amount of such loss can be reasonably estimated.

It was not practicable to determine the effect of such difference.

Regulatory-Basis Financial Statements--The GASB Codification also defines the financial statements of a governmental unit to be presented to be in accordance with GAAP. The Borough of Califon presents the financial statements listed in the table of contents which are required by the Division and which differ from the financial statements required by GAAP. In addition, the Division requires the financial statements listed in the table of contents to be referenced to the supplementary schedules. This practice differs from GAAP.

Note 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Deposits:

New Jersey statutes require that municipalities deposit public funds in public depositories located in New Jersey, which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, or by any other agency of the United States that insures deposits made in public depositories. Municipalities are also permitted to deposit public funds in the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2025

Note 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (Continued)

New Jersey statutes require public depositories to maintain collateral for deposits of public funds that exceed depository insurance limits as follows:

The market value of the collateral must equal at least 5% of the average daily balance of collected public funds on deposit.

In addition to the above collateral requirement, if the public funds deposited exceed 75% of the capital funds of the depository, the depository must provide collateral having a market value at least equal to 100% of the amount exceeding 75%.

All collateral must be deposited with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York, or a banking institution that is a member of the Federal Reserve System and has capital funds of not less than \$25,000,000.

Pursuant to GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures" ("GASB 40"), the municipality's accounts are profiled in order to determine exposure, if any, to Custodial Credit Risk (risk that in the event of failure of the counterparty the municipality would not be able to recover the value of its deposits or investment). Deposits are considered to be exposed to Custodial Credit Risk if they are: uncollateralized or collateralized with securities held by the financial institution's trust department or agent but not in the government's name. At December 31, 2025, all of the municipality's deposits were collateralized by securities held in its name and, accordingly, not exposed to custodial credit risk. The municipality does not have a policy for custodial credit risk.

As of December 31, 2025, cash and cash equivalents of the municipality consisted of the following:

	<u>Cash and Cash Equivalents</u>	<u>Total</u>
Checking	\$ 3,441,526	\$ 3,441,526
	\$ 3,441,526	\$ 3,441,526

The carrying amount of the municipality's cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2025, was \$3,441,526 and the bank balance was \$3,490,344. All bank balances were covered by federal depository insurance and/or covered by a collateral pool maintained by the banks as required by New Jersey statutes. Of these bank balances, \$250,000 was covered by federal depository insurances and \$3,240,344 was covered by collateral pool.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2025

Note 3: LONG-TERM DEBT

The Local Bond Law governs the issuance of bonds and notes to finance general municipal expenditures. All bonds issued by the Borough are general obligation bonds, backed by the full faith and credit of the Borough. Bond anticipation notes, which are issued by temporarily finance capital projects, must be paid off within ten years or retired by issuance of bonds.

The Borough debt is summarized as follows:

Summary of Municipal Debt

	<u>YEAR</u> <u>2025</u>	<u>YEAR</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>YEAR</u> <u>2023</u>
Issued			
General:			
Bonds and Notes	\$ 1,850,338	\$ 1,691,582	\$ 1,847,793
Total Deductions	NONE	NONE	NONE
Net Debt Issued	<u>\$ 1,850,338</u>	<u>\$ 1,691,582</u>	<u>\$ 1,847,793</u>
Authorized But Not Issued			
Total Authorized But Not Issued	\$ 66,511	\$ 130,699	\$ 66,511
Net Bonds and Notes Issued and Authorized But Not Issued	<u>\$ 1,916,849</u>	<u>\$ 1,822,281</u>	<u>\$ 1,914,304</u>

Summary of Statutory Debt Condition - Annual Debt Statement

The summarized statement of debt condition which follows is prepared in accordance with the required method of setting up the Annual Debt Statement and indicates a statutory net debt of 0.972%.

	<u>Gross Debt</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Net Debt</u>
Local School District Debt	None	None	None
Regional School District Debt	94,896	94,896	-
General Debt	1,916,849	-	1,916,849
	<u>\$ 2,011,745</u>	<u>\$ 94,896</u>	<u>\$ 1,916,849</u>

Net Debt \$ 1,916,849 Divided by Equalized Valuation Basis per
N.J.S.A. 40A:2-2 as amended, \$ 197,225,467 = 0.972%

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2025

Note 3: LONG-TERM DEBT - (Continued)

Borrowing Power Under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-6 As Amended

3 1/2% of Equalized Valuation Basis (Municipal)	\$ 6,902,891
Net Debt	<u>1,916,849</u>
Remaining Borrowing Power	<u><u>\$ 4,986,042</u></u>

General Obligation Loans

General Obligation Loan-Main Street Storm Water Management System-dated May 26, 2016 with the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program in the original amount of \$1,018,949. This loan is payable in semi-annual installments ranging from \$17,270 to \$34,541 through August 1, 2035. This loan is an interest free loan. The remaining balance as of December 31, 2025, was \$488,571. Outstanding loan principal and interest is paid from the Current Fund budget.

General Obligation Loan-Main Street Storm Water Management System-dated May 26, 2016 with the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program in the original amount of \$325,000. This loan is payable in annual principal installments ranging from \$10,000 to \$20,000 through August 1, 2035. Interest is calculated at 2.0% - 5.00% and is payable in semi-annual installments. The remaining balance as of December 31, 2025, was \$200,000. Outstanding loan principal and interest is paid from the Current Fund budget.

Bond Anticipation Notes

The Borough has outstanding at December 31, 2025, bond anticipation notes in the amount of \$1,161,767 payable to the Township of East Brunswick, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey. These notes mature on March 19, 2026. The interest rate on the notes are 3.7714% per annum. Principal and interest on this note is paid from the current fund budget.

	<u>Debt</u>
	<u>Outstanding</u>
General Obligation Loans Above	\$ 688,571
Bond Anticipation Notes Above	<u>1,161,767</u>
Total Debt Issued and Outstanding	<u><u>\$ 1,850,338</u></u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2025

Note 3: LONG-TERM DEBT - (Continued)

B. Debt Service Requirements:

Debt Service requirements on loans payable at December 31, 2025, is as follows:

<u>Year Ending December 31,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2026	\$ 66,811	\$ 5,625	\$ 72,436
2027	66,811	4,825	71,636
2028	66,811	4,025	70,836
2029	66,811	3,625	70,436
2030	66,811	3,225	70,036
Thereafter	<u>354,516</u>	<u>8,825</u>	<u>363,341</u>
	<u>\$ 688,571</u>	<u>\$ 30,150</u>	<u>\$ 718,721</u>

Note 4: GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

The following is a summary of changes in the general fixed assets:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>1/1/25</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Adjustments/</u> <u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>12/31/25</u>
Land	\$ 209,300			\$ 209,300
Buildings	646,115			646,115
Equipment	33,072			33,072
	<u>\$ 888,487</u>	-	-	<u>\$ 888,487</u>

	<u>Balance</u> <u>1/1/24</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Adjustments/</u> <u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>12/31/24</u>
Land	\$ 209,300			\$ 209,300
Buildings	646,115			646,115
Equipment	33,072			33,072
	<u>\$ 888,487</u>	-	-	<u>\$ 888,487</u>

Note 5: FUND BALANCES APPROPRIATED

Fund Balances at December 31, 2025, which were appropriated and included as anticipated revenue in their own respective funds for the year ending December 31, 2026, were as follows:

Current Fund - \$120,000*

*Approved (Introduced) Budget

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Note 6: DEFERRED CHARGES TO BE RAISED IN SUCCEEDING BUDGETS

Certain expenditures are required to be deferred to budgets of succeeding years. At December 31, 2025 there were no deferred charges that are required to be raised in succeeding budgets.

Note 7: SCHOOL TAXES

Regulations provide for the deferral of not more than 50% of the annual levy when school taxes are raised for a school year and have not been requisitioned by the school district.

The Borough of Califon had elected in 1975 to raise local district school taxes on a calendar year basis.

