

MEMORANDUM

To: Audit Committee

From: Mary Hom Chief Risk Officer

Date: January 6, 2023

Re: Internal Audit Report

Since the last report to the Audit Committee on November 30, 2022, one internal audit was completed. A copy of the report is attached, and a summary is as follows:

2023 Petty Cash

Objective:

Our audit objectives were to determine whether adequate internal controls exist to ensure that:

- (1) The cash asset was safeguarded and maintained in the proper amount;
- (2) Petty cash disbursements were in compliance with the Corporation's policies and procedures; and
- (3) The Imprest Fund was properly authorized, processed, and reconciled.

Audit Results:

We found the Corporation's guidelines to be effective and found no matters involving internal controls and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. We established that:

- (1) The petty cash disbursements were in compliance with policies and procedures;
- (2) The petty cash on hand was kept in a secured lockbox and maintained in the proper amount; and
- (3) All expenditures were properly authorized, processed, and reconciled.

<u>NOTE</u>: The Petty Cash audit is required to be performed each year pursuant to the 2003 Memorandum of Understanding between HDC and the City's Department of Investigation.



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Scope:	The audit period covered transactions from November 19, 2021 to December 8, 2022	
Background:	The Corporation has an in-house Petty Cash Fund with a maximum balance of \$700.00 that is used for reimbursement of minor expenses incurred in daily business operations and is periodically replenished. The Vice President of Office Services serves as the petty cash custodian. The custodian is responsible for safeguarding, disbursing, and replenishing the Petty Cash Fund. The Petty Cash Fund is replenished periodically from the Imprest Fund checking account held at Atlantic Bank (a subsidiary of New York Community Bank). This account was established to cover minor miscellaneous/petty cash expenses and to replenish the Petty Cash Fund. Disbursements from this account generally follow Accounts Payable procedures established by the Cash Management division.	
Results:	We found the Corporation's guidelines to be effective and found no matters involving internal controls and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. We established that: (1) the petty cash disbursements were in compliance with policies and procedures; (2) the petty cash on hand was kept in a secured lockbox and maintained in the proper amount; and (3) all expenditures were properly authorized, processed, and reconciled.	
	 Transactions by Type Car Related Expenses Misc Postage 5 	Internal Controls: ✓ Policies & Procedures ✓ Segregation of Duties ✓ Retained in a fire proof safe box ✓ Unannounced petty cash count ✓ Maximum balance of \$700 ✓ Maximum reimbursement from petty cash is \$50 per transaction ✓ Reimbursements to the Petty Cash custodian must be approved by another HDC officer ✓ All money disbursed and received must be recorded on the Summary of Petty Cash report
	Number of Transactions By Year 10 5 (\$145.17) 10 5 (\$44.83) 10 2020 2021 2022	