Local District Tax and Regional High School Tax have been raised and liabilities deferred by statute (under provisions of C.63, P.L.1991, as amended), resulting in the school taxes payable set forth in the Current Fund liabilities as follows:

	TOTAL DEFERRED TAX <u>12/31/2025</u>	LOCAL DISTRICT SCHOOL TAX BALANCE		TOTAL DEFERRED TAX <u>12/31/2024</u>	REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TAX BALANCE	
		<u>12/31/2025</u>	<u>12/31/2024</u>		<u>12/31/2025</u>	<u>12/31/2024</u>
Balance of Tax	\$	245,447	200,052		\$ 581,808	\$ 649,732
Deferred		<u>NONE</u>	<u>NONE</u>		<u>215,567</u>	<u>215,567</u>
Tax Payable	\$	<u>245,447</u>	<u>200,052</u>		<u>\$ 366,241</u>	<u>\$ 434,165</u>
Tax Deferred	<u>\$ 215,567</u>			<u>\$ 215,567</u>		

Note 8: PENSION PLANS

Description of Plans - All required employees of the municipality are covered by either the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), the Police and Fireman's Retirement System (PFRS), or the Defined Contribution Retirement Plan (DCRP) which have been established by state statute and are administered by the New Jersey Division of Pension and Benefits (Division). According to the State of New Jersey Administrative Code, all obligations of both Systems will be assumed by the State of New Jersey should the Systems terminate. The Division issues a publicly available financial report that includes the financial statements and required supplementary information for the Public Employees Retirement System. These reports may be obtained by writing to the Division of Pension and Benefits, PO Box 295, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625 or on the internet at <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/annrprts.shtml>.

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) - The Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) was established as of January 1, 1955 under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:15A to provide retirement, death, disability and medical benefits to certain qualified members. The Public Employees' Retirement System is a cost-sharing multiple-employer plan. Membership is mandatory for substantially all full-time employees of the State of New Jersey or any county, municipality, school municipality, or public agency, provided the employee is not required to be a member of another state-administered retirement system or other state or local jurisdiction.

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Note 8: PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

Vesting and Benefit Provisions -The vesting and benefit provisions are set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A. PERS provides retirement, death and disability benefits. All benefits vest after ten years of service, except for medical benefits, which vest after 25 years of service or under the disability provisions of PERS.

The following represents the membership tiers for PERS:

Tier Definition

- 1 Members who were enrolled prior to July 1,2007
- 2 Members who were eligible to enroll on or after July 1, 2007 and prior to November 2, 2008
- 3 Members who were eligible to enroll on or after November 2, 2008 and prior to May 22, 2010
- 4 Members who were eligible to enroll on or after May 22, 2010 and prior to June 28, 2011
- 5 Members who were eligible to enroll on or after June 28, 2011

Service retirement benefits of 1/55th of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to tiers 1 and 2 members upon reaching age 60 and to tier 3 members upon reaching age 62. Service retirement benefits of 1 /60th of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to tier 4 members upon reaching age 62 and tier 5 members upon reaching age 65. Early retirement benefits are available to tiers 1 and 2 members before reaching age 60, tiers 3 and 4 before age 62 with 25 or more years of service credit and tier 5 with 30 or more years of service credit before age 65. Benefits are reduced by a fraction of a percent for each month that a member retires prior to the age at which a member can receive full early retirement benefits in accordance with their respective tier. Tier 1 members can receive an unreduced benefit from age 55 to age 60 if they have at least 25 years of service. Deferred retirement is available to members who have at least 10 years of service credit and have not reached the service retirement age for the respective tier.

The PERS provides for specified medical benefits for members who retire after achieving 25 years of qualified service, as defined, or under the disability provisions of the System. Members are always fully vested for their own contributions and, after three years of service credit, become vested for 2% of related interest earned on the contributions. In the case of death before retirement, members' beneficiaries are entitled to full interest credited to the members' accounts.

Contribution Requirements - The contribution policy is set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A, Chapter 62, P.L. of 1994, Chapter 115, P.L. of 1997 (PERS) requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. Plan member and employer contributions may be amended by State of New Jersey legislation. PERS provides for employee contributions of 6.5% of employees' annual compensation, as defined. Employers are required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate in the PERS. The current PERS rate is 6.5% of covered payroll.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - New Jersey's municipalities and counties do not follow GAAP accounting principles and, as such, do not follow GASB requirements with respect to recording the net pension liability or related deferred outflows or inflows of resources on their balance sheets, or related plan pension expense. However, N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.1(c)(2) requires municipalities and counties to disclose GASB 68 information in the Notes to the Financial Statements. Accordingly, the municipality's portion of the net pension liability, related outflows and inflows of resources, and pension expense are for disclosure purposes only and do not effect the municipality's regulatory basis fund balance, statement of revenues and expenditures, or operations. For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense as required by GASB No. 68, information about the fiduciary net position of the PERS and additions to/deductions from PERS fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PERS.

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Note 8: PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At June 30, 2025, the municipality disclosed a liability of \$135,938 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2024, and the total pension liability to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2024. This is a departure from generally accepted accounting principles, as the measurement date is to be no more than twelve months before the municipality's fiscal year end of December 31, 2025. The municipality's proportion of the net pension liability is based on the ratio of the contributions as an individual employer to total contributions to the PERS during the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023. At June 30, 2024, the municipality's proportion was 0.00100% which was a decrease of 0.00003% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2023.

For the State fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the municipality's portion of the plan's pension expense/(benefit) was \$27,470. At June 30, 2024, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources for PERS relating to the municipality's proportionate share are from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 2,723	\$ 719
Changes of assumptions	169	3,074
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	12,527
Changes in proportion and differences between municipality contributions and proportionate share of contributions	5,081	5,148
Total	\$ 7,973	\$ 21,468

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense of the plan as follows:

	<u>Year Ended June 30:</u>	
	2025	\$14,642
	2026	-\$11,330
	2027	\$6,518
	2028	\$3,762
	2029	-\$98
	Total	\$13,494

	<u>6/30/2024</u>	<u>6/30/2025</u>
Collective deferred outflows of resources	\$1,080,204,730	\$289,074,215
Collective deferred inflows of resources	1,780,216,457	820,816,333
Collective net pension liability (Non State - Local Group)	\$14,484,374,047	\$13,588,045,796
municipality's proportionate share of net pension liability	\$148,818	\$135,938
municipality's proportion %	0.00103%	0.00100%

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Note 8: PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Actuarial assumptions - The collective total pension liability for the June 30, 2024 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2023, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2024. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions:

Inflation:	2.75% Price, 3.25% Wage
Salary Increases:	2.75%-6.55% based on years of service
Investment Rate of Return:	7.00%

Pre-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 General Below-Median Income Employee mortality table with an 82.2% adjustment for males and 101.4% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 General Below-Median Income Healthy Retiree mortality table with a 91.4% adjustment for males and 99.7% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Disability retirement rates used to value disabled retirees were based on the Pub-2010 Non-Safety Disabled Retiree mortality table with a 127.7% adjustment for males and 117.2% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Mortality improvement is based on Scale MP-2021.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2023 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021.

Long-Term Expected Rate of Return - In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments (7.00% at June 30, 2024) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investment and Division of Pensions and Benefits, the board of trustees and the actuaries. The long-term expected rate of return was determined using a building block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic rates of return for each major asset class included in PERS's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2024 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
US Equity	28.00%	8.63%
Non-US devel.markets equity	12.75%	8.85%
International Small Cap Equity	1.25%	8.85%
Emerging markets equity	5.50%	10.66%
Private Equity	13.00%	12.40%
Real Estate	8.00%	10.95%
Real Assets	3.00%	8.20%
High Yeild	4.50%	6.74%
Private Credit	8.00%	8.90%
Investment Grade Credit	7.00%	5.37%
Cash equivalents	2.00%	3.57%
US Treasuries	4.00%	3.57%
Risk mitigation	3.00%	7.10%

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Note 8: PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Discount rate - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2024. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers and the nonemployer contributing entity will be based on 100% of the actuarially determined contributions for the State employer and 100% of actuarially determined contributions for the local employers. Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to all projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate - The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability measured as of June 30, 2024, calculated using the discount rate as disclosed above, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

	1% Decrease	<u>Current</u> Discount Rate	1% Increase
	(6.00%)	(7.00%)	(8.00%)
municipality's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 180,798	\$135,938	\$ 97,875

Pension plan fiduciary net position - Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued State of New Jersey Divisions of Pensions and Benefits financial report at <http://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/financial-rprts-home.shtml>.

Defined Contribution Retirement Plan (DCRP) - The Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP) was established as of July 1, 2007 under the provisions of Chapter 92, P.L. 2007 and Chapter 103, P.L. 2007 (N.J.S.A. 43:15C-1 et seq.). The DCRP is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined contribution pension fund. The DCRP provides eligible members, and their beneficiaries with a tax-sheltered, defined contribution retirement benefit, along with life insurance and disability coverage. Vesting and benefit provisions are established by N.J.S.A. 43:15C-1 et. seq.

The contribution requirements of plan members are determined by state statute. In accordance with Chapter 92, P.L. 2007 and Chapter 103, P.L. 2007, plan members are required to contribute 5.5% of their annual covered salary. The State Treasurer has the right under current law to make temporary reductions in member rates based on the existence of surplus plan assets in the retirement system; however statute also requires the return to the normal rate when such surplus pension assets no longer exist.

Significant Legislation - Chapter 78, P.L. 2011, effective June 28, 2011 made various changes to the manner in which the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and the Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) operate and to the benefit provisions of those systems.

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Note 8: PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Chapter 78’s provisions impacting employee pension and health benefits include:

- New members of the PERS hired on or after June 28, 2011 (Tier 5 members) will need 30 years of creditable service and age 65 for receipt of the early retirement benefit without a reduction of ¼ of 1% for each month that the member is under age 65.
- The eligibility age to qualify for a service retirement in the PERS is increased from age 63 to 65 for Tier 5 members.
- The annual benefit under special retirement for new PFRS members enrolled after June 28, 2011 (Tier 3 members), will be 60% instead of 65% of the member’s final compensation plus 1% for each year of creditable service over 25 years but not to exceed 30 years.
- Increases in active member contribution rates. PERS active member rates increase from 5.5% of annual compensation to 6.5% plus an additional 1% phased-in over 7 years; PFRS active member rate increase from 8.5% to 10%. For fiscal year 2012, the member contribution rates increased in October 2011. The phase-in of the additional incremental member contribution rates for PES members will take place in July of each subsequent fiscal year.
- The payment of automatic cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) additional increases to current and future retirees and beneficiaries is suspended until reactivated as permitted by this law.
- New employee contribution requirements towards the cost of employer-provided health benefit coverage. Employees are required to contribute a certain percentage of the cost of coverage. The rate of contribution is determined based on the employee’s annual salary and the selected level of coverage. The increased employee contributions will be phased in over a 4-year period for those employed prior to Chapter 78’s effective date with a minimum contribution required to be at least 1.5% of salary.
- In addition, this new legislation changes the method for amortizing the pension systems’ unfunded accrued liability (from a level percent of pay method to a level dollar of pay).

Three-Year Trend Information for PERS

Year	Annual Pension Contribution	Percentage of Contribution Paid
2025	\$13,613	100%
2024	\$13,732	100%
2023	\$20,364	100%

Note 9: OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)

P.L. 1987, c. 384 and P.L. 1990, c.6 required Teachers’ Pensions and Annuity Fund (TPAF) and the Public Employees’ Retirement System (PERS), respectively, to fund post-retirement medical benefits for those state employees who retire after accumulating 25 years of credited service or on a disability retirement. P.L. 2007, c.103 amended the law to eliminate the funding of post-retirement medical benefits through the TPAF and PERS. It created separate funds outside of the pension plans for the funding and payment of post-retirement medical benefits for retired state employees and retired educational employees. The cost of these benefits is funded through contributions by the State in accordance with P.L. 1994, c.62. Funding of post-retirement medical benefits changed from a pre-funding basis to a pay-as-you-go basis beginning in Fiscal Year 1994.

The State is also responsible for the cost attributable to P.L. 1992, c.126, which provides employer paid health benefits to members of PERS and the Alternate Benefit Program (APB) who retired from a board of education or county college with 25 years of service (GASB Cod. Sec. 2300.106(g)).

GASB Statement No. 75 requires certain disclosures relating to governmental entities obligations for other post-employment benefits (OPEB), which are post-employment benefits other than pensions. The Municipality does not provide post-employment benefits other than pension.

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Note 10: LEASES

The Borough has not entered into any long-term lease agreements except for equipment which can be capitalized as installment purchases of fixed assets in accordance with Technical Accounting Directive No. 85-2.

Note 11: ACCRUED SICK AND VACATION BENEFITS

As discussed in Note 1 and in accordance with accounting principles prescribed by the State of New Jersey, the cash basis of accounting is followed for recording the liability related to unused sick pay. This is a departure from generally accepted accounting principles GASB # 101.

The Borough does not permit employees to annually accrue unused vacation time. In addition, all full-time salaried employees shall be entitled to a maximum of twelve (12) sick days per year and two (2) personal leave days with full salary paid for the day and that sick days cannot be accumulated. In accordance with New Jersey principles, any amounts are not reported as an expenditure or liability in the financial statements.

Note 12: CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

GRANT PROGRAMS

The Borough participated in a number of state assisted grant programs administered at the state level. These programs, exclusive of the single audit concept, can be subject to program compliance audits by the grantors or their representatives. Accordingly, the Borough's compliance with certain applicable grant requirements will be established at some future date. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the granting agencies cannot be determined at this time although the Borough expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

LITIGATION

There are pending lawsuits in which the Borough is involved. The municipal attorney estimates that the potential claims against the Borough not covered by insurance resulting from such litigation would not materially affect the financial statements of the Borough.

Note 13: INTERFUND BALANCES

Individual fund interfund receivable and payable balances. All interfund receivable and payable balances outstanding at the beginning of the fiscal period were fully liquidated during the fiscal period, with the following exceptions outstanding at December 31, 2025:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>DUE FROM OTHER FUNDS</u>	<u>DUE TO OTHER FUNDS</u>
Current Fund	\$ 177,433	\$ 961,030
Federal and State Grants Fund	506,727	-
Animal Control Fund	-	13,967
Other Trust Fund	30,455	163,465
General Capital Fund	423,847	-
	<u>\$ 1,138,462</u>	<u>\$ 1,138,462</u>

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Note 13: INTERFUND BALANCES - (Continued)

Cash Activity for the General Capital Fund and the Federal and State Grants Fund is transacted through the current fund bank account, therefore an Interfund receivable is established in the general capital fund and the Federal and State Grants Fund from the Current Fund.

Note 14: RISK FINANCING

The Borough is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. These risks are covered by commercial insurance purchased from independent third parties. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage. There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage from coverage in the prior year.

Note 15: TAX ABATEMENTS

As defined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), a tax abatement is an agreement between a government and an individual or entity in which the government promises to forgo tax revenues and the individual or entity promises to subsequently take a specific action that contributes to economic development or otherwise benefits the government or its citizens. The municipality has not entered into any tax abatement agreements.

PART II
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CURRENT FUND SCHEDULES

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF CASH-TREASURER

A-4

	<u>REF.</u>		
Balance December 31, 2024	A		\$ 2,313,672
Increased by Receipts:			
Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated	A-2	\$ 17,382	
Collector	A-5	5,924,279	
Revenue Accounts Receivable	A-7	202,020	
Payroll Deductions	A-12	38,938	
Amount Due State of New Jersey For			
Senior Citizens/Veterans Deductions	A-17	4,500	
Reserve for Perc Test Deposits	A-18	820	
State Grants	A-19:21	254,921	6,442,860
		<u> </u>	<u>8,756,532</u>
Decreased by Disbursements:			
Interfund Advances/(Returns)	A/B/C	58,823	
Appropriation Reserves	A-8	22,667	
Reserve for Encumbrances	A-9	1,120,839	
Tax Overpayments Refunded	A-11	2,289	
Payroll Deduction Payments	A-12	38,767	
County Taxes	A-13	743,967	
Local District School Tax	A-14	2,639,426	
Regional High School Tax	A-15	1,231,744	
Due to Municipal Open Space Fund	A-16	25,933	
Reserve for Perc Test Deposits	A-18	800	
State Grant Funds	A-20	59,359	5,944,614
		<u> </u>	<u>5,944,614</u>
Balance December 31, 2025	A		<u>\$ 2,811,918</u>

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF CASH-COLLECTOR

A-5

	<u>REF.</u>		
Received:			
Taxes Overpaid	A-11	\$ 4,525	
Interest and Costs on Taxes	A-2	33,162	
Taxes Receivable	A-6	5,850,300	
Miscellaneous	A-2	-	
2026 Prepaid Taxes	A-10	<u>36,292</u>	<u>\$ 5,924,279</u>
Decreased by Disbursements:			
Payments To Treasurer	A-4		<u><u>\$ 5,924,279</u></u>

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF TAXES RECEIVABLE AND ANALYSIS OF TAX LEVY

A-6

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/24</u>	<u>ADDED</u> <u>TAXES</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>LEVY</u>	<u>CASH COLLECTIONS</u>		<u>CANCELLED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/25</u>
				<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>		
2024	\$ 154,340	\$ 514			\$ 154,854		-
2025			\$ 5,836,014	\$ 16,295	5,700,196	3,648	\$ 115,875
TOTALS	\$ 154,340	\$ 514	\$ 5,836,014	\$ 16,295	\$ 5,855,050	\$ 3,648	\$ 115,875

REF.	A	A-10	A
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State of New Jersey-Senior Citizens/
Veterans Deductions
Received by Collector

A-2	\$ 4,750
A-5	<u>5,850,300</u>
	<u>\$ 5,855,050</u>

ANALYSIS OF PROPERTY TAX LEVY:

Tax Yield:

General Purpose Tax	\$ 5,790,481
Special District Tax	29,871
Added/Omitted Taxes (54:4-63.1 et.seq.)	<u>15,662</u>
	<u>\$ 5,836,014</u>

Tax Levy:

Local District School Tax	A-14	\$ 2,684,821
Regional High School Tax	A-15	1,163,820
County Taxes:		
County Tax (Abstract)	A-13	\$ 614,118
County Library Tax (Abstract)	A-13	61,982
County Open Space (Abstract)	A-13	60,283
Due County for Added and Omitted Taxes(54.4-63.1, et.seq.)	A-13	<u>1,944</u> 738,327
Municipal Open Space	A-16	29,952
Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	A-2	1,205,414
Add: Additional Tax Levied (Added/Omitted Taxes, Rate Rounding)		<u>13,680</u> <u>\$ 5,836,014</u>

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

A-7

	<u>REF.</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/24</u>	<u>ACCRUED</u> <u>IN 2025</u>	<u>COLLECTED</u> <u>BY</u> <u>TREASURER</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/25</u>
Clerk:					
Licenses:					
Alcoholic Beverages	A-2	\$	5,063	\$ 5,063	
Interest on Investments and Deposits	A-2		80,331	80,331	
Energy Receipts Tax	A-2		116,626	116,626	
Totals		- \$	202,020	\$ 202,020	-
	REF.	A	A-2	A-4	A

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR ENCUMBRANCES

A-9

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance January 1, 2025		\$ 2,000
Increased by:		
Transfer from Current Year Appropriations	A-3	<u>1,119,031</u>
		1,121,031
Decreased by:		
Cash Disbursements	A-4	<u>1,120,839</u>
Balance December 31, 2025	A	<u><u>\$ 192</u></u>

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATION RESERVES - 2024

A-8

	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/24</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>AFTER</u> <u>TRANSFERS</u>	<u>PAID</u> <u>OR</u> <u>CHARGED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>LAPSED</u>
General Administration:				
Other Expenses	\$ 2,746	\$ 2,746	\$ 506	\$ 2,240
Computerized Data Processing:				
Other Expenses	1,499	1,499	434	1,065
Legal Services				
Other Expenses	11,755	11,755	824	10,931
Fire Department:				
Other Expenses (LOSAP)	23,500	23,500	14,850	8,650
Road Maintenance:				
Other Expenses	40,949	39,997	-	39,997
Solid Waste Collection:				
Other Expenses	15,590	15,590	2,205	13,385
Buildings and Grounds:				
Other Expenses	11,601	11,601	1,031	10,570
Public Health:				
Other Expenses	450	475	475	-
Recreation:				
Other Expenses	695	695	78	617
Celebration of Public Events:				
Other Expenses	2,000	2,000	682	1,318
Utility Expenses:				
Electricity	816	816	279	537
Street Lighting	-	885	885	-
Water	-	42	42	-
Gas	810	810	376	434
Others - No Change	39,898	39,898		39,898
	<u>\$ 152,309</u>	<u>\$ 152,309</u>	<u>\$ 22,667</u>	<u>\$ 129,642</u>

REF.	A	A	A-4	A-1
Prior Year Appropriation Reserve	A	\$ 150,309		
Prior Year Encumbrances	A-9	2,000		
		<u>\$ 152,309</u>		

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF TAXES COLLECTED IN ADVANCE

A-10

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2024	A	\$ 16,295
Increased by:		
2026 Taxes Collected in Advance	A-5	<u>36,292</u>
		52,587
Decreased by:		
Applied to 2025 Taxes Receivable	A-6	<u>16,295</u>
Balance December 31, 2025	A	<u><u>\$ 36,292</u></u>

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF TAXES OVERPAID

A-11

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2024	A	<u>\$ 27,535</u>
Increased by:		
Overpayments of 2025 Taxes	A-5	<u>4,525</u>
		32,060
Decreased by:		
Refunded	A-4	\$ 2,289
Cancelled	A-1	<u>25,232</u>
		<u>27,521</u>
 Balance December 31, 2025	 A	 <u>\$ 4,539</u>

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS PAYABLE

A-12

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2024	A	\$ 1,211
Increased by:		
Payroll Deductions	A-4	<u>38,938</u>
		40,149
Decreased by:		
Payment of Payroll Tax Liabilities	A-4	<u>38,767</u>
Balance December 31, 2025	A	<u>\$ 1,382</u>

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF COUNTY TAXES PAYABLE

A-13

	<u>REF.</u>					
Balance December 31, 2024	A	\$ 7,584				
Increased by:						
2025 Levy:						
County Taxes	A-6	\$ 614,118				
County Library Taxes	A-6	61,982				
County Open Space Tax	A-6	60,283				
Prior Year Added and Omitted Taxes	A-6	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">1,944</td> <td style="text-align: right; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">738,327</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">745,911</td> </tr> </table>	1,944	738,327		745,911
1,944	738,327					
	745,911					
Decreased by:						
Payments	A-4	743,967				
Balance December 31, 2025	A	\$ 1,944				

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF LOCAL DISTRICT SCHOOL TAX PAYABLE

A-14

	<u>REF.</u>		
Balance December 31, 2024:			
School Tax Payable		\$ 200,052	
School Tax Deferred	A	<u>NONE</u>	<u>\$ 200,052</u>
Increased by:			
Levy - Calendar Year 2025	A-6		<u>2,684,821</u>
			2,884,873
Decreased by:			
Payments	A-4		<u>2,639,426</u>
Balance December 31, 2025:			
School Tax Payable		245,447	
School Tax Deferred	A	<u>NONE</u>	<u>\$ 245,447</u>
2025 Liability for Local District School Tax:			
Tax Paid			\$ 2,639,426
Tax Payable 12/31/2025			<u>245,447</u>
			2,884,873
Less -- Tax Payable 12/31/2024			<u>200,052</u>
Amount Charged to 2025 Operations	A-1		<u>\$ 2,684,821</u>

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TAX PAYABLE

A-15

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2024:		
School Tax Payable		\$ 434,165
School Tax Deferred	A	<u>215,567</u> \$ 649,732
Increased by:		
Levy - School Year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026	A-6	<u>1,163,820</u>
		1,813,552
Decreased by:		
Payments	A-4	<u>1,231,744</u>
Balance December 31, 2025:		
School Tax Payable		366,241
School Tax Deferred	A	<u>215,567</u> \$ <u>581,808</u>
2025 Liability for Regional High School Tax:		
Tax Paid		\$ 1,231,744
Tax Payable 12/31/2025		<u>581,808</u>
		1,813,552
Less -- Tax Payable 12/31/2024		<u>649,732</u>
Amount Charged to 2025 Operations	A-1	<u>\$ 1,163,820</u>

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE TAX PAYABLE

A-16

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2024	A	\$ 19,467
Increased by:		
2025 Municipal Open Space Tax Including Added Taxes	A-6	<u>29,952</u>
		49,419
Decreased by:		
Open Space Expenditures Paid by Current Fund	A-4	<u>25,933</u>
Balance December 31, 2025	A	<u>\$ 23,486</u>

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF AMOUNT DUE TO STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR
SENIOR CITIZENS AND VETERANS DEDUCTIONS

A-17

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2024	A	\$ (533)
Increased by:		
Received in Cash from State	A-4	<u>4,500</u> 3,967
Decreased by:		
Senior Citizens Deductions Per Tax Billings	A-6	\$ 500
Veterans Deductions per Tax Billings	A-6	<u>4,250</u> <u>4,750</u>
Balance December 31, 2025	A	\$ <u>(783)</u>

ANALYSIS OF BALANCE

Amount Due from State of N.J. -- Pre 1/1/78		\$ (2,720)
Amount Due to State of N.J. -- Post 1/1/78		<u>1,937</u> \$ <u>(783)</u>

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR PERC TEST DEPOSITS

A-18

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2024	A	\$ 466
Increased by:		
Receipts	A-4	<u>820</u>
		1,286
Decreased by:		
Payments	A-4	<u>800</u>
Balance December 31, 2025	A	<u>\$ 486</u>
<u>Detail:</u>		
Lead Tests		\$ 420
Perc Tests		<u>66</u>
		<u>\$ 486</u>

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF STATE GRANTS RECEIVABLE

A-19

<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/24</u>	<u>RECEIVABLE</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>	<u>CANCELED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/25</u>
ARP - Firefighter	\$ 75,000		\$ 74,921		\$ 79
NJDOT-Cokesbury/Crestmore/Cloverhill/Limerock Lane	55,000		55,000		-
Highlands Grant - Stream Corridor	185				185
Highlands Grant - Plan Conformance	54,644		25,000		29,644
FEMA - Hazard Mitigation	17,779				17,779
Stormwater Grant	25,000	50,000	50,000		25,000
Clean Communities	-	4,000	4,000		-
Hunterdon County Infrastructure Grant	-	46,000	46,000		-
Totals	<u>\$ 227,608</u>	<u>\$ 100,000</u>	<u>\$ 254,921</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 72,687</u>
REF.	A	A-2	A-4	A-20	A

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR STATE GRANTS

A-20

	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/24</u>	<u>TRANSFER</u> <u>FROM</u> <u>2025 BUDGET</u> <u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u> <u>BY 40A:4-87</u>	<u>EXPENDED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/25</u>
Clean Communities Grant:					
Prior Years	\$ 12,801	\$ 8,000		\$ 500	\$ 20,301
NJ Department of Transportation - Main Street Resurfacing	210,530				210,530
NJDOT-Cokesbury/Crestmore/Cloverhill/Limerock Lane	55,000				55,000
NJ Department of Transp. - River Road Improvement	150,000				150,000
American Rescue Plan	281	3,552		3,565	268
American Rescue Plan - Firefighter	80				80
Highlands Grant - Stream Corridor	1,499				1,499
Highlands Grant - Plan Conformance	46,171			22,500	23,671
FEMA - Hazard Mitigation	17,779				17,779
Stormwater Grant	7,080		50,000	2,800	54,280
Hunterdon County Infrastructure Grant	30,000	46,000		29,994	46,006
Totals	<u>\$ 531,221</u>	<u>\$ 57,552</u>	<u>\$ 50,000</u>	<u>\$ 59,359</u>	<u>\$ 579,414</u>
REF .	A	A-3	A-3	A-4	A

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR STATE GRANTS-UNAPPROPRIATED

A-21

	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/24</u>	TRANSFER TO 2025 BUDGET <u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/25</u>
American Rescue Plan (ARP)	\$ 3,552	\$ 3,552	-
Clean Communities	4,000	4,000	-
Totals	7,552	\$ 7,552	-
REF .	A	A-3	A

TRUST FUND SCHEDULES

TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF CASH - TREASURER

B-2

	<u>REF.</u>	<u>DOG LICENSES</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
Balance December 31, 2024	B	\$ <u>12,954</u>	\$ <u>526,660</u>
Increased by Receipts:			
Dog License Fees	B-3	1,872	
State Dog License Fees	B-4	148	
Due Current Fund	B-5:6	-	-
Escrow Trust Deposits	B-7		71,825
COAH Deposits	B-8		268
LOSAP Deposits	B-9		18
Open Space Deposits	B-10	-	<u>2,949</u>
Total Receipts		<u>2,020</u>	<u>75,060</u>
		<u>14,974</u>	<u>601,720</u>
Balance December 31, 2025	B	\$ <u>14,974</u>	\$ <u>601,720</u>

TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR DOG FUND EXPENDITURES

B-3

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2024	B	\$ 1,843
Increased by:		
Dog License Fees Collected	B-2	<u>1,872</u>
		3,715
Decreased by:		
Expenditures Under R.S. 4:29-15.11	B-5	<u>2,708</u>
Balance December 31, 2025	B	<u>\$ 1,007</u>

TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF AMOUNT DUE TO STATE OF
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

B-4

REF.

Increased by:

Collected in 2025:

State Board of Health Fees

B-2 \$ 148
 148

Decreased By:

Payments

B-5 \$ 148

TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF AMOUNT DUE CURRENT FUND
ANIMAL CONTROL FUND

B-5

	<u>REF.</u>					
Balance December 31, 2024	B	\$ 11,111				
Increased by:						
Animal Control Expenditures Paid by Current Fund	B-3	\$ 2,708				
Animal Control State Fees Paid by Current Fund	B-4	148				
		<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-left: auto;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;"></td> <td style="border-top: 1px solid black; text-align: right;">2,856</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="border-top: 1px solid black; text-align: right;">13,967</td> </tr> </table>		2,856		13,967
	2,856					
	13,967					
Balance December 31, 2025	B	<u>\$ 13,967</u>				

TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF AMOUNT DUE CURRENT FUND
OTHER TRUST FUND

B-6

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2024	B	\$ (77,086)
Increased by:		
Recreation Trust Receipts Received in Current Fund	B-11	\$ 7,780
Added Levy- Municipal Open Space Tax	B-10	81
Municipal Open Space Tax Levy	B-10	29,871
		37,732
		(39,354)
Decreased by:		
Escrow Trust Expenditures Paid from Current Fund	B-7	62,792
Recreation Trust Expenditures Paid from Current Fund	B-11	4,931
Open Space Expenditures Paid by Current Fund	B-10	25,933
		93,656
Balance December 31, 2025	B	<u>\$ (133,010)</u>
 <u>Balance Detail:</u>		
Escrow Trust Fund		\$ (220,865)
Tax Sale Premiums		57,400
Municipal Open Space Trust Fund		23,486
Recreation Trust Fund		6,969
		<u>\$ (133,010)</u>

TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR ESCROW TRUST FUND DEPOSITS

B-7

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2024	B	\$ 147,111
Increased by:		
Escrow Deposits	B-2	<u>71,825</u>
		218,936
Decreased by:		
Escrow Deposits Returned	B-6	<u>62,792</u>
Balance December 31, 2025	B	<u>\$ 156,144</u>

TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR COAH REHABILITATION PROGRAM

B-8

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2024	A	\$ 62,731
Increased by:		
COAH Deposits Received	B-2	<u>268</u>
		62,999
Balance December 31, 2025	A	<u>\$ 62,999</u>

TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR LOSAP PROGRAM

B-9

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2024	B	\$ 35,535
Increased by:		
LOASP Deposits-Interest/Other	B-2	<u>18</u> 35,553
Balance December 31, 2025	B	<u>\$ 35,553</u>

TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR OPEN SPACE TRUST DEPOSITS

B-10

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2024	B	\$ 142,676
Increased by:		
Added Levy - Municipal Open Space Tax	B-6	\$ 81
Open Space Trust Deposits - Interest	B-2	2,949
Open Space Trust - Levy	B-6	<u>29,871</u>
		<u>32,901</u>
		175,577
Decreased by:		
Open Space Expenditures Paid by Current Fund	B-6	<u>25,933</u>
Balance December 31, 2025	B	<u>\$ 149,644</u>

TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR RECREATION TRUST

B-11

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2024	B	\$ 4,121
Increased by:		
Receipts	B-6	<u>7,780</u>
		11,901
Decreased by:		
Expenditures	B-6	<u>4,931</u>
Balance December 31, 2025	B	<u>\$ 6,970</u>

TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR TAX SALE PREMIUMS

B-12

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2024	B	<u>\$ 57,400</u>
Balance December 31, 2025	B	<u>\$ 57,400</u>

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND SCHEDULES

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

C-3

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2024	C	\$ 309,019
Balance December 31, 2025	C	<u>\$ 309,019</u>
New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund - Philhower Ave.		\$ 219,330
New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Grant		40,660
Hunterdon County Grant		<u>49,028</u> <u>\$ 309,018</u>

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF AMOUNT DUE FROM CURRENT FUND

C-4

	<u>REF.</u>		
Balance December 31, 2024	C	\$	391,871
Increased by:			
Current Fund Budget Appropriation-Capital Improvement Fund	C-7	\$	30,000
Bond Anticipation Note	C-9	<u>283,517</u>	<u>313,517</u>
			705,388
Decreased by:			
Improvement Authorizations Paid in Current Fund	C-8		<u>281,541</u>
Balance December 31, 2025	C	\$	<u><u>423,847</u></u>

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF DEFERRED CHARGES TO FUTURE TAXATION - FUNDED

C-5

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2024		\$ 821,893
Decreased by:		
2025 Current Fund Budget Appropriations Bond Principal	C-10	<u>66,811</u>
Balance December 31, 2025	C	<u>\$ 755,082</u>
New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Loan	C-10	\$ 688,571
Debt Authorized Not Issued		<u>66,511</u>
		<u>\$ 755,082</u>

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF DEFERRED CHARGES TO FUTURE TAXATION-
UNFUNDED

C-6

<u>IMPROVEMENT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>ANALYSIS OF BALANCE</u>					
	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/24</u>	<u>DECREASED</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/25</u>	<u>DEBT</u> <u>AUTHORIZED</u> <u>NOT ISSUED</u>	<u>GRANTS</u> <u>ANTICIPATED</u>	<u>BONDS/</u> <u>NOTES</u>
Resurfacing of Main Street and River Road	\$ 536,200	\$ 36,850	\$ 499,350			\$ 499,350
Road Paving-Cokesbury/Cloverhill/Crestmore/ Limerock Lane	400,000	21,100	378,900			378,900
Various Roadway Imp to Philhower Ave	64,188		64,188		\$ (219,330)	283,517
	\$ 1,000,388	\$ 57,950	\$ 942,438	-	\$ (219,330)	\$ 1,161,767
REF.	C	C-9	C		C-3	C-9

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
STATEMENT OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

C-7

	<u>REF.</u>		
Balance December 31, 2024	C	\$	275,109
Increased by:			
Current Fund Budget Appropriation	C-4		<u>30,000</u>
			305,109
Balance December 31, 2025	C	\$	<u>305,109</u>

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATIONS

C-8

<u>IMPROVEMENT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>ORDINANCE NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>BALANCE 12/31/24</u>		<u>PAID OR CHARGED</u>	<u>BALANCE 12/31/25</u>	
				<u>FUNDED</u>	<u>UNFUNDED</u>		<u>FUNDED</u>	<u>UNFUNDED</u>
Improvements to the Borough's Main Street Storm Water Management System	2012-04; 2014-03; 2015-02	11/19/12; Amended 7/7/14 and 4/6/15	2,061,460	\$ 20,460			\$ 20,460	
Improve Island Park Bridge	2017-03	5/1/17	200,000	45,995			45,995	
Improvements to Municipal Facility	2021-09	8/16/21	15,000	341			341	
Inlet Repairs and Computer Upgrade	2022-04	11/7/22	8,500	2,300		\$ 1,657	643	
Various Roadway Improvements to Philhower Ave.	2024-08	10/17/24	485,000	219,330	\$ 265,670	282,494		\$ 202,506
				<u>\$ 288,426</u>	<u>\$ 265,670</u>	<u>\$ 284,151</u>	<u>\$ 67,439</u>	<u>\$ 202,506</u>
REF.				C	C		C	C
					C-4	\$ 281,541		
					C-11	2,610		
						<u>\$ 284,151</u>		

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES

C-9

<u>ORDINANCE NUMBER</u>	<u>IMPROVEMENT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>DATE OF ORIGINAL NOTE</u>	<u>DATE OF ISSUE</u>	<u>DATE OF MATURITY</u>	<u>INTEREST RATE</u>	<u>BALANCE 12/31/24</u>	<u>INCREASED</u>	<u>DECREASED</u>	<u>BALANCE 12/31/25</u>
2019-07	Resurfacing of Main Street and River Road	4/2/20	3/20/2025	3/19/2026	3.7714%	\$ 536,200		\$ 36,850	\$ 499,350
2021-10	Road Paving-Cokesbury/Cloverhill/Crestmore/ Limerock Lane	3/29/22	3/20/2025	3/19/2026	3.7714%	400,000		21,100	378,900
2024-08	Various Roadway Imp to Philhower Ave	3/20/25	3/20/2025	3/19/2026	3.7714%		\$ 283,517		283,517
						<u>\$ 936,200</u>	<u>\$ 283,517</u>	<u>\$ 57,950</u>	<u>\$ 1,161,767</u>
	REF.					C	C-4	C-6	C

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST LOAN
SERIES 2016A-1

C-10

<u>IMPROVEMENT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>DATE OF ISSUE</u>	<u>ORD#</u>	<u>ORD DATE</u>	<u>MATURITIES DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>INTEREST RATE</u>	<u>BALANCE 12/31/24</u>	<u>DECREASED</u>	<u>BALANCE 12/31/25</u>
Improvements to the Borough's Main Street Storm Water Management System	5-26-16	2012-04; 2014-03; 2015-02	11-19-12; Amended 7-7- 14, 4-6-15 and 9- 30-21	8/1/16-8/1/35	\$17,270 to \$34,541	None	\$ 540,382	\$ 51,811	\$ 488,571
Improvements to the Borough's Main Street Storm Water Management System	5-26-16	2012-04; 2014-03; 2015-02	11-19-12; Amended 7-7- 14, 4-6-15 and 9- 30-21	8/1/17-8/1/35	\$10,000 to \$20,000	2.0% to 5.0%	215,000	15,000	200,000
							<u>\$ 755,382</u>	<u>\$ 66,811</u>	<u>\$ 688,571</u>
							C	C-5	C

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF ENCUMBRANCES

C-11

REF.

Increased by:

Improvement Authorization Purchase Orders	C-8	<u>\$ 2,610</u>
		2,610
Balance December 31, 2025	C	<u><u>\$ 2,610</u></u>

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND SCHEDULES

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND
SCHEDULE OF CASH - TREASURER

E-1

	<u>REF.</u>	<u>P.A.T.F.</u> <u>#2</u>	<u>FUND</u> <u>TOTAL</u>
Balance December 31, 2024	E	\$ 12,908	\$ 12,908
Increased by Receipts:			
Interest Credits on Bank Deposits		6	6
		12,914	12,914
Decreased by Disbursements:			
Public Assistance		-	-
Balance December 31, 2025	E	<u>\$ 12,914</u>	<u>\$ 12,914</u>

SCHEDULE OF GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

GENERAL FIXED ASSETS
SCHEDULE OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS
DECEMBER 31, 2025

F-1

	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/24</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/25</u>
General Fixed Assets:		
Land	\$ 209,300	\$ 209,300
Buildings	646,115	646,115
Machinery and Equipment	<u>33,072</u>	<u>33,072</u>
Total General Fixed Assets	<u>\$ 888,487</u>	<u>\$ 888,487</u>

**PART III
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

General Comments

**Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and
Compliance and Other Matters based on an Audit of
Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with
*Government Auditing Standards***

Schedule of Federal/State Awards

Status of Prior Audit Findings

Schedule of Findings and Responses

GENERAL COMMENTS

Scope of Audit

The audit of the financial statements of the Borough of Califon, County of Hunterdon, New Jersey, as required by the Division of Local Government Services, covered the financial transactions of the Treasurer, Tax Collector, the activities of the Borough and the records of the various outside departments.

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

Effective April 17, 2000, N.J.S.A.40A:11-1 et.seq (Local Public Contracts Law) was revised by P.L.1999,c.440 (originally known as Assembly Bill No. 3519). Rules and regulations pertaining to the amended law are to be promulgated by the Division of Local Government Services.

N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3 is amended to read as follows:

- a. When the cost or price of any contract awarded by the purchasing agent in the aggregate, does not exceed in the contract year the total sum of \$17,500, the contract may be awarded by a purchasing agent when so authorized by resolution of the governing body without public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, except that the governing body may adopt a resolution to set a lower threshold for the receipt of public bids or the solicitation of competitive quotations. If the purchasing agent is qualified pursuant to subsection b. (pending before the Legislature as section 15 of this bill) of section 9 of P.L.1971,c.198(C.40A:11-9) the governing body may establish that the bid threshold may be up to \$25,000. Such authorization may be granted for each contract or by a general delegation of the power to negotiate and award such contracts pursuant to this section.
- b. Any contract made pursuant to this section may be awarded for a period of 24 consecutive months, except that contracts for professional services pursuant to paragraph (i) of paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of Section 5 of P.L.1971, C.198(C.40A:11-5) may be awarded for a period not exceeding 12 consecutive months. The Division of Local Government Services shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations concerning the methods of accounting for all contracts that do not coincide with the contracting unit's fiscal year.
- c. Commencing in the fifth year after the year in which P.L.1999,c.440 takes effect, and every five years thereafter, the Governor, in consultation with the Department of Treasury, shall adjust the threshold amount and the higher threshold amount which the governing body is permitted to establish as set forth in subsection a. of this section or the threshold amount resulting from any adjustment under this subsection, in direct proportion to the rise or fall of the index rate as that term is defined in N.J.S.18A:18A-2(pending before the Legislature as section 50 of this bill), and shall round the adjustment to the nearest \$1,000. The Governor shall notify all municipal units of the adjustment no later than June 1 of every fifth year. The adjustment shall become effective on July 1 of the year in which it is made.

N.J.S.A.40A:11-4 (as amended) states, "Every contract or agreement for the provision or performance of any goods or services, the cost of which in the aggregate exceeds the bid threshold, shall be awarded only by resolution of the governing body to the lowest responsible bidder after public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, except as is provided otherwise in this chapter or specifically by any other law."

Effective July 1, 2025, the bid threshold in accordance with N.J.S.A.40A:11-3(c) (as amended) is increased to \$53,000 for Qualified Purchasing Agents (QPA), and \$17,500 for units without QPA's.

The governing body of the municipality has the responsibility of determining whether the expenditures in any category will exceed the statutory thresholds within the fiscal year. Where question arises as to whether any contract or agreement might result in violation of the statute, the Township Counsel's opinion should be sought before a commitment is made.

The Minutes indicate that resolutions were adopted and advertised authorizing the awarding of contracts or agreements for "Professional Services" per N.J.S.40A:11-5.

The system of records did not provide for an accumulation of payments for categories for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies, the results of such an accumulation could not determine whether any clear-cut violations existed.

My examination of expenditures did not reveal any individual payments, contracts or agreements in excess of the statutory thresholds "for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies" other than those where bids had been previously sought by public advertisement or where a resolution had been previously adopted under the provisions of N.J.S.40A:11-6.

Collection of Interest on Delinquent Taxes and Assessments

The statute provides the method of authorizing interest and the maximum rates to be charged for the nonpayment of taxes or assessments on or before the date when they would become delinquent.

The governing body, on January 4, 2025, adopted the following resolution authorizing interest to be charged on delinquent taxes:

“Be It Resolved that pursuant to R.S.54:4-67, the Borough Council of the Borough of Califon, County of Hunterdon, and State of New Jersey, hereby fixes the rate of interest to be charged on all delinquent taxes for the year 2024 at the rate of eight (8) per cent per annum for the first \$1,500 and eighteen (18) per cent for amounts over \$1,500.

Be It Further Resolved, that notwithstanding the above provision, no interest shall be charged if payment of any quarterly installment is made within ten (10) days after the date upon which the same become payable according to the laws in such cases made and provided. If such payment is not made within the ten (10) days grace period, the above rate of interest shall run and accrue from the original due date of such taxes.”

Under provisions of C.75, P.L. 1991 (amending N.J.S. 54:4-67), enacted March 28, 1991, the definition of tax delinquency was defined as the sum of all taxes and municipal charges due on a given parcel or property covering any number of quarters or years. In addition, the governing body may also fix a penalty to be charged to a taxpayer with a delinquency in excess of \$10,000 who fails to pay that delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year. The penalty so fixed shall not exceed six (6%) per cent of the amount of the delinquency.

The governing body, on January 2, 2025, adopted a resolution enabling the \$10,000 delinquency penalty provisions.

The audit of the Collector's records on a test basis indicated no differences between the amount of interest payable on delinquent tax payments, based on our calculations, and the amount of interest charged.

Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens

The delinquent taxes at December 31, 2025, include property taxes outstanding from the 2025 tax levy.

A tax sale was held in 2025 and was complete.

The following comparison is made of the number of tax title liens receivable on December 31 of the last three years:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Liens</u>
2025	NONE
2024	NONE
2023	NONE

Verification of Delinquent Taxes and Other Charges

Verification notices were mailed to confirm balances as of November 15, 2025. The items that were returned were compared to and are in agreement with the Borough's records. For items not returned, alternative procedures were performed.

A test verification of delinquent charges and current payments was made in accordance with verification procedures approved by the Division of Local Government Services. A summary of such verification is as follows:

Type of Receivable - Real Property Tax
Date of Circulars - November 15, 2025

Verification Type	Request Form	Total No. of Items	Total No. of Circular	Total No. Returned
2025 Property Tax	Positive	560	60	17
2025 Property Tax	Positive	560	60	17
2025 Delinquent Tax	Negative	218	25	5

Technical Accounting Directives

During the calendar year 1984, the Division of Local Government Services initiated as part of the Single Audit Law, a planned revision of the Requirements of Audit to provide new accounting requirements mandated for most local government units. The revision to the Requirements of Audit and Accounting would be in order to improve fiscal accountability for all local governments, satisfy federal-state audit requirements and enhance the credibility for New Jersey municipal accounting practices with federal-state funding sources and bond rating agencies. The new requirements for most local units started January 1, 1986, unless exemption, based upon amount of federal aid received and population size, was formally secured. The Division in 1988 notified those exempted municipal units of a transition requirement for fully implementation of all accounting directives beginning in the 1989 fiscal periods. The identity and compliance status of the Borough of Califon to these new directives are as follows:

<u>Requirement</u>	FY 2025 Required <u>Implementation</u>	
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
A. General Ledger Accounting System	X	
B. Encumbrance Accounting	X	
C. Purchase Order System	X	
D. Fixed Asset Accounting and Reporting System	X	

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE-
CURRENT FUND

REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED

	<u>YEAR 2025</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>YEAR 2024</u>	<u>%</u>
Fund Balance Utilized	\$ 120,000	1.84%	\$ 120,000	1.85%
Miscellaneous - From Other Than				
Local Property Tax Levies	514,990	7.92%	642,338	9.90%
Collection of Delinquent Taxes and				
Tax Title Liens	154,854	2.38%	98,281	1.51%
Collection of Current Tax Levy	<u>5,716,491</u>	<u>87.86%</u>	<u>5,627,929</u>	<u>86.74%</u>
Total Income	<u>6,506,335</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>6,488,548</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

EXPENDITURES

Budget Expenditures:				
Municipal Purposes	1,476,656	24.23%	1,727,829	27.29%
County Taxes	738,327	12.12%	679,427	10.73%
Local and Regional Taxes	3,848,641	63.16%	3,893,498	61.50%
Other Expenditures	<u>29,952</u>	<u>0.49%</u>	<u>30,182</u>	<u>0.48%</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>6,093,576</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>6,330,936</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Excess in Revenue	412,759		157,612	
Statutory Excess to Fund Balance	412,759		157,612	
Fund Balance January 1	747,964		710,352	
Less:				
Utilization as Anticipated Revenue	<u>120,000</u>		<u>120,000</u>	
Fund Balance December 31	<u>\$ 1,040,723</u>		<u>\$ 747,964</u>	

Comparative Schedule of Tax Rate Information

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>\$3.897</u>	<u>\$3.829</u>	<u>\$3.672</u>
<u>Apportionment of Tax Rate:</u>			
Municipal	\$0.807	\$0.748	\$0.714
Municipal Open Space	\$0.020	\$0.020	\$0.020
County	\$0.493	\$0.451	\$0.437
Local School	\$1.798	\$1.739	\$1.707
Regional High School	\$0.779	\$0.871	\$0.794

Assessed Valuation:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2025	\$149,354,682
2024	\$149,135,990
2023	\$148,982,708

Comparison of Tax Levies and Collection Currently

A study of this tabulation could indicate a possible trend in future tax levies. A decrease in the percentage of current collection could be an indication of a probable increase in future tax levies.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Tax Levy</u>	<u>Collections</u>	<u>Percentage of Collections</u>
2025	\$ 5,836,014	\$ 5,716,491	97.95%
2024	\$ 5,776,180	\$ 5,627,929	97.43%
2023	\$ 5,473,706	\$ 5,345,487	97.65%

Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens

This tabulation includes a comparison, expressed in percentage, of the total of delinquent taxes and tax title liens, in relation to the tax levies of the last three years.

<u>Dec.31 Year</u>	<u>Amount of Tax Title Liens</u>	<u>Amount of Delinquent Taxes</u>	<u>Total Delinquent</u>	<u>Percentage of Tax Levy</u>
2025	NONE	\$115,875	\$115,875	1.99%
2024	NONE	\$154,340	\$154,340	2.67%
2023	NONE	\$98,365	\$98,365	1.80%

Property Acquired by Tax Title Lien Liquidation

No properties have been acquired in 2025 by foreclosure or deed as a result of liquidation of tax title liens.

Comparitive Schedule of Fund Balances

<u>Year</u>	<u>Balance December 31</u>	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Utilized</u>	
			<u>In Budget of Succeeding Year</u>	<u>Defer School Tax</u>
2025	\$ 1,040,723	* \$ 120,000		NONE
2024	\$ 747,964	\$ 120,000		NONE
2023	\$ 710,352	\$ 120,000		NONE
2022	\$ 565,081	\$ 120,000		NONE
2021	\$ 397,066	\$ 120,000		NONE
2020	\$ 302,616	\$ 120,000		NONE
2019	\$ 162,015	\$ 115,000		NONE
2018	\$ 278,015	\$ 116,000		NONE
2017	\$ 237,735	\$ 115,000		NONE

*Approved (Introduced) Budget

Officials in Office and Surety Bonds

The following officials were in office during the period under audit:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount of Bond</u>	<u>Name Of Corporate Surety</u>
Charles Daniel	Mayor/Councilperson		
Michael Medea	Councilperson		
Ed Haversang	Councilperson		
Richard Baggstrom	Councilperson		
Leo Janas	Councilperson		
Jay Ruggiero	Councilperson		
Cathy Smith	Councilperson		
Caitlin Haughey	Administrator; Clerk; Assessment Tax Search Officer; Registrar of Vital Statistics		

Officials in Office and Surety Bonds (Continued)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount of Bond</u>	<u>Name Of Corporate Surety</u>
Amy Monahan	Acting Certified Municipal Finance Officer; Treasurer	\$1,000,000	Statewide Insurance Fund
Amy Monahan	Tax Collector; Tax Search Officer	\$1,000,000	Statewide Insurance Fund
Mark Anderson	Attorney		
Chris Lauver	Assessor		
Jessica Daehnke	Dog Registrar; Deputy Clerk		
Tom Silvia	Zoning Officer		
Denean Probasco	Planning Board Secretary		

The minimum bond coverage for the Certified Municipal Finance Officer (CMFO) and Tax Collector based on prior year revenues and tax levies is as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>CMFO</u>	<u>Tax Collector</u>
2025	\$50,000	\$93,940

All officials handling monies, including the Collector and Treasurer, were covered by a **faithful performance blanket position** bond in the amount of \$1,000,000 by the Statewide Insurance Fund.

All the bonds were examined and were properly executed.



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**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**

Independent Auditor's Report

The Honorable Mayor and
Members of the Borough Council
Borough of Califon
P.O. Box 368
County of Hunterdon, New Jersey
Califon, New Jersey 07830

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; and audit requirements as prescribed by the Division of Local Governments Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, the regulatory-basis financial statements of the Borough of Califon in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Borough of Califon's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 15, 2026, which indicated that the Borough prepares its financial statements on a basis of accounting prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Borough'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 opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Borough's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Borough's internal control.

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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.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Borough's financial statements are free of 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 Borough'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 entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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April 15, 2026

SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL/STATE AWARDS

**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025**

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<u>FEDERAL GRANTOR/PROGRAM TITLE</u>	<u>FEDERAL ASSISTANCE LISTING NO. CFDA</u>	<u>PROGRAM OR AWARD AMOUNT</u>	<u>GRANT PERIOD</u>	<u>FUND REF.</u>	CASH ACCRUED OR DEFERRED REVENUE BALANCE 1/1/2025	RECEIPTS PROGRAM	OTHER RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	CASH ACCRUED OR DEFERRED REVENUE BALANCE 12/31/2025	CUMMULATIVE DISBURSEMENTS
US Department of Transportation, passed through New Jersey Department of Transportation:										
Main Street Resurfacing	20.205	\$ 240,000	2020	A	\$ 210,530				\$ 210,530	\$ 29,473
Cokesbury/Crestmore/Cloverhill/Limerock Lane	20.205	220,000	2021	A	-	\$ 55,000			55,000	165,000
River Road Improvements	20.205	150,000	2021	A	150,000				150,000	-
Philhower Ave.	20.205	219,330	2024	C	-			\$ 219,330	(219,330)	219,330
Total Highway Planning and Construction Cluster					360,530	55,000	-	219,330	196,200	413,803
US Department of Treasury, passed through New Jersey Department of Treasury:										
Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF); American Rescue Plan	21.027	109,484	2021-2024	A	281			13	268	109,203
Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF); American Rescue Plan	21.027	3,552	2024	A	3,552			3,552	-	-
Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF); American Rescue Plan-Firefighter	21.027	51,000	2023-2024	A	-				-	42,993
Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF); American Rescue Plan-Firefighter	21.027	75,000	2024	A	(74,920)	74,921			1	74,920
TOTAL FEDERAL ASSISTANCE					\$ 289,443	\$ 129,921	-	\$ 222,895	\$ 196,469	\$ 640,919

The accompanying Notes to Schedules of Expenditures of Awards and Financial Assistance are an integral part of this schedule.
Note: This Schedule was not subject to an audit in accordance with Uniform Guidance.

**SCHEDULE OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025**

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STATE GRANTOR/PROGRAM TITLE	ACCOUNT NUMBER	PROGRAM OR AWARD AMOUNT	GRANT PERIOD	FUND REF.	CASH ACCRUED OR DEFERRED REVENUE BALANCE		RECEIPTS		CASH ACCRUED OR DEFERRED REVENUE BALANCE	
					1/1/2025	PROGRAM	OTHER	DISBURSEMENTS	12/31/2025	
<u>DEPT. OF ENVIRON. PROTECTION</u>										
Solid Waste Adm.-Clean Communities Program	4900-765-178900	\$ 4,000	2025	A	-	\$ 4,000				\$ 4,000
		4,000	2024	A	\$ 4,000					4,000
		4,000	2023	A	4,000					4,000
		4,000	2022	A	4,000					4,000
		4,000	2021	A	4,801			\$ 500		4,301
<u>DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES</u>										
Payments to Municipalities for Cost of General Assistance (State Share)	75050-150-158010-60	N/A	N/A	E	12,908		\$ 6			12,914
<u>OTHER STATE AIDS</u>										
Highlands Grant - Stream Corridor		35,000	2012	A	1,315					1,315
Highlands Grant - Plan Conformance		88,200	2009/2019	A	(8,474)	25,000		22,500		(5,974)
Stormwater Grant		50,000	2025	A	-	25,000				25,000
Stormwater Grant		25,000	2024	A	(17,920)	25,000		2,800		4,280
Hunterdon Cty Infrastructure Grant		30,000	2024	A	30,000	46,000		29,994		46,006
TOTAL STATE ASSISTANCE					\$ 34,630	\$ 125,000	\$ 6	\$ 55,794	\$ 103,842	

The accompanying Notes to Schedules of Expenditures of Awards and Financial Assistance are an integral part of this schedule.

Note: This Schedule was not subject to an audit in accordance with NJOMB Circular 25-12.

BOROUGH OF CALIFON

NOTES TO THE SCHEDULES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS
DECEMBER 31, 2025

NOTE 1. GENERAL

The accompanying Schedules of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards present the activity of all federal and state award programs of the Borough of Califon. The Borough of Califon is defined in Note 1 to the Borough's financial statements. All federal and state awards received directly from federal and state agencies, as well as federal and state awards passed through other government agencies, are included on the schedules of expenditures of federal and state awards.

NOTE 2. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accompanying Schedules of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards are presented using the modified accrual basis of accounting. The information in these schedules is presented in accordance with the requirements of the federal OMB Uniform Guidance, Audits of States, Local Governments and Nonprofit Organizations. However, these schedules were not subject to an audit in accordance with OMB Uniform Guidance or NJOMB Circular 25-12, as grant expenditures were less than the single audit thresholds of \$1,000,000 identified in the Circulars.

NOTE 3. RELATIONSHIP TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accompanying Schedules of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards are presented using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Therefore, some amounts presented in these schedules may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the financial statements.

STATUS OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

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There were no prior year audit findings.

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
GENERAL FINDINGS

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

GENERAL FINDINGS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

Summary of Auditor's Results

The Borough prepares its financial statements in conformity with accounting practices prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

The audit did not disclose any material weaknesses in the internal controls of the Borough.

The audit did not disclose any noncompliance that is material to the financial statements of the Borough.

The Borough was not subject to the single audit provisions of Federal OMB Uniform Guidance or New Jersey OMB Circular NJOMB 25-12, Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid for 2025, as grant expenditures were less than the single audit thresholds of \$1,000,000 identified in the Circulars.

Findings Relating to the Financial Statements which are required to be Reported in Accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards:

Finding

